

# Grant Holt becomes Neil Lennon's first signing



Grant Holt has signed for Hibs on a one-year deal, subject to international clearance.

The 35-year-old striker has extensive experience in football having plied his trade in Australia, Singapore and England – where he played in all four divisions in the Football League set-up.

Holt, who has previously played for clubs such as Nottingham Forest, Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Aston Villa, says that being from Cumbria saw him read Scottish newspapers, which helped him gain knowledge of football in Scotland and Hibernian.

Speaking exclusively to Hibs TV, he said: “I knew quite a lot really, when you’re from Carlisle on the border then you predominantly pick up the Scottish papers more than the English ones.

“I spoke to the gaffer and I said that I’m not here just to sit and help the young lads along. I’ve come to play football.

“I’ve been out a long time with my knee, I’ve come back and I’m fit and I want to score goals and enjoy football – that’s the reason I’m here.”

Lennon says that he is pleased to add Holt into his squad, which bolsters his striking options ahead of the pre-season friendly fixtures beginning next week.

The Head Coach said: “We’re delighted to be able to secure a player of Grant’s quality.

“He’ll bring good experience to the group but he’s here to play and has plenty to contribute on the field.

“The fact that he has chosen to come here over other clubs who were interested in him speaks volumes about his commitment and desire to do well here.

“He’s exactly the type of player we were looking for and I am sure he’ll prove to be very valuable to the team.”