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# Yeovil are still able to attract big gates

By Nicholas Harling

THE main surprise in the FA Cup tomorrow will be if Yeovil do not attract the biggest crowd for the second successive round.

All it needs is for Tiverton to entertain a gate of 2,826 at Ladysmead for the West Country's match of the day in the third qualifying round and Yeovil will have been watched by a total of 10,000 at their four ties to date.

Which cannot be bad when one considers that on the day of the last round, only one Third Division attendance was higher than the 3,303 for Taunton's visit to Yeovil and two Nationwide Second Division clubs failed to exceed that figure.

"Tiverton are even saying they may get 4,000," said Graham Roberts, manager of Yeovil, the Isis Premier Division leaders.

Having dispensed with the second-placed side in the Screwfix Direct Western League, Roberts's task is to beat the top team in this tie. Taunton drew 0-0 at Yeovil, but lost the replay 5-3 on a night when Yeovil played their best football of the season.

"If we can perform as well again, they'll have to play above themselves to beat us," said Roberts, who is determined to avoid falling between the two stools of promotion to the Vauxhall Conference and a long Cup run.

Two seasons after losing their Conference place, Yeovil are desperate to return. "I want to win every game," said Roberts, as if anyone ever doubted that that was still the former Spur's main aim in life.



● TOP: Warren Patmore taps in Yeovil Town's first goal with Tiverton keeper Paul Edwards – who had earlier beaten out a Chris White piledriver – unable to recover.

Below, the busy Patmore loses out to his marker Jason Smith, a 22-year-old who, after an unhappy spell at Coventry City, could be on his way back to the big time.

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