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And he is ready for another new challenge at Hibs after penning a three-year deal with the Club.

Ekpiteta became David Gray's third signing of the summer transfer window, arriving from Blackpool FC.

The 28-year-old centre-back has climbed the football league pyramid during his career, starting out in non-league before rising through the leagues with Leyton Orient and Blackpool and reaching the English Championship.

Now, Marvin is excited for a new challenge north of the border in Scotland. In his first interview with the Club, he told Hibs TV:

"I am happy to get the deal done, it has been an ongoing conversation for a couple of weeks now so I am happy to get it over the line.

"There was a bit of initial interest at first, then my agents spoke to Malky and it progressed quite nicely.

"I liked everything that I heard about the Club and I liked what I have seen so far, so it's definitely a good move for

me.

“I have really enjoyed my career so far. I have come all the way up from non-league to the championship down south, now I am up in the Scotland and I feel my whole career I have been on an upward trajectory.

“The history (of the Club) was a bit thing for me and to play at this level against some really good teams was a big thing for me. It’s something different for me, a new challenge that I am looking forward to.”

The powerful defender is a natural leader on the pitch and explained to Hibs TV what Hibs fans can expect from him.

“Those experiences in the lower leagues definitely helped shape me as a person and built my character from a young age.

“I like to lead by example, in terms of my effort and how I carry myself both off the pitch and on the pitch. I am a player who gives his all, constantly. I am aggressive in both boxes and I just love to defend. That is my job so that is my main priority.

“I am happy to be here for three years, which is a good length for me as I feel I am a defender in the prime of my career. My ambitions are to get this Club back into Europe, finish inside the top three and take it from there.”