

Lewis Stevenson's verdict on Hibs' Scottish Cup form



Hibs' longest serving player Lewis Stevenson admits he was dreading the start of this season after last year's relegation nightmare, but things are looking up for the Easter Road side who currently sit in second place in the Championship with a cup semi-final against Falkirk to look forward to.

Stevenson, who has been at Hibs for ten years is no stranger to the National Stadium, both as a winner in the CIS Cup Final in 2007 as well as recent semi-finals against Aberdeen and Falkirk, but also on the losing side against Hearts, Celtic and Dunfermline.

Yesterday the 'veteran' left back was rightly named man of the match after scoring one goal and making two in the quarter final against Berwick Rangers.

Speaking afterwards, the modest Fifer said: "We got so low last season and I almost came into this one worried and dreading it, but the manager has lifted the place and I've probably enjoyed this season more than any other."

"It is crazy that a club such as Hibs has not won it for so long, but I would love to be part of the team that actually does win it. It would be nice not to hear about it at the start of the first round every time we play in the Scottish Cup.

"The gaffer is still making us focus on the league, but the further you get in the cup, it is hard to take your mind off it. It is a horrible feeling to lose a final when you have put so much effort in. I have played in two. In 2007, we also lost to Dunfermline in a semi-final replay and that was a hard one

to take. After winning the League Cup, I think we were expected to put up a fight in the Scottish.

“I would love to be part of a successful team here. It is one of the biggest clubs in Scotland and should be in the top league, fighting for cups every season.

“I think on our day we can match any team – even the Premiership ones still in the cup.”

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