

Hibs showed great game management in Pittodrie victory says David Gray

Hibs head coach David Gray praised his players for their game management in the victory at Pittodrie yesterday.

Hibs came from behind in the game, with goals from Elie Youan, Nicky Cadden, and Martin Boyle sealing all three points in the Granite City.

When speaking after the game, Gray explained why he was so pleased with the performance.

“I’m delighted,” he smiled. “It was really difficult conditions but to a man I thought the players were excellent.

“They showed great character and a great reaction to losing a goal. It was a really poor goal to lose, which is something we will look at, but the reaction was great and we came back into the game.

“The effort that hit the post was a big turning point in the game for us. From that moment, we controlled the game, played the conditions really well, and were clinical but defended as a team exceptionally well.

“All in all, a really good, professional team performance.

“It helped that we played Aberdeen so recently because we dissected the game and found where we thought we could hurt them,” explained Gray.

“When you’ve got the pace of Elie and Boyley in the team, with the conditions of the game, they can cause problems for any defenders.

“The game plan worked, but the players were the ones that executed it, they had the desire to run in behind, and the players behind the front two needed to play the passes to release them. Look at the third goal, we won the ball in the middle of the pitch and Boyley was on the shoulder.

“The way we went about the game was excellent, we were on the front foot, aggressive in our press, showed good energy, and great game management towards the end.”