

# David Gray urges players to send Hibs fans home from Pittodrie happy

More than 900 Hibs fans will be making the long journey up to Pittodrie and head coach David Gray urged his players to send the travelling supporters home happy.

Speaking at the pre-match press conference Gray said: "I remember going up there last year and seeing them travel in their numbers. Hopefully we can send them back down the road very happy.

"They'll be very important during the game; we'll need them right behind us – like they always are – and hopefully we can put in a performance for them."

Hibs drew 3-3 with Aberdeen at Easter Road at the end of November – a game that has been seen as a turning point in Hibs season.

Whilst Gray expects a different challenge at Pittodrie, he's demanding the same level of work ethic and application from his side this weekend.

"It'll be a different game than the one at Easter Road. It'll be a full house at Pittodrie and the expectation will be on them, which is good, and we need to use that to our advantage.

"We need to remember how we played against them. I felt we deserved to win the game, but we let ourselves down in certain moments. We looked at that game very closely and saw where we can improve.

"The focus has been on that and the areas we can hurt them. We know we can do that, we've demonstrated that, but we need to

be at our very best to do that.”