

Jack Ross praises contribution of two-goal Martin Boyle

Hibs' Head Coach Jack Ross praised the contribution of two-goal Martin Boyle after yesterday's opening day victory over Kilmarnock at Easter Road yesterday.

Watched by 33 cardboard cut-outs of kangaroos courtesy of the Australian Branch of the Hibernian Supporters Association, the 'socceroo' opened the scoring on the fourth minute after new signing Kevin Nisbet set him up with a superb through ball then added a second after good work from Scott Allan.



Ladbroke's Scottish Premiership – Heart of Midlothian v Hibernian. Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh, Midlothian, UK. 26/12/2019. 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

Chris Burke pulled one back with a wonderful free-kick just before the break and the visitors had the better of the second half but Hibs held on to secure the three points.

After the final whistle Ross said: "Martin hasn't felt like he's been at his best in pre-season. But he assured us that he'd be right for the opening day, in fact, he told us he would score.

"He played in a slightly different role at the start of the game and then back to his more natural position on the wing but wherever he plays on the pitch, he carries a threat

because of that pace and he is a much better player than a lot of people give him credit for.

“His all-round play is good, how he creates opportunities is excellent and I’m delighted he has got off to that start.”

Hibs face Livingston at the Tony Macaroni Arena next Saturday.