

# Terry Butcher appointed manager of Newport County



Former Hibs' boss Terry Butcher has been appointed as the new manager of Newport County AFC succeeding Justin Edinburgh who left for Gillingham in February.

Butcher took over at Easter Road from Pat Fenlon after guiding Inverness Caledonian Thistle to the top of the SPL and his arrival was greeted with enthusiasm by the vast majority of Hibs' fans however after a disastrous run, the club were relegated and he was sacked along with his assistant Maurice Malpas.

In his playing days he made over 250 appearances for Ipswich as well as making almost 130 appearances for Rangers. Butcher also earned over 70 caps for England. He has also managed Coventry, Sunderland, Motherwell, Sydney FC and Brentford.

County director Howard Greenhaf told the club website: "We were extremely impressed with Terry when we spoke to him. He is very thorough and professional in his approach and we are sure we have the best man for the job.

"As soon as Terry was connected to the job he came and watched us himself several times and also sent people to our games on his behalf. He already knows the team in good detail and has firm plans on what he wants for next season."

Butcher commented "I'm delighted to be given the opportunity to work for a fantastic club like Newport County AFC, I have met a lot of great people at the club already and have seen the passionate fans for myself at recent games. I look forward to the new challenge and I'm looking forward to working together with everyone at a club that has great aspirations

for the future.”

Butcher has signed a two year deal with County, and will watch the final game of the season against Oxford United on Saturday from the stands.

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