

# Hotshot Howard keeps Town on the title trail

Roberts jigs for victory

## They're all stars, says Town boss



● DAVID PUTTNAM, signed on loan from Second Division Gillingham to boost Yeovil's title challenge. Picture by Nigel Andrews.

### SUTTON UTD 0 YEOVIL TOWN 3

GRAHAM Roberts hailed Yeovil Town's win at Sutton United on Saturday as "one of our best since I took over". Few of the 400 travelling fans would argue with that.

Sutton started the day third in the ICIS League with only Enfield having scored more goals. Yet Yeovil limited them to one serious shot at goal - a drive by 20-goal Mark Hynes early in the second half that struck the outside of a post.

It was inevitable that Howard Forinton's two goals, taking his tally to 17 in 17 games, should steal the limelight but manager Roberts said: "They all deserved five stars. I had a chat with Lee Harvey a week or two ago and since then he has had a new lease of life. Steve Browne also had a brilliant match - his best of the season. But I'm not picking just the two of them out - they all did well.

"We had almost come unstuck against Bishop's Stortford and this time I could sense they the lads we determined not to let anything slip. They were really up for it".

It was a match which Yeovil could not afford to lose. Had they done so they would have been three points clear of Enfield, but the London side would have had a match in hand and a better goal difference.

Apart from one anxious moment when goalkeeper Tony Pennock dropped a cross in the second minute, Yeovil tore into Sutton and Forinton went close on a couple of occasions before he scored an excellent 21st minute goal to break the deadlock.

Sutton did their best to attack Yeovil in the second half but the defence coped well and when Forinton scored his second on 67 minutes it was as good as over. Warren Patmore was the provider and Forinton rounded keeper Les Cleevely - who had one match for Yeovil last season - before shooting home.

With time running out the lively Browne blasted in a shot which Cleevely could only parry and Patmore was there to pick up the rebound.

● Enfield, who ground share with Saracens Rugby Club, played their match with Staines on Friday and after a goalless first half scored four times in eight minutes to win 4-0.

Staines, beaten 3-1 at Yeovil last Tuesday, needed to get something from this one to keep their survival hopes alive.

### Robbo's top man

GRAHAM Roberts has been named the ICIS Premier League's "manager of the month" for March.

It is the fourth time this season the Yeovil Town boss has picked up the award.

### MATCH FACTS 55

ICIS League 12 April  
**SUTTON UTD (0) 0 YEOVIL TN (1) 3**  
 (Forinton - 21, 67, Patmore - 86)

Gate: 1,281  
**MATCH RATING**  
 ★★★★★

**TEAM DISPLAY**  
 ★★★★★

**WEATHER:** Bright and breezy.

**PITCH:** Watered but not mowed.

**PREDICT:** Champions are made of this!

**LEAGUE POSITION (37 games)** - 1st.

**BOOKINGS:** None.

### STAR RATINGS

Pennock ..... ★★★★★  
 Gill ..... ★★★★★  
 Puttnam ..... ★★★★★  
 White ..... ★★★★★  
 Harvey ..... ★★★★★  
 Cousins ..... ★★★★★  
 Fielder ..... ★★★★★  
 Turner ..... ★★★★★  
 Patmore ..... ★★★★★  
 Forinton ..... ★★★★★  
 Browne ..... ★★★★★  
 Subs: Pounder ★★★★★  
 (for Puttnam, 63 mins),  
 Roberts (not used) and  
 Moors (for Patmore, 90 mins)

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



DOUBLE... for Yeovil's Howard Forinton