

First-half performance “not good enough” admits Warren O’Hora

Hibs defender Warren O’Hora admitted that Hibs first-half performance in the 2-0 defeat to Celtic at Easter Road was not good enough.

Two goals in the opening 20 minutes earned Celtic all three points on Sunday afternoon, with Nicolas Kühn and Callum McGregor on target.

Hibs improved in the second half with new signing Kieron Bowie unlucky not to grab a debut goal.

The result sees Hibs sit second bottom of the table in front of Kilmarnock on goal difference.

After the final whistle O’Hora told Hibs TV: ““You never feel great after losing games, especially not at home.

“The fans were brilliant for us today, but in the first half we weren’t good enough.

“We conceded goals way too early and when you concede goals in that manner it is always going to hurt you.

“In the second half, we came out and had a right go so we can take credit for that.

“The fans stuck with us and sent us on our way in that second

half, we created a few chances and hit the crossbar too.

“But when you concede two goals like that in the first half you can’t expect to come back and win the game.

“It was frustrating, we conceded after three minutes. That sometimes happens in games, but you can’t do that against the league champions – we all know that.”

O’Hora however insisted that the players can take the positives and learnings from the game ahead of Hibs visit to Celtic again in the Premier Sports Cup next weekend.

“We came in at half-time and the Gaffer told us to have a go, we came out, we did that and showed a bit more of what we are about.

“We need to take the positives from that, we go and play them again in the cup next week and anything can happen.

“We will take the positives, we had some good phases of play, we got into good areas and we held them up in the second half.

“We will go back, assess it and work on some key areas ahead of next weekend.”