

# £100,000 down and more to come

# DREAM MOVE

# FOR YEOVIL

# TOWN STARS

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**JERRY GILL** is 26. He had spells as a youngster with Bristol City and Leyton Orient before joining Bath City.

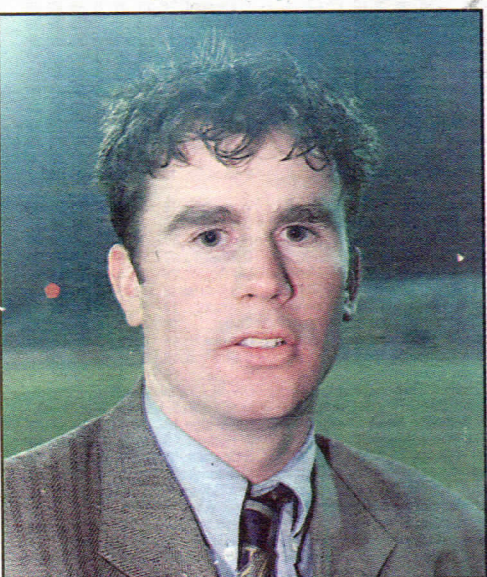
He came from Bath last summer together with Rob Cousins in a joint £15,000 deal.

Bath will get 30 per cent of any profit Yeovil make on him.

He has been encouraged to push forward from the back for Yeovil and this has brought him 15 goals.

He was selected for the ICIS League XI and then played for the England semi-professional side in the Republic of Ireland – the only non-Conference player in the starting line-up.

● **JERRY GILL**, above, and **Howard Forinton** – the Yeovil Town players heading for First Division Birmingham City.



**HOWARD FORINTON**, 21, was rejected by Oxford Utd as a youngster and played for Oxford City in the ICIS League.

He joined Yeovil three months ago in a £17,000 deal and has scored 12 goals in his first 14 games.

A Bristol University student, he was hailed by Graham Roberts last week as “the best non-league striker in the country”.

Oxford City get a percentage of the profit Yeovil make.

Sources there say he has agreed a two-year contract with Birmingham City.

**JERRY Gill** and **Howard Forinton** are heading for Birmingham City in a dream move that could eventually be worth £200,000 to Yeovil Town. But they have been told by the First Division club’s manager **Trevor Francis** that they will have to fight their way into the first team.

**Francis**, a pal of Yeovil’s **Graham Roberts** since they lined up together for Glasgow Rangers, swooped for the Town stars on Tuesday, paying a basic £100,000 and agreeing that they could continue to play for Yeovil until the end of the season.

Although the deals are agreed, they will be subject to medicals today.

The announcement of the transfers came from Birmingham. Yeovil had wanted the deal kept under wraps until the end of the season. They want to go into the market for replacements and fear that the price of targeted players will rise when clubs learn that Yeovil have come into some money.

**Roberts** was still tightlipped yesterday morning. “I have been told that a statement will be issued and that I should say nothing”.

Chairman **John Fry** was more forthcoming. He confirmed that the basic fee was around £100,000 and said: “We have struck a deal that was fair to everyone.

## Remaining games of the big two YEOVIL TOWN (8)

- Apl 5. Bishops Cleeve (h)
- 8. Staines (h)
- 12. Sutton Utd (a)
- 19. Purfleet (h)
- 22. Oxford City (h)
- 26. Heybridge Swifts (a)
- 29. Bromley (a)
- May 3. Chertsey (h)

## ENFIELD (8)

- Apl 5. Boreham Wood (a)
- 8. Dagenham (h)
- 12. Staines (h)
- 15. Oxford City (a)
- 19. Aylesbury (a)
- 26. Kingstonian (h)
- 29. Heybridge Swifts (a)
- May 3. Grays Ath (a).