

Rebound Off the Referee

WRIGHT NETS A SIMPLE GOAL

Yeovil took the lead against Exeter City Reserves at Yeovil today with a surprise goal by Wright with 16 minutes ticked off.

TEAMS for this Southern League encounter were:

YEOVIL—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Haines; Blizzard, Paterson; Foulds; Mansley, Phillips, Wright, Hamilton.

EXETER CITY RESERVES—Hoyle; Warren, Rowe, Doyle, Carter, Squires; Hutchings, Reid, Walker, Greenwood, Murphy

For the most part during the early stages the Glovers were fighting on their own territory, often with the Exeter forwards dangerously close to Dyke's goal, but Yeovil gave the impression they were a move ahead of their rivals.

Defence Steady

The Exeter backs covered each other well, but Hamilton had a reasonable first-time chance after Phillips had driven through the centre.

Yeovil pressed hard, but passed inaccurately and frequently put the light ball too high in the air.

After 16 minutes WRIGHT put them in the lead with a neat effort.

The ball rebounded from Referee Pearce into a "no man's land" spot in front of Exeter's goal. Mansley tipped it, and Wright had only leisurely to put the ball into the net.

Spurred by this unexpected reverse, Exeter attacked with determination, but were so ragged that Yeovil's defence was not seriously tested.

Fifteen minutes from half-time Walker, Exeter's centre-forward, had a golden opportunity, but shot over the bar, to Dyke's relief and the chagrin of Hutchings, who had placed the pass out of reach of the backs.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN 1
EXETER CITY RES. 0

PHILLIPS scored a second goal for Yeovil 20 minutes after the resumption.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN 2
EXETER CITY RES. 0

Colchester Defence Was Severely Tested

YEOVIL FOUGHT HARD FOR LEAD

Colchester brought several coachloads of supporters for this afternoon's needle match against Yeovil, with its strong bearing on the Southern League championship.

HALF an hour before the kick-off there were more than 5,000 in the ground, with long queues at the entrances.

Both sides were at full strength. Teams:

YEOVIL TOWN—Dyke; Hickman, Davis; Haines, Blizzard, Paterson; Foulds, Mansley, Phillips, Wright, Hamilton.

COLCHESTER—Wright; Kettle, Beach; Berryman, Stewart, Layton; Hillman, Curry, Keble, Cutting, Foxall.

Referee: Mr. C. W. Bucknall (Birmingham).

By the time the teams took the field the crowd had increased to over 10,000, and they gave the players a rousing reception. Yeovil were led by their 10-year-old mascot, Rex Rainey, and bearded Harry Fosker, with a blue and white umbrella, led the visitors.

Won the Toss

Paterson won the toss for Yeovil and chose the advantage of the slope. From the start, Yeovil took the initiative, but were driven back, and in a counter-attack the visiting centre-forward was pulled up for an infringement.

Hickman's well-placed free kick hovered in the visiting goalmouth, and gave the Colchester defence an anxious moment, but the ball was cleared.

Yeovil were soon in their opponents' half, but centres from Hamilton and Foulds were intercepted by Beach and Kettle.

Yeovil kept up the pressure, and from Wright's pass Phillips got clear of the backs and was making his way towards the goal when he was charged off the ball by Stewart as he was shaping to shoot. Appeals for a penalty were ignored by the referee.

Colchester's backs and halves were too busy stemming the Yeovil attacks to give their forwards any support, and Yeovil continued to hold the initiative, commanding most of the play. Excellently supported by their halves, their forwards repeatedly bore down on the Colchester goal.

In making a clearance from Mansley Wright dropped the ball, and it was entering the net when Beach nipped in and kicked off the line. Yeovil succeeded in finding the net in the 20th minute when Foulds headed wide of Wright from a long pass by Paterson, but the point was disallowed owing to the player being offside.

Keble tried hard to get his line moving but was unable to make headway against the superb positioning of the Yeovil halves, who broke up all attempts to penetrate their defence.

Yeovil continued to show excellent approach work, but their attacks petered out against the equally strong defence of their opponents. Wright was constantly in action, clearing long-range shots which never looked like reaching their mark.

Many Thrills

The game bristled with excitement, as Yeovil fought to gain the lead, and the crowd were kept on their toes as thrill followed thrill in the visiting goalmouth, where the ball passed dangerously from player to player from the centres of the home wingers.

Paterson sent in a long-range shot which Wright just managed to save. Then the visitors launched an attack and Dyke distinguished himself with a good save from Berryman. Play was soon back in the visiting half, however, but try as they would the home forwards were unable to penetrate the defence.

Half-time:

YEOVIL TOWN 0
COLCHESTER UTD. 0

On resuming, Yeovil immediately took the play to their opponents' end, and Beach was forced to yield a fruitless corner to check Foulds. Yeovil made a vain appeal for a penalty when Foulds was brought down.

Colchester attacked, but were driven back. Ray Wright was cheered for a brilliant individual effort when he raced half the

length of the field and drove in a beautiful drive, which Wright just managed to tip over the bar.

The visitors were now having slightly more of the play and often looked dangerous. From one of their attacks, Curry drove in a hard shot which Dyke saved at the second attempt.

Yeovil were soon back at their opponents' end and threw all they knew into their efforts to gain the lead.

Wright was temporarily incapacitated when the ball struck him in the face, but soon recovered. The visiting goal narrowly escaped when Hickman sent in a long centre; Hamilton managed to get his foot to it, but his shot lacked power and was cleared by Wright.

The league leaders set up a strong attack, and Keble missed a sitter when he shot over the bar, with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Five minutes from the end, Yeovil deservedly took the lead. MANSLEY driving into the net after Wright had saved a well-placed free-kick by Haines.

Result:

YEOVIL TOWN 1
COLCHESTER UTD. 0

YEOVIL ON TOP FOR 84 MINS.

Buchanan Burst Cost A Point; Griffiths' Brace In Torquay Win

YEOVIL TOWN were most unfortunate to drop a point in their away Southern League game with Headington yesterday before a record crowd, writes F.D.V. For fully 84 minutes they were the masters, so much so that one wonders just how they failed to score more than once in the opening half.

That goal was the result of the usual Foulds-Mansley combination, the latter finishing it off with his head.

After the interval Headington, who had been strengthened for the game by the inclusion of Davidson from Leyton Orient, were penned in their own half.

Ray Wright was unlucky when he received a ball from Hamilton about 15 yards out and, getting it on his left foot, sent in a real pile-driver which looked a goal all the way.

Swerved Away

It swerved, however, crashed against an upright, and rebounded across the goal line to Aldridge, who was waiting to scramble it away.

This onslaught of Yeovil's went on until there were only six minutes left.

Then outside-right, Buchanan, who up to this stage had been played out of the game by Davis, suddenly picked up a loose ball, beat four of the Yeovil's defence and directed the ball between Turner and Davis, both standing on the goal line, for the equaliser. Yeovil fought back, but they were obviously leg-weary after their three games in four days.