Neil Lennon proud of his players after Ibrox draw



Hibs' Head Coach Neil Lennon was proud of his players for picking up a well-deserved point at Ibrox yesterday.

Hibs lost a first half goal following a defensive error from Darren McGregor but the popular defender made amends with a superb equaliser in the 86th minute.

Both teams had chances and a draw was probably a fair result on the day. After the game he said: "I thought we deserved it. We had a really strong performance in the second half.

"We showed a lot of belief and scored a great goal. We had good chances. I always felt we were in the game. I'm really proud of the players.

"They stood up to an immense challenge and came through it with flying colours."

"We're evolving as a team after losing a lot of good players in the summer. It takes a lot of time for them to gel but I'm looking forward to January because we need to get some bodies in as our injury list is horrendous."

"We showed a lot of belief in the game and scored a great goal, with genuine quality on it as well.

"We had good chances from the likes of Boyle, Hyndman and Kamberi. I always felt at 1-0 we were in the game, even if we were a bit lightweight at times.

"Adam's stops were all saveable, I don't remember being under any concerted periods of pressure in the game and they were saves I would expect him to make.

"He made one great top from Middleton when he came out and closed the space quickly but the others were ones I would expect him to make.

"It's not as if we were even cut open for the Rangers goal. It was a defensive error from our point of view and we were comfortable in the game.

"At half-time I said we needed our midfield to play with more purpose and penetration and they gave us that.

"Our substitutions made a great contribution too and I'm so pleased to have David Gray back especially, it's a real bonus."

Lennon was also delighted with the attitude and performance of Florian Kamberi whom he criticised following last weekend's draw against Livingston.

He continued: "I had a long chat with him. I've got a lot of faith in him but he's not been producing that sort of performance recently.

"There was a different body language and a different physicality about him and his touch was better today. His hold-up play was better. We need him to do that week in, week out.