



WEMBLEY COULD BE BURN'S SWANSONG

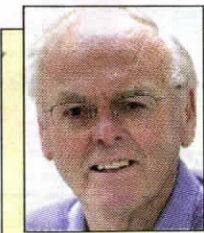
WILL the hordes of Somerset fans heading for Wembley today be watching Dan Burn in a Yeovil Town shirt for the last time?

The six-foot-six central defender has been on a season-long loan from Barclays Premier League club Fulham and, unless deals are done, he could be heading back to Craven Cottage at the end of the Glovers' League One play-off final against Brentford (1.30 pm).

Said Yeovil manager Gary Johnson: 'We certainly hope that it won't be his last appearance for us, but it could depend on the result.'

'I think there is more of a chance of Fulham letting him stay here if we are in the Championship, rather than League One.'

'They will want him to continue his development at the higher level.' At the



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age of 20, Burn, arrived at Huish Park three years older than Steven Caulker did in 2009.

The Tottenham Hotspur central defender played for a season when he was 17; he then had a year at Bristol City, followed by a season at Swansea, before returning to White Hart Lane.

Johnson says: 'All three parties have been delighted with the way things have gone for Dan down here.'

'He has enjoyed it and so have we. He has played more than 40 games and Fulham are happy that he

has had that amount of experience.

'When he injured an ankle prior to the play-offs, Fulham could have kept him back there to get him ready for next season.'

'But they gave him million-dollar treatment to rehabilitate him and get him fit for the play-offs. We couldn't be more grateful.'

Burn is likely to be the only loan player in Yeovil's starting line-up today, although it is expected others will be on the bench - including Matt Dolan, the Middlesbrough midfielder whose appearances have been limited by injury.

Skills

Meanwhile, Johnson has issued one instruction to Dan Burn: 'If you see Paddy Madden driving a car, keep well away from him.'

Goal ace Madden recently passed his driving test and came within an inch of putting Burn out of today's final when he brushed against his foot as he demonstrated those new driving skills! Al-

though all West Country eyes are on Wembley, hoping the Glovers can beat Brentford for the third time this season, Johnson and his management team have combined last-minute training with looking towards recruitment for next season.

They beat Swansea's under-21s, 2-0, in a behind-closed-doors friendly during the week.

Said Johnson: 'We took a look at two players we are interested in, and they were willing to come although their season with their present clubs was over.'

'Whatever the result of the Wembley match, work goes on in earnest for next season.'

Although Yeovil's starting line-up for today is under wraps, it would be a major surprise if Johnson made changes from the team that beat Sheffield United, 2-0, on Bank Holiday Monday to set up the final.

It will mean James Hayter going for a hat-trick - the striker has already won play-off finals with Bournemouth and Doncaster Rovers, scoring the winner for the latter.

Left-back and skipper Jamie McAllister also has the big-game experience.

He was in Gary Johnson's Bristol City side who reached the Championship play-off final six years ago, only to lose to a wonder strike from Hull City's Dean Windass.

'There is no worse experience than getting to Wembley and losing,' he says.

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● **ONE Yeovil clergyman would have loved a trip to London today - but duty calls.**

When he told his son - who had bought him a ticket - that he had to preach, the son advised him not to bother as all his congregation would be at Wembley, and, as a final inducement, told him to 'throw a sickie'.

Presumably, the Rev H will take 'yield not to temptation' as his text!



MAGIC MOMENT: Yeovil Town goalscorer Kevin Dawson is held aloft by supporters after the npower One Play-Off success over Sheffield United

Picture: David Davies / PA Wire



FINAL TOAST: Yeovil Town officials, (left to right), coach Darren Way, assistant manager Terry Skiverton and team boss Gary Johnson celebrate after their npower One Play-Off semi-final second-leg victory over Sheffield United at Huish Park

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FANS' FAVOURITES: Yeovil Town players celebrate with supporters at Huish Park after their npower One Play-Off semi-final second-leg victory over Sheffield United

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