

# Paul Heffernan out for three to six weeks



Hibs boss Terry Butcher has revealed that striker Paul Heffernan is likely to be out of action for several weeks after leaving the field with an injury during last week's draw with St Mirren.

The former England captain told Hibernian TV: "Paul had a scan on Monday and we're awaiting the report from that, but we probably think he'll be out for somewhere between three to six weeks. It was a bit of a hammer blow coming so early into the match – just five minutes into the game at St Mirren.

"So it's unlucky for Paul, but it gives James Collins a great chance to get into the team. When one door closes, another one opens."

Butcher also confirmed that Liam Craig will retain the captaincy for the foreseeable future.

He added: "Liam will retain the captaincy. He is a player, who is always going to be there. He is always available for selection, he very rarely gets injured, he might get suspended for the odd game.

"But he's certainly one who is always at the forefront of the action and wants to get involved.

"He is in the engine room in midfield and I like my captains to be in that department.

"He is a player, who I think everybody had a great deal of respect for what he has done in the game and what he will do for Hibernian Football Club."