

Jack Ross has European qualification in his sights

Hibs' Head Coach Jack Ross is aiming to secure a top six place before the split then looking at the possibility of European qualification.



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Pic shows: An animated Hibs' Manager, Jack Ross, as Hearts go down 0-2 to Hibernian in the Ladbroke's Scottish Premiership, Edinburgh Boxing Day derby at Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh.

Credit: Ian Jacobs

Hibs face Aberdeen at Pittodrie tomorrow and victory would go a long way to helping to achieve that ambition.

Speaking ahead of the game Ross said: "It (European qualification) was something I didn't think was not achievable for the players

but we still need to strive towards it. We also need other things to fall our

way as we're not in the box seat.

"We also first of all have to secure our top-six place, but those two probably go hand in hand right now. Securing the top six would allow

us to look to challenge higher up such is the closeness of it at the moment.

"The important thing is that drive is there right now and we still have a chance of achieving that.

“It’s important we don’t forget the progress we’ve made.”

When asked about Tuesday’s defeat to Hearts in the Edinburgh derby he responded: “I stand by what I said after the game on Tuesday, there was very little in it until the penalty and even after it we had a good spell where we created a couple of chances.

“We didn’t react to the second goal but it’s not comparable to say the Rangers game before Christmas where we were really poor for 90 minutes and were comprehensively beaten.

“We’ll accept our medicine from the derby but it doesn’t deflect away from a lot of the good things the players have done over the last few months.”

Hibs will be without Marc McNulty for the Pittodrie trip after the striker accepted a two-game ban for stamping on Hearts’ midfielder Sean Clare,