

Hibs announce first signing of David Gray's tenure

Hibs have announced the loan signing of Josef Bursik for the 2024/25 season.

The 23-year-old goalkeeper becomes the club's first addition of the new campaign, joining from Belgian Pro League winners Club Brugge.

Bursik already has a wealth of First Team experience as a young no.1 as well as international pedigree with England's youth teams.

The 6'3" 'keeper came through the ranks of the AFC Wimbledon Academy before moving to Stoke City aged 16.

After a number of successful lower league loan spells, Bursik made his debut for the Potters in November 2020 before making 50 appearances between the sticks for Stoke in the EFL Championship.

In January 2023, the goalkeeper made the permanent switch to Belgian champions Club Brugge.

Internationally, Bursik – who also has Czech ancestry – has represented England through the youth levels. He helped England's Under-17s reach the final of the UEFA European Championships in 2017, and the Under-17s FIFA World Cup that same year.

He has also featured for England's Under-18s, 19s and 20s before making his Under-21s debut in November 2020.

On the signing, Hibernian FC Head Coach David Gray said: "I'm delighted we've been able to bring Josef to the Football Club.

"He's someone we've been monitoring for a long time due to his technical ability, pedigree, and the positive character references we've received.

"My coaching staff and I are looking forward to working with him."

Sporting Director Malky Mackay added: "I'm really pleased Josef has decided that Hibs are the Club to showcase his talents. He is a top goalkeeper and a fine young man, and we look forward to seeing him at Easter Road.

"I'd like to thank Club Brugge for the smooth transition of Josef's loan deal and wish them the very best in the coming season."