

Hibernian EOS 2-1 Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale



Hibs' EOS beat Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale 2-1 at the Training Centre on Monday to secure their place in the Central Taxis East of Scotland League Cup Final.

Jamie Beaton opened the scoring with his sixteenth East of Scotland League goal of the season, but Lothian Thistle equalised through a hotly-disputed penalty which was saved by Hibernian EOS keeper Kleton Perntreou, but Thistle managed to score from the rebound.

With extra time looming, midfielder Dean Horribine scored the decisive goal in the final minute to win the tie.

Afterwards Head of Academy Coaching James McDonough told Hibernian TV: "It was played as a semi-final, both teams were eager to win it.

"I thought we were on the front foot when Beaton scored and then the linesman gave them a penalty for an off the ball incident.

"It was a great penalty save from Kleton (Perntreou) but we just couldn't keep out the rebound, this time the linesman kept his flag down as their player tapped in from close range.

"The second half was quite even but we finally got over the line in the final minute when (Lewis) Allan squared to (Dean) Horribine, who finished with composure into the bottom corner.

"Credit to Lothian, you can see why they're Premier League winners but again our lads character was first class and edged through."

Hibs' EOS will face the winner from Tuesday night's semi-final between Craigroyston and Spartans EOS with the Central Taxis East of Scotland League Cup Final taking place on Saturday at Marine Drive, Muirhouse (home of Civil Service Strollers), kick off 3pm.

Next up Hibs' EOS will face Edinburgh University in the East of Scotland League King Cup quarter final at the Training Centre on Wednesday evening, kick off 6.30pm.