

# Gazette story won it for us, says Roberts after Tivvy are k o'd

AFTER Yeovil Town had dumped Tiverton out of the FA Cup with a thoroughly professional performance and two first half goals, manager Graham Roberts gave top marks to the Western Gazette!

"You won it for us", he said. "I didn't need to give a team talk before the game. I just held up the back page of last week's Gazette and reminded them that Tiverton's Dave Leonard was mouthing off about them winning 2-0. It was all the motivation we needed".

Even without the Gazette Roberts reckons Yeovil wouldn't have had too much trouble beating the only club among the nation's top 500 with a 100 per cent record. "We had watched them a couple of times and I was sure we would be okay. But after the Taunton match we couldn't afford to be complacent.

"That's three Screwfix League sides we've beaten now. Are there any left? I would like Screwfix teams all the way to Wembley".

Skipper Micky Engwell, sidelined with a leg injury, agreed that the goalless draw at home to Taunton in the previous round had been a salutary lesson. "We underestimated them", he admitted. "We got the draw in an awful game and it made sure we were in the right frame of mind for the replay and the Tiverton match".

## Intimidating

The gate at Tiverton was 2,380 and nearly 1,500 of them must have been from Yeovil.

Ex-Glover Leonard, who had predicted Yeovil's downfall, and the other former Huish man Martyn Grimshaw were united in their praise for the Yeovil following. "We had 3,500 here when we played Leyton Orient two years ago but they didn't make a noise liked that", they chorused. "It was quite intimidating".

The view from the Tivvy camp was that it might have been a different story if goal ace Kevin Smith had taken a fourth minute chance. Former Yeovil manager Jimmy Giles, now assistant to Martyn Rogers at the Devon club, said: "We needed things to go right for us, but once Yeovil had got those two goals we were up against it.

"We had our spells of pressure in the second half but we couldn't get the goal we needed that might have put us back in it. When Graham Kemp cleared off the line from Jason Smith (in the 57th minute) I think we knew it wouldn't be our day".

A fired-up Yeovil took the lead after 10 minutes when Warren Patmore tapped in a rebound after a Chris White thunderbolt had rebounded off goalkeeper Paul Edwards.



● GRIMSHAW - had a spell at Yeovil



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## Devastating

Edwards then saved a Dean Birkby shot with his feet, and it was not until the 35th minute that Yeovil got the second goal which enabled travelling fans to relax.

Paul Turner's right wing cross was flicked on by Patmore, headed back by Birkby and Chris Seymour, replacing the injured manager, headed in.

White had been devastating the first half, but his second half task was less spectacular as he had to keep tabs on Leonard, who started the day wide on the left but reverted to his favoured central midfield role at the interval.

Manager Rogers admitted he had made a mistake by playing key man Leonard out of position in the first half, and Leonard himself wondered whether there might have been a different result if he had started in midfield.

"No", said Roberts, "We were always going to win".



AD HIGH: Dean Birkby climbs higher than Paul Chatterton during Yeovil Town's 2-0 win in the FA Cup yesterday.