

Ofir Marciano wants a sell-out Hampden for Euro semi-final

At the moment Scotland's crucial semi-final showdown with Israel will go ahead as planned on Thursday 26th March however First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has warned that the number of people with the coronavirus could rise "rapidly" in the near future, sparking fears that the game could be played behind closed doors.



Although that would be beneficial to the visitors, Hibs' goalkeeper Marciano however is desperate to defy the 'Hampden roar' rather than play to an empty stadium.

Marciano has been in top form for Hibs in the recent months and has helped Jack Ross's side to reach the top six after a poor start to the season.

Marciano said: "Football firstly is for the fans. Even though it's against us, I think for the sake of the game it would be good to play it in front of a crowd.

"That's why we play football at the highest level, for these moments.

"The situation in Israel is the same in Scotland. I think

there has been an increase in the number of cases in the last few days.

“They have tried to minimise the risk, so they have cancelled a few big events and a few games in the last few days.

“Obviously it’s not ideal but we should deal with it and I hope it will settle down.”