

Terry Butcher praises players and fans



Hibs' boss Terry Butcher has praised the spirit shown by both players and supporters during yesterday's win at Hamilton Academical but insists that his team are taking nothing for granted ahead of Sunday's second leg.

Speaking in his exclusive column in The Hibernian, Butcher said: "Your tremendous support can and does make a huge difference to the team, and it is fantastic to reward your backing with a good performance and a win.

"We all know there is still a long way to go and on Sunday we require another strong and gritty display to ensure that we get over the line together.

"It was absolutely brilliant to see all the Hibs fans celebrate the goals and the victory in midweek.

"Once more, the Hibernian spirit came to the fore and I am sure there will be another wall of noise on Sunday afternoon.

"When you are backed into a corner, the only way forward is to come out fighting, and to try and beat what's in front of you.

"Hamilton are a good side who have hungry and talented individuals but are well organised and carry a serious goal threat.

"Their confidence was sky high after defeating Falkirk in the semi finals, so to score two goals against them and keep a clean sheet was very pleasing and made quite a difference to the coach journey back to Edinburgh."

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