

David Gray admits there's "loads to work on" ahead on new season

David Gray admitted that there's "loads to work on" following last night's defeat to Watford and said his full focus is on the Peterhead match on Saturday.

Hibs lost 3-2 by the English Championship side at Easter Road, in what was a very useful outing for both sides.

Gray utilised the game to get extra minutes into the players' legs, giving the majority of his squad 45 minutes on the pitch.

When speaking to Hibs TV after the game, he explained that he used the game as an extension of a normal training week as his full focus is on Peterhead.

"The approach this week has been focused on our competitive game on Saturday.

"We need to make sure we win that game. We trained properly yesterday, and we treated this game as a 'big space' day like we'd normally have in a training week, which is why we gave the players 45 minutes each.

"Everyone has come through the game well.

"There's loads for us to work on, and myself, and the staff have taken a lot away from game.

“We’ve got more minutes into legs, and it gave us an opportunity to give some of the younger ones minutes too.

“The likes of Rory Whittaker and Owen Calder did really well. Harry McKirdy got another 45 minutes into him as well.

“There’s no such thing as a friendly, you don’t want to lose games, so the result was disappointing, but there’s also a lot of positives to take as well.”

Four players missed out this evening through injury and the Head Coach gave an update on them.

“They’re all getting closer. Josef (Bursik) was more of a precaution; he had a knock but he’ll be absolutely fine by the weekend.

“Cadds (Chris Cadden) is progressing nicely. Lewis Miller was another precaution, he got a bang on his arm, so we wanted to leave him out tonight. He will be absolutely fine at the weekend and trained non-contact this morning.

“Elie (Youan) will be another couple of weeks at the moment.”

Hibs go into Saturday’s game knowing that a victory over Peterhead will ensure qualification into the last 16 of the Premier Sports Cup.