

Boyce needs surgery after injury setback

Liam Boyce has suffered a setback in his recovery from injury and will need surgery. That's the latest word from the dressing-room supplied by head coach Steven Naismith.

He told a press briefing at The Oriam that the timeline on recovery is between six and eight weeks and he said: "His hamstring injury proved to be more of a tendon issue rather than purely muscle."

Peter Haring picked up a knee injury at Livingston and Cammy Devlin has stepped up his comeback after injury. The Aussie is back training with the group but is not ready to be considered for the squad.

Scott Fraser, who has joined on-loan from London club, Charlton Athletic, has been training with the squad this week and Naismith said: "Whether he starts, or is on the bench, we'll wait and see."

Looking at Dundee, who were edged recently at Tynecastle, Naismith said: "We are under no illusions, this is going to be another tough game. They are a well coached team, a young ream, but they have a lot of enthusiasm and quality.

"We're going there on a good run, filled with confidence, and we need to make that count."

Meanwhile, fans travelling to Dens Park are advised that there is no cash gate and supporters who do not have a ticket should not travel.

Hearts ticket office staff will be on duty at the main reception at Dens Park from 1.45pm for fans who have still to collect/receive tickets.

Rules on parking around the stadium have changed.

PICTURE: Liam Boyce