Former Manchester United youngster David Gray joins Hibs

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Hibs' Head Coach Alan Stubbs has made his first signing after persuading former Scotland under-21 internationalist David Gray to join the club.

Edinburgh-born Gray, 26, graduated from Manchester United's youth ranks and has subsequently experienced spells with both Preston North End and Stevenage Borough.

Gray is delighted to be heading back to his home city and excited about the challenge ahead after agreeing a two year contract.

Gray told Hibernian TV: "I'm delighted to be at Hibs — being an Edinburgh boy I fully understand what the club is all about and the exciting challenge ahead.

"Everything about the move made sense - I've got a young family and we were keen to come back up the road to Scotland.

"This is a great opportunity to play for a big club and to be part of something memorable.

"I'm honoured to be Alan's first signing — he comes across really well — and now I can't wait to get started.

"Our first competitive game of the season is against Rangers in the Cup and then two games later we've got an Edinburgh Derby.

"So there is plenty to look forward to and I'm pleased to be a part of it."

Stubbs says he is really pleased to introduce Gray to the squad and believes it will be the first of many new arrivals at Easter Road this summer.

Stubbs said: "It's fantastic that I've made David my first signing — he is a quality player with plenty of experience and a first-class attitude.

"We identified that right-back was a priority for us in terms of areas that needed strengthening within the squad.

"So we're delighted that David has decided to join our club — he's equally excited by the challenge of playing for a big club like Hibs.

"Hopefully David's arrival will be the first of many new signings at the club over the next few weeks."