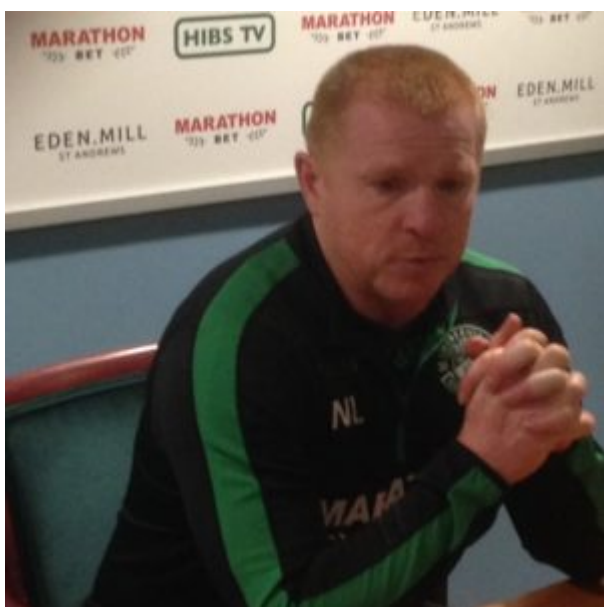


Neil Lennon reveals that his players are 'raring to go' ahead of Aberdeen game

Hibs' Head Coach Neil Lennon has revealed that his players are 'raring to go' ahead of tonight's game against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.



Hibs lost in the league at home for the first time in this calendar year last Saturday against St Johnstone but Lennon put the defeat and lacklustre performance down to 'external influences' following the explosive scenes at the Edinburgh derby.

He anticipates a tough 90 minutes against Aberdeen who have had a slow start to the campaign by their own high standards but have reached the League Cup final after beating Hibs on penalties in the quarters.

Speaking ahead of the game which will be shown live on TV,

Lennon said: "Aberdeen are formidable opposition so it's a good game for us to get our teeth back into. We were disappointing last week, I know the reasons why.

"It was down to me and all the external influences that maybe made the players lose focus and me lose a bit of focus as well.

"It's not a major problem, we've had a good week and a couple of chats about it.

"The players are raring to go, it was a very alien performance and I totally understand that, I have sympathy for the players.

"I'm sure they have the ability to bounce back quickly."