

# I predict the end of the road for Yeovil. The score: 2-0

SOMEWHERE in next week's Western Gazette you'll find a scoreline 'Tiverton 2 Yeovil Town 0'.

We may have to be on top of our game to produce that score, but I can honestly say that I shall be very disappointed if we only draw.

I want to come back to Huish Park one day - I had some good times when I played for Yeovil - but I don't want it to be for a replay next Tuesday.

Even if there is a replay, don't write us off. When Farnborough came down a year or two ago we drew 4-4 and then won the replay 5-1. It was an astonishing display against a Conference team.

Tiverton is full of the FA Cup at the moment. The whole town is buzzing. They know all about Yeovil and their giant-killing exploits and there is no way we would underestimate them. But the ICIS

## by Dave Leonard

League is below the Conference so they don't scare us.

In some ways we are too good for the league we are in at the moment. We beat Clevedon away from home in the last round and we would be well equipped to compete against them in the Doc Martens League.

But if and when we do go up we have to make sure we can cope financially. And it would throw up a lot of problems for players like myself.

That's why I left Yeovil three years ago. I do shiftwork as a slinger and scaffolder at Plymouth Dockyard, and Steve Rutter was very understanding when he signed me for Yeovil. He knew there were times when I just couldn't get away for training.

Then came Brian Hall who was more

demanding. He wanted me to put in more time at Yeovil but it couldn't be done. A parting of the ways had to come and he sold me to Tiverton for a small fee. I never did discover what the fee was.

The same will probably happen if Tivvy go up. I can't see how I could get time off to get to places like Tonbridge for a night match. And several of my teammates will be in the same boat.

But all that's in the future. All I'm interested in this week is the FA Cup and meeting up with Chris White again. He's the only survivor of the team I played in at Yeovil.

When it's all over I'll buy him a drink, but it won't be much consolation for that 2-0 defeat, will it?

● *Dave Leonard was talking to John Lukins.*



● **TONY POUNDER**, the Yeovil Town winger, tangles with Bob Dowie, the Harrow centre-half, in Saturday's ICIS League match at Huish Park which Yeovil won 2-1 to go two points clear at the top. *Picture Len Copland.*



● **DAVE LEONARD**, the ex-Yeovil midfielder now playing for FA Cup rivals Tiverton

## Robbo's the top boss

GRAHAM Roberts, the Yeovil Town boss, has been named Manager of the Month in the ICIS League Premier Division - the second time he has won the award since he joined Yeovil Town.

Paul O'Reilly (Chesham), Mark Dunk (Horsham) and David Greene (Harlow) were the winners in the lower divisions.