



The Yeovil players and coaching staff celebrate in the dressing room after the League One play-off semi-final victory over Sheffield United at Huish Park

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Johnson: Give credit to my fantastic team

Yeovil manager hails Skiverton and Way as Glovers reach Wembley play-off final

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Gary Johnson paid tribute to assistant Terry Skiverton and coach Darren Way as Yeovil Town booked their second ever trip to Wembley.

The Glovers beat Sheffield United 2-0 at Huish Park to reverse a single-goal deficit in the npower League One play-off semi-finals.

Kevin Dawson gave the hosts the lead with barely five minutes on the clock before Ed Upson scored just his second Yeovil goal from inside the area with five minutes remaining.

Johnson hailed the role played by former boss Skiverton and Way for their efforts in



Gary Johnson celebrates with Darren Way, left, and Terry Skiverton

keeping the Glovers in League One when in charge before the boss's return in January 2012.

The manager said: "Terry and Darren - what a couple of hard working young lads they are, they have been fantastic."

"I couldn't do this on my own and I am pleased for them. They have had to keep this club in the league for a long time."

"We have now found a scenario and a commitment and we felt the players we brought in would do a job for us. Terry and Darren deserve that same credit as I do."

Johnson revealed harsh words in the aftermath of Friday's defeat had helped motivate his side ahead of Bank Holiday Monday but added he

felt guilty after dishing out a tongue-lashing.

"When I smack them I feel very sad, I love the lads to bits," he said. "It's like when you smack a little one, you don't really mean it."

"But I might have to smack them again if it brings promotion. We have got to get promotion now, you can't be one game away (from the Championship) and blow it."

"We need players that can motivate themselves and have fitness all year. We have got to make sure they have shown that in the last 46 or so games we have to make sure they are ready for the big occasion."