

Former Hibs' boss Alan Stubbs back in Scottish football



Former Hibs' boss Alan Stubbs is back in Scottish football as newly appointed manager of Premiership side St Mirren.

The 'Buddies' won promotion from the Championship last season but manager Jack Ross left to join Sunderland.

A number of candidates were linked with the job including former Hibs' player Gary Caldwell, former Ajax and Barcelona star Patrick Kluivert and ex-Real Madrid midfielder Jose Maria Gutierrez Hernandez (Guti) but Stubbs emerged as the successful choice.

Stubbs led Hibs to their first Scottish Cup in 114 years after leading the club to a memorable 3-2 victory over Rangers in 2016.

He then left to take over at Rotherham United but left after only 14 games in charge.

Stubbs enjoyed a successful playing career at Bolton Wanderers, Celtic, Everton, Sunderland and Derby County.

On his appointment Stubbs told stmirren.com: "I'm delighted to be appointed the new manager of St Mirren." "I'm really excited by the challenge ahead and look forward to building on the good work that's been done here already." "Now the hard work starts to get the squad ready for an exciting season ahead."

St Mirren Chief Executive Tony Fitzpatrick said: "We'd like to thank all who applied for the role as St Mirren manager. "There were a number of good applicants for the role but we felt that Alan was the outstanding candidate." "I look forward to working with him over the coming weeks and months as we gear up for the Premiership."