

Niklas Gunnarsson expects difficult game against Morton



Niklas Gunnarsson made his home debut in Hibs comfortable 3-0 victory against Alloa Athletic on Sunday after taking part in matches away to Raith Rovers, Greenock Morton and Hearts following his January move to Easter Road.

The Norwegian defender replaced popular club captain David Gray and played on the right side of a back three as Head Coach Alan Stubbs made seven changes to the starting XI.

He hopes to retain his place in tonight's home fixture against Morton at Easter Road although he believes that the game will be difficult, just like every game in the Ladbrokes Championship has been so far.

A win would move Hibs to within five points of league leaders Rangers and although most fans agree with the bookies in making Stubbs; men clear favourites, Gunnarsson is taking nothing for granted.

He told Hibernian TV: "When we play in the league, people expect that we will win every game easily, but in football when a new game comes up it is always difficult. It is difficult to break down teams, especially if they play quite deep.

"This will be our third match against Morton, we have won both the others 1-0 and they have been good playing against us. They are good at defending and they work really hard, they fight for every ball.

"We need to make sure we win the first ball, the second ball and the third ball, and if we do that, we have the quality to

win the match.”

“It was a good feeling to finally play at Easter Road, it’s nice to play at home as you feel that you have all the support from the fans, which I again thought was very, very good. I was very satisfied to play at the home ground.

“I have said on many times that our fans are very, very, good. After the Hearts game when they were singing Sunshine on Leith, it was absolutely brilliant. It was a great feeling and experience for myself.

“Again when we were playing against Alloa, the fans supported us all the time and even when we are not playing so well, they are behind us all the time – that’s good.”