

# Hearts cup tie date moved; Smith and Mitchell injury blows

The SFA confirmed today that Hearts William Hill Scottish Cup quarter final against Partick Thistle at Firhill will be played on the evening of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March with a 7.05pm kick-off.

The game will be broadcast live on BBC Scotland. The fixture change will come as a disappointment for many Hearts fans, especially schoolchildren, who might not be able to attend a Monday night tie. Hearts have been allocated 2,200 tickets.

Hibernian's quarter final tie with Celtic at Easter Road will kick off at 5.15pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will be broadcast live on Premier Sports.

The full Scottish Cup quarter-final schedule is

Saturday 2 March: Hibernian v  
Celtic 5.15pm

Sunday 3 March: Aberdeen v  
Kilmarnock or Rangers 1.30pm

Sunday 3 March; Dundee United v  
Ross County or Inverness Caledonian Thistle 3.30pm

Monday 4 March: Partick Thistle  
v Heart of Midlothian 7.05pm

Hearts fans were dealt more disappointing news when it was confirmed defenders Michael Smith and Demetri Mitchell will be side-lined by injury for the next few weeks. Smith has a torn muscle in his thigh and has damaged a tendon. Mitchell has damaged the lateral meniscus in his knee.

Hearts manager Craig Levein told the official Hearts website:

*"We have Marcus Godinho and Jamie Brandon back and they have both played and played well," he said. "I have been pleased with Marcus when he has played so I have no complaints there.*

*"With Demi it was innocuous, it was his standing leg and it was just the way he twisted after he shot.*

*"But we have Jake Mulraney and Bobby Burns who can play there as well."*