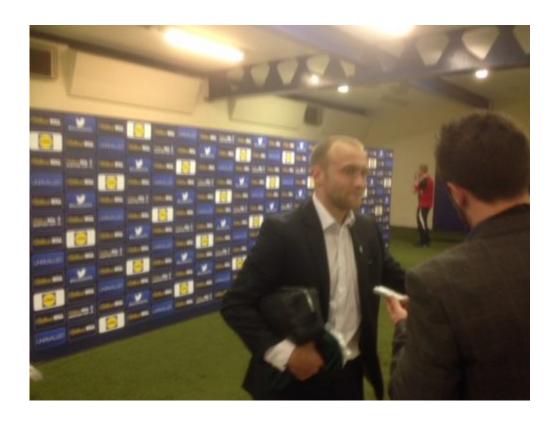
## Dylan McGeouch joins Sunderland



Dylan McGeouch has joined Sunderland following the expiry of his deal at Hibs.

The creative midfielder joined Hibs on loan from Celtic in August 2014, before making the deal permanent the following summer.

In total he played 121 times for Hibs, putting in a number of man-of-the-match performances and helping to dictate the flow and the pace of the games in which he featured.

During his time at Easter Road Stadium he became a fans' favourite due to his performances, but also the on-field success which followed as he helped Hibs to the memorable Scottish Cup victory in 2016, the Ladbrokes Championship title in 2017 and being part of the side that finished fourth following their return to the top-flight last campaign.

Personally, McGeouch also won two Scotland caps and the Club's

own Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year awards last season, owing to his stellar season.

Former St Mirren boss Jack Ross recognised McGeouch's talent and persuaded him to sign for Sunderland and help them back to the Championship following last season's relegation.

He said: "Dylan has been really good for Hibernian and that's culminated in him earning international recognition.

"There were a lot of teams interested in him because he's at a good stage in his career and he's absolutely desperate to come down to England and show people how good a player he is.

"The fans will like him because he's got a lot of quality."

A Hibs' spokesperson said: "Dylan leaves with the best wishes of everyone at Hibernian for his future career."