Former Hibs' midfielder returns to football after two-year break

Former Hibs' midfielder Paul Cairney has returned to football after a two-year break and joined Albion Rovers.

The 32-year-old midfielder joins after previously playing under Brian Reid when he was manager of Stranraer.

Manager Reid said: "I honestly think this is a massive coup for us.



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"Having worked with Paul I know the real quality he has. His intelligence on the pitch and his natural ability is second to none.

"I have made clear already that I want the squad to have experience and Paul brings an abundance. "He has a great passing range and will be a steady head on the park."

Commenting on the move, Paul said: "I am delighted to be back playing again, I have had a wee period out of football but I am more than ready to be playing again.

"When Brian gave me a call it was a no brainer."

Cairney joined Hibs from Partick Thistle in the summer of 2012 and scored his first goal for the club in a 2–2 draw against Celtic at Parkhead in September that year.

He struggled to consistently hold a place in Pat Fenlon's first team due to injuries and was released by the club at the end of the 2013–14 season.