

Alan Stubbs' verdict on Livingston victory



Hibs' Head Coach Alan Stubbs has admitted that his team were not at their best last night despite taking three valuable points at home to Livingston.

The fans had to endure a nervy last few minutes after the Lions pulled a late goal back, but the players held on to secure the win which moves Hibs to within two points of league leaders Rangers although the Ibrox side have a game in hand.

Speaking immediately after the game to Cliff Pike of Hibernian TV, he said: "It's fair to say that we weren't at our fluent best tonight but we still created a lot of opportunities. When you look at the score line you think it was a close game but I think we had enough opportunities for it to have been more comfortable than it was

"I think you have to give Livingston a bit of credit as well. They had a game plan to try and get bodies behind the ball and frustrate us and hit us on the counter.

"I'm pleased that we have won a game of football that we didn't necessarily play at our best.

"Keats (James Keatings) has scored a couple tonight and he is in great form. His second one gave us a little bit of breathing space but the one negative for me tonight is that we conceded a really sloppy goal.

"Our game management needs to be better. We gave the ball away needlessly and probably just switched off when we defended. We should have come out in a line, but we are talking one little lapse.

“They deserve a break from me having a pop because we have conceded a goal.”