

Derby win secures play-off place for Hibs



Hibs' derby win over Hearts yesterday, coupled with Queen of the South's victory over Falkirk has guaranteed Alan Stubbs' side a play off place.

Hibs are now nine points clear of fifth placed Falkirk who only have two games left to play.

Goals from Jason Cummings and Farid El Alagui secured the three points yesterday and kept Hibs' hopes of a second place finish alive although Rangers do have a game in hand.

Hibs face Livingston away, Alloa Athletic at home then Falkirk away in the run in and nine points would ensure that second place goes down to the wire with Rangers travelling to Tynecastle on the last day. Ironically Hearts could do their rivals a massive favour by winning that game.

The Easter Road side also have a Scottish Cup semi final against Falkirk next Saturday and possibly a final at the end of May.

Stubbs has a few selection problems ahead of next week's semi-final with David Gray certain to miss the game due to injury. Scott Robertson missed the derby due to a hamstring injury whilst both Jason Cummings and Dominique Malonga picked up knocks during th game. In addition Keith Watson and Marton Boyle are both cup-tied.