

Garuccio injury blow for Hearts

In a season full of injury woes, Hearts were dealt another bad hand yesterday when it was revealed that left back Ben Garuccio has torn his cruciate ligament during training and will be out for the next ten months.

The Australian defender has only made sporadic appearances in the Hearts first team this season, but his long-term absence is a blow, nevertheless. Hearts manager Craig Levein told the official Hearts website:

“We had a bit of bad news yesterday. Ben Garuccio has torn his cruciate in training, so he’ll be out for ten months or so. His foot got caught in the turf and twisted, just a complete accident. It’s not good news.”

Levein admitted he was looking forward to Saturday’s Ladbrokes Premiership game with Aberdeen at Tynecastle.

“It’s a different occasion on Saturday. We’re at home and

there'll be a big crowd – Aberdeen always bring a fairly large support with them – and I think it'll be a smashing game.”