

Hearts Recall Youngtsters as Lafferty is Ruled Out of Cup Tie



Hearts have called back some of their young players who have been on loan at various clubs during the last few months.

Head Coach Craig Levein takes his first team squad to Spain tomorrow for a five-day winter break where they will play a couple of closed-door friendlies.

Levein has called back Harry Paton – who has made a considerable impression at Stenhousemuir – Dario Zanatta (Raith Rovers); Marcus Godinho (Berwick Rangers) and Callumn Morrison (Stirling Albion). The youngsters, minus the injured Morrison who has scored 10 goals for Albion in Ladbrokes League Two this season, will leave with the first-teamers to warmer climes tomorrow.

Levein told the official Hearts website: “We’ve brought some of our loan players back to the club, so we can assess them and see how they’ve progressed.

“Some will travel to Spain with us, so it will be useful to see them first hand in training and in the friendly matches.

“It may be that a few of them go back out on loan later in the month, but we’ll make that call in due course.”

Meanwhile, striker Kyle Lafferty has lost his appeal against his red card, received in the goalless draw at Aberdeen, meaning the Northern Ireland internationalist will miss Hearts next two games – including the William Scottish Cup tie against Hibernian at Tynecastle on 21st January.