

Alan Stubbs praises fans' contribution to League Cup victory



Hibs' head coach praised the contribution of the fans in the dramatic 3-2 win against Dumbarton at Easter road last night.

The players were harshly booed off the pitch following Saturday's defeat to Falkirk, but last night they continued to back the players even when they went two goals down.

Stubbs also suggested that the manner of the win would be a catalyst for the players to progress in their fight for promotion.

Speaking after the game Stubbs said: "We haven't dealt with two set pieces. I've told the lads that we need to be better, we need to be stronger. I'm not prepared to give stupid goals away no matter who we play against. Our concentration needs to be better and we will work on that. We can't afford to give teams never mind a one-goal start but a two-goal start and expect to win 3-2 every week but tonight is a reward for what they have done the past few weeks.

But they showed great character to come from 2-0 down. I think the reason they stuck at it is the fans were great. They really stuck with them and kept urging them forward.

Even at two-nil I thought that the players still tried to do the right thing. Sometimes players can get really nervous and start to make the wrong decisions and kick the ball upfield but I thought they showed an intelligence and kept probing.

"The only thing that let us down at times was our final ball into the box.

“I’m pleased for the lads getting into the next round and hopefully this will be the catalyst for us to kick on.”