

Hearts Sign Dutch Striker

Hearts today signed Dutch striker Genero Zeefuik on loan from Dutch side FC Groningen. The 24 year old, who has played a dozen times for the Netherlands Under 21 team, has joined Robbie Neilson's SPFL Championship leaders until the end of the season.

Zeefuik, who was on the books of Ajax of Amsterdam as a youngster, made his debut for PSV Eindhoven at the age of 16 and has a decent pedigree.

Hearts Head Coach Robbie Neilson told the official Hearts website 'Genero gives us a different option up front, is really strong, physical and can hold the ball up and link well with others.

"He has played at some big clubs in Holland and has scored a lot of goals for his country at U21 level. He will be a threat for us and a good option in attack.

"He will allow us to get back to playing two up front again if we want which we haven't been able to do with the injuries we have had. For the last five or six weeks we have been struggling striker-wise for numbers as some of the guys haven't been quite ready.

"He wants to do well, we want him to do well and we look forward to getting him in the team." He has been playing in the reserves for Groningen so is fit and ready to go but might take a couple of games to get up to first-team match fitness"

Zeefuik goes straight into the squad for Saturday's tricky trip to Dumbarton, a venue where Hearts were held to a goalless draw earlier this season.

