

West soccer minnows seek fame again as FA Cup hit-men

Cup fever: Yeovil Town players (from left to right) Steve Collis, Adam Stansfield, Paul Terry and Terry Skiverton record the song in the run-up to their home tie with Liverpool



Music Glovers



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It has the heart, if not the lyrics, of a Number One hit, and Yeovil Town's players hope it will help kick them in to the next round of the FA Cup.

For as Cup fever grips the Somerset town in the run-up to this Sunday's dream tie with Liverpool, the Yeovil players have taken a leaf out of the England team's book, and recorded a song which sums up the feeling of every loyal Yeovil Town fan.

It is called Yeovil True, and it is sung to the tune of Two Little Boys made famous by Rolf Harris. The words, the honky-tonk piano accompaniment, and the main singer's good old West Country accent are a world away from the songs that win Brit awards.

But the chorus, sung by Yeovil Town players, of "Yeovil true through and through, whether we be up or down", cannot fail to strike a chord with the thousands of fans who are famous throughout the soccer world for their support of the Glovers.

The team recorded the CD at a stu-



Striking a chord: Yeovil manager Gary Johnson in the studio. Yeovil True is sung to the tune of Two Little Boys made famous by Rolf Harris

dio in Torquay on Monday it will not be available for sale for two or three weeks yet, but by then the fans hope Yeovil will have moved on to even greater glory.

Former Liverpool legend Mark Lawrenson, now BBC Match of the Day pundit, said Sunday's match sums up the romance of the FA Cup.

He said: "Yeovil have always been renowned as giant-killers and now they are in the League it makes it

even more of an occasion. They are a great little club and they have a fantastic fan-base - certainly for the area that they are in."

Lawrenson has no doubt that Liverpool will win, but who knows, Yeovil beat Sunderland back in 1948, and Sunday's match just might have some surprises.

A walk through Yeovil yesterday showed just how strong the support is, with many shop windows be-

decked in classic green and white colours. The PDSA charity shop window is one of the best, with green and white wigs, scarves, rosettes, jackets and big green and white hands bearing the legend Come On You Glovers.

Fans have queued through the night for tickets and police have warned supporters not to bring their cars to the Huish Park ground on the day Park-and-ride schemes will operate from Yeovil - and anyone who parks illegally risks their vehicle being towed away.

Adrian Hopper, club press officer, has been dealing with calls from the national media ever since the match was announced.

The nation's eyes will be fixed on Yeovil on Sunday.

Adrian says: "Everybody has worked really hard and we are ready to go. We are all hoping that we can give Liverpool a good game. It is important that we don't get outclassed - we want to give a good account of ourselves."

"If it goes our way that would be wonderful - if we get a draw that will be good. At the end of the day it will be 11 men against 11 men."