

# Alan Stubbs proud of team's performance in Edinburgh derby



Hibs' Head Coach Alan Stubbs was proud of his players' performance in yesterday's Edinburgh derby at Tynecastle.

The Easter Road side took the lead midway through the first half when Jason Cummings (pictured) latched onto a superb pass from Scott Allan but Hearts fought back and equalised just before the break with a stunning strike from Jamie Walker.

Hibs almost grabbed a winner near the end when Callum Booth, who replaced the injured David Gray at half time, picked out new on-loan signing Martin Boyle at the near post but his effort was blocked by the Hearts defence.

With Queen of the South beating Livingston, Hibs remain in third position on goal difference, three points in front of next week's opponents Falkirk.

Hearts now look certain to win the league, sitting 13 points ahead of second place Rangers who beat Dumbarton 3-1 at Ibrox.

After the game, Stubbs told Hibs' TV: "I thought the players were great – I was proud of the performance.

"You only have to look at the ovation the players received from our fans; we came to Tynecastle – which is an intimidating place – and played confidently throughout.

"Hopefully we are giving the fans a team they can be proud of.

"I said before the game to the players that I would hate to see us come to Tynecastle and just try to nick a point.

“We wanted to come here and have a good go at them. The confidence is sky high at this moment in time.

“I thought we completely bossed it in the first half, but then their player scores a great goal to bring them back into the game.

“Even in the second half, they came into the game a touch, but I still felt we were the better team.

“We were a real threat when we attacked and we were inches away from adding a second.”

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