Former England youth international Adam Jackson signs for Hibs



Adam Jackson has joined Hibs on a two-year contract, subject to international clearance.

The 25-year-old centre-back completed his medical earlier at the Hibernian Training Centre.

He was a guest of the club at the last Edinburgh Derby and heads north under freedom of contract following a successful spell with Barnsley and becomes the second signing of the summer following the return of Scott Allan.

The former England youth international — capped at Under-16 through to Under-19 level — jumped at the chance to work with Head Coach Paul Heckingbottom again.

It was Heckingbottom who initially took him to Oakwell after he worked his way through the youth ranks at Middlesbrough before loan stints at Halifax Town, Coventry City and Hartlepool United.

He told Hibs Media: "I'm really pleased we have been able to get the deal for Adam over the line.

"The fact it's come so early in the summer is hopefully indicative of the work that has gone on and is going on behind the scenes here. It also shows Adam's own enthusiasm to play for Hibernian.

"I know all about Adam's qualities having signed him in the first place for Barnsley and he was one I was set on bringing to Easter Road.

"Adam initially caught my eye when he excelled at a young age in League Two with Hartlepool United and I watched him for a long time before signing him for Barnsley.

"Adam has a real physical presence. He is strong in the air and understands how we want to defend and how we look to play out from the back. So, he's ideally suited to the way we like to play.

"He got a taste of what it's like when he was up to watch the last Edinburgh Derby and I know how excited he is to get going with the rest of the boys when we start back for pre-season training."

Jackson said: "I'm delighted to be joining Hibernian. With the stature of the club and having worked with Paul previously it was a no-brainer for me.

"I know what he expects of me and I know what I can deliver for him.

"I obviously got a glimpse of what to expect when I was up for the game against Hearts and I'm looking forward to experience it all myself when I report back with the rest of the boys in three weeks."