

Vanecek Czechs out of Tynecastle

Six months ago, there was much hullabaloo in social media about the imminent arrival at Tynecastle of Czech Republic striker David Vanecek. The 28-year-old striker had wanted to leave Teplice in his homeland last summer, but the Czech top-flight side rejected Hearts offer meaning the player had to wait until the January transfer window to move to Scotland. In fairness, much of the hullabaloo came from the player himself...

Vanecek duly made his Hearts debut against Livingston in the Scottish Cup but in his next appearance in maroon he was substituted by an angry Craig Levein after just 34 minutes. The Hearts boss clearly felt Vanecek had let the club down with his lack of fitness.

Today, Vanecek's brief flirtation with Scottish football ended when Hearts released the striker from his contract 'by mutual consent'. His number of appearances in a Hearts shirt didn't even reach double figures.

In a statement on their official website Hearts said they wished Vanecek all the best. To paraphrase, he came, he saw, he conked out...

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