

DETECTIVES investigating football hooliganism at Yeovil Town FC's ground in May confirmed yesterday that six men face court action.

The charges are the result of a joint probe between Yeovil police and the Crown

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Prosecution Service, who scoured video pictures of the clashes to identify troublemakers.

The men are all from Yeovil and will appear before magistrates on Tuesday. They are Shaun Cousins, aged 31; Bryan Smith, 42; Kevin Taylor, 22; Steven Holland, 17; and Gary Wookey, 25; who are all charged with public order offences involving threatening behaviour.

Francesco Chainey, 37, faces a charge of obstructing a police officer, along with a public order offence.

Yeovil Town banned six supporters for six months to ten years after the trouble at Huish Park on 4 May when yobs surged across the pitch hurling abuse at Enfield players and more than 500 visiting supporters.

Video

CPS spokesman Tim Faulkes said: "We were asked by the police to look into what charges might be brought and studied video evidence of the incidents. We can now confirm that six supporters will appear in court next week."

John Fry, Yeovil Town's chief executive, said the club would monitor the court action closely.

"We will examine the cases individually but I can't comment on whether bans would be lifted if supporters were cleared of offences. That would depend on whether those charges related directly to ones brought by the club."



● **HUISH HELL:** One of the ugly clashes that followed Yeovil Town's last home game of last season against Enfield. Faces have been masked for legal reasons.

Mr Fry said one of the supporters banned, Lee Martin, had been seen at this month's home game with Hendon and ejected from the ground. Further action against him by the club is being considered.

Tighter segregation was enforced at Huish Park after the trouble in May and police were drafted in to train ground stewards on measures to curb hooliganism.

"The incident left a nasty taste in the mouth but we've

now taken action which will make us more prepared to deal with any repetition," said Mr Fry.

The Football Association has said it will not be taking any further action against the club.

● **SHAUN** Cousins and Steven Holland are already banned by Yeovil Town, along with Brian Harwood, Mark Spalding, Roger McCabe and Lee Martin. Mr Fry said that the other four men appearing in court could also expect bans if convicted.

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