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Manager's son leads out team for biggest game in their history

DAVE PETERS

DEPUTY SPORTS EDITOR

WYCOMBE Wanderers will be led out for the biggest match in their history by manager Lawrie Sanchez's son Jack.

The five year-old will be the club's mascot along with midfielder Steve Brown's 16 month-old son when they face Liverpool at Villa Park on Sunday for a place in the FA Cup Final.

Jack, who will be six next month, already has his eyes on a bigger prize.

Dad Lawrie said: "He said if we win the cup, can I have it, and I said yes."

Sanchez has brought Jack up on his own since his wife Heather died of cancer and he is delighted to have him with him on the big day.

He said: "It will be nice for him to be a special part of it. He comes

down to the games at Wycombe and kicks the footballs about.

"He's still too young to understand the significance of it all. I

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got my 1988 winner's medal out and showed him that the other day which was nice and it will be nice to share this day with him."

Wanderers' chairman Ivor Beeks said: "Lawrie does a remarkable job managing the football club and bringing up Jack. He's organised his life for

him to do both and a lot of credit should go to him for that. It's lovely Jack will be the mascot. It's a big day for everyone, the players and their families."

Wanderers' other mascot, Maxwell, brought Wanderers luck when he was their quarter-final mascot at Leicester. The toddler triumphed over 20 operations after being born without a proper connection between his stomach and throat.

Schools, shops, pubs, and individuals have been getting ready for the big day and paying tribute to the team. Some fans have flown in from America for the match.

Pundits have given the Blues no chance, as they did before the win over Leicester. BBC commentator Mark Lawrenson has promised Free Press reporter Dave Peters he will chuck a custard pie in his own face if the Blues win.

● Lawrenson's pledge in our supplement today

Town prepares for mass exodus up the motorway

WYCOMBE is due to be a ghost town at 4pm Sunday when Wycombe Wanderers play the most important match in their history.

More than 19,000 Blues fans will be making their way to the FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park by car, coach, train or whatever means possible.

Those who stay behind will be in pubs or homes, gathered around the television set or listening to proceedings on the radio.

Wycombe Wanderers have laid on 65 official coaches for the game, which will be leaving in convoy from Adams Park.

There also be other coaches going from local businesses, meaning the M40 will be crowded with seemingly half of Wycombe going to the game.

Trains will also be bursting to capacity with Chiltern Rail putting on five extra trains on its Marylebone to Birmingham Snow Hill line.

A spokesman for Chiltern Railways said tickets were still available for the 10.02, 10.56 and 11.36 services.

But for those unable to go to the game, television and radio is at hand to commentate.

ITV is showing the semi-final between Wycombe and Liverpool

How to get to the ground

To avoid congestion by road, West Midlands Police have advised coaches and cars to leave by different junctions of the M6.

By Road - coaches: After travelling up the M40 and M42, continue on the M6 to junction six - spaghetti junction.

On exiting the motorway, follow the police signs to the ground.

By Road - cars: After travelling up the M40 and M42, keep going on the M6 to junction five.

On exiting the motorway, follow the police signs to the ground.

with Sky showing the tie between Arsenal and Tottenham. The Big Match - Live! starts at 3.30pm for the 4pm kick-off.

On radio, local station eleven-SEVENTY is carrying on with its broadcasts of Wycombe matches. It got thousands of listeners for the quarter-final and spokesman Andy Muir is hoping for more of the same.

Parking: There are some car parks near the ground, most notably the Asda car park in Aston Hall Road.

Near the ground is residential parking only but there is on-the-road parking a little further away. But beware of young people demanding money to mind your car.

By Rail: Catch the train from High Wycombe to Birmingham Snow Hill.

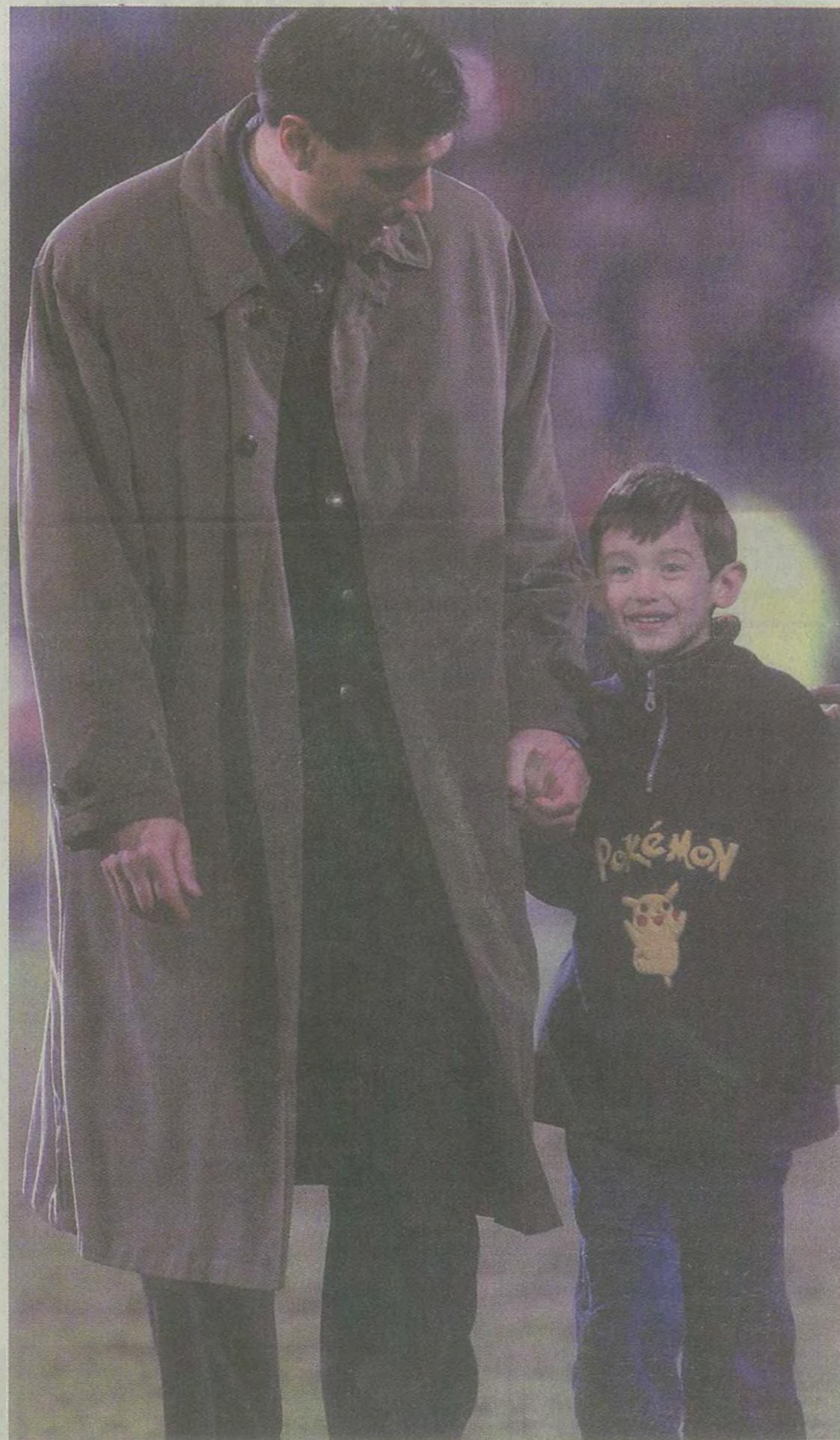
From there, it is a short walk to Birmingham New Street, where fans can take a train travelling to Stafford or Walsall and get off at Witton. Villa Park is signposted and less than a quarter of a mile away.

He said: "There was a huge audience last time and we're hoping for as big, if not bigger, this time."

Radio 5 Live is also commenting on the game.

To book a ticket for the special trains, phone the Chiltern Railways Ticket Hotline on 08705 165165.

Lines close at noon today



Together: Wycombe manager Lawrie Sanchez and his son Jack

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