

Record crowd sees Hibs win Edinburgh derby

A new record crowd for a domestic women's fixture in Scotland watched Hibs beat Hearts 3-0 at Easter Road last night.

The attendance of 5,512 almost doubled the numbers for Hibs' Champions League tie against Bayern Munich in 2016 demonstrating the popularity of the women's game right now.



Summer signing American striker Alexa Coyle opened the scoring after capitalising on a poor clearance from the Hearts defence in the seventh minute.

Despite dominating the rest of the first-half there was no more scoring.

After the restart Scotland midfielder Rachael Boyle ran through on goal and fired past Hearts' keeper Charlotte Parker-Smith.

Boyle then turned provider for lifelong Hibs' fan Eilidh Adams who wrapped things up with a simple tap-in.

The result sees Hibs move up two places to third in the SWPL1 table. Hearts remain second bottom with no points.

Afterwards Hibs head coach Dean Gibson told BBC Scotland: "It was a brilliant night all round.

"To have more than 5,000 at a women's game was amazing, they showed a real appreciation of the quality that was on the pitch and I think a couple will have gone home with a different opinion of the women's game and it will hopefully

get them turning up at our other games.”