

Neil Lennon glad to win eight-goal 'humdinger' over Kilmarnock



Hibs' Head Coach Neil Lennon was 'glad' to take all three points against Kilmarnock following yesterday's eight-goal thriller in front of a packed Easter Road and is now looking forward to next week's game against Aberdeen which could determine second place.

Hibs are now guaranteed at least fourth place after establishing a ten point lead over Kilmarnock with three games remaining but Lennon is looking to catch the Dons and Rangers.

Yesterday five different goal-scorers hit the net for Hibs in a 90-minutes many are classing the best game of the season.

Play raged from end to end and it was only after Brandon Barker's injury time solo effort that supporters could relax.

At the final whistle both sets of fans gave every player of

the pitch a much deserved standing ovation.

After the game both managers spoke to BBC Scotland: Lennon said: "It was a humdinger. It was a great game with two teams going all out to win it. I'm glad we came out the other side of it with a positive result.

"There were some difficult moments in the game. You've got to give Kilmarnock credit, they didn't just sit in and counter-attack. They had a real good go and it turned out to be a very entertaining game.

"The players got plenty of questions asked of them today and they responded brilliantly.

Aberdeen had another good win last night and we go there next week, which is probably going to be the toughest game we'll have now, but we'll look forward to it."

Kilmarnock boss Steve Clarke who is competing with Lennon for the Manager of the Year award, revealed he had been sent to the stands at half-time by ref Don Robertson.

Given the performance of the referee, Lennon could have joined him as Robertson would have been more than justified in sending off two Killie players in the opening 45 minutes and the official left the field to a chorus of boos from both sets of fans.

Clarke said: "I had a little chat with the referee at half-time and he decided that I'd over-stepped the mark and asked me to watch the second half from upstairs.

"It's a disappointing result because we didn't defend as well as we normally do.

"The game was too open second half. It's not a style of game that suits us very well, which you could see in the goals we

conceded.

“The lads were completely committed, we played some good stuff going forward. I don’t think there was much between the two teams and if we got the right breaks at the right times then maybe we could’ve had a different outcome today.”