

Hibs' Ladies sign striker and defender from Celtic



Hibs Ladies have signed striker Abigail Harrison and defender Emma Brownlie from Celtic.

Abigail who celebrated her 17th birthday recently told the club's website : "I'm absolutely delighted to sign for the club because I've always had respect for Hibs.

"It was a big decision to leave Celtic because I was at the club for eight years, however I had to look at it on a personal level and I thought it was best for me to move on.

"I wasn't aware the other girls had joined when I decided to come and it's funny that we have all ended up here but, I wasn't influenced by anyone and made my own decision.

"It was the right move for my development, to make me a better player and I knew once I spoke to Chris this was the club for me.

"However, It doesn't matter how many of the girls I've played with before because it's such a close-knit league and everyone knows everyone else.

"We want to be pushing for the title. I know I've made the right choice coming to Hibs and I'm looking forward to what will be an exciting season ahead."

Defender Emma who was previously with Hibs' Ladies said: "I saw myself coming back to Hibs one day but even I didn't think it would be so soon. I was comfortable at Hibs before and I'm excited to be back.

"The first I knew of Hibs interest was when Celtic told me

that Chris wanted to speak to me about joining the club.

“It’s a very young team but it’s also full of quality; we want to improve on last season and hopefully we can challenge.

“Hopefully my experience will help the younger players and together we will make ourselves known and be successful.”

Hibs’ manager Chris Roberts who took over from Willie Kirk last year said: “We are delighted to welcome Emma and Abigail to Hibernian Ladies. They will add quality and competition to the squad.

“Emma played here a few years ago and it’s great to have her back; she reads the game very well and her ability to get on the ball and support in attack fits in with our style of play.

“Abi will bring a real attacking threat to the team. We’ve admired her quality and directness over the last few years and it’s exciting to have her on our side.

“Both players are very ambitious and as much as they will add to our current squad we also hope to support them on the international stage.”