

Thomas Agyepong credits Neil Lennon with instilling braveness in his wingers



Thomas Agyepong is enjoying his football and credits Neil Lennon with instilling a confidence and braveness in his wingers to express themselves.

The Ghanaian international who is on-loan from Manchester City is becoming a cult figure amongst the Easter Road fans with his direct style of play.

His performance last week against Kilmarnock had the fans on their feet and yesterday he scored his first goal in the green and white to seal a superb 3-0 victory over Dundee.

Speaking after the game to Hibernian TV, Agyepong said: "We are Hibs – we want to dominate the game, have the ball all the time.

"The best way to defend is to have the ball – if you have the

ball they can't score, and the more we have the ball the more we can break teams down, create opportunities and score goals.

"That's the manager's philosophy and that's how we want to play – that's how football is played and everybody enjoys it.

"That's what the gaffer wants from us – to get the ball and attack. We are wingers – we are there to create, we are there to take risks.

"He says as soon as you get the ball in the final third, take risks – get at them and once or twice we might get past and create chances.

"I'm a young winger – I'm going to make mistakes. The manager gives us the confidence in training – if we lose it then it doesn't matter, do it again the next time and hopefully it pays off.

The youngster has settled in following a frustrating wait for a work permit in the summer, and has made an impact from the bench in the last three matches.

"The guys are great, the manager is great, the people at the club are great.

"At the end of the day I'm enjoying my football – I've been injured a lot but I'm back fit, playing, so I'm just enjoying myself.

"I'm only 21 and doing one of the best jobs in the world – you just want to enjoy playing and put a smile on your face when you do it. When you're enjoying your football it brings out the best in you and that's what I'm doing."