

Houllier: 'Contest will not be easy'

Blues will be tough as Arsenal

LIVERPOOL manager Gerard Houllier has warned his troops that playing Wycombe in the semi-final will be just as tough as facing Arsenal would have been.

The Reds are overwhelming favourites to reach their second cup final this season, but Houllier isn't convinced his side have necessarily been given the kindest draw.

He said "At the semi-final stage there are no underdogs. To be honest I wouldn't have minded meeting Arsenal because at this stage every opposition is difficult.

"I know the press have suggested we're certainties to make the final but I don't go along with that. Wycombe have done well to get this far and we will give them total respect.

"Having beaten Wimbledon and Leicester, they have nothing to lose against us and I'm sure they'll give it a real go.

"In a one-off game anything can happen. They have as much chance of reaching the final as we have."

Sanchez famously denied the Scousers FA Cup glory in 1988 and now has them in his sights again.

He said: "No-one gave Wimbledon a chance but look what happened. Anything is possible."

Meanwhile, Wycombe captain Jason Cousins has warned the Kop kings that Wycombe will be even stronger by the time they face Liverpool.

Wanderers should have their injured stars Andy Rammell and Dave Carroll back by then after they missed the Leicester triumph.

Cousins said: "Hopefully one or two of our players will be out of the treatment room and that will make us even stronger.

"It's going to be a massive uphill task to get anything but we'll give it our best shot."