

# Paul Hanlon praises Hibs' players 'character and the spirit'



Hibs' Paul Hanlon has praised his team mates attitude after coming from a goal behind to secure a share of the points against Falkirk at Easter Road yesterday.

It looked as if Hibs were going to lose ground to Rangers in the race for the Championship when Lee Miller gave the Bairns a 1-0 lead with only six minutes remaining but the Hibs' players rallied and scored a late equaliser through Martin Boyle.

Hibs now face Queen of the South on Saturday before heading along the M8 to Ibrox on the 28th December to face league leaders Rangers n a game that could prove vital to both clubs' chances of playing top flight football next season.

Speaking to Cliff Pike of Hibs TV immediately after the game Hanlon said: "We were disappointed to go a goal behind, but it just shows the character and the spirit that we managed to score when we probably only had nine players on the park with Lewis going off as well.

"It showed great character and it's a point gained in my eyes. We have a great belief and we go into every game thinking that we are going to win it.

"When we went a goal behind we could have thought it wasn't going to be our day, but we stuck in there and got a point.

Hanlon played as a defensive midfield player rather than his customary role in the centre of the defence which came as much a surprise to him as it did to the supporters and when

questioned about this he responded: "You will have to ask the manager. He never have me any clue before the game. He just said 'go and do your best.' I felt quite comfortable in that position although I think I tired a bit toward the end which s to be expected as I have not played in nearly a month.

"It's good to be able to play a different position but I'm sure I'll feel it tomorrow. I prefer playing at centre half, there is no doubt about that but given a run in that position I could get used to it and do well, it's just another string."

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