

Paul Hanlon signs contract extension with Hibs



Long serving Hibs' defender Paul Hanlon has signed a contract extension with the club.

The centre-half verbally agreed a deal until 2022 earlier this month, and has now signed on the dotted line.

Paul is in his testimonial year at the club, having made his debut in January 2008, and has amassed 340 appearances in his time at the club, scoring 20 goals.

Paul told Hibernian Media: "I am delighted to have extended my stay at the club.

"Everyone knows I grew up a Hibs fan – playing for your boyhood heroes is what every kid dreams about and I am very happy that I'll get to do that for another few years.

"The club is in a great position at the moment – we've had a strong first season back in the Premiership and things are looking good on and off the park.

"I'm really enjoying my football at the moment and hopefully we can continue to progress in the coming years."

Head Coach Neil Lennon said: "We are very pleased that Paul

has extended his contract.

“Paul has been very consistent this season, he’s played so well and hardly put a foot wrong.

“He’s a modern centre-half – comfortable on the ball, quick and can step forward with the ball at his feet.

“He’s had a couple of good assists recently against Hearts and Hamilton so has that in the locker, but first and foremost he can defend.

“Paul has been a fantastic servant to the club and thoroughly deserves the contract extension.”