

YEOVIL DEFENCE PIERCED EARLY IN GAME

Rae Was a Danger To Torquay

From Yeovil's early play today it was evident that Torquay were not going to find an easy way to goal. The South Devon men were the first to attack, but against a sound Yeovil defence they were unable to threaten danger at close quarters, although Northcott was somewhat unlucky to have a terrific shot blocked by a defender.

IN attack, Yeovil showed they could weave a neat pattern, and only the quick tackling of Torquay's defence prevented them opening the scoring.

Ex-Torquay United's centre-forward Rae, leading the Yeovil attack, was the first of the visitors' forwards to bring goalkeeper Webber into action.

Under pressure, however, Rae was unable to put much sting into his shot, and Webber had plenty of time in which to gather.

A neat move initiated by Mansley gained Yeovil ground, but Rae was just unable to get his head to a grand centre from Dougall, and Mansley followed by sending wide of the post.

Torquay took the lead in 15 minutes through DAVIES, whose shot hit the post and then went over the line.

Tight Rein

Yeovil continued to combine cleverly, and when Rae came into possession he was always dangerous. Winters, however, kept a tight rein on him, although there were times when Rae shook off his "shadow," and it was then that real danger threatened Torquay.

In the 23rd minute the Yeovil men rushed up to congratulate WRIGHT, whose shot had gone in past Webber after striking an upright.

Half-time:

TORQUAY UTD. RES. 2
YEOVIL TOWN 0

Neither side gained any noticeable advantage, and play moved from end to end with both defences shining in turn.

Wright Beaten

Keeton cleverly dropped the ball up to Wright, who headed smartly toward the goal, but Rae was at least five yards off-side.

In the 40th minute after having saved a "stinger" from Northcott under the bar, Wright was beaten by HEARN who brought Torquay on to 2-0 terms.

Well supported by their wing-halves, Patterson and Keeton, Yeovil were smartly on the offensive after the interval, but although Torquay yielded ground they promptly returned everything thrown at them.

After 52 minutes, Torquay split the Yeovil defence wide open, but poor inter-passing spoiled a promising move when the goal area was reached.

Taggart sent the ball up to the goal area from a free kick, but Davies and Northcott were offside to spoil yet another likely chance.

At the other end, Hamilton slapped across a centre to Rae, but the centre-forward missed the ball by inches.

For a spell there were dogged midfield exchanges by the forwards and then Torquay went through again.

Northcott centred, Corbett failed to make a clearance, and Davis rammed in a shot that Dyke did well to hold.

Yeovil Draw 0-0 -Fast, Furious Game In Wales

BOTH Llanelly and Yeovil made a team change for their Southern League match at Llanelly. Atkinson returned to the home goal in place of Annett, and Hayward replaced Hamilton on Yeovil's left wing.

Llanelly quickly attacked and forced a corner within two minutes. The Yeovil team soon got into their stride and one particularly good shot from Wright was inches high.

Play continued fast and furious, and both teams attacked in turn. Lewis, the Llanelly outside-right, made a brilliant solo run before cutting in and shooting. Dyke, however brought off a fine save.

Dyke Again

He made another magnificent save a few minutes later to turn a scorching Wallis shot over the bar.

The Welsh team were now settling down and maintaining heavy pressure. There was an exciting incident when Taylor and Dyke collided in the goal-mouth, and the ball rose harmlessly along the line out of danger.

From a breakaway Phillips was unlucky when his shot struck an upright.

Lewis, the outstanding forward once beat Dyke with a splendid shot, but Davis headed off the goal-line.

CORBETT IN FORM

Yeovil owed a lot to centre-half Corbett.

Play, still very exciting, was confined for a time to mid-field.

Wallace, Llanelly's Scots international inside-forward, was having scope in a rare duel with the Yeovil captain, Paterson.

Ainge ballooned over the bar from close range with Dyke beaten.

Half-time:—

LLANELLY 0

YEOVIL TOWN 0

Play continued at a terrific pace, although both teams seemed a little leg weary after the hectic first half.

Yeovil were getting more of the play, but like Llanelly could not score.

YEOVIL GO "NAP" OVER HASTINGS

BOTH sides were at full strength for this Southern League game at Yeovil. Hastings went straight away, and Dyke distinguished himself by saving brilliantly from Moore on the goal-line.

In the next minute or so Moore should have scored, but he sent over the crossbar.

Hastings were setting a hot pace, and the speed of their attack frequently had the home defence in trouble.

A corner from Crowther was headed out by Corbett. Launching their first attack, Rae raced out on the right-wing, sent across to the middle, where MANSLEY headed a beautiful goal.

Yeovil came again, and Hastings were in trouble, Geard taking the ball literally from the toe of Rae. Wright sent Hamilton away, and he cleverly beat Haslam, but the ball ran too hard, and went out of play. Both sides were playing entertaining football, with the defences generally on top.

YEOVIL ON TOP

A low cross shot from RAE was well picked up by Geard, but he was beaten by the Yeovil centre-forward a minute later when he failed to reach a harmless-looking ball. Yeovil were distinctly on top and Geard was constantly in action, Rae, Mansley and Wright all coming very near. A free kick taken by Haslam was sent in to the Yeovil goalmouth, but was headed out by Parker. Then a high cross from Moore was pushed out of the danger zone by Dyke, and at the other end Geard had to save a pile-drive from Phillips.

Good work by Wright led to RAE scoring a third for Yeovil, and within the next minute HAMILTON had scored again. Half-time:—

YEOVIL 4

HASTINGS 0

Yeovil started off well with Mansley testing Geard from the edge of the penalty area. Hastings put on a spurt, but they found the Yeovil defence in top form and Dyke was never seriously troubled until he was called upon to save a hard drive from Ellwood.

Hastings were awarded a penalty when Mansley handled and MOORE made no mistake with the kick.

Hastings got away again and MOORE scored a wonderful goal from twenty yards out.

Yeovil were then awarded a free-kick outside the penalty area, Rae crashing his shot against the upright.

During a spirited attack MOORE scored again for Hastings, but Yeovil retaliated and RAE scored Yeovil's fifth.

Result:—

YEOVIL 5

HASTINGS 3

GOAL SAVES YEOVIL

DARTFORD were unchanged for their 12th successive match for the Southern League visit to Yeovil to-day. Yeovil were also at full strength.

There was a fine covering of snow on the ground, and when Yeovil kicked off there was an attendance of fewer than 1,500.

Dartford attacked strongly in the first minute. Patterson broke up a dangerous move on their right. The home side continued to press, and Yeovil had a lucky escape when Dyke kicked the ball to Butler in an attempt to clear and saw it bounce narrowly over the bar.

Yeovil made little headway against a strong Dartford defence, but Hamilton gave the home crowd an anxious moment when he broke through on the right and centred accurately.

WITHINGTON gave Dartford the lead in ten minutes, and Rae should have equalised, but Corbett saved magnificently at close range.

Both teams found ball control difficult on the frozen surface, but Dartford adjusted themselves to the conditions, and were far more dangerous at close range.

Mid-way through the half JEFFERIES increased Dartford's lead when he steered the ball past Dyke, following a free kick by Lewis.

Wakeman nearly added a third goal for Dartford, shooting outside when well placed.

Yeovil fought back strongly after this, and a Dartford defensive lapse enabled RAE to reduce their arrears with a simple shot.

Half-time:—

DARTFORD 2

YEOVIL 1

Yeovil opened the second half strongly, and soon took complete charge of the game. Rae, their centre-forward, was twice unlucky with clever efforts, and Dougall had a shot from point-blank range saved by Corbett.

MANSLEY equalised for Yeovil.

Result:—

DARTFORD 2

YEOVIL 2



DICKY DYKE.

Dicky Dyke

The news that the goalkeeper Dicky Dyke has decided to give up the game through ill-health will be learned with deep regret by all followers of the club.

His brilliant debut for the club in the Cup match against Sunderland will long be remembered as the highlight of his all-too-brief football career.

The 21-year-old solicitor's clerk hit the headlines for the masterly part he played in the 2-1 defeat of the Weasiders when Yeovil made Cup history by reaching the sixth round.

Unhappily, however, an injury during training prevented Dicky from playing against Manchester Utd. It was generally agreed by those who saw the game that had he been playing Yeovil's margin of defeat would have been much less than eight goals.

Few players have been more popular with the crowd than Dicky Dyke. His reliable, consistent, confident goalkeeping has always been a feature of his play. As Manager George Paterson said: "Dicky will always have a warm place in our hearts."