

# Holt Injury Blow for Hearts

Hearts joy at defeating Aberdeen on Saturday was tempered somewhat with the news that young midfielder Jason Holt will not play again until the New Year following a fractured first metatarsal – a broken bone in his foot to use a less medical term.

Holt, who has been a major player for Hearts this season, was injured during a training session at the club's Riccarton complex and X-rays confirmed the news everyone at Tynecastle had feared.

Manager Gary Locke said:- "Jason has had a scan and the bad news is he is likely to be out for possibly 10 weeks, although there's a chance he may return sooner. Given the size of our squad we always knew injuries would be a problem but we'll just have to get on with things."

The absence of Holt, who had been attracting the interest of Nottingham Forest among others, is a huge loss to Hearts who, despite their impressive win in the Granite City on Saturday, are 13 points behind Kilmarnock in the SPFL.

Hearts take on German side FC Wolfsburg at Tynecastle on Wednesday evening in a game arranged to raise funds for the club. Tickets are available on the night of the game with kick-off at 7.30.