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TROUBLE AFTER TAUNTON v YEOVIL SOCCER GAME... 20 SPECTATORS IN SCUFFLES, ONE MAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

# FANS IN FIGHT

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POLICE are continuing their investigations into fighting which followed Yeovil's 5-3 FA Cup tie victory at Taunton on Monday.

Taunton's reserve team manager Paul West was taken to hospital after being assaulted and knocked unconscious during scuffles at the Taunton ground involving about 20 fans after the final whistle.

It was said that fighting started after comments by some players towards the fans as they left the pitch. Police Inspector Simon House said a man from Taunton aged 20 had been arrested and released on police bail pending further enquiries.

He said the matter had been blown up out of proportion. "There was a very minor disruption at the ground," he said. "There was no indication that there was any likelihood of trouble from our intelligence or from the clubs."

"There is some suggestion that one or more of the players on the pitch made gestures or whatever towards the crowd. Spectators are to be interviewed," he said.

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George Coggen, chairman of Yeovil Town's Green & White Supporters Club, blamed poor organisation at the Taunton ground.

"The name of Yeovil is going to get blackened but it was all down to Taunton Town Football Club's total disregard for anything that was going on," he said.

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Yeovil supporters to get to their seats. "If that was not asking for trouble I don't know what was," he said.

"It was a game between two local sides and passions were bound to run high, yet there was no segregation whatsoever," no Taunton club, Tom Harris, said. "We can't segregate fans here; we've never had this sort of thing at Taunton and we've never had matches before played big."

"I'm very disappointed that this sort of thing should happen at Taunton, especially after such a wonderful football match," He said in future when teams of Yeovil's calibre from the town.

No-one from Yeovil Town was available for comment at the time of going to press.