

# COLOGNE SET TO PIP ROBBO

FAMOUS German club Cologne have offered £200,000 each for the pair of English-born players Graham Roberts was hoping to bring to Huish Park. "It looks as though I may lose them, but there is just a chance they will want to return to England", the Yeovil boss said yesterday.

As he prepared for Saturday's big kick-off at Grays Athletic, followed by Tuesday's home match against Dagenham & Redbridge, Robbo appeared to have more hope of signing the unnamed midfielder he has been after for several weeks.

The boss said: "He is keen to come here, and technically he is a free agent. But his previous club are not responding to correspondence. They have 14 days by law to do so and that time is up. So the player must get on to the FA to get his clearance then I can sign him. I am still keen to have him in the team for the game at Grays".

Roberts was also due to chat to local boy Chris Moores about his future. Moores, freed by West Ham after a YTS, has looked sharp in pre-season games when he has come on up front as substitute and the boss says: "He wants to come here. He is a good lad who gets on well with the other players so maybe something will be arranged".

## The football feelgood factor is back in town

THERE can be no other club in non-league football with such an incredible following as ICIS premier league side Yeovil Town.

After 100 years of football history the expectations for success from the town is immense.

After being relegated from the Vauxhall Conference League, losing £3,000 a week,

owing more than £750,000 in trading debts and loans, the club, under the joint leadership of Bryan Moore and John Fry, has, in under two years, made a remarkable recovery from a position where the football hopes in the town appeared to have died forever.

Now after restructuring operations at the Huish Park Stadium, the football

feelgood factor is back and with only a few more friendlies to go before the start of the 1996/97 season on Saturday, August 17, there is an upbeat mood in the town, with expectations of promotion back to the Conference running high.

With season tickets selling well, the fans are on their way back to Huish Park for a feast of football.

"Like sex and wine, it's not what you get, it's how you feel. That's the success indicator in a sport such as football," said chairman and chief executive John Fry.

"Our greatest assets are our supporters and the people we employ.

"When you are greeted with a friendly smile, you know that the club is overflowing in confidence and you have a winning team ready to take the challenges.