

# Fry thrilled as Yeovil enjoy cash windfall

Chairman relieved to avoid club restructuring off the back of Glovers' successful campaign

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at Huish Park

Yeovil Town's run to Wembley has brought a financial boost that has potentially secured the club's future for the 2013-14 season.

Glovers chairman John Fry has revealed that he was considering "restructuring" behind the scenes at Huish Park before their run to the power League One play-off final at Wembley improved the outlook at the south Somerset club.

Although gate receipts from the four two-legged semi-finals are pooled and then split five ways between the clubs involved and the Football Association, extra games in a season mean extra income.

As Gary Johnson's men started to turn early season promise into sustained results after the turn of the year, the Glovers' faithful responded by slowly increasing home gates, which would inevitably mean fans spending more on a match day.

The official club store has been inundated with visitors, while the Green and White Supporters Club and Away Travel Club have teamed up to offer their own merchandise that will benefit the club.

Fry said he feared the worst – and even called a head of departments meeting at the club – before the Glovers embarked on the run that has culminated in Sunday's clash with Brentford at the national stadium.

"The feeling initially was we



Yeovil Town chairman John Fry

were going to stay up and anything else was a bonus," he said. "When you look at the lows, which are one or two things, it goes against what is out there in the economy.

"The worry was could we stay up and balance the books?

The worst thing is that if you have a poor season on the field you have a poor set of accounts and you look at how that impacts on the next season.

"It was only when we started getting the results and a good run that took us up the table that things started to change.

"Nine weeks ago I called a meeting with the staff because I was then thinking of restructuring ahead of next season because there is never room to carry too much flesh.

"I called all the executives in and said we are going to have to make some changes. But I soon had the feeling that we would get to Wembley and win the play-offs."

The chairman – now in his 20th year at the Glovers' helm – singled out the Johnstone's

Paint Trophy area semi-final defeat at Leyton Orient as one of a few lows of the season.

Yeovil had identified the competition as the club's main chance of a Wembley final this season, but Fry said an unscheduled detour on the way home with director and taxi firm owner Andy Rossiter provided what he thought would be his final glimpse of the majestic ground.

However, it did not take long for his mind to be changed.

Fry said: "We went off at a cracking pace and we had the feeling we could do something special this season. One of the lows this season was when we went to Leyton Orient in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.