

Ryan Porteous says Hibs defence will learn from conceded set-piece goal



Ryan Porteous insists that the Hibs' defenders will learn from yesterday's conceded goal against Aberdeen in time for next week's away match against Livingston.

The youngster has been in impressive form since taking over from the injured Darren McGregor and he is enjoying his run in the team alongside Paul Hanlon and Efe Ambrose.

His ability in the air coupled with his intelligent use of the ball has earned him a call up to the Scotland Under 21 squad and the Hibs' fans are expecting big things from him in the future.

Speaking after the final whistle, Porteous told Cliff Pike of Hibernian TV: "It all boils down to defending set plays and we didn't do well enough today.

"The gaffer said we have to live or die on set plays in both boxes and even today attacking we had great deliveries but didn't get on to them.

"We have to learn from that and be more structured and organised next week.

"I thought we played well and moved the ball well in what was a new shape for us today.

"The new boys did well. Daryl (Horgan) has walked into the team as if he's been here for years.

"Adam Bogdan has shown real quality now after a shaky start to the season and he has pulled us out of a lot of sticky situations and we are fortunate to have him.

"We need to be more patient at the edge of the box and we were getting quite frantic but it took a bit of quality from Daryl and Paul (Hanlon) and Jamie MacLaren after that showed his quality and it's bread and butter for him. You can't teach that and he has been a great player for us. He just showed his quality today.

"The manager (Neil Lennon) has told us that if there is one striker he wants us to go forward and join in. When you have the likes of Paul and Efe (Ambrose) who can start an attack from the edge of his own box, you have to make the most of that.

"Whits (Steven Whittaker) and Stevie (Mallan) were brilliant in midfield and I think we were unfortunate not to get the win."