

Goalkeeper Gordon eyes Scottish Cup and Scotland recall

Craig Gordon made his top team comeback in the 2-1 victory by Hearts over Capital club Spartans in the last round of the Scottish Gas, Scottish Cup, making a key save during the game.

The 41-year-old would love to be given the nod on Sunday when the Jambos travel to Airdrie in the fifth round. However, the veteran goalkeeper, who is the oldest player in the history of the Gorgie club, still talks about playing for Scotland in Euro 2024 when the Tartan team open the tournament with a Group A joust against hosts Germany in Munich (21.00) on June 14.

Currently, he is continuing his comeback and has just signed a one-year extension to his current contract at the Gorgie club.

The former Balerno High School pupil stressed to a media briefing at The Oriam that the word retirement has not entered his head and said: "I feel good and am happy to extend my contract at Hearts for another year.

"There is a lot to try and achieve and lots of milestones that could potentially come up over the next year so there is a lot of aim for."

His aim is to get back to playing regularly for Hearts and

return into the Scotland squad. Incidentally, he would be the oldest player every to play for Scotland if he gets one more cap.

He added: "I am already Hearts oldest player. It would be amazing to be part of that (Scotland in Euro 2024) and there is plenty to motivate me between now and then to train hard and keep myself in the best shape.

"Retirement is not something I am thinking about. It will happen one day but, at the moment, it is full focus to be ready to take my next opportunity."

PICTURE: Craig Gordon at the opening of the new Tynecastle Hotel. Picture by **David Mollison**