

Neilson Nominated for Manager of the Year

Scottish football is, to use a well-worn cliché, 'at the business end of the season' where awards, accolades and admiration are handed out.

PFA Scotland today announced its short-list for Scotland's Manager of the Year. There are three nominations from the SPFL Premiership – Celtic's Ronny Deila, Inverness Caledonian Thistle's John Hughes and Aberdeen's Derek McInnes.

The fourth nominee is from the SPFL Championship – and given there has been a runaway winner of this league this season it's to one surprise that Hearts Robbie Neilson is also in contention for the award.

Neilson's first season in charge at Tynecastle has been an outstanding success with the Gorgie side clinching the league title before the end of March, leaving their rivals Hibernian and Rangers trailing in their wake.

Celtic's Ronny Deila has taken the club to the brink of the SPFL Premiership title in his first season at Celtic Park. Inverness Caledonian Thistle's John Hughes has had the Highlanders challenging in the top half of the league all season and will lead his side out against Falkirk in the Scottish Cup Final on 30 May. Aberdeen, under Derek McInnes, have been the only team to have offered a challenge to Celtic for the SPFL Premiership title this season.

For Hearts, it's yet more recognition of the huge amount of hard work and dedication from Robbie Neilson and his backroom team.

The Manager of the Year award will be announced at the PFA Scotland dinner this Sunday, May 3, in Glasgow.