



League One play-off final
BRENTFORD v YEovil
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YEOVIL striker James Hayter wants to complete a hat-trick of play-off final wins to go with his record for the fastest ever Football League treble.

Hot-shot Hayter, 34, wrote his name in the history books by scoring three times in just **140 SECONDS** playing for Bournemouth in a 6-0 win over Wrexham in 2004.

The forward also helped the Cherries to pluck a victory over Lincoln in the 2003 League Two play-off final, before scoring the winner for Doncaster against Leeds in the League One final in 2008.

Hayter now wants to lead Yeovil – who were still playing non-league football 10 years ago – into the Championship for the first time in their history at Wembley today.

He said: "I have been promoted twice, and both times through the play-offs. I want to keep that record going. People tell me it is devastating to lose a play-off match and I do not want that feeling.

"My two old clubs have gone up automatically this term and I want to join them and play against them.

"The hat-trick gets talked about a lot, but I rate getting promoted above that achievement.

"I think if we can manage to win this it would probably be the biggest achievement I have made.

"Yeovil is one of the smaller clubs, with a small gate and one of the smallest budgets in the league, and to do what we have done is incredible.

"A few of the lads do not know about the hat-trick and ask how I managed it – and I have to say I don't know.

"I tell them I will bring the DVD in and show them. It was surreal at the time and I do not think that it will ever be beaten."

The Glovers were the rank outsiders to go up at the start of the play-offs, and Hayter is confident that Gary Johnson's side can continue to defy all of the odds.

He added: "We are going into the game confident that we have a great chance of winning.

"We have beaten them twice in the league this season, although on the day that does not count for much." Uwe Rosler has

backed his jaded Brentford players to summon the strength to bury their play-off hoodoo.

The west London outfit have been the nearly-men of the end-of-season shoot-outs – having lost on a record **SIX** occasions.

And they will have done it the hard way if they finally get over the line against Yeovil this afternoon.

It has been a case of tired minds and bodies with the busy Bees having competed in four different competitions during a punishing 68-game season. Brentford chief

Rosler said: "We've had far too many games.

"From pre-season to now we have played 67 games – and have one more big hurdle to go.

"It's been an incredible journey of ups and downs. We have a relatively small squad and we have definitely encountered some obstacles.

"But we are still up there. Everyone has put in so much and done such a lot to get us to the final at Wembley."

A Brentford win today would end their 20-year exile from English football's second tier and long-serving skipper Kevin O'Connor said:

"The play-offs have not been kind to us down the years. Hopefully, it can finally be our day in the sun."

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