

Neil Lennon asks fans to generate better atmosphere at Easter Road



Hibs' Head Coach Neil Lennon has asked the supporters to generate a better atmosphere at home games following yesterday's 2-0 victory over St Mirren at Easter Road.

Fourteen and a half thousand turned up to watch Hibs consolidate their top spot in the Championship and they went ahead with a superb goal in the 7th minute before adding another before half time.

Despite playing some attacking football and creating chances, the fans were uncharacteristically quiet for the majority of the game although some questionable decisions by the referee did liven things up at times.

Near the end a loud chant of 'Hibernian' echoed around the stadium and the supporters rose to give a standing ovation to man of the match Martin Boyle when he was substituted in time added on.

Afterwards Lennon said: I don't want to alienate myself with the supporters but you go a goal up and it's very quiet for periods of the game.

"We would just like a bit more atmosphere to gee the players on a bit. The players are doing their bit so some sections of the support could do their bit too.

"It's a small issue but we'd just like a bit more noise in our stadium."

With James Keatings missing through injury, most fans assumed

that top scorer Jason Cummings would return to first team action but instead Lennon chose Martin Boyle, a decision vindicated by the players goal and overall performance which merited his post match award of a bottle of champagne from the sponsors.

Lennon continued: "I toyed with the idea of starting Jason with his record and the fact he's a bona fide centre forward, but I think Martin deserved to start on the back of last week.

" He's been patient and taken his opportunity brilliantly.

"It's about me using my squad but also giving Jason a jag as he was a little bit off-colour for three or four games.

"He knows that and he's responding well, but if the team is winning and scoring goals then he's going to have to really come up to the mark and push his way through."

Hibs are now three points ahead of Dundee United and travel to Ayr next weekend.