

Hearts Sign Czech Keeper Zlamal



Hearts today moved to ease their goalkeeping dilemma by signing goalkeeper Zdenek Zlamal from Czech side FC Zlin.

The 32-year-old, who has one full international cap for the Czech Republic, has signed a three-year-contract at Tynecastle. Zlamal has also played in Italy and Turkey.

Hearts new goalie isn't entirely unfamiliar with his new club, having been part of the Sparta Prague squad that faced the Gorgie side in a UEFA Cup tie in 2006 at Murrayfield. He told the official Hearts website:

"I was very young back then, so I didn't play, but it was my first UEFA Cup experience and I remember it very well,"

"I remember the Hearts fans and I kept thinking how great they were. I can't explain how happy it makes me to have signed for this great club.

"It has long been my dream to play in British football and I am very excited to be joining Hearts."

"I also know that there have been a few Czech players at Hearts in the past. For example, I know that Rudi Skacel is a Hearts legend and I also remember Roman Bednar and Michal Pospisil playing here so hopefully I can also be a success."

Meanwhile, Hearts have announced a couple of pre-season friendlies. Craig Levein's team will head to Gayfield Park, Arbroath on Tuesday 3rd July before heading to Dumbarton on Saturday 7th July.