

Hearts Begin New Season at Celtic Park



Hearts will begin the 2017/18 Ladbrokes Premiership season with a trip to League Champions Celtic. The game is presently scheduled for Saturday 5th August but the game is likely to be subject to live television coverage. Confirmation of the date and kick-off time will be confirmed in due course.

Tynecastle is, of course, undergoing the construction of a new main stand and Hearts have asked the SPFL that they be given no home fixtures prior to the scheduled opening of the new stand – Saturday 9th September. However, it is understood the computer programme used for scheduling the fixtures could not take this into account. As things stand, Hearts have two home games – against Kilmarnock on 12th August and Motherwell on 26th August – but fans are asked to note these will not take place at Tynecastle with the likelihood being Hearts will travel to Rugby Park and Fir Park on the dates concerned.

As they did when the last match was played at Tynecastle in front of the old stand, Aberdeen will be Hearts opponents when the new main stand is due to open on 9th September.

Hearts and Hibernian will meet each other on two midweek occasions. The first Edinburgh derby of the season will be at Easter Road on October 25th, while the first Edinburgh derby at the new-look Tynecastle Park will be on December 27th.

The full list of Hearts' 2017/18 Ladbrokes Premiership fixtures are as follows:

Date	Time	Opponent	Venue
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05.08.2017	15.00	Celtic	Celtic Park
12.08.2017	15.00	Kilmarnock	Tynecastle*
19.08.2017	15.00	Rangers	Ibrox
26.08.2017	15.00	Motherwell	Tynecastle*
09.09.2017	15.00	Aberdeen	Tynecastle
16.09.2017	15.00	Hamilton	Superseal Stadium
23.09.2017	15.00	Partick Thistle	Tynecastle
30.09.2017	15.00	Dundee	Dens Park
14.10.2017	15.00	Ross County	Dingwall
21.10.2017	15.00	St Johnstone	Tynecastle
25.10.2017	19.45	Hibernian	Easter Road
28.10.2017	15.00	Rangers	Tynecastle
04.11.2017	15.00	Kilmarnock	Rugby Park
18.11.2017	15.00	Partick Thistle	Firhill
25.11.2017	15.00	Ross County	Tynecastle
02.12.2017	15.00	Hamilton	Tynecastle
09.12.2017	15.00	Motherwell	Fir Park
13.12.2017	19.45	Dundee	Tynecastle
16.12.2017	15.00	Celtic	Tynecastle
23.12.2017	15.00	St Johnstone	McDiarmid Park
27.12.2017	19.45	Hibernian	Tynecastle
30.12.2017	15.00	Aberdeen	Pittodrie
24.01.2018	19.45	Hamilton	Superseal Stadium
27.01.2018	15.00	Motherwell	Tynecastle
31.01.2018	19.45	Celtic	Celtic Park
03.02.2018	15.00	St Johnstone	Tynecastle

17.02.2018	15.00	Ross County	Dingwall
24.02.2018	15.00	Rangers	Ibrox
28.02.2018	19.45	Kilmarnock	Tynecastle
10.03.2018	15.00	Hibernian	Easter Road
17.03.2018	15.00	Partick Thistle	Tynecastle
31.03.2018	15.00	Dundee	Dens Park
07.04.2018	15.00	Aberdeen	Tynecastle

*Fixture arrangements TBC

Source: Hearts FC and SPFL.

Meanwhile, Edinburgh City begin their Ladbrokes League Two season with a home fixture against Montrose on Saturday 5th August. This season, City will be playing their home fixtures at Ainslie Park, home of Lowland League neighbours Spartans.