

Leeann Dempster thanks Hibs' fans for standing by the club



Leeann Dempster has thanks the supporters for standing by the club during the last three years spent in the Championship.

Hibs finally achieved automatic promotion after beating Queen of the South 3-0 at Easter Road this afternoon in front of over 17,000 fans.

Goals from Darren McGregor (2) and David Gray secured the victory, which, coupled with Falkirk's draw against St Mirren ensured that Hibs will finish the season on top of the table.

After today's game she said: "It has been a longer journey than any of us would have liked, but Hibernian has finally arrived at the destination we have all worked so hard to reach – promotion to the top flight of Scottish football.

"It would be wrong to celebrate without first thanking you, Hibernian's magnificent supporters, for standing by your Club during these difficult three years.

"Difficult they have been; an emotional roller-coaster with the deep lows of play-off defeats contrasting with the incredible high of May 21st last year. Through all of this, and more, you the supporters have continued to commit to season tickets, buy shares either individually or as members of Hibernian Supporters Limited, or walked up to buy tickets.

"Through it all you continued to turn out and support your team in increasing numbers. Thank You. Winning this Championship is dedicated to you and your families who have kept this club going through the years.

"I'd like to congratulate Neil and his coaching staff, and of

course the players, for working hard to win the Championship. They have worked incredibly hard, dealt with pressure, and there is no arguing that they have deserved to win the league.

“Thanks are also due to the Board, the Chairman, and the principal shareholder for their continued support and encouragement.

“Finally, I’d also like to personally thank all of the staff who work long hours behind the scenes, but whose contribution is also vitally important in making progress at the Club. Without them, none of this would have been possible.

“Now we can all look forward to re-establishing Hibernian as a force at the top end of Scottish football. Season Ticket sales are running at record levels, the mood around the Club is buoyant. Exciting times lie ahead. The forecast – Sunshine on Leith.”