

their big day as Liverpool travel to Huish Park

# YEOVIL DON'T SCARE US

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**PINT-SIZED** Yeovil hero Darren Way last night warned Liverpool's superstars: Your big-name reputations don't scare us.

Way faces the biggest game of his life tomorrow when Third Division Yeovil line up against Gerard Houllier's mighty Reds at Huish Park.

A club record 8,000 crowd will be jam-packed into the Third Division ground to see if the greatest FA Cup giant-killers of them all can claim their biggest scalp.

And Way vowed he would not freeze when the third round battle commences against the Premiership big boys.

Was a big Chelsea fan, admits he was totally awe-struck and lost for words when he recently met England ace John Terry.

Terry's brother, Paul - who joined Yeovil last year - took his new teammate to watch Chelsea play Lazio in the Champions League.

Former Strikers ace Way confessed: "I was in total awe of the Chelsea players because I am a huge fan and I love the club."

"And when Paul introduced me to his brother I was lost for words because I couldn't believe I was face to face with John Terry."

## Passion

"But I can promise Yeovil I won't become star-struck on Sunday when I face up to the Liverpool players because I have no passion for their club."

"They may be Premier League stars but that won't mean a thing when the game kicks off because we will have nothing to lose if we play our own game."

"We beat Wolves - another Premiership team - in a previous friendly and I don't think the Yeovil players are a million miles apart from Liverpool."

Way, who has twice claimed the FA Cup of the year award in his four seasons at the club, also has another reason why he can't allow himself to get too excited when this tournament begins.

He explained: "Three seasons ago we had a full house when we played Bolton and Birmingham in the match that virtually decided the Conference title."

"I was an excited thinking about the game that when it got to the kick-off I was instantly and physically drained."

"That's why I have not allowed myself to get too excited about playing Liverpool because, if selected, I have got to be on my best form."

It's unlikely that Houllier will have much about Yeovil's little-big-name players, who has just recovered from a stress fracture of the leg after missing six games.

He says on for the second night in the 3-0 defeat at Swansea on Sunday



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but only played when his manager Gary Johnson borrowed a number six shirt from a Yeovil fan.

## Crowd

Way explained: "When the gaffer said I was going to be on the bench we suddenly realised that we had left my kit back at Yeovil."

"So had to go out to the crowd and get a small number six shirt off one of our supporters who was

about the same size as me - and that nearly caused a riot with the Swansea forwards."

"To be fair, it fitted me quite well because I think I must have put on a bit of weight over Christmas."

Liverpool will ignore the five-foot-five-inch pocket battler, as their perit battle with Way will spend the entire 90 minutes wrapping and unwrapping of his opponent's heels and will

run his socks off all afternoon.

He has formed a formidable midfield partnership with the manager's son Lee Johnson and the pair will not give the Common Reds a moment's rest.

"I think Lee and I bring the best out of each other and it will be really nice to test ourselves against world-class midfielders," said Way.

"That's why this match is a great challenge for myself and the rest of the team to see what we are made of."

"Quite a few managers have said this season that we are one of the fittest and hard-working teams that they have met and Gerard Houllier may well be surprised by what he sees."



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