

45-year-old man ejected and arrested following alleged racist comments towards Hibs substitute

A 45-year-old male spectator in the Main Stand at Tynecastle was ejected then arrested after a Hibs player was allegedly racially abused during yesterday's Edinburgh Derby.

Hibs substitute Jordan Obita was warming up when the incident is said to have taken place, just after an own goal from Kyle Rowles gave the visitors an early lead.

It was revealed by Sky Sports' Luke Shanley at half-time that a fan had been ejected from the stadium and arrested.

Hearts confirmed this in statement by saying: 'The club can confirm a supporter has been ejected from the stadium and arrested in relation to an alleged incident of racism.

"The club condemns racism and any abusive behaviour. It will not comment further on active police matters.

Hibs manager David Gray praised the defender for not letting it affect him as he entered play later in the game to help his side secure the three points.

Speaking after the game, Gray said: "There's no place for it

at all and it's been dealt with.

"The most important thing is Jordan's been on the pitch and was fantastic when he came on. So it's about making sure it doesn't affect people as much as we can."

Police Scotland has been approached for comment.