

Stevie Mallan insists that victory over St Mirren can put Hibs' season back on track

Stevie Mallan believes a victory over his old side could put Hibs back on track after a disappointing run of results.



Hibs face St Mirren tonight at Easter Road on the back of their worst performance of the season at Rugby Park where they lost 3-0 to on-form Kilmarnock.

Lennon's men will play eight fixtures in December including games against Celtic, Rangers and Hearts so it is imperative that they pick up points against the teams in the lower half of the table.

The Scotland Under-21 international said: "We are one win away from picking everyone up and starting afresh.

"I wouldn't say anything has changed on or off the pitch, the results just haven't gone our way like they did at the start of the season, when we went seven games unbeaten.

"We need a win just now and we will do everything we can to get it.

"If we put in a good performance and get a win it will breed confidence back in the squad.

"We might be in the bottom half of the table now, but wins against St Mirren and Hamilton take you right back up into the mix and would give us real confidence going into the run of games with Celtic, Rangers and Hearts.

"We know what we want to do as a club. We have set our own targets and goals, particularly looking towards the end of December. Hopefully, after this run of games we will know roughly where we'll sit in the league and can set the next set of goals after that."

"We have a good nucleus here with older guys like Davie (Gray) Paul (Hanlon) Lewis Stevenson and Stevie Whittaker. You learn a lot from the experienced players and what they have to say.

"They have been through different highs and lows in their careers, so it is good to get the knowledge.

"It also helps the younger ones be a bit more confident in the dressing room and get a chance to speak. It's a healthy thing. When you have those players around you, it makes you better. We are lucky to have them."

" We want to get a few wins under our belt to move back up. I think we can do that over the next month. The expectations at Hibs are so high because this is a massive club.

"We have two games over the next four or five days to rectify

things a bit. If we win them, we move straight back up and everyone starts talking about how well the team is looking again.

“Those are the highs and lows of football. We want to start getting back on the positive side and showing how we express ourselves as a team.

“We need to get back to winning ways, start climbing up this table and this is a great opportunity to start. We are playing against a good side, but we know ourselves that we can rectify the performances we have put in recently and get a victory.

“We are just going through a little lull as a squad. Most teams in the league have gone through a spell when they have been struggling to get a win. It’s just our turn.

” We can only find it in ourselves to get out of it and December is the best time to do that, due to the sheer number of games you have coming up. The fixtures come thick and fast and you don’t have any chance to think about previous matches.

“As soon as you finish one, you are focusing on the next. This is the time to show the strength of our squad.

“You want to rack up the points and get a boost going into those games. They are massive fixtures against the sort of sides we want to be up competing with. We want to be a force in this league and over the next few games I think we’ll show we can do that.”