Kevin Thomson told that he can leave Hibs

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Terry Butcher has told Kevin Thomson that he can leave the club during the January transfer window.

After speculation in the media this morning regarding Thomson and team mates Tom Taiwo, Tim Clancy and Rowan Vine, the news was 'confirmed' on twitter by former team-mate Leigh Griffiths who tweeted: ""Gutted to hear that a good mate of mine has been told he can leave, Kevin Thomson is one of the best players in SPL, big loss to Hibs".

Thomson has made just two substitute appearances since Butcher arrived in the capital in November.

The 29-year-old midfielder who was called into the Scotland squad earlier in the season is under contract with the Easter Road side until the summer.

He re-joined Hibs in March after agreeing to leave Middlesbrough by mutual consent and played the remainder of last season without wages before signing a deal for this season.

Thomson was one of the 'golden generation' of youngsters who came through the ranks at Easter Road before moving on to bigger clubs.

He joined Rangers in 2007 for a reported £2m, shortly before Hibs won the CIS League Cup and spent three successful year at Ibrox, winning two league titles and three domestic cups before moving to Teeside.

Injuries restricted his appearances at the Riverside Stadium under Gordon Strachan and Tony Mowbray.

Thomson has been linked with a move to Dundee United.

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