

Jack's hoping it will turn out all Smillie for Wanderers' kids

WANDERERS' young guns travel to Barnsley on Wednesday chasing a place in the sixth round of the FA Youth Cup.

The Blues have already made club history by reaching the fifth round and full back Jack Smillie has more reason than most to want to sail into round six.

His grandad Ron used to play for the Tykes and he and the rest of the Smillie family will be out in force at Oakwell cheering on young Jack.

Smillie, whose dad Neil succeeded John Gregory as Wanderers manager before Lawrie Sanchez took up the reins said: "It's a great draw for me. I wanted Arsenal away because I support them but Barnsley is a very good second. My grandad is always giving me advice and it will be

good to have him watching."

Wanderers have already dumped two first division sides out of the competition and Smillie reckons they can make it a hat-trick.

He said: "There's no reason why we can't do it. We've got a good side and very good spirit. This is the furthest the club has ever gone in the competition but we think we can go further. We've already turned over Norwich City and Sheffield United and I cannot see Barnsley being any more special."

Gary Goodchild laid the foundations of the youth team's success. He quit the club to return to his wife and family in Norway last month and former Blues defender Michael Forsyth picked up the baton and masterminded

the penalty shootout victory over Norwich in round four.

Wanderers, with 17 year-old giant Luke Oliver at centre half will certainly provide Barnsley with formidable opposition. At 6ft 7ins the non-contract A level student even towers over physio Terry Evans.

Up front, the Blues can rely on Johnny Dixon, who celebrated his 18th birthday by converting one of the penalties in the shootout win over Norwich in the fourth round.

Wycombe also have some German grit and organisation in their side in the shape of Kai Sudheimer. Wanderers spotted him at a soccer camp and invited him over.

Swan FM will be providing live commentary on Wednesday (ko 7pm).