Butcher keen to add new faces to boost squad

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Terry Butcher says there is keenness rather than urgency to get new players in during the January transfer window.

Hibs face undefeated Celtic at Easter Road on Sunday with a depleted squad due to injury and suspension, and fans are hoping to see some movement this week, but the manager insists that he won't be making signings unless he is convinced that the player will improve the squad.

Speaking to Hibernian TV, Butcher said: "You're working to a final point when January ends. So you know that after that you can't get players in and players can't go out.

"There is a finite point where that does happen. We're still looking at players and making phonecalls.

"Steve (Marsella) is watching players down south as we speak. So there is keenness rather than urgency from our perspective to get things done as soon as possible to get them bedded in with the squad.

"If we can do that before Sunday then all well and good; if not, then we'll get them in next week and bed them in for the Raith Rovers game.

"There's still plenty of work to be done with players coming in. But sometimes a player coming in before a big game can have a positive impact too.

"We think it would freshen up the squad and fans would be talking about them — it would create added excitement.

"We know what it's like because we've done it before, but we

need to make sure they're the right player too."

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