

# Hearts through to Scottish Cup semi-final

Heart of Midlothian 2 Partick Thistle 1

William Hill Scottish Cup Quarter Final Replay, Tuesday  
12th March 2019 – Tynecastle

On a night you wouldn't put your dog out, Hearts finally stumbled over the line in their William Scottish Cup tie against Partick Thistle. In truly atrocious weather conditions, the Maroons came from behind to notch a narrow 2-1 win in the quarter final replay at Tynecastle and set up a semi-final tie against John Robertson's Inverness Caledonian Thistle at Hampden next month.

The home support were stunned when the Championship's second bottom side took the lead in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute when slack defensive play allowed McDonald to tap home the opening goal.

Hearts were struggling and the fans weren't slow in making their feelings known. However, seven minutes later Hearts were level when Craig Wighton set up Uche Ikpeazu to fire home the equaliser.

Ten minutes later Hearts were ahead. Jake Mulraney was fouled inside the Thistle penalty box and Sean Clare stroked home the resultant penalty kick.

Hearts were awarded a second penalty kick in the second half after Ikpeazu was fouled. The

big striker took  
the spot kick himself but rather wished he hadn't after his  
weak shot was saved  
by Thistle keeper Hazard.

Thistle had a couple of late  
penalty claims turned down by referee Bobby Madden, but the  
home side were  
deserved winners and will travel to Hampden for the semi-final  
next month confident  
of reaching their first Scottish Cup final in seven years.

**Hearts:** Zlamal, Souttar, Berra, Lee  
(Haring, 65'), Clare, Djoum, Wighton, Garuccio, Ikpeazu,  
Mulraney, Godinho.

#### **Partick**

**Thistle:** Hazard, Elliott  
(Cardle, 50'), Penrice, Anderson, Spittal, Bannigan, McDonald,  
Slater, Mansell  
(Storey, 67'), McMillan, Saunders.

**Referee:** Bobby Madden

**Attendance:** 10,351