COLIN Fielder, the 32-year-old Woking midfielder, is due to join Yeovil Town tonight. And he could be the first of three signings as Graham Roberts strengthens his squad for the second half of the ICIS League season.

Fielder was a member of the Woking FA Trophy winning side and is still in their squad. But they were prepared to release him in order to bring in Reading's Tom Jones as they bid to win a place in the Nationwide League.

"Fielder can play any-

John Lukins reporting

where in midfield or defence and he is a good talker as well as a good tackler and passer", said Roberts. "That's important – we need a leader on the field".

Fielder is likely to make his Yeovil debut at Chertsey on Saturday, and after that game Roberts will be hoping to sign a Conference striker, initially on a month's loan but with a view to buy. This man's name is being kept under wraps but I understand he is still scoring goals regularly in the Conference.

Yeovil have now fall-

en into second place in the league behind Enfield, and Roberts says: "I am going to see our chairman (John Fry) to talk over the position.

"Enfield have shown they mean business. At the start of the season they had weaknesses but they have gone out and signed centre-half Steve McGrath from Yeading for £19,000; Jason Tucker from Aldershot for £5,000 and Al James Hannigan, the defender I brought here on loan last season, from Rushden for £8,000.

"I don't want to throw money away but neither do I want to let things slide".

Winger

The third player Roberts wants is a winger, but that signing could be a few weeks away. Does that mean he is giving the thumbs down to Tony Pounder and Leroy Whale?

"Not really, but I have been a bit disappointed with them. Tony admits he hasn't produced his best form yet, and Leroy hasn't been a regular in the starting line-up, although he did turn things around against Sutton when he came on as substitute.

"But it isn't just this pair. There are several players who haven't performed consistently and they have had attention drawn to the fact that more is expected of them".

Roberts had a "clear the air" meeting with his players last Thursday after he had fined them one third of their wages for an inept Guardian Insurance Cup performance against Yeading. "I have told them they can have the money but only when they have earned it", he said.



• DEAN BIRKBY - scored the penalty

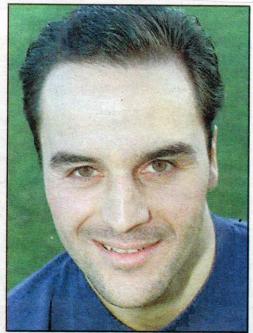
Yeovil are top again

COLIN Fielder, Yeovil Town's new signing from Woking, hobbled off after just 35 minutes of his debut at Chertsey on Saturday. But manager Graham Roberts is hoping he will be fit for this weekend's home game against high-flying Heybridge Swifts

Heybridge Swifts.

"He jarred his knee", said Roberts. "It was painful and we shall have to see what reaction there is this week. But I am hopeful he will play".

Yeovil beat the bottom but one side by 2-0, but only after some early frights. There was some dreadful defending early on and Chertsey wasted three great chances in the opening 20 minutes.



• COLIN FIELDER, Yeovil Town's new signing from Woking who missed the Heybridge match on Saturday with a knee injury.