



Yeovil Town midfielder Kevin Dawson, centre, celebrates his opening goal with fellow Irishman Paddy Madden, No 17, and Joe Edwards, left

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Wembley beckons for the Glovers as Blades are put to the sword at Huish

**YEovil TOWN 2
SHEFF UNITED 0**

(Yeovil won
2-1 on aggregate)

BY CHRIS SWEET



Ed Upson went from villain to hero in boss Gary Johnson's eyes as his header booked Yeovil a place at Wembley.

The midfielder came in for criticism following his performance in the League One semi-final first leg at Sheffield United, but his elevated position among Glovers fans became even loftier when he completed an incredible comeback at Huish Park and sealed Yeovil's success.

Kevin Dawson gave the hosts the best possible start before Upson's late strike sealed a second outing at the national stadium for Yeovil.

Johnson quipped: "His mum and dad didn't call him Ed for nothing!"

"We were talking about heroes and villains and one turned from a villain to a hero. He was one that had a lack of concentration in the first game that led to a goal.

"He was very pleased, he thought he was going to be left out - but I gave those villains the chance to be heroes and that's what he did."

Johnson kept faith in the



Ed Upson, right, shows his joy at heading Yeovil into a 2-1 aggregate lead

same matchday squad that started at Bramall Lane, with neither Matt Dolan nor Reuben Reid making the bench.

A frantic start, where the Glovers flew out of the blocks, was rewarded with a dream

opening goal on five minutes. Upson's sublime pass found Dawson bursting into the box, the Irishman keeping his cool to slide the ball beyond George Long.

The Blades slowly grew into the game, first going close after

17 minutes when they stretched the hosts with a swift break, Marek Stech eventually touching over Michael Doyle's rasping drive.

Four minutes later, Sam Foley's exquisitely-weighted ball released Joe Edwards, but with Paddy Madden in space, the midfielder went for goal and Long blocked.

On 34 minutes, Jamie Murphy had the time and space to cut inside into the area, rattling the crossbar with a curling effort.

Friday's goalscorer Callum McFadzean found room to curl a dangerous delivery to Joe Ironside after 34 minutes, but Stech did well to parry the header and the offside flag was already raised.

With five minutes of the first half remaining, Madden was cynically tripped by Harry Maguire on the edge of the box and Jamie McAllister's thumping effort from the subsequent free-kick deflected behind.

Just three minutes into the second period, Chris Porter broke through the middle of Yeovil defence, but was denied by Dan Burn's block before hitting the side netting.

On 52 minutes, Luke Ayling's delivery bounced over one man before Madden somehow headed over with the goal

at his mercy. Ten minutes later, Foley recycled an Upson centre, but Long read the situation well and strongly punched clear.

The Blades stretched Yeovil on 71 minutes from a corner, the hosts could not clear, but Maguire missed a good chance by putting a free header wide.

McFadzean's cross flashed across goal after 75 minutes before James Hayter attacked Foley's fierce cross on 80 minutes, but failed to trouble Long.

Five minutes from time, the Glovers led on aggregate as Upson sent Huish Park into euphoria, glancing home from Madden's clipped ball.

There was almost time to add a third, Madden's persistence getting him to the byline and Foley drilling narrowly wide.

Yeovil: Stech, Ayling, Webster, Burn, McAllister, Dawson, Upson, Edwards, Foley, Hayter (Hinds 90), Madden. Not Used: Blizzard, Maksimenko, Stewart, Young, Balanta, Williams.

Goals: Dawson 5, Upson 85.

Bookings: Upson, Dawson.

Sheffield United: Long, Westlake (Higginbotham 54), Collins, Maguire, Hill, McFadzean (Flynn 86), Doyle, McDonald, Murphy, Ironside (Kitson 62), Porter. Not Used: Coyne, Barry, Whitehouse, Chappell.

Bookings: Maguire (foul), McDonald (dissent).

Referee: Phillip Gibbs (West Midlands).

Attendance: 8,152.

Milsom mulls over his future

SOMERSET PREMIER CUP

Regardless of tonight's result in the Somerset Premier Cup final at Clevedon, Bridgwater manager Kevin Milsom will be considering his future with the Southern League club.

Bridgwater play Paulton after what has been described as "an horrendous season" by boss Milsom.

"It has been a privilege to have been given the chance to manage Bridgwater," said Milsom. "But the club needs to be restructured in every shape and form. I don't know if I want to take this on.

"Reaching the final has been a bonus for us. The lads can go out there and enjoy it."

Harry Nodwell (hamstring), who missed the semi-final against Taunton, is fit again.

Bridgwater (from): Purnell, Rice, Middleton, Veal P, Nodwell, Chamberlain, Mercieca, MacNab, Pearse, Fitzpatrick, Simpson, Cazley, Veal C, Venning, Govier, Villis, Legg, Bennett.

Hallen beaten by Howe strike

HALLEN 0 WILLAND ROVERS 1

There was no fairytale ending for departing Hallen boss Paul Owen as his side were beaten by Willand in the final of the Toolstation Western League's Les Phillips Cup.

Instead it was Rovers' Clive Jones, stepping down after 15 years in charge of the Devon side, who was able to bow out on a high.

Willand were only in the final after Larkhall, who they lost to on penalties in the semi-final, were found to have fielded an ineligible player.

However, the Devon side took the lead ten minutes into the second half when Ian Patchett and Steven Orchard combined for Owen Howe to ram home inside goalkeeper Sam Burgess' near post.

Despite a frantic finale, when Andy Cook and Aysa Corrick went close, Hallen were unable to equalise.

Saracens lose out to Nomads

**CHELTHENHAM SARACENS 1
OXFORD CITY NOMADS 2**

Cheltenham Saracens were undone at two set pieces as their bid for silverware this season proved unsuccessful in the Hellenic League's Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup final.

They went down to Oxford City Nomads in a well-contested match at Arldley.

Oxford took the lead after quarter of an hour when a free-kick from near the halfway line fell to Adam Lovegrove, who beat Saracens goalkeeper Ryan Betteridge at the second attempt.

Saracens evened things up in the 41st minute when some wing magic from Elliot Kennedy set up Harlie Price, who converted from inside the six-yard box.

However, ten minutes from time, an Oxford free-kick was nodded to Warne, who forced it in from almost on the line.