

Neil Lennon happy with performance against Sunderland



Neil Lennon was pleased with the performance from his players in yesterday's 2-2 draw with English Championship side Sunderland.

Hibs fell behind to goals from Wahbi Khazri and Jeremain Lens, but fought back with goals from Martin Boyle and new signing Simon Murray.

Over 9,000 turned out to pay tribute to long serving defender Lewis Stevenson with half the proceeds going to charities CRY and Leith Links.

In addition the Stevenson family have made a donation to the Bradley Lowrie fund.

After the game Lennon told Hibs TV: "I'm pleased with the performance. I thought we were very good in the first half and I didn't think there was much between the teams. To go in a goal down, we didn't deserve that.

"Then we didn't play well for the first 15 minutes in the second half and went 2-0 down. We made a few changes because fatigue started setting in, then we did great.

"It was a great game and a great workout for a great occasion and there was a great atmosphere. It's been a very, very good day for the club.

"It was an excellent test for us and we came through it with flying colours.

“We have good pace in the team now with Simon Murray, Martin Boyle and Danny Swanson. In midfield Dylan McGeough, John McGinn and Marvin Bartley were terrific and young Oli saw has an eye for a goal and I thought his effort was in.

“Some of the football we played and the chances we created was very pleasing.”

The Head Coach also praised Stevenson contribution to the club.

He added: “Lewis Stevenson is a modern day great for the club. He’s won two trophies which is not an easy thing to achieve in the Scottish game. He’s been really consistent over the years. I was really pleased with the turn out for this time of the season and thoroughly deserved.”