

Martin Boyle hits back at claims that he is a 'diver'

Martin Boyle has hit back at claims that he is a diver and pointed out that he has been fouled 82 times this season, with only Aberdeen midfielder Lewis Ferguson winning more free-kicks in the top-flight.

The Socceroo was harshly shown a yellow card for simulation by referee Don Robertson in Sunday's 2-1 defeat by Rangers despite the fact that he didn't claim after being outmuscled by Rangers' defender Connor Goldson.



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Hibs play host to Dundee in the Betfred Cup at Easter road, Edinburgh.

Pic shows: A disappointed Hibs forward, Martin Boyle, as his shot is blocked by Dundee keeper, Jack Hamilton.

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Robertson looked as though he couldn't wait to produce a yellow card and it was apparent that his decision was based on Boyle's unfair reputation after being criticised by Ross County manager John Hughes after being awarded a penalty in Dingwall.

Speaking after the game Boyle said: "The way I move, sometimes it is easy to be brushed off the ball.

"I just got bundled over and I wasn't even claiming for the penalty. I went for the ball and I just wasn't strong enough

and was brushed aside by the big boys.

“I said to the referee at half time that I didn’t think it was a yellow card because I wasn’t wanting a penalty, but he said he thought I was playing for it. I didn’t feel there was enough for it to be a penalty, but it wasn’t a dive.

“I am being shown stats that say I am the most fouled player in the league and in some games I get taken out 10-12 times. I could get multiple people booked, but no-one speaks about that.

“I get some unbelievable tackles on me. I am the sort of guy who just brushes it aside and gets up and gets on with my game.”