

# **Contract extensions for Hearts' coaching team**

**Hearts have extended the contracts of head coach Steven Naismith plus Gordon Forrest, Frankie McAvoy and goalkeeping coach, Paul Gallacher, by a year and they will be with the club until the summer of 2026.**

Andrew McKinlay, the club's chief executive officer, said that the progress on the pitch last season was there for all to see.

Because of that, Hearts have an exciting year ahead and he added: "By extending the coaching team's contracts we are reiterating our trust in them.

"Steven, Gordon, Frankie and Paul have started the team on a journey and I'm very much looking forward to seeing where they can take us."

Meanwhile, Naismith expects to have everybody available for selection against Dundee apart from midfield duo Calem Nieuwenhof (hamstring) and Beni Banningime (knee) and fans should not expect to see them in action until next month.

Defender Billy Koumetio could make his debut for Dundee after arriving from Liverpool, but Charlie Reilly and Clark Robertson are out.

PICTURE: Hearts coaching team in the dugout at Tynecastle