

Neil Lennon slams referee after Hamilton draw



Hibs' Head coach Neil Lennon slammed the performance of referee Don Robertson following yesterday's 1-1 draw with Hamilton Academicals at the SuperSeal Stadium yesterday.

Hibs dominated throughout and 'Accies' had five players booked in an ill-tempered game.

After taking the lead, Hibs had several chances to wrap things up but a combination of good goalkeeping and poor refereeing decisions kept the scoreline down.

To add insult to injury, Lennon believes that Hamilton's equaliser should have been disallowed for a foul on Marvin Bartley in the run up to the goal.

Speaking immediately after the game to Hibernian TV, Lennon said: "I thought we were excellent today and should have won the game.

"We got no protection from the referee at all.

"We should have had a penalty. Dylan McGeouch goes to cross it and Redmond takes him out.

"The tackle count from our point of view is 19-7.

"How they stayed with 11 men on the pitch is beyond me.

"I thought Marv (Marvin Bartley) was fouled in the build up to their goal.

"I don't want to take anything away from the team today as I thought we were excellent and we should have won the game by a big margin.

"We were miles ahead of Hamilton who basically wanted to kick us off the park. We had good control and I think they only had one chance in the whole game and they score from it so the luck was with Hamilton and not us.

"It was as good a first half away from home as I have seen from us.

"Second half their goalkeeper saves from Hanlon and Boyle and you need that second goal to give you the cushion.

"We need better protection from referees. It sounds like sour grapes but when I see my players getting kicked left right and centre! I don't understand that performance at all.

"If we keep playing the way we are playing we will be alright."