

Greek Duo Leave Hearts



Hearts Greek defender Tasos Avlonitis has confirmed he will be leaving Tynecastle when his contract ends at the end of May. The 27-year-old came to Gorgie as one of nine new signings during the January transfer window and made 11 appearances for Ian Cathro's side.

The Edinburgh Reporter also understands Alex Tziolis will also leave Tynecastle as Cathro seeks to rebuild his side after a disappointing season.

The Hearts Head Coach told the official Hearts website:

We're glad the end of the season is here, as we have alterations to make. What's important is that we got through a lot in the past 5 months. Now, the work ahead is very clear. Nothing can rock my confidence in my ability, and my clarity in what I do.

"There are areas we are focusing on improving with new players, but I don't consider it to be a 'major' thing, but there will be a significant difference between today and when we return to competitive action.

"It's an important part of this club to provide opportunities for young players," he continued. "Jamie and Euan are two strong – and very different – players, with good qualities, and it's important that for next season we begin to see a blend of experience with the likes of Aaron Hughes and Don Cowie, and boys like Jamie and Euan, who is only 16, and see how they grow."

Meanwhile, Hearts goalkeeper Jack Hamilton has been named in the Scotland squad for the crucial World Cup qualifier against England on 10th June.