

Hibernian Ladies secure three points against Celtic in East Kilbride



Hibernian Ladies beat Scottish Building Society SWPL title rivals Celtic 3-1 victory at K-Park Training Academy on Sunday afternoon.

Rachel McLauchlan scored the opening goal after tapping in Abi Harrison's header at the back post. She then added a second with a superb solo effort just after the break

Celtic's Nicole Pullar grabbed a goal back shortly after before Harrison scored with a fantastic volley near the end to secure a well-deserved three points.

After the game interim manager Grant Scott told the club website: "I'm delighted with the win but we have played a lot, lot better. That was not one of our best performances but as I said to the players at the end, that was a tough fixture and a tough venue.

"Celtic teams are always organised so it's one that we have ticked off and we don't look backwards.

"We know we can play better and more fluid football.

"The season has been a bit stop start with two weeks on then two off but sometimes you can look for excuses.

"We should still be better and I don't think that is unfair criticism of the players at all. We know we can do better.

Goalscorer Rachael McLauchlan said: "I think it was a scrappy game to start off with and it took a while to get into it but once we started to put our foot on the ball and started playing our game we were lucky enough to get the three goals.

"We always want to keep a clean sheet so that was disappointing but it's something to work on but overall at the end of the day we got the three points and that's what we came here today for.

"We knew that they were top of the league and we knew what a physical team they could be. It's always a challenge coming here. We knew we had to play our normal game and hopefully at the end of the game get three points.

Hibernian: Fife, Brownlie, Murray (Arnot 59'), Notley, Smith, Robertson, Graham, McGregor (Reilly 77'), McLauchlan, Napier (Turner 70'), Harrison. Subs not used: Reid, Michie, Gallacher, Cornet.