

Chris Maxwell joins Hibs on loan from Preston North End



Preston North End goalkeeper Chris Maxwell has joined Hibs on a season-long loan subject to international clearance.

The 28-year-old provide competition between the sticks for Ofir Marciano who started pre-season training yesterday after an extended break on the back of his international involvement with Israel.

Maxwell, a former Welsh youth international, jumped at the chance to move to Easter Road and reunited with his former Deepdale room-mate Daryl Horgan.

Head Coach Paul Heckingbottom told Hibernian Media: “We were short of a goalkeeper with Adam Bogdan’s loan expiring and Chris ticked every box for us.

“He has good experience, he’s a presence in goal with good distribution that will help us build from the back.

“We have an excellent goalkeeper in Ofir but we weren’t looking for someone content to be number two.

“We want a fair fight and whoever starts the season in goal will deserve it.”

Maxwell added: “I’m really excited to get going.

“Paul explained what the ambitions are for the club. The aspiration should be to play in Europe and that’s something I want to be part of.

“Scottish football’s nothing new for me. My Dad’s side of the family are Scottish. He grew up in Bathgate and the rest of them are still in Edinburgh.

“I’ve been to my fair share of games and sat in the Hibs end for October’s Edinburgh Derby when I was up to see family and support Daryl.

“To be on the pitch for something like that – that’s something to look forward to.”