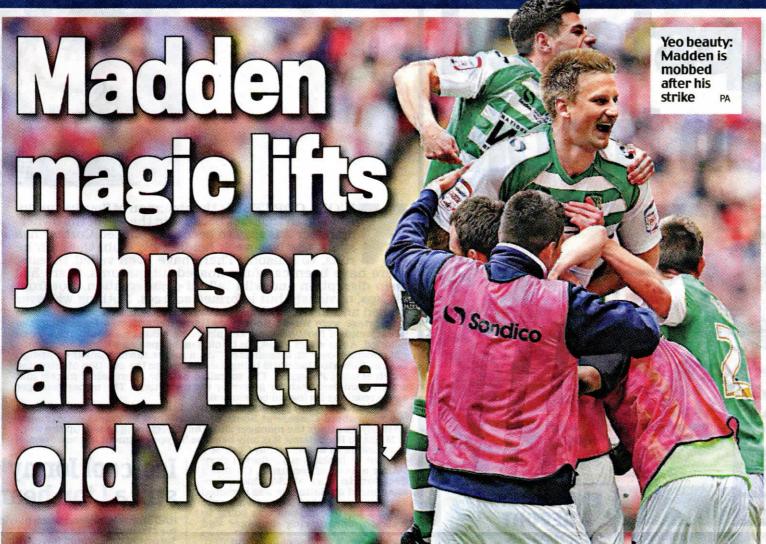
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**BRADFORD chairman Mark Lawn** 

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(above) will toast their promotion to League One with another tattoo and he is convinced that boss Phil Parkinson will sign a two-year deal without a transfer kitty available. 'I've been confident all along,' Lawn said. 'Phil is an honourable man and

won't sign until his staff do, so we're talking to them.'

But what if someone comes in from the Premier League for Parkinson? 'I don't know if they want to stay or not, but we will make it as difficult as possible for them to leave. It should get done next week."

James Hanson, Rory McArdle and Nahki Wells scored within the first half-hour to send Bradford up.

HEY were mixing with the likes of Margate and Leigh RMI a decade ago, but Yeovil will be keeping more readily identifiable company next season after sealing an epic play-off final win at

Wembley yesterday.
Somerset's only Football
League representatives, courtesy of their Conference title-winning exploits against Margate and the rest in 2002-03, were given another status upgrade as two first-half goals and backs-to-thewall resilience against a Brent-ford bombardment carried them into the Championship.

For a town with a population o roughly 40,000 it is a remarkable achievement and manager Gary Johnson beamed with pride (right) as he reflected as he reflected
on a family
double, following son
Lee's success
in avoiding relegation at Oldham.

'At times like this you think of people who have helped you along the way,'

"The players you know you can trust, my staff, the directors and, of course, the supporters have all played a part, and three promotions in 10 years really is a fantastic achievement for little old

BRENTFORD







JOHN EDWARDS reports from Wembley

Yeovil. I'm just so glad to be sitting in front of you all soaking wet from a bucket of water tipped over me because that means we have won and are

celebrating.
'The only thing is we're going to have to have a whip round now for the Championship.

'Going up is worth £4million, but we're still gong to need the 20,000-plus who turned up today at all our home games next

season.

'We'll cross that bridge when we come to it, though. For now we'll the moment.

Lee said good luck before the game. We are both a bit soft and emotional and really a handshake and cuddle was enough. It didn't need words.'

Fittingly, given their modest background, Yeovil were launched towards a famous

win by a striker who cost all of £20,000 from Carlisle in the

January transfer window.

Johnson said Paddy Madden
was the 'signing of the century,
never mind the season' and
he continued to look the part as he added to his 23-goal Golden Boot haul in only the sixth minute.

Pouncing on a deflected Sam Foley effort that spun into his path, the 23-year-old Dubliner curled an unstoppable shot into the top corner with the outside of his right boot.

'He has had a vision for a while that he was going to score here and it was a sublime piece of ingenuity, said Johnson. 'My gut feeling gets better as I get older and I sensed there was enough character and enthusiasm about Paddy to give us something to

Brentford looked out of it when Dan Burn headed in from a 42nd-minute corner to make it 2-0, but they laid siege to Yeovil's goal after pulling one back through Harlee Dean's header from the industrious Adam Forshaw's 51st-minute corner.

They couldn't force an equaliser, though, despite agonising near-misses by Clayton Donaldson and Forshaw, and their rueful manager Uwe Rosler admitted: 'It's very tough to take especially after we had Yeovil on their knees in the second half.

'I am very proud to be manager of this club and the big challenge is to keep this squad intact.

'If we can do that, we will be challenging for promotion again next season.'