

David Gray left frustrated at number of missed chances against Celtic

David Gray was left frustrated after Hibs missed a number of opportunities in their defeat to league leaders Celtic at Parkhead yesterday.

The team put in a valiant performance in Glasgow but lost the game 3-0 – a scoreline, though, that didn't mirror the chances in the match.

Goals from Engels, Kyogo, and a Joe Newell own goal left Gray frustrated with the defending in those moments.

But he did take some small comfort in learning that the Celtic goalkeeper was named man of the match.

When speaking to Hibs TV after the game, Gray said: "I'm disappointed because we lost the game, but I need to be mindful of what I asked the players to do, and for large periods of the game they did that.

"They were brave on the ball at times, I can't remember the last time we came here and created so many chances, but at the same time, when reflecting on a 3-0 defeat it is difficult to be positive because of that.

"Their keeper got man of the match which tells you everything. We created big, big chances, clear cut chances, and the 'keeper made some good saves, but at the same time he

shouldn't have the opportunity to save them.

"I think that highlights our season so far, we're creating good chances but not taking them in big moments in the game. You could see how clinical they were at the other end. We need to dust ourselves down now, learn from that and prepare for Ross County."

"The first goal comes from one of our clear-cut chances from our point of view, which highlights the need to take chances when you're on top in a game. Their goal was their first chance of the game, which is why they are where they are, and how clinical they are.

"It was then poor to lose a goal from a set piece, we need to improve in that area, we weren't as good as we have been.

"For the last goal we made changes to try and chase the game, but Nectar gives the ball away in the middle of the pitch and Kyogo shows a clinical nature one-on-one with the goalkeeper. We had three chances like that today but never hit the back of the net."

That result coupled with Hearts victory at Tynecastle sees Hibs return to the foot of the table