

Man charged with assault after assistant referee attacked during derby mayhem



A 25-year-old man has been charged with assault after an assistant referee was attacked during last night's Edinburgh derby.

Both assistant referees, Frank Connor and David McGeachie were targeted by individuals in the crowd as tempers flared throughout the stadium.

Police confirmed investigations into an attack on Hearts' goalkeeper 'Bobby' Zlamal and an incident where Hibs' Head Coach was struck on the face by a coin.

Five people were arrested at the match and officers condemned various acts inside the ground.

The match commander, Ch Insp Murray Starkey, said: "Police Scotland condemn the mindless acts of violence including missiles being thrown during last night's Edinburgh derby.

"I can confirm we are investigating two separate incidents involving the Hearts goalkeeper and the Hibernian manager

during the match.

"A 25-year-old-man has been arrested and charged for an assault involving the assistant referee.

"A total of five arrests have been made during the evening. Anyone who witnessed these mindless acts should contact the police on 101."

Hearts owner Ann Budge told BBC Scotland: "I'm asking our supporters to speak up if they see something of this nature happening.

"We don't want people who do this sort of thing involved in football. It brings the whole game into disrepute.

"A lot of us are working very hard to try and improve the situation at football and make it an experience that families can enjoy."