Hibs' game available only on Premier Sports tomorrow

Hibs' fans will be able to watch their team in action only on Premier Sports on Saturday.

Fans are currently unable to attend games at Balmoral Stadium and while Cove Rangers have launched their own new TV channel, the first game that will be shown on it will be next week's fixture against East Fife. Tomorrow's fixture against Hibs will be shown on Premier Sports from 12.05pm.

Supporters are reminded that tomorrow's #BetfredCup tie is behind closed doors

Tune in to @PremierSportsTV from 12:05pm for live coverage!#COYC https://t.co/XXLUr6gkhX

– Cove Rangers FC (@CoveRangersFC) <u>October 9, 2020</u>

Chairman Keith Moorhouse said on the <u>Cove Rangers website</u> about the new TV channel: "The new television channel is the latest in what we believe has been a creative and determined response to the challenges we are facing at the moment.

"Fans not being able to come to games is a nightmare for every club, not just us.

"But we have done our best to remain engaged with the Cove Rangers fan base by updating our website, launching the CRFC Club 1922 fans' membership scheme and installing a modern paperless system for booking match and season tickets. "The obvious next step was to give our fans the opportunity to still see our games via our own television channel while the restrictions on fans attending remains in place.

"The upside for the club is any revenue gained from the television subscriptions will help us cope with the heavy burden of having nobody inside Balmoral Stadium, certainly for the first part of the new campaign.

"It's the duty of directors to work to keep our club in a good place during what has been the most challenging period in our history.

"The launch of the television channel is a huge part of that we can only hope that fans are happy to take up this opportunity to support us while also enjoying the chance to see us play."

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Manager Paul Hartley, who previously played for Hibs, but is better remembered by fans from his spell at Hearts, said: "It's great that our fans are still going to get the chance to watch our home league games.

"They played a huge part in the success we enjoyed last season and we are really going to miss them when we get back to playing competitive matches.

"The live screenings of our home matches in League One will ease the pain for them a little.

"It will also allow them to underline their love for Cove Rangers because we need their support now more than ever.

"The players will also take motivation from knowing there is an army of Cove Rangers fans sitting in their homes hoping to see them perform well."

A state-of-the-art camera system has been installed at Balmoral Stadium to provide the highest possible quality

coverage of games.

BBC Scotland Radio and television broadcaster Scott Davie who has been providing match commentaries for the BBC for more than 25 years will commentate.

Davie, who also works as a freelance sportswriter for several of Scotland's national newspapers, said: "I'm honoured to have been chosen by Cove Rangers to help launch this exciting new venture.

"I'm really looking forward to getting down to work and doing my best to make sure the Cove supporters receive added value for their money."