

# Alex McLeish appointed Scotland's Head Coach



Former Hibs' manager Alex McLeish has been appointed as Scotland head coach.

He previously held the post for less than a year and narrowly missed out on qualification for the 2008 European Championship.

McLeish had a long and distinguished playing career at Aberdeen, playing almost 700 games and winning 13 trophies including the European Cup Winners' Cup and European Super Cup.

He was also capped 77 times.

After retiring from playing, he managed Motherwell before replacing Jim Duffy at Hibs.

After relegation, he built arguably the most exciting Hibs' side since the 70s with top class players such as Franck Sauzee and Russell Latapy and was unlucky not to have won the Scottish Cup in 2001, losing to Celtic in the final.

His performance at Hibs led to a move to Ibrox where he enjoyed success as Rangers manager.

Earlier today, McLeish told the SFA Website: "It is a tremendous honour to be named Scotland National Team Head Coach

"I am incredibly fortunate to have had the chance to lead my country already and I am immensely proud to be in this position for a second time.

"There is much to be positive about in Scottish football, with players playing at the highest level and promising talent breaking through.

"With Hampden Park as one of the host venues for Euro 2020 we have an amazing opportunity to showcase our talents to the world from our own back yard.

"I am relishing the challenge of leading us to a major tournament and I cannot wait to get started."

Scottish FA President Alan McRae was also delighted to have McLeish back in charge.

"Alex McLeish is a true Scotland legend and a natural leader who has enjoyed success at club level in Scotland and England and at international level," he said.

"During the recruitment process he received resounding endorsements from several influential figures in the game which helped establish him as an outstanding choice from a strong list of possible candidates. "

McLeish's first games in charge will be the friendly against Costa Rica at Hampden Park on March 23.