

David Gray delighted to be back in action



Hibs' defender David Gray was delighted to get back into action yesterday after missing a few weeks following an operation on a groin injury.

The former Manchester United player teamed up with Scott Allan to set up Franck Dja Djedje for the equaliser just before half time just as the supporters were starting to get worried about the outcome, but in the end Hibs won comfortably to progress to the Scottish Cup quarter finals.

Speaking after the game, Gray said: "I was keen to get back as quick as I could so credit to the physios and coaches at the club for their good work and I am delighted to be back.

"it was a good game to play in and to get into the next round of the cup is the most important thing.

"I blame myself for the first goal so it was nice to contribute to the equaliser. It's great to play with Scotty (Allan) because if you make runs then he sees them and it was great for JJ (Franck Dja Djedje) to get off the mark as well.

"We went into the game showing them the respect they deserve, being top of the league for a reason and we knew it would be a hard game and with respect it was like their cup final coming here.

"It was all about getting to the next round of the cup and credit to the lads.

"I'd take a clean sheet before a goal from myself. It's great getting a couple of goals but first and foremost I am a defender. It's a great game to play in and the lads are full of confidence. There are real competition for places and we have a real strong squad and we are looking to go there and keep the momentum going and hopefully push on to the end of the season.

"Keith (Watson) has come in and he has played at a higher level than the Championship as all his games have been in the SPL and he can play in a couple of positions and with Tomas Cerny coming in it pushes Mark (Oxley) as well and with Fraser (Fyvie) coming in there is real competition for the midfield places with six or seven really good players who can play there.