

Atkinson back in squad for Celtic trip

Nathaniel Atkinson comes back into Hearts' squad ahead of their trip to cinch Premiership leaders Celtic on Saturday (kick-off 15.00).

The Jambos have won two games against The Bhoys this term and Steven Naismith (pictured), Hearts' head coach, said: "All season we have had confidence going into every game and we have no fear about what we are coming up against.

"Having the results against Celtic certainly helps and builds confidence. It will be slightly different (this time) because of where it (the game) sits in the season.

"The outcome of these games has a massive impact and I am sure Celtic being in the pole position for the title will want to come and get a result, but in a title race one slip can cost you."

Naismith added that when you play against the Old Firm you have to be comfortable and understand the whole game and the dynamic of the crowd.

He added: "You have got to manage the game you have to understand that you are going to have to defend as they are a good team. If you get a goal and you start controlling the game you can turn the crowd."