

Football supporter jailed after disorder at Prestonpans cup tie



One man has been jailed for 140 days when he appeared from custody at Haddington Sheriff Court today (Monday, October 14) and admitted being involved in disorder associated with a 2nd round Scottish Cup fixture at Prestonpans on Saturday, (October 12, 2013).

Steven Moffat, aged 21, from Prestonpans pled guilty to breaking the peace, resisting arrest and drinking in public.

Two other men, aged 21 and 17, have been charged in relation to other incidents associated with the match between Preston Athletic and Queens Park.

The match referee took the decision that the game at Pennypitt, Prestonpans should be temporarily abandoned after a group of 10 fans invaded the pitch at half time. Police officers then assisted stewards in dispersing a group of around 20 home supporters who had been causing disorder, including the discharge of two fireworks and two flares.

The match restarted soon after and Police are continuing with their inquiries to identify further individuals involved in the disturbance.

Inspector Andrew Harborow said: "It is disappointing that a small group of around 20 people, who claim to be football supporters, disrupted what was otherwise a good natured family event.

"The total attendance was 806, of which around 100 were travelling fans, the vast majority were there to support their

local teams and enjoy a football match. Our inquiries are continuing to identify those responsible for the disorder and it is to be expected that the footballing authorities will be looking at the match report with interest.”