## Jason Cummings offered one match ban following derby gesture

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Hibs' striker Jason Cummings (pictured) has been charged with misconduct by the Scottish FA and offered a one match suspension after allegedly making an offensive gesture to Hearts' fans after scoring the opening goal in Saturday's Ednburgh derby at Tynecastle.

It is understood that the teenager was booked for his celebrations however the referee did not see the gesture and it was not included in his match report.

Cummings has until 3pm today to accept the ban or request a judicial panel to consider the case.

The SFA said that Cummings was in breach of discipline rule 200 and a principal hearing has been set for Thursday should he contest the punishment.

The ban could not have come at a worse time for Hibs who face play off rivals Falkirk on Saturday.

A win would move Hibs 6 points clear of the Bairns in the race for promotion however a defeat would mean both clubs were level on points.

With Dominique Malonga away to Africa on international duty, Hibs have on loan signing Martin Boyle and new signing former PSG striker Franck Dja Djedje available along with Paul Heffernan to play up front.

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