



View from
the dugout

Yeovil Town FC
manager
**GARY
JOHNSON**
writes ...



I FEEL fantastic. The boys done us proud and the club have done us proud. The supporters out there sung their hearts out at the right time and the boys dug in when they had to dig in.

That's for the whole club, it's for the directors and it's for our supporters. It's for everyone at the whole club that has done a tremendous job over ten years.

Sometimes they are unsung heroes and I'm very pleased for them because they bought into this commitment and this ambition to get to the Championship.

They all believed it and I said I'd try and direct that ship to the Championship and we've done that. I said we'd get the players and we've done that. We all visualised winning at Wembley and that's what happened so my dreams have come true.

I really did feel calm and cool. I felt it was important to do that because Terry is there to scream and shout and with Darren I've got a couple of Rottweilers if I need them. All we need to do is discuss things and they can't hear you anyway.

At the end of both sets of supporters were giving it a go so I was right at the edge of the technical area if they needed to look over for advice. They saw it through and we won it in the first half. I trust them so much I let them get on with

Loan defender is keen for a second spell at Huish Park

Yeovil Town
by **CHRIS SWEET**



FULHAM defender Dan Burn would be keen to return to Yeovil Town next season if both parties could agree a deal.

The imposing centre half capped an impressive loan spell with the Glovers by heading home the second goal in Sunday's 2-1 npower League One play-off final success over Brentford at Wembley.

Burn, who started his career at Darlington before being snapped up by the Premier League giants, played 41 times for Gary Johnson's men last season, forming a rock solid back with Byron Webster at the helm.

His performances also caught the eye of his parent club who last month said they would be willing to consider a second temporary switch for the 21-year-old to a club in the Championship.

With the Glovers now in the second tier of English football, Burn could be in line for another Huish Park spell, an idea that appeals to him.

Burn said: "I don't think I'll reflect on my progress until I come back next season. It's been unbelievable and one of the best seasons of my life. I've made some brilliant mates, played under some excellent management and I've loved playing for Yeovil. I don't want to leave.

"I'll go back to Fulham, do pre-season with them and then see what they're thinking of my progression and what they want to do with me. But I'd love to come back here, I'd never turn down a move here. I'll go back and see what happens after a few holidays."

The arrival of Middles-



HAPPY DAYS: Dan Burn, centre, celebrates Yeovil Town's promotion to the npower Championship with striker Paddy Madden and keeper Marek Stech. The Fulham loanee has said he would be happy to return to Huish Park. Pictures by Len Copland

South West, but he said it took little time to settle with Yeovil.

"In my first game I scored a goal and an own goal so that didn't really go to plan," he said. "But I've always felt part of the team here. I've loved going into training every day and seeing the lads, there's always something happening."

"I've lived with Matty Dolan since he signed so we get on really well and I love it. He's in the same situation as me where he's come on loan and we've really bonded, we're really good mates."

Burn revealed he had already warned manager Gary Johnson that he was going to net at the national stadium and would still claim the goal regardless of James Hayter stating he got the final touch.

He said: "I told the gaffer on Saturday I was going to score and he laughed at us. Hayter said he got a nick on it but even if I did I'm still taking it. It's been an unbelievable day and it hasn't sunk it yet but I'm sure

added Burn was destined for a big future, believing the start of his career had left him particularly grounded.

"Dan's going to be a really good player," said Webster. "He's come from Darlington where he's had the lows and he's gone to the top and isn't taking anything for granted."

"I went to Fulham for treatment when I had done my hamstring towards the end of the season and the facilities are a different world."

"He's come to Yeovil where no disrespect there aren't the same facilities."

Boss plans talks with club over his deal future

GARY JOHNSON has said he is looking forward to sitting down with the Yeovil Town board to discuss his future at Huish Park amid reports linking him to Millwall.

The manager guided the Glovers to the npower Championship for the first time in their 118-year history on Sunday but is already being connected with one of their future rivals.

It is understood that Johnson - out of contract this summer - is among a shortlist of candidates the Millwall hierarchy wish to speak to having astounded critics by beating the odds to win promotion via the play-offs.

The Londoners have been searching for a new manager since the end of the season after Kenny Jackett left following six years in charge.

Johnson said: "I'm looking forward to sitting down with our club and the chairman and discussing the future. I'm aware of the interest but there hasn't been any contact."

Assistant Terry Skiverton and technical coach Darren Way are also without deals for next season. The trio opened tentative negotiations with the board before the trip to the national stadium but will now attempt to thrash out new deals with their league status determined.

After joking that the prize for winning promotion will cover his salary, Johnson then suggested initial figures would not be sufficient to compete at the second tier of English football.

"They've got £4M now to spend and that will be my salary. I don't know what they will do with the rest," he said.

"I'm sure we will be sitting down to talk, we haven't really spoken about anything. I've seen a few figures but on those we will need