

David Gray praises his players after comfortable win at Fir Park

Hibs head coach David Gray heaped praise on his players as they ran out comfortable 3-0 winners against Motherwell at Fir Park yesterday.

First half strikes from Junior Hoilett and Mykola Kuharevich gave Hibs a two goal half-time lead before a late strike from substitute Josh Campbell sealed all three points.

When speaking to Hibs TV after the game, Gray said: "I'm delighted. It's much better talking after games with a positive feeling.

"The challenge before the game was to make sure we used the momentum from the last-minute equaliser against Aberdeen. We only got a point, but it felt like much more because of the challenges we've faced this season.

"Credit to the players because we started the game in a really positive way and used that momentum well.

"I was pleased with our level of professionalism and doing the nasty side of the game. I thought we were really solid.

"We could've been more clinical in certain situations early on in the game, I felt like we were scrappy at times or couldn't get shots away when we had opportunities. I felt like we were in control throughout the game.

"I'm standing here and we're not talking about individual

errors, which shows again at this level you need to do the basics and your job to the best of your ability. There were no individual errors, we kept 11 men on the pitch, and if we continue to do that we'll be a really good side.

"We got what we deserved from the game.

"I'm delighted for everyone involved in the clean sheet because of the criticism we've been receiving. The positives today are that we didn't even have to talk about the goalkeeper.

"He dealt with the one thing he was called upon to do, and it was a really good clean performance. Everyone contributed in a really positive way."

At full-time there was a special moment between the travelling Hibs fans, the players, and Gray reserved special praise for the away supporters.

"The fans have been through it as well. They've been frustrated with how we've been this season so far, so to stand there at the end of the game and to deliver a performance like that is exactly what they deserve for all the support they've shown us.

"They were outstanding again today. Hopefully this will be a turning point in our season."