

Tim Clancy in fresh injury scare



Hibs' medical staff will assess the latest injury to right back Tim Clancy who was forced to leave the field after only 33 minutes against Duns in Saturday's East of Scotland League fixture at the club's training ground at East Mains.

The Irishman has been out for five months with a persistent groin problem which required an operation had previously managed 65 minutes in a closed-doors match against Rangers, and Pat Fenlon was keen to see the former Motherwell defender gain some much needed match practice before his return to the first team.

Generally considered to be manager Fenlon's first choice right back, the 28 year old has been troubled by injuries since his arrival last summer, and has only managed 21 games in that time.

It is unclear whether the injury suffered on Saturday is a recurrence of the previous problem or fresh damage, but in any case, the news comes as a blow to the manager, especially since Lewis Stevenson limped off following a bad tackle by former team-mate Patrick Clegg at the weekend whilst Ryan McGivern is also side-lined.

Former Hearts' youngster Fraser Mullen could be brought back into contention for the St Mirren game, although veteran defender Alan Maybury started at Perth and is likely to retain his place in the meantime, with Paul Hanlon taking over the left back slot, leaving James McPake and Michael Nelson in the centre of the defence.