

# Farid El Alagui insists Hibs' players must not feel sorry for themselves



Back to back defeats against Morton and Dumbarton have derailed Hibs' hopes of automatic promotion however there is at least one positive to come from these games with the return to first team action of popular striker Farid El Alagui who has missed much of the season due to injury.

El Alagui made two appearances from the substitutes bench and scored Hibs' second yesterday as they fought to get back into the game now instead of supporters looking at Rangers' results, they are now looking down the table toward Falkirk who are only two points behind.

Both teams are in action in midweek and El Alagui does not want the side to feel sorry for themselves following two defeats in succession.

Despite believing that the response to going 3-0 down was more positive than the defeat to Greenock Morton, the forward wants to see his side go to Palmerston Park on Tuesday and pick up three points after a tough week of results.

Speaking to Cliff Pike of Hibs TV immediately after the game he said: "The response was better than the Morton game, but it was still a loss. It just wasn't good enough, but the worst thing is if we start to feel sorry for ourselves – we can't do that.

"We've tried our best at the end to get back into the game but unfortunately we were unable to get that third goal and I am very disappointed at that,

“We have to come back into it straight away, and on Tuesday we’ve got an important game at Queen of the South. The best answer is to play well and get the win, but if we start to feel sorry for ourselves and point the finger at others, that’s the wrong thing to do.

“We have to concentrate on the basics and naturally we will score goals.

“The boys have been working really hard from the start of the season to get into this position where we have exciting games ahead so we can’t lose our concentration and spoil everything we have done so far.

“We must no panic and just do everything right on Tuesday which will give us the confidence to do well in the cup.

“I’m feeling a lot better now than I felt when I came back (from injury) last year, but I am pleased now where I am at. when I came back at the end of January I started to feel myself again and hopefully I can give more to the team.

“The only thing I need now is to be playing.”