

Glory for Yeovil as Madden and Burn



Lewis Young, Ed Upson, Kevin Dawson and Joe Edwards celebrate at the final whistle

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The champagne flows as the Yeovil players take in their achievement

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BRENTFORD 1
YEovil TOWN 2

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Goals from Paddy Madden and Dan Burn allied to the heroics of goalkeeper Marek Stech saw Yeovil create history as they booked a place in next season's npower Championship.

Madden gave the Glovers a dream start in the League One play-off final at Wembley before Burn doubled the lead before the break.

The Bees responded with a deserved goal early in the second period only to find Stech in imperious form in the Yeovil goal thereafter.

Victorious manager Gary Johnson said: "This is what you're in football for – especially when you've built it up all year.

"It's 50-odd games over nine months and, if you were going to go up, this is how you'd want to do it. It's probably brought the club closer together and it's probably made the club bigger.

"If we can get those 20,000 to come to watch us in the Championship then we'll be laughing. That's where I am in my head and I'm very proud of the football club and hope we can keep competing."

The Glovers fielded an unchanged starting XI from the semi-final second leg, Middlesbrough loanee Matt Dolan returning to the bench ahead of Dominic Blizzard.

Johnson's men were given an early injury scare when captain Jamie McAllister ended with a bloodied nose following a clash with Clayton Donaldson, but he was given the green light to continue.

Yeovil opened the scoring on six minutes. Seconds after having a shot charged down, Madden latched on to Sam Foley's blocked effort, beating Simon Moore with the outside of his boot from 20 yards.

The goal was to prove a rare excursion into the Brentford final third as the Bees composed themselves, gradually growing back into the game.

Whereas Yeovil may have been leading the game, they were losing the territorial battle while looking relatively untroubled at the back.

Uwe Rosler's men looked dangerous going forwards, looking to spread possession wide, but met their match in the shape of a robust Glovers' rearguard.

On 31 minutes, Adam Forshaw tried his luck from distance, the ball ricocheting off Byron Webster's standing leg and, thankfully, slowly into the hands of Marek Stech.

With five minutes of the half remaining, Burn's header from a corner created a modicum of panic in the Brentford box, Webster eventually nodding wide.

Two minutes later, a similar set piece saw Yeovil double their advantage. Fulham loanee Burn connected with a lofted Ed Upson delivery, James Hayter and goalkeeper Moore both lunged and missed, and a desperate clear-



Dan Burn shows what it means to score at Wembley PICTURE: GARETH FULLER/PA

ance was too late as the ball was already over the line.

Marcello Trotta spurned a golden opportunity to halve the deficit in added-time, watching on as Stech plucked his header out of the air from Jake Bidwell's cross.

The Bees did strike on 51



Marek Stech shows his delight at winning

minutes as they made the most of a poorly defended corner.

Harlee Dean was able to ease through a host of players and powered a header past Stech.

On 64 minutes, Stech did superbly to tip away substitute Bradley Wright-Phillips' header from a corner, the rebound striking Donaldson and going behind as Yeovil received a let-off.

The Czech stopper came to his side's rescue four minutes later as he blocked with his

legs when Forshaw breezed into the box.

After 75 minutes, Kevin Dawson felt he should have earned a penalty when Bidwell took out his back leg, only to receive a booking for protesting about it.

Brentford opened up the Glovers on 84 minutes, Donaldson eventually laying off for Wright-Phillips. However, Stech pushed away. With less than two minutes remaining, Shaleum Logan twisted to the edge of the area, his shot squirting narrowly wide.

Despite six minutes of added-time, it was to prove the last telling opportunity of an engrossing half as Yeovil hung on to the most important win of their 118-year history.

Brentford: Moore, Logan, Craig, Dean, Bidwell, Forshaw, Adeyemi, Diagouraga (Hayes 82), Donaldson, Forrester (Saunders 67), Trotta (Wright-Phillips 62). Not Used: Gounet, O'Connor, Hodson, Douglas.

Goals: Dean 51.

Yeovil: Stech, Ayling, Burn, Webster, McAllister (Maksimenko 77), Dawson, Edwards, Upson, Foley, Hayter (Dolan 88), Madden. Not Used: Stewart, Hinds, Williams, Young, Balanta.

Booked: Upson, Dawson, Williams.

Goals: Madden 6, Burn 42.

Attendance: 41,955.

Referee: Andy D'Urso (Essex).