We have to finish the job – Johnson

He wants to make vision come true

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Gary Johnson hopes to see the final stages of his vision for promotion with Yeovil Town at Wembley tomorrow.

The Glovers' manager will lead out his League One playoff heroes in the final when they attempt to beat Brentford for a third time this season and reach the Championship.

Achieving a spot in the second tier of English football



Captain Jamie McAllister showing the emotion after the semi-final victory

would open another remarkable chapter in Johnson's Huish Park fairytale, having first earned legend status among the Yeovil faithful for propelling their team into the Football League and then League One in his first spell.

On his return to south Somerset in January 2012, the boss signalled his intent to bring the buzz back to the town that was produced by his first unprecedented reign of success.

With the Glovers on the brink of reaching unchartered territory, Johnson said that enthusiasm for the club was back in the area, adding it was now up to the team to realise yet another seemingly unthinkable dream.

"We've definitely achieved that buzz and that's credit to a lot of people," he said.

"You've got to have the vision first and someone's got to come up with that vision of what they want to see and then do everything in your power to make that vision come true.

"I was talking to (assistant) Terry Skiverton on the morning after we won the semi-final against Sheffield United. He said 'Gaffer, I visualised that picture of the entire crowd on the pitch and us in the directors' box waving'.

"I said 'Tel, we're meant to brainwash the players, not each other'. That was typical of how you do it and that's why I showed them the Bristol City v Crystal Palace semi-final when I was manager at City. I wanted them to see what the atmosphere was going to be like.

"That was good preparation and good experience for those that would never have known that could happen here.

"What we said would happen happened and thank God it was

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Yeovil manager Gary Johnson and assistant Terry Skiverton, second right, taking a look at Wembley yesterday along with coach Darren Way, right, and the rest of the Yeovil Town staff and players

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