YEOVIL Town moved closer to the ICIS League title on Tuesday – without playing. Big rivals Enfield were held to a goalless draw at Heybridge Swifts and are now five points behind with both teams having

five games to go.

It means Yeovil need 11 of the 15 points at stake to be sure of the title, and that is assuming Enfield win all their

Town boss Graham Roberts is already planning for Conference football. "I thought Enfield would crack", he said. "They have a hard game at Aylesbury this Saturday and if we win our two home games (against Purfleet on Saturday and Oxford City on Tuesday) it

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could be as good as over next week this time.



 LEE HARVEY – outstanding in recent matches for Yeovil Town.

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Yeovil inch closer to Conference foothold

HIS outstanding result, from Yeovil Town's best performance of the season, left them six points clear at the top of the ICIS Premier League last night.

Main rivals Enfield have a match in hand, but Yeovil know that four wins and a draw from their five remaining games—three of which are at home—would see them back in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Sutton United were in third place and among the league's top scorers but they created only one real chance. That was early in the secondhalf when 20-goal Mike Hynes hit the outside of a post from 20 yards.

In a superb Yeovil display, Howard Forinton again grabbed the limelight. The 21-year-old, heading for Birmingham City at the end of the season, twice went close before opening the scoring in the 21st minute.

Paul Turner and Colin Fielder featured in the build-up and Forinton turned his defender before shooting ICIS PREMIER DIVISION

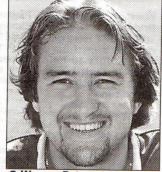
into the top corner. The lively young striker also brought an excellent save from 'keeper Les Cleevly four minutes later but there was no stopping him in the 72nd minute when he rounded the 'keeper, after being put through by Warren Patmore, to make it 2-0.

As Yeovil's 400 travelling fans began celebrating, there was still more to come. Two minutes from time, Steve Browne got in a drive which was parried and Patmore snapped up the rebound.

Yeovil Town: Pennock; Gill, Puttnam (sub., Pounder 63 minutes), White, Harvey, Cousins, Fielder, Turner, Patmore (sub., Moors 89 minutes), Forinton, Browne; Sub., Roberts.

★ Star man:

Howard, Forinton (Yeovil Town).



Warren Patmore:third goal