

On playing matters, Mr Fry said he knew nothing about the possibility of Yeovil signing Dorchester goalgetter Owen Pickard. According to some reports the ex-Plymouth and Hereford striker is being chased by Yeovil and Cheltenham.

Pickard told me this week that he had virtually agreed personal terms with Cheltenham, who had offered Dorchester £10,000 for the player who is now out of contract. The Magpies say that it not enough. "I believe they want £15,000", said Pickard.

Has he been approached by Yeovil?

"No", he said. "My manager (Stuart Morgan) told me he had had a call from Yeovil but that is all I know. Obviously if Yeovil came in I would be interested. They are a big club with big support".

Commented Mr Fry: "There can be nothing more specific until our manager Graham Roberts comes back from holiday next week. He may know something that I don't".



● OWEN PICKARD - waiting on Yeovil

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Manager: Graham Roberts (from February 1995)

PLAYERS IN:

Owen Pickard, £15,000,

Dorchester

Al-James Hannigan, £6,000,

Enfield

PLAYERS OUT:

Howard Forinton,

Jerry Gill, £100,000, Birmingham

City

Paul Turner, £6,000, St Albans.

Chris Morse, free, St Albans.



● STEVE WINTER - joins the Town squad

Ink runs dry on printer's contract

YEOVIL Town have completed the sale of midfield star Paul Turner to ICIS League club St Albans for £6,000 - but manager Graham Roberts admits that he would rather have the player than the money.

Turner, a 27-year-old Londoner who runs

his own print company, joined Yeovil a year ago on a free transfer from Enfield, obtaining his release through a contract loophole.

He had 50 games in Yeovil's promotion season but says he cannot undertake the travelling necessary in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Yeovil are now look-

ing for a replacement. Roberts says, however, that he is happy with the way his pre-season build-up is going.

Work

A 2-1 victory over last term's Division Two champions Bury was followed by a 1-1 draw against a Birmingham City side that included the likes of Steve Bruce and Gary Ablett as well

as Jerry Gill and Howard Forinton, the pair sold by Yeovil for a down payment of £100,000.

The lion's share of that fee was for 21-year-old striker Forinton, but it was Gill who looked more likely to break into the First Division side.

He said: 'I was delighted to come back to

Huish Park and to play alongside people like Steve Bruce. 'He's a really nice guy and is always talking to you and encouraging you.

'I thought I played well. I saw plenty of the ball. But there are two players whom I have to compete with at Birmingham for the right-back slot, so there could be a lot of hard

work ahead if I am to get in the side.'

Gill, who came to Yeovil a year ago from Bath City, added: 'We were impressed with the Yeovil side.

'I know from experience that the Conference is a tough old league, but I can see them making a challenge for a top six place.'