

Ross County Development Squad 1-0 Hibernian Development Squad



Hibernian Development Squad suffered a narrow 1-0 defeat away to Ross County last night in Dingwall.

The Staggies scored the only goal of the game in the 22nd minute when Blair Malcolm found the corner of the net from 18 yards out.

Despite dominating the second half, Hibs were unable to find the equaliser although there was some good news for Alan Stubbs as both Farid El Alagui and Jamie Insall played the full 90 minutes.

After the game Joe McBride, Hibs' U20 Development Coach told the club website: : "I said to them that you can't afford to start games like that, but they said that before I had even opened my mouth. The game could have been out of sight. We kept it at 1-0 and grew into the game.

"I felt we finished the first half stronger and I thought we totally dominated the second half. They caught us on the break a couple of times which happens when you're pushing, but there was some terrific play in the second half.

"It was a brighter performance, we passed the ball forward, we were winning first balls and second balls and we utilised Farid as he controlled the ball and brought others into play.

"I'm disappointed for them that they never got at least an equalising goal, it was the least we deserved. But unfortunately we hit the bar and drew a couple of good saves from their goalkeeper. I was really pleased with the

youngsters in the second half; I thought they were terrific.”

Hibernian Development Squad: Brennan, Dunsmore, Stirling, Waugh, McGregor, Scott, Smith (Murray, 45), Watson (Breen, 76), El Alagui, Insall, Shaw (Duthie, 79). Unused substitutes: Costello, Campbell.