

Grant Holt looking to gain full match fitness ahead of Europa tie



New signing Grant Holt started his Hibs career last night in a 1-1 draw with Berwick Rangers at Shielfield Park and the striker is delighted that the rust is being worked off as he and his team-mates look to gain full match fitness following their summer break.

Holt teamed up with fellow striker Jason Cummings who opened the scoring after 12 seconds and the Englishman was happy with the way the pair gelled.

Speaking after the game to Hibs TV Holt said: "It's good to be on the pitch, good to be playing and good to be involved with the lads and see what they're all about, to see what they can do.

"I thought at times we moved the ball really well, which in your first pre-season game is difficult as you get the rust out the way, but I thought we played really well and that Berwick brought a really good game to watch today.

"I thought it was a good game all round, it was end-to-end and it's good to get the rust off and start going.

"I had a few chances and I should have put the one in the first half away but that's pre-season.

"The training has been difficult the last few weeks with a lot of running and a lot of keep ball and a lot of football.

"I thought myself and Jason (Cummings) linked up well in the first half and we were unlucky a couple of times. We linked and moved and complimented each other.

"We have the Europa game next week and two friendless coming up and that's what we need.

"We are working on formations and movements and interacting with each other and putting across what the manager wants us to do.

"It's been good. The lads have been fantastic and welcomed me in and helped me out when I needed and gave me advice about things I need to do. The club have looked after me well and have got me sorted.

"I've tried to get settled as quickly as I can. I'm in a flat now which is fantastic for me as I can concentrate on my football."