

Boyle strike seals pre-season win for Hibs over Greek champions

Hibs made it three wins from three pre-season games with an impressive victory over Greek champions PAOK.

The game shown live on X was played in difficult conditions for both sides including incredibly strong winds at Sportpark Kerkebos .

Joe Newell captained a starting XI that featured all three of Hibs new summer signings including goalkeeper Josef Bursik and centre-backs Marvin Ekpiteta and Warren O'Hora.

Lewis Miller joined Ekpiteta and O'Hora in a back three, with Chris Cadden and Jordan Obita providing width as wing-backs.

Newell made up a midfield trio alongside Nathan Moriah-Welsh and Josh Campbell, the latter having scored in each of Hibernian's friendlies against Edinburgh City and MSV Duisburg.

Boyle led the line alongside Dutch striker Dylan Vente.

PAOK almost took the lead but Bursik got down well to deny Bulgaria captain Kiril Despodov from close range on the angle.

Then came the only goal of the game, as Boyle pressed ferociously and chased down Dominik Kotarski in the PAOK goal.

The Croatian goalkeeper's attempted pass was cut out by Boyle and ricocheted into the net for 1-0.

Gray made a number of changes after an hour played.

Youngsters Rudi Molotnikov, Kanayo Megwa and Rory Whittaker came on for more valuable minutes.

Hibernian will return from the Netherlands on Monday ahead of their first competitive fixture of 2024/25, away to Elgin City in the Premier Sports Cup on Saturday 13 July.

Hibs: XI: Bursik; Miller, Ekpiteta, O'Hora; Cadden, Moriah-Welsh, Newell, Campbell, Obita; Boyle, Vente. Subs: Wollacott, Boruc, Levitt, Youan, Amos, Harbottle, Megwa, Jair, Rocky, Molotnikov, Whittaker.