

Gordon joins Shankland in Scotland squad

Craig Gordon, who won his 75th cap in June but was left out of the Euro squad in Germany during the summer, is back in the Scotland squad for their double-header in Croatia and at home to Portugal later this month, but his Hearts club-mate, Zander Clark, is omitted.

However, there is a first call-up for former Hearts midfield player, Andy Irving, who recently made his debut for English Premiership side, West Ham United.

And two other players who have appeared for Capital clubs, John Souttar, ex-Hearts, and Ryan Porteous, formerly with Hibs, are also named by manager Steve Clark.

There are two other new faces in the squad for the UEFA Nations League clashes, Aberdeen defender, Nicky Devlin and Liam Lindsay, an ever-present in defence for Preston North End this season.

Che Adams, who missed matches against Poland and Portugal in September through injury, is one of the three forwards named along with Lawrence Shankland (Hearts) and Lyndon Dykes (Birmingham City).

Three players are ruled out, former Hibs star John McGinn, Scott McKenna and Tommy Conway, all through injury.

The full squad is: goalkeepers: Craig Gordon (Hearts), Angus Gunn (Norwich City) Jon McCracken (Dundee); defenders: Nicky Devlin (Aberdeen), Grant Hanley (Norwich City), Liam Lindsay (Preston North End), Ryan Porteous (Watford), Anthony Ralston (Celtic), Andrew Robertson (Liverpool), John Souttar (Rangers), Greg Taylor (Celtic); midfield: Ryan Christie (Bournemouth), Ben Doak (Middlesbrough), James Forrest (Celtic), Ryan Gould (Vancouver Whitecaps), Billy Gilmour and Scott McTominay (Napoli), Andy Irving (West Ham United), Kenny McLean (Norwich City), Lewis Morgan (New York Red Bulls); forwards: Che Adams (Torino), Lyndon Dykes (Birmingham City), Lawrence Shankland (Hearts).

The UEFA Nations League A, Group 1, game against Croatia is in the Stadion Maksimir in Zagreb on Saturday, October 12 (5pm UK time) and the second is at Hampden Park on Tuesday, October 15 (7.45).

PICTURE: Craig Gordon (right) heading to the training pitch at The Oriam. Picture ***Nigel Duncan***