

Mini derby ends all square at Oriam.



A strong Hibs' Development Squad featuring new signing Ofir Marciano, Fraser Fyvie, Alex Harris and Jordon Forster (pictured) drew 2-2 against Heart of Midlothian in the SPFL Development League at Oriam yesterday.

Hibs opened the scoring in the 14th minute with a superb volley from Jamie Gullan.

Hearts levelled before the break, when Bjorn Johnsen intercepted a pass-back and slid the ball into the net.

Hibs regained the lead in the 58th minute when Gullan headed a Callum Crane cross past Victor Noring however Hearts levelled with 13 minutes remaining through Russell McLean.

After the game, Hibs' Development Squad Coach Grant Murray told the club website: "I was totally happy with the performance, but I was disappointed a little with the result because we were leading the game twice, but I'm delighted with them all. With the guys who have stepped down from the first-team squad all showed great appetite for the game.

"I thought Fraser Fyvie, who was out long-term, it was great for him to get back and Alex Harris, Callum Crane and Jordon Forster, they're all pushing to get into the first-team and you need 90 minutes under your belt for that. I thought that they were magnificent.

"Then there was Jamie Gullan, his first season as a full-time player and I was delighted with him. He used to be at Hearts when he was younger so for him to come in and score two goals

– he's away home happy.

“It's really important that they (young players) learn from the experienced players as that's what they are aiming for – to be playing week in and week out in the first-team.

“That is everybody's aim at the football club. The guy who are stepping down and putting in the effort, it's great for these guys to look up to and aspire to as well.”

Hibs: Marciano, Donaldson, Crane, Forster, Porteous, Martin, Harris, Fyvie, Shaw, Gullan, Murray. *Subs not used:* Waugh, Watson, Smith, Paton.

Hearts: Noring, Godinho (Brandon '25), Nowak, Baur, Reid, Petkov, Irving, Paton, Muirhead (Currie '61), Johnsen (McLean '61), Zanatta. *Subs not used:* Mason, Jones, Morrison, Vladislav.