

# Neal Eardley leaves Hibs for Northampton Town



Neal Eardley has joined Northampton Town following the expiry of his short-term contract at Hibernian.

The right-back, 28, joined Hibs at the end of September from Birmingham City, making his debut a few days after signing against Dundee United at Easter Road.

The Welsh international's only other appearance came as a late substitute against the same side at Tannadice in December, having been unable to displace captain David Gray from the first team.

Eardley started his career at Oldham Athletic in 2006, playing more than 100 times. He also made more than a century of appearances for his next club Blackpool, thirty one of which came during the Seasiders season in the Premier League. After leaving Blackpool in 2013 he joined Birmingham City for three years. Eardley has also won 16 senior caps for Wales.

He told NTFC Media: "The opportunity to play some football attracted me to Northampton. I got a phone call to say there was an opportunity for me to come here and I played in the behind closed doors game on Tuesday and that went well. We managed to get things done quite quickly. I'm here now and really pleased about it and looking forward to the challenge." Northampton Town Chief Executive James Whiting said, "With Brendan Moloney and Aaron Phillips currently unavailable through injury and Paul Anderson also sustaining an injury last weekend it become a priority to sign a right back ahead of this weekend's game."

This move is subject to international clearance.

A spokesperson for Hibernian said: "We would like to wish Neal well with his future career."