

# Neil Lennon critical of defenders after surrendering two goal lead



Neil Lennon criticised his defenders and goalkeeper after Hibs surrendered a two goal lead against Motherwell at Easter Road yesterday and bemoaned a lack of leadership on the field.

An Anthony Stokes double looked to have secured victory but Loius Moulton scored twice to grab a share of the points.

Over 17,000 fans attended the game and created a fantastic atmosphere throughout and the players responded as the game was played at a frenetic pace.

After the game Lennon quoted Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers who was also critical of his players after a heavy midweek defeat in the Champions' League.

"Brendan used the term the other day about under-12s, well we played like under-8s," Lennon told BBC Scotland.

"It was a good game with a good tempo to it. We were 2-0 up deservedly, although Motherwell looked dangerous at times, and then we capitulated defensively.

"We have an experienced back four and an international goalkeeper and that is unacceptable.

"The last half hour was torture for me. I'm looking at my players, looking for some sort of guidance or some sort of leadership.

"I can accept someone scoring against us as Louis Moulton is a very good player at this level. What I can't accept is him

being three yards out and free. What I can't accept is my goalkeeper not coming out and taking the ball. And then I cannot accept the reaction. In the end I have to be satisfied with a point.

"I have got a back four of maybe over 1,000 games at this level. Some at international level. I expect then to manage the game properly."

"It's certainly not a reflection on how I prepare the team and certainly not a reflection on the mentality I want at the club.

"It's not good enough, it wasn't good enough against Hamilton and they have done it again. There was no leadership out there, and that's really what I have to analyse myself and look for some answers."