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Hibs have announced the signing of centre-back Marvin Ekpiteta

The 28-year-old has penned a three-year deal following the expiration of his contract with English League One side Blackpool.

Standing at 6ft 4', Ekpiteta rose through the English football pyramid, winning promotion with both Leyton Orient and Blackpool.

Before departing the Seaside this summer, the Englishman made over 100 appearances in the Championship & League One, won their Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year award in 2022, and captained them regularly in the 2022/23 campaign.

Internationally, Ekpiteta has earned two caps for Nigeria's Under-20s and also featured for England C.

On the signing Hibernian FC Head Coach David Gray said: "Marvin is someone I look forward to working with. He has great experience at a good level in England and adds extra leadership to the dressing room.

"Physically, he has all the attributes that fit the demands of Scottish football; he's big, strong, dominant, very athletic, and will be an asset in both boxes. We're really pleased to

bring him to the Club.”

Sporting Director Malky Mackay commented: “I’m delighted to welcome Marvin to Hibernian FC as we continue to improve our squad.

“Like Warren O’Hora, Marvin is another player who has been a captain and a leader within First Team groups. He is a real defender with a lot of experience, and I look forward to seeing him in action.”