

Hearts Linked With Croatian Defender

Hearts season may be over but the Tynecastle club are still making headlines as Head Coach Robbie Neilson prepares to revamp his SPFL Championship winning squad ahead of their return to top flight football next season.

Reports this morning have linked Hearts with 22-year-old Croatian centre-back Niko Datkovic from HNK Rijeka. It is believed Gorgie officials have spoken to Datkovic's agent but it is believed the fee involved in securing the Under-21 internationalist may deter any bid from Hearts although it is understood the figure of £400k mentioned in some press reports this morning is some way off the mark.

Datkovic is presently on loan at Italian Serie B side Spezia Calcio.

Neilson has made the signing of two central defenders a priority following the departure of captain Danny Wilson and Brad McKay.