

# Skipper's injury blow let Enfield back in

THE loss of skipper Micky Engwell, just four minutes after he had given Yeovil the lead, had a big bearing on the performance and the result, said manager Graham Roberts after Tuesday's 2-2 draw in their crucial ICIS League match with Enfield.

Engwell had put Yeovil ahead after five minutes and when Paul Turner - the former Enfield star - made it 2-1 two minutes later, Yeovil appeared to be on their way to a sensational win.

However, after nine minutes Engwell went down in a heap and for the second successive match had to be stretchered off. But reports of a recurrence of his ankle ligament trouble were wrong.

Said Roberts: "It was the other ankle. He caught his studs in the turf. We thought it might be broken but the hospital diagnosed more

ligament trouble and we are expecting him out for a fortnight".

Without Engwell Yeovil lost their shape. They appeared nervous. Stars did not perform at their best, with one notable exception - Roberts himself. He's played on bigger stages than this, and he was calmness itself as a match that started so well, threatened to drift away from Yeovil.

The defence got in a tangle after 13 minutes to give Paul Moran a goal, and in the 38th minute referee Bennett gave Enfield a penalty when Rob Cousins brought down lively Lee Endersby, the winger who opted to join Enfield rather than Yeovil earlier this season.

The argument was not whether it was a foul but whether the offence was inside the box. But this ref gives penalties - "he gave us two at Dagenham and he's not a bad ref", said Roberts.

For a time Enfield were in the driving seat, but in the last 20 min-

utes Yeovil had the better of things. Howard Forinton, who came up against some good defenders, had one shot well saved when he might have been expected to score, and when Roberts provided a good cross, Warren Patmore, beginning to look the part again, headed against the top of the bar.

## John Lukins reports

### MATCH FACTS 50

ICIS League

25 March

**YEOVIL TOWN (2) 2**

**ENFIELD (2) 2**

(Engwell - 5, Turner - 7)

(Moran - 13, 38 pen)

Gate: 8,007

#### MATCH RATING

★★★★

#### STAR RATINGS

Pennock ..... ★★★

Gill ..... ★★★

Engwell ..... ★★★

Roberts ..... ★★★★★

Clement ..... ★★★

Cousins ..... ★★★

Fielder ..... ★★★

Turner ..... ★★★★★

Forinton ..... ★★★

Birkby ..... ★★★

Patmore ..... ★★★

Subs: Harvey ★★★ (for

Birkby, 60 mins), Kemp

★★★ (for Engwell; 12

mins), and Browne (not

used)

(Stars are not given for any appearances of less than 20 mins)

#### TEAM DISPLAY

★★★

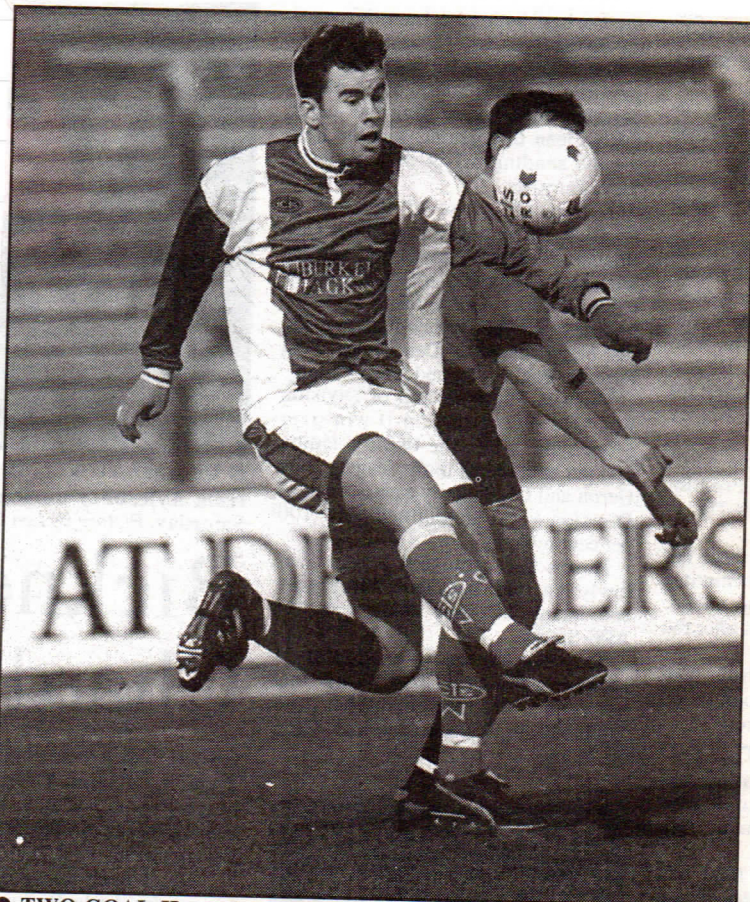
WEATHER: Mild, dry

PITCH: Firm

VERDICT: Great start, and dominated last 20 minutes - but a nervy hour in between

LEAGUE POSITION (32 games) - 1st.

BOOKINGS: Yeovil - Clement (foul). Enfield - None.



● TWO-GOAL Howard Forinton shows his strength to get in a shot for Yeovil Town in Saturday's 3-2 win against Aylesbury. Picture by Len Copland.