

Matt Macey hopes to follow in mentor Conrad Logan's footsteps

Hibs' goalkeeper Matt Macey has revealed that he trained with Conrad Logan as a teenager and is now determined to follow in his footsteps by lifting the Scottish Cup on Saturday.

Macey, who joined Hibs on loan from Arsenal in January before signing a two-year contract in May, has made his seven appearances so far with four coming in the Scottish Cup and is likely to start against St Johnstone at the national stadium.



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Hibs play host to Kilmarnock in the Scottish Premier League at Easter road, Edinburgh.

Pic shows: Hibs' recent signing from Arsenal, goalkeeper, Matt Macey,

Credit: Ian Jacobs

Coincidentally the last time Hibs won the trophy in 2016, Logan was drafted in for the semi-final against Dundee United after first choice Mark Oxley received a second yellow card for time wasting against Inverness Caledonian Thistle when he lost a contact lens.

He then produced an outstanding display against Dundee United for 120 minutes before saving two penalties in the shoot out.

He then kept his place for the dramatic 3-2 final victory over

Rangers.

Like Logan, Macey has arrived relatively unknown from south of the border and helped Hibs win a penalty shoot-out against Motherwell in the quarter final.

Speaking at the pre-match press conference Macey said: "He (Conrad Logan) made a name for himself and I have heard a lot about him. I am excited about the opportunity. If I can perform anything like he did, I will be happy with that on Saturday.

"I obviously heard a lot about it before our semi-final because we were playing Dundee United. I watched that previous game – it was probably the best goalkeeping performance I have ever seen, so I am very aware of that situation and funny enough he probably isn't aware but, when he went on loan to Bristol Rovers a year or two before he came to Hibs, I was actually a young goalkeeper there.

"I was only about 15 but trained with him for one session so I had tracked his career from that point. I am sure he won't remember me – it was literally one session. I knew about Hibs from that cup run so it is quite a nice coincidence."

Macey was an unused substitute when Arsenal beat Chelsea in the 2020 FA Cup final, but never envisaged that this opportunity would arise.

He added: "No, a million miles away from that at the start of the season and I feel very fortunate to be in this position.

"It has almost come out of nowhere and if you had told me I was playing in a cup final at the start of the season, it was the furthest thing I was thinking about doing.

"I was thinking about trying to play some sort of football at some point this season. I am very lucky to have found such a great club and for everything to have fallen into place that

has given me this opportunity to possibly reach the highest point in my career so far.”