

# Soccer fan in threat to kill police dog



● **YEOVIL'S** acting skipper Graham Kemp on the ball against Yeading on Tuesday. He limped out of the action before half-time with a pulled hamstring and will miss Saturday's FA Cup fourth qualifying round match at Merthyr Tydfil. *Picture by Nigel Andrews.*



● **CHRIS WHITE**

**SOCCKER** fan Kevin Taylor threatened to kill a police dog during an end of season crowd invasion.

He baited the dog into trying to attack him and challenged its handler to let the animal off its leash, prosecutor Tony Schofield told South Somerset Magistrates on Tuesday.

The pitch invasion came at the end of Yeovil Town's final game of the season against Enfield Town at Huish Park in May.

Taylor, aged 22, of Plover Court, Yeovil, pleaded guilty to using threatening and abusive behaviour.

Told that drunkenness was no excuse for such behaviour, Taylor was fined £190 with £50 costs.

Mr Schofield described how police formed a human barricade across the pitch to prevent Yeovil supporters from reaching the Enfield contingent in the crowd.

During the fracas, Taylor and another fan became incensed at not being able to get at the Enfield fans and closed in on the dog handler and his German Shepherd dog Rebel.

Taylor blamed drink for what happened, adding: "It was one of the worst states I have ever been in.

"I was stupid on that day and I am going to pay for it."

In a letter to the court, Taylor's solicitor said he was so disgusted by his behaviour that that next day he sent a letter of apology to the Football Club chairman.

As a result he has not been banned from attending matches as had happened to others involved in the trouble.

The solicitor added that Taylor was filled with remorse and deeply embarrassed at the publicity given to the incident and in particular the picture of him which appeared in the local Press.