

# Hearts Make Their Mark on International Stage



Hearts players and coaching staff made their mark on the international stage this week as another set of World Cup qualifiers were concluded.

Tynecastle captain Christophe Berra opened the scoring for Scotland in their 2-0 win over Malta at Hampden on Monday evening, a result which keeps the Scots hopes of reaching the play-off stages very much alive.

On the same night, Hearts defender Aaron Hughes won his 107th cap for Northern Ireland, helping his country to an impressive 2-0 win over the Czech Republic – a result which all but secures Northern Ireland's place in the play-offs. Fellow Jambo Kyle Lafferty came on as a second half substitute in the same game. Northern Ireland, of course, have Hearts Assistant Head Coach Austin MacPhee on their coaching staff.

Meanwhile, Hearts defender John Souttar played in the Scotland Under 21 team which secured an impressive 2-0 win against the Netherlands in their European Championship qualifier in Paisley on Tuesday evening.