

In the spotlight...

Peter Tautscher

Tautscher's stand-out season could lead to more

Rovers' under-18 striker has been in fine form this season and has the potential to improve further in the future, as **Matt Lihou** finds out

HE HAS enjoyed quite a breakthrough season of success and Peter Tautscher has been predicted a big future of scoring goals in senior football. The spearhead of Rovers' all-conquering local under-18s team, tall striker Tautscher rattled in more than 30 goals at junior club level this campaign, as his side won all but one game.

On top of that, he was prolific for Elizabeth College in the CI Schools League, including a memorable hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over arch-rivals Victoria College back in late-autumn. Throw in a handful of goals in the Priaulx League after making his debut for Rovers' first team and it has been quite a few months for the 18-year-old. His coach for the under-18s has been Jez Robin, who has been delighted with the impact Tautscher has made at the club since his move around three years ago from Sylvans.

'Peter is not necessarily what you could call a natural footballer, but what he is is a natural goalscorer and somebody who leads a line extremely effectively,' he said. 'He has all the attributes you need in that role because he holds the ball up well, he can link play up well and he scores goals, whether it be with his right foot, left foot or in the air, where he is excellent.'

'When he first made the step up into the first team, I think there were a few nerves there but once he settled into it and started scoring goals, all of the senior lads wanted him in the team every week, which just proves how well he did.'

'Peter has had a brilliant season and the only surprise is how he wasn't in the Guernsey under-18s squad because with him in it, they would have had a much better chance in the Junior Muratti.'

Tautscher is now planning to head off to university this autumn, but as and when he can play locally, Robin is hopeful he can kick on further.

'Like any player of that age, it is down to individual mentality about how good they can be, but Peter has the right approach and is willing to work to improve.'

'Assuming he carries on the rate of improvement from the last year or 18 months, then he will be a very effective Priaulx League-level player moving forward and beyond that, who knows?'



PETER TAUTSCHER

Age: 18

Sport: Football

Team: Rovers

Position: Striker

Notable achievements: Over 30 goals at junior club level in the last season

Peter Tautscher in action for Rovers in their clash with St Paul's from Jersey. (9024549)