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WYCOMBE Wanderers will be backed by an army of 6,000 fans when they visit Chelsea tonight for their Carling Cup clash.

And boss Paul Lambert has called on the fans to be the club's 12th man as they look to pull off what would

be the biggest shock in English cup football by beating the Premiership champions and claiming a place in the final.

The Wanderers stunned Chelsea by holding them to a 1-1 draw in the home first leg and will look to com-

plete the job in front of a full-house at Chelsea.

Lambert said: "We've got 6,000 supporters backing us and they'll certainly make us feel at home. They can be our extra man."

And Wanderers are determined to give them plenty to

shout about by inflicting a first home defeat of the season on Jose Mourinho's millionaires. Lambert said: "The pressure's on them, they're expected to win."

"We know Chelsea will have most of the ball but we'll get a bit, we'll need to

use it well and hope that we can nick something.

"I've seen enough of Chelsea to know where we can and can't beat them, we're going into the lion's den and it's 90 minutes of pure hard work we'll need to put in."

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Bearded wonder is just what the Doctor ordered

TOMMY Doherty doesn't do interviews, he doesn't do shaving and he doesn't always do the full 90 minutes either.

He's been sent off twice this season and withdrawn early on two other occasions to stop him being sent off.

But it's that 150 per cent commitment that has helped the Bristolian with the big beard become Blues' latest cult hero.

And it's guaranteed that Chelsea's superstars won't look forward to meeting him half as much as the Doc is looking forward to renewing his battle with them.

He said: "I look forward to testing myself against the best and if there's a tackle to be won I'll be going for it just like always. I'll go into the Chelsea game just like I did against Chester."

On that occasion the on-loan QPR midfielder was withdrawn at half time. After picking up a booking, he niggled and narked his way through the rest of the half, got involved in a scrap and had to be separated from Chester's players by Lambert and the stewards at half time.

Boss Paul Lambert is delighted with the former Northern Ireland international.

He said: "He's certainly different. He's an unpredictable lad, but a good guy and

a terrific character.

"He is in people's faces on the pitch and has a wee bit of a nasty streak which I like in people and I won't curtail it. I won't take it out of his game. He does his job and does it really well.

"He's never given me a problem, he's always done the business and more importantly he's a terrific footballer. He's got a great first touch and pass.

"The lads give him a lot of stick over that beard but I'm delighted with him."

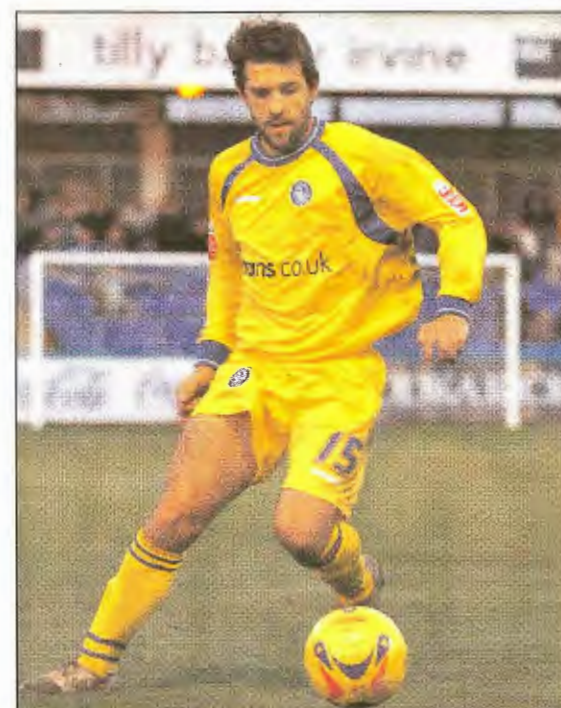
But even if the Doc shuts out Chelsea's stars like in the first game he will run shy of the press afterwards.

He said: "I've never been one for the limelight. It makes me uncomfortable. Being in the papers is not for me."

The man who plays like and looks just like Italian World Cup winner Gattuso also shies away from comparison.

He said: "People have said that to me before and if that's what they think that's fine but I don't model myself on him.

"The beard is something I have because I can't be bothered to shave. My teammates call me Pikey and Tramp but I don't care. I'm happy. I'm enjoying myself."



Cult hero: Tommy Doherty

Gorman was first to see Easter uprising

THE man who put his head on the block to sign Carling Cup goal king Jermaine Easter says he always knew he'd come good.

John Gorman splashed £80,000 to bring Easter to Adams Park last January and many questioned his judgment as the former Stockport man scored just twice in five months last season.

But the Welshman has silenced the doubters this term, firing Wanderers to within 90 minutes of a place in the Carling Cup Final with his never-to-be-forgotten equaliser against Chelsea in the first leg when he held off £24million man Michael Essien to score.

That strike maintained his record of scoring in every round of the cup this season.

He has punctured the defences of all three Premiership sides he has faced and has whacked in 20 goals in all competitions this season - beating his season's target with more than four months to spare.

And Gorman, now out of the game after being sacked by Wanderers and then resigning as boss of Northampton Town this



Hotshot: Jermaine Easter takes aim at Charlton

season, is not surprised.

He said: "I stuck my neck out to get him because I knew he would score goals for the club.

"I knew people were saying last year that I had signed the wrong player but I knew he would come good.

"He was always going to score

goals, it just took him a while to settle in."

After taking six months to find his feet, Easter has made the doubters eat their words.

Earlier this season Wycombe slapped a £1million price tag on his head to ward off interest from Romanian first division

outfit Universitatea Craiova and their prized asset is now being tipped to earn a Wales call-up for their international against Northern Ireland next month.

But 25-year-old Easter is keeping his feet on the ground.

He said: "It's been an unbelievable season so far. I couldn't have dreamed I would have hit my target of 20 goals before February. There's been a lot of speculation about Wales but I'm just going to keep my head down and try and keep on scoring goals."

Gorman says Wales should take a chance on him.

He said: "He's good enough. He's got pace, strength and has proved he can finish."

And his current boss Paul Lambert also backed the calls.

He said: "He deserves a crack at it. The great thing about goals is that they don't change size and they don't change width. They're the same the world over and he has shown consistently that he knows where the goal is.

"I've spoken to Wales about him and given them my opinion - it is up to them what they want to do with it."

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'This is the hardest game of our careers'

TOMMY Mooney was just the width of the post away from sending Sheffield United into a League Cup Final four years ago – now he has chance to get there with Wycombe.

Mooney's injury-time free kick was deflected onto the Anfield post and if it had gone in The Blades would have gone through to the final on away goals instead of Liverpool.

Now, aged 35, he is 90 minutes away from the final again – but the veteran of more than 500 league starts and 193 goals – says this is the toughest challenge he has ever faced in his 18-year career.

Forget the fact that he's played at 90 of the 92 grounds in England or that he's played in every division.

Forget that he was robbed of seven months of his Premiership career by a tackle from Chelsea's Marcel Desailly, he insists nothing has been a bigger hurdle than tonight's semi-final second

'We know we cannot match Chelsea technically or for ability but we can match them for hard work and effort.'

leg will be.

He said: "This is going to be the hardest game of all our careers and that includes me.

"It is the biggest test all of us have faced and it's how we react to it, the crowd, the Chelsea teamsheet and the first five minutes that will determine how we get on."

Wanderers were more than up to the challenge in the first leg as they spectacularly bridged the gap between Chelsea's multi-millionaire squad which boasts a staggering 113 winners' medals and 757 caps between them compared to Wycombe's total of six winners' medals and nine caps.

Chelsea took a first half lead

through Wayne Bridge but Man of the Match Mooney then set up Jermaine Easter for a never-to-be-forgotten equaliser.

But Blues' captain marvel says doing it again and going one better by beating Chelsea at their place will be ten times harder.

He said: "We know we cannot match Chelsea technically or for ability but we can match them for hard work and effort.

"That was our secret weapon at home. We worked harder than them and we surprised them with it but it is not a secret any more and we'll have to work even harder now.

"We've got to be bigger, stronger and even harder working than in the first game because our element of surprise has gone.

"We've got to show them the respect that they've earned and they deserve but we won't be going there to defend.

"If we sat ten men behind the ball they would just pick us off.

"I think we will have to take the game step by step, ten minutes by ten minutes."

But Mooney insists that it is not Mission Impossible even if every punter outside Adams Park thinks it is.

He said: "We can win. We said in the first leg that the important thing was to turn the second leg into a one-off cup game and we have done that. We drew with the best team in the business to make it a one-off tie and in a one-off game you've got a chance.

"It is now whoever dares wins on the night and we have got a chance of playing in the final.

"We will go into it in a fantastic frame of mind. We didn't draw with Chelsea's reserves we drew with Chelsea's first team full of international stars. But we know it is likely to be even stronger this time.

"We've got to be realistic but I've never gone into a game saying it is lost before it is won – and I'm not going to start now."



Golden opportunity: Scott Golbourne thought his chance had gone

Great Scott back in the mix after Reading return

SCOTT Golbourne thought his chance of playing in a League Cup semi-final had gone when Reading boss Steve Coppell called him back from his three-month loan at Wanderers and then blocked Wycombe's bid to re-hire him.

But Coppell had a change of heart and allowed him to rejoin the club for the second leg.

He said: "I thought my chance had gone when I was still a Reading player for the first leg.

"Steve Coppell didn't want me to go but the coaches at Reading spoke to him and said it was better for me to be playing games. I am happy with that because I think it is the best thing for me.

"It is brilliant for me because I've now got the chance to play in a Carling Cup semi-final and got the chance to be part of a big promotion push.

"It was hard watching the first leg against Chelsea not being a Wycombe player any more having played in some of the earlier rounds.

"This is a great opportunity to match up against the best players in the world and anyone in my position would love to be given that opportunity to compare yourself to the best players in the world."

"I've been training with Premier League players at Reading but there is a still a bit of a difference between Reading and Chelsea. It is a big task for Wycombe but Chelsea are still human beings at the end of the day. They are not unbeatable.

"Playing against Chelsea is a reward and an honour but the league is the most important thing for Wanderers. I would love to finish the season with a medal and some players go all their career without being part of a promotion."

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To the manor born: Wanderers familiarise themselves with the plush surroundings at Stamford Bridge

Pictures courtesy of WWFC



He's been at both clubs

RYAN Tackley dreamed of being a star with Chelsea and Wycombe after being taken on by both clubs.

The 19-year-old left back, who is now in the Conference South with Hayes, spent two seasons in the Wycombe academy after previously being at Chelsea.

Chelsea scout Steve Thorn identified him as one for the future when he was just eight and playing for Hughenden Valley.

A six-week trial at Stamford Bridge proved to be the gateway to eight years being primed for the good life in their academy.

He said: "I can't put it into words. It was just amazing. I was a Chelsea fan even before they spotted me so it was a dream come true. Everything was layed on for you. Your kit was washed for you, your boots were cleaned for you, everything.

"It was an unforgettable time and I wish I was still there to be honest."

Tackley even had a Chelsea FC driver collect him from Wycombe and take him to the club's training ground in Battersea twice a week.

And when transport was a problem

during a summer camp when he was 16, he was put up at the Village Hotel for two weeks, where he rubbed shoulders with John Terry and Eidur Gudjohnsen.

However, after eight years his contract was not renewed and Tackley found himself four leagues down at his local club.

He said: "It was a bit different. The coaches were just as good, but the atmosphere was so much more professional at Chelsea.

"And the style was different at Chelsea too. You were taught to pass the ball, to keep the ball, develop a good touch. Every time we trained we all had a ball at our feet. Even during pre-season when we were running, it would be with a ball.

"And we were taught to have confidence in our team-mates and not be afraid to pass it five yards.

"When I went to Wycombe there was maybe a bit less focus from the players. A few more longer balls were played too and I came unstuck a bit because when it was time to clear I'd pass it and then the player would lose it. It took me a while to adjust but I did."

From the market stall to Harrods

SKIPPER Tommy Mooney has told his teammates tonight's match could catapult them into the big time.

He said: "Footballers are in the shop window all the time but when you get to a semi-final it is like being in Harrods' shop window and some of the lads will go on to bigger and better things.

■ Wanderers have faced Premiership opponents three times this season and in just 270 minutes they have doubled the number of wins-Watford have managed in the top flight in 1,980 minutes.

Watford have managed just one win in the Premiership this season while Wanderers have got two wins and a draw under their belt in their three meetings with Premiership opponents this season.

Been there, seen it now ready to do it

WANDERERS boss Paul Lambert took his players to Stamford Bridge last Thursday to make sure that they don't suffer from stage fright tonight.

Lambert said: "It will help them in their brains to know what they are going into but on Tuesday there will be 11 guys trying to stop them and 40,000 people watching."

Skipper Tommy Mooney said: "The trip was not a gimmick. We went there to see our place of work not as tourists.

"It was a good idea because the ground and the atmosphere will be chalk and cheese from some of the things we are used to."

Great sporting shocks to encourage Blues fans

WIMBLEDON, 1985: Boris Becker was an unseeded 17-year-old who upstaged the stars beating Kevin Curren in the final.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP, 2003: Ben Curtis was a 750-1 outsider when he walked away with the most coveted trophy in golf.

The nobody from Ohio, ranked 396th in the world, only qualified for the event two weeks earlier. He slipped into Royal St George unnoticed but left a star.

ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL, 2005: In a two-horse race, Bangladesh were rank outsiders at 20-1 when they took the field against world champions Australia in a one day game in Cardiff last summer.

The match looked to be going to form as the Aussies compiled 249-5 in 50 overs and then reduced Bangladesh to 72-3 when 21-year-old Mohammad Ashraful, with an average of 20, came to the crease.

But 100 balls and a 100 runs later the match was in the balance and with four balls remaining Aftab Ahmed scrambled a single to complete the greatest upset in cricketing history.

WINTER OLYMPICS, 2002: Speed skater Steven Bradbury won the unlikeliest of gold medals when everyone in front crashed.

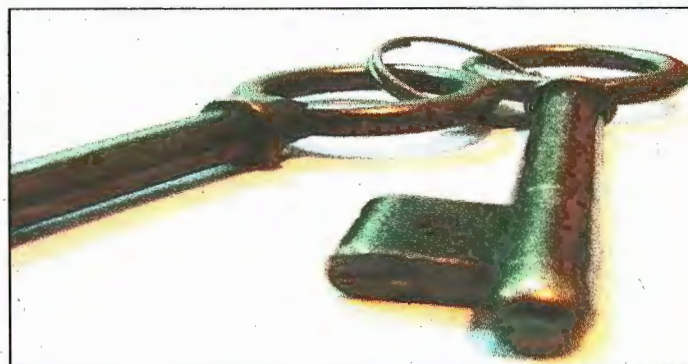
Bradbury had upset the odds before he even got to Salt Lake City coming back from a broken neck and an horrific injury that saw a skateslice through his leg. He lost four litres of blood and needed 111 stitches to close the wound.

He got through the quarter-finals only because an opponent was disqualified, and he was in last place in the semi-final when three skaters in front of him collided allowing him to coast into second and qualify for the four-man final.

And 950m into the 1,000m final, Bradbury was bringing up the rear again when the leaders all collided giving Bradbury a free run to the gold medal.

SANFORD MEMORIAL STAKES, 1919: Man o' War won 20 of his 21 races and was inducted in the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame 50 years ago. He won one race by an incredible 100 lengths and triumphed in another carrying 138 pounds.

The race he lost was to a 100-1 outsider and so shocking was the outcome that for almost a century it was assumed his defeat gave rise to one of sport's most common terms. The horse that beat him was called 'Upset'.



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Ready to rumble: Paul Lambert's side will take on Chelsea tonight with fire in their bellies and all the right food inside them

Fit to make Chelsea eat more humble pie

WANDERERS' diet and fitness programme forced Chelsea to swallow humble pie at Adams Park – now they aim to give Jose Mourinho's men another helping tonight.

The Blues knocked the Premiership champions out of their stride with a performance in the first leg which has now given them a fighting chance of becoming the first team from the bottom division to reach the League Cup Final since Rochdale in 1962

Fitness guru Terry Evans and chef Mark White were the unsung heroes behind that high-energy performance which suffocated Chelsea's superstars 13 days ago.

Coach Steve Brown said: "A lot of that performance was down to the work they've done."

Their methods – which include the players sitting in wheelie bins full of ice after matches before stuffing their faces with pizza and chips – were not popular at the start but, now the players have bought into it, they are reaping the rewards.

Evans said: "They don't like the ice baths but it helps their recovery and a lot of them don't feel like eating anything after a



Terry Evans

match. We have to shovel it into them because we have to replace the energy they have just lost.

"There is a two-hour window of opportunity to do it and if you don't take the opportunity it just sits on you as fat."

The diet has also been transformed with the help of England team nutritionist Matt Lovell.

Burgers, chips and apple pies have been replaced with vitamins, protein supplements, pasta, chicken and yoghurt.

Everything they eat is monitored and there is no hiding as the players are encouraged to take on board six to eight meals of the right food a day.

Chef White is always on call, taking phone calls from players who are unsure how to cook this or that when they get home.

Evans, who learned many of his methods from trips to Bolton Wanderers and from former Wasps and British Lions coach Craig White, says the players

have bought into the diet – which is just as well because there is no hiding place.

He puts skinfold callipers on anyone he suspects of carrying excess body fat and guilty parties are called into join the Fat Club, which meets at 8.30am before training to burn off the excesses, before then doing a full training session on top.

The players must also drink three litres of water a day and are regularly urine tested to make sure they do. Slackers are fined and have to explain themselves to boss Paul Lambert.

Evans said: At the start of the season there were quite a few fines dished out but now the players realise the importance of fluids and the diet.

Water also plays a big part in their recovery.

Sundays and Wednesdays after matches are now spent in the swimming pool

"It's low impact work. The players are off their feet and it gives their joints a chance to recover," explained Evans.

Training has also been transformed. Sessions are shorter and sharper and geared to football.

Often 150 metres is the furthest they'll run but it will be repeti-

tive with set recovery times.

They are also strapped into harnesses and made to pull 35 kilo sledges over 30-yard sprints because the resistance helps to make them quicker.

The training and recovery programme is so scientifically worked out to ensure they peak at the right times that a game of squash with friends is ruled out.

Evans said: "A game of golf early in the week is ok but even then I'd prefer them to use bu-

gies.

Evans a former centre half with Brentford and Wycombe said: "The players are doing 50 per cent less than I used to do at Brentford but it's all channelled and scientific now and you can see the results. Rather than keeping them on the training ground for two hours we'll have them for an hour. It is all about quality not quantity now and it is much better for them.

"I just wish it had been around in my day because it would have made me a better player."

● Wanderers will have a high carbohydrate lunch of white meat or fish followed by a dessert at lunchtime today, then poached egg on toast at around 4.15pm before tonight's match.

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Hollins: It's all to play for still

The man who predicted the first leg upset warns his old club again

FORMER Chelsea legend John Hollins has warned his old club they will miss out on a place in the Carling Cup Final if they underestimate Wycombe.

Hollins, who made more than 500 appearances for Chelsea as a player before managing the Stamford Bridge club, was spot on when he tipped Wanderers for a shock result in the first leg – and he says Paul Lambert's underdogs will believe they can do it again.

He said: "It's tempting to think the tie is over because Chelsea are at home but it's not over yet. Wycombe won't be coming here to make up the numbers. They showed in the first leg that they're serious contenders."

"They caused a major surprise in the first leg by holding Chelsea and they'll think they can do it again."

Two Premiership titles, three FA Cups, one European Supercup, four European Cup Winners Cups and three League titles separate the clubs but Wycombe bridged that gap in the first leg at Adams Park and Hollins says the pressure is all on Jose Mourinho's men now.

He said: "Chelsea won't be looking forward to this.

They've got everything to lose and are under severe pressure to win this game. They aren't having a good time on or off the field at the moment and Wycombe will be looking to capitalise on that."

"The longer Wycombe can keep it to 0-0 the more pressure Chelsea and Mourinho will be under. The problems are all

'Wycombe won't be coming to make up the numbers. They showed in the first leg they're serious contenders.'

with Chelsea."

Hollins says Wycombe got their tactics spot-on in the first meeting and says they should not try and do anything different for what has now become a winner-takes-all clash.

He said: "Wycombe need to do exactly what they did in the first game when they got in the faces of the Chelsea players. Chelsea were trying to get through it comfortably but Wycombe would not let them settle."

"They got in the faces of the Chelsea players and Chelsea didn't like it."

"Players like Schevchenko and Ballack have not settled in

and when you face up to people and get close to players like that they don't like it."

"They are not used to it. It makes them uncomfortable and Wycombe made Chelsea uncomfortable the other night."

And he says Wanderers are more than capable of embarrassing Chelsea's wobbling defence again – with or without John Terry – and says they can score at Stamford Bridge.

He said: "After what happened in the first game, Chelsea will be frightened of the pace of Jermaine Easter and the aerial power of Tommy Mooney."

"They will put Chelsea under severe pressure again."

"Mooney did not lose a header all game in the first leg. He was big and strong and put his body in there and made life really uncomfortable for Chelsea and Easter is a real handful with his pace."

And he says even if England defender John Terry is fit, he still fancies Easter to maintain his record of scoring in every round so far.

He said: "It would be a major plus for Chelsea if Terry is available but, even if he is, he'll be rusty and won't look forward to coming up against someone as pacy as Easter."

THE ODDS

JUST like in the first leg, Chelsea are heavy favourites to win the tie. You can get 1/14 on them winning in 90 minutes while a Wycombe win is 25/1 with Bet Fred or 16/1 with Ladbroke and William Hill.

Chelsea are as short as 1/14 on to win in 90 minutes with Victor Chandler and Paddy Power. The draw is 11/2.

You can still get 100-1 on Wycombe winning the Carling Cup outright.

Jermaine Easter's goalscoring exploits are worrying the bookies though. He is short priced at just 3-1 to score at Stamford Bridge.

THE OMEN

WHEN Wycombe Wanderers knocked Premiership side Charlton Athletic out in the quarter-finals this season, Charlton played Liverpool on the Saturday before.

When Wycombe knocked Premiership Leicester City out in the FA Cup quarter-final six years ago, Leicester had played Liverpool on the Saturday before.

Wycombe take on Chelsea tonight and who did Chelsea play on Saturday?

It was Liverpool.



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CARLING CUP SPECIAL

Mooney's guide to the men who'd be heroes

Captain Marvel gives the low-down on his giant-killing colleagues

RICARDO BATISTA: He thinks he's the life and soul of London night-life but we happen to know that very few doormen

have ever heard of him. He talks about his international pedigree with Portugal U21s but we know that he only



goes for a beach holiday when he goes away.

JAMIE YOUNG: The Aussie who thinks he's American. On the team coach he has his bean cans (headphones) on his ears and in the dressing room he doesn't listen to the music the lads have on he just listens to his thrash metal.

FRANK TALIA: Nicknamed Julius Caesar because of his recent hair cut and beard. We think he has got a sponsorship deal with Millets Army and Navy Store because his gear is probably the worst out of the whole squad.

MIKE WILLIAMSON: When we mention Willo we have to put Russell Martin in the same category because they are engaged to be married. Big Mike looks like Sylvester Stallone and talks like Sylvester the Cat. He has also been known to use fake tan.

RUSSELL MARTIN: He is the Incredible Tooth-brushing Man. Everywhere you go he's got a toothbrush in his mouth brushing his teeth and we think Willo puts the toothpaste on the brush for him.

WILL ANTWI: When he first joined the club we gave him the nickname Jonathan Woodgate because he was always injured. He turned up on his birthday in full African dress. He was wearing a very fetching huge blue nightgown type-thing with the matching beads. He likes to think he's one of the great philosophers and a conversation between

him and Kevin Betsy would put an insomniac to sleep.

SAM STOCKLEY: Better known as Del Boy. Anything the lads want he can help them out. He likes to think he can organise a night out but when 25 lads turned up at the door of the bar for our Christmas party the

bouncer he claims to have organised it with was away on holiday. He won't be in charge of any more social events. He has the Roger Johnson, Darren Currie and Stockley family crest tattoos on his ribs, but they don't have him tattooed on their bodies.

CHRIS PALMER: Mr Subway. He has got a personal account at Subway Sandwiches. He showed extremely strong mental strength to live at the flat at the ground for as long as he did with Anthony Grant and Ricardo Batista. Big Brother has nothing on that flat.

STEPHEN O'HALLORAN: He's been known to wear his Aviator Sunglasses in the pouring rain and he got a bit of ribbing for the fact that he had a pair of socks with the Irish flag on them. We thought he was wearing the same pair every day but it turns out he has 19 pairs.

LEWIS CRISTON: He is never one to be frightened of making his opinion known but then within three seconds of making his point he will back down.

MATT BLOOMFIELD: Duracell bought his apartment and it was the longest ever saga. He went to view it three years ago and finally moved in a couple of weeks ago. He was happy to let everyone go at their own pace rather than kick arse. But he still wasn't prepared. When he moved in he realised he didn't have furniture. After speaking to a young lady he doesn't realise you have to take her phone number to see her again.

SCOTT GOLBOURNE: He's got a smart motor with personalised plates. He's had his ride pimped by his personal friend Xzibit and I think it is going to be shown on Channel 5.

SERGIO TORRES: The happiest man in the world. When we drew Chelsea he thought he'd

get to meet compatriot Hernan Crespo and then realised he'd been transferred. He was distraught for 0.4 of a second. A lot of his chat-up lines and banter get lost in translation!

STEFAN OAKES: His claim to fame is he had his photograph taken with Kiefer Sutherland in L.A. Kiefer is now his best friend, but Kiefer has never heard of Stefan. We know Oakesy's only real claim to fame is that his dad was in Showaddywaddy. Stefan is the only one with a League Cup winners medal and he talks about it a dozen times a day.

KEVIN BETSY: He's got more footballing



The insider:
Wycombe captain
Tommy Mooney

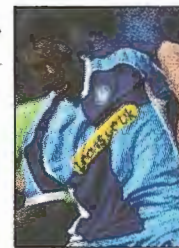
friends than anyone I've ever known and is always on the phone to them. I think he is trying to get a sponsorship deal with Phones 4U. He's training to be a journalist but that's just an excuse so he can talk to even more footballers.

TOMMY DOHERTY: The lads have thought about shaving his beard off but if we managed to shave half of it off he'd leave the other half on, he is Mr Lazy.



He has the dirtiest car in the world. You have to wipe your feet when you get out. He's Bristol through and through and he's still got his caravan parked there. He doesn't do any media interviews because he only talks to people with Bristol accents.

ANTHONY GRANT: Better known as Tigger. In his first game he was getting undressed and had Tigger underwear on and Tigger slippers in his bag. But it is hard for me to have a pop at him because he gets me Chelsea tickets for my son. He's happy now Scott Golbourne is back. He was on at the staff on a daily basis to try and bring his best mate back.



IKECHI ANYA: Internet Boy. He's always on-line reading up on the philosophy of training systems and refuelling methods. I'm sure he wants to be a power-lifter. He always leaves the ground wearing a blazer that doesn't fit him and no shirt because he says he's hot.

STEVEN GREGORY: He is the opposite to Oakesy in that you could put rags on him and he'd still look a million dollars.

IAN STONEBRIDGE: He's Harry Potter and he also runs a subsidiary of PC World. If the lads have got any problems with their computers, Stoney is the man. He is in the wrong occupation because people of his level of intelligence don't generally mix with footballers.

JERMAINE EASTER: The angriest man in the world. He could cause trouble in an empty house. He loves the hype and loves the papers. He doesn't feel like he's had a good day at work unless he's spoken to the press. We hear rumours that a Welsh cap could be the next step for him but when you come from country as small as Wales anybody has got a chance. All the clothes he wears are too tight

TOMMY MOONEY: Paranoid Schizophrenic and the moodiest man in football. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder is nothing new, I've lived with it all my life. I am a neat freak. Everything has to be tidy and matching, my belt always matches my shoes.

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When Wycombe gave Chelsea a bloody nose in the Carling Cup semi-final first leg, everyone knew about it



IRISH TIMES:
Dream day for Wanderers
THE IRISH NEWS:
Easter leaves Chelsea with egg on their face.

DAILY EXPRESS: Easter egg all over Mourinho's face
THE SUN: Wycombe really believe they can get to the final. And why not?
DAILY MAIL: If passion and pride were the criteria, Wycombe's fans would be booking their tickets to Cardiff.
THE TIMES: Jose Mourinho picked almost his strongest available team and still suffered at Adams Park.
THE GUARDIAN: Jose Mourinho's team were second-best for most of this game.
THE DAILY TELEGRAPH: In Easter the game had a hero who had worked his way up from a string of disappointments.
THE DAILY MIRROR: Chelsea's line-up cost a staggering £120million in comparison to Wycombe's £80,000.
THE INDEPENDENT: Mourinho must have been relieved that this was not a one-off match. If it had finished on this pitch, there would have surely been only one outcome.



THE CANADIAN PRESS:
Wycombe matched its best result in domestic competition with a 1-1 draw with powerhouse Chelsea.

FOX SPORTS USA: English champions hold on for draw.

GLOBOESPORTE (Brazil): In this unlikely David and Goliath encounter, fourth division Wycombe held powerful Chelsea to a 1-1 draw. Jermaine Easter equalised and then Wycombe suffocated their guests to get the result.

BUENOS AIRES HERALD (Argentina): Minnows Wycombe draw 1-1 with Chelsea in the semis

CAPE TIMES (South Africa): Minnows hold Chelsea to a 1-1 cup draw

portogol.net (Portugal): Below-par Chelsea held at Wycombe

DAILY NATION (Kenya): Fourth division Wycombe deservedly held the Premier League champions to a 1-1 draw

REDIFF (India): Wycombe hold Chelsea to cup draw

THE DAWN (Pakistan): Fourth division club pile on Chelsea misery

EUROSPORT: Minnows Wycombe pulled off one of the best results in their history on Wednesday when they held Premiership champions Chelsea to a 1-1 draw in the first leg of the Carling Cup semi-final....and could have nicked a winner

GULF TIMES (Qatar): Wycombe could justifiably claim to have had the better of the contest

AUSTRALIAN HERALD: Wycombe make Chelsea battle in Carling Cup semi-finals

TVNZ (New Zealand): Wycombe pile on the misery for Chelsea



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