

Pat Fenlon Resigns



Pat Fenlon has resigned from his post as manager of Hibs.

Immediately after the defeat to Hearts, a group of around 150 fans protested outside the West Stand demanding the manager be sacked as well as abusing certain players as they were leaving the ground.

Rumours swept the city suggesting that Fenlon had offered his resignation that night, but been advised to take time to think the matter over by the board.

Social network sites showed an overwhelming desire for a change at the top, and this afternoon, the news broke via the club's website.

Chairman Rod Petrie said: "Pat arrived when we were at a very low point almost two years ago, and he has worked tirelessly to bring about improvement since his first day.

"He has taken us to two Scottish Cup finals in successive seasons, and in his first full season in charge improved our league standing by 18 points and four places.

"He has assembled a squad of talented players, but feels that he should now hand over the reins. We wish Pat every success in the future, and thank him for all of his efforts."

Pat Fenlon said: "I have enjoyed my time working at this fantastic football club, and could not have wished for any more backing. The supporters are passionate about their Club and I appreciate the support they have given me and the team. I have come to the view that the time is right to let someone else build on the progress that has been made.

"I believe I am leaving the Club in better shape than I found

it, and in doing so I hope I have contributed to the Club's rich history. I hope Hibernian goes on to enjoy every success."

Caretaker manager Jimmy Nicholl will take charge for Sunday's fixture against Motherwell at Fir Park.

Suggested names to replace Fenlon include Terry Butcher, Kenny Shiels and Tony Mowbray.