Hearts slump continues with defeat in Perth

St Johnstone 1 Heart of Midlothian 0

Ladbrokes Premiership - Wednesday 30th October 2019 -McDiarmid Park

Hearts slumped further down the Ladbrokes Premiership table this evening with yet another dismal display in a 1-0 defeat at St Johnstone – who were bottom of the league before tonight.

An own goal from Christophe Berra on the hour mark was enough to give the Perth Saints their second win on the bounce and increase the anger among the travelling Maroon Army.

Hearts managed just one shot on target during the entire ninety minutes. In truth, the home side could have won by a greater margin as Hearts struggled late in the game.

The only plus point on another bitter match day for the disillusioned Hearts support was the return of Jamie Walker from injury, the attacking midfielder coming on as a second half substitute. Hearts are now in second bottom place in the league with only goal difference keeping them above St Mirren. Craig Levein now takes his side to Hampden on Sunday to face Rangers in the Betfred Cup semi-final. Coming three days after Halloween that is a scary prospect. St Johnstone: Clark, Ralston, Tanser, Duffy, Kerr, Wright, Wotherspoon (Craig, 72'), Davidson, McCann, Kennedy (Kane, 67'), May (Hendry, 87').

Hearts: Pereira, Smith, White, Berra, Bozanic, Clare (Meshino, 79′), MacLean, Ikpeazu, Damour (Whelan, 59′), Morrison (Walker, 59′), Hickey.

Referee: David Munro