

# Championship boost for Hibs ahead of Edinburgh derby



Hibs received a massive boost ahead of tomorrow's Edinburgh derby when Falkirk beat second placed Dundee United 3-0 this afternoon.

John Baird opened the scoring with an early header before Aaron Muirhead added a second with a penalty, which followed a foul by goalkeeper Luis Zwick on Nathan Austin. James Craigen wrapped up the three points for the Bairns on the hour mark.

That result meant that Hibs remain six points clear at the top of the Championship but now have a game in hand over United.

Hibs travel to Kirkcaldy next Saturday to face Raith Rovers who yesterday appointed John 'Yogi' Hughes as their new manager following the sacking of Gary Locke and Darren Jackson.

After the game a disappointed Dundee United manager Ray McKinnon told BBC Scotland "That was a massive disappointment – this as a real opportunity to put some pressure on Hibs and we failed miserably.

"That performance was not nearly good enough, it was unacceptable and I can only apologise to our fans. I really felt for the fans as that was the most inept we have been all season, particularly after we did well last week.

"The two goals we lost in the second half were comical, especially the third where we had three people in the box who failed to clear the ball. It was just not good enough."