

# Alex Gogic accepts Cyprus call-up was 'not meant to be' after Covid scare

Hibs' influential midfielder Alex Gogic was disappointed to miss his Cyprus debut against Montenegro and Azerbaijan last month after he tested positive for the coronavirus.

Two subsequent negative tests followed but protocol dictated the 26-year-old had to self-isolate for ten days resulting in him missing Hibs' game with Aberdeen before the international break and he accepts that it was 'not meant to be'.



Martin Boyle of Hibernian

Hibernian Player warm up for the new season at Hibernian Training centre

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Cyprus are back in action next month with a back-to-back Nations League meetings away in Luxembourg and Azerbaijan following a home friendly against the Czech Republic and Gogic knows that impressive performances for Hibs could see him follow in his father's footsteps by winning a cap.

Hibs host top of the table Rangers on Sunday at Easter Road and the Cypriot believes that key to success means 'having a go' rather than sitting back.

He said: " They have kept clean sheets and are doing very well. It's a big game for us and I think we have to try and go

and get something. We've been doing well as well so it's a big game for us and for them.

"Our strikers and wingers have to do their best to try and break them down, but our side haven't conceded through open play so that's very good.

"It could go anyway to be honest but I hope it's a good game. You just have to focus on winning the game.

"We set our own targets and we know what we want to achieve. "This is one of the biggest games for us so to impress and hopefully I will get a call up next time. The most important thing was our health which was all good. It was a blow but it's OK. It wasn't meant to be.

"It's football, anything can happen on a good day. Every game is different but we just have to focus on what we do and hopefully we get a win"

Gogic has experienced victories over Rangers with Hamilton Academical, winning twice at Ibrox including a 1-0 success in March which coupled with their draw at Tynecastle effectively kept the side in the top-flight.