

Alan Stubbs hoping to return to winning ways tonight



Hibs' Head Coach Alan Stubbs has admitted that his players have fallen short of the standards they have set themselves by losing three successive games, but he insists that they have the quality and attitude to get back to where they want to be.

Hibs travel to Dumbarton tonight hoping to get back to winning ways albeit without two key players and a third doubtful.

Speaking ahead of the game Stubbs told Hibs TV: "In football there is a very small margin between success and no success. I didn't want to use the word failure. We haven't got the results that we wanted. In to if the games we have maybe fallen short of our target that we set, that would be Rangers and Queen of the South where we didn't do enough without the ball. We've spoken about that as a group. When teams come and press us we have to be better at handling that. We need to be more of a dominant force. We haven't maybe worked hard enough to get the ball back off teams when they have had it. That's something we will look to address and improve on for the remaining weeks of the season.

"I the Raith Rovers game I thought we played well but never got the result.

"If the three defeats had been mixed in to our run of one defeat in 25 games, then nothing would be said, but the fact that we have had three on the bounce is something that we need to address very quickly.

" I've got no problem with the players. It's not a time for pointing the finger, it's a time for coming together and being a team and do what we've been doing.

“To reassure people, we will be back where we want to be. I have a group of players who sometimes people judge wrongly but the best way to respond to that is by coming out fighting and that is what we will aim to do.

“David Gray is still out and we are going to have to see how Keith Watson is. He has a tight hamstring so we will see what that is like before the game.

“Dylan’s (McGeouch) is looking to do some training today with the fitness coach Craig, but he won’t be involved in the game, but as long as there is no reaction to that he will join the team training on Thursday. ”