

Hibs Women round off 2024 with four-goal win against Motherwell at Meadowbank

Hibs Women's final home match of 2024 ended with a four-goal win against Motherwell at Meadowbank.

Eilidh Adams flicked effort saw the Hibs take a fine first-half lead, before Rosie Livingstone registered a second goal seconds after the restart.

Kathleen McGovern and Siobhan Hunter netted late on amidst some difficult, windy playing conditions in Edinburgh.

Grant Scott was full of praise for “excellent” Motherwell, who gave his Hibernian Women side a tough battle.

“We huffed and puffed. Motherwell were excellent, particularly in the first half,” Scott told HibsTV following the match.

“They put us under a lot of stress. At times we did not help ourselves. I’m not convinced it was a 4-0 game.

“But we have got to be happy with the girls executing some chances. As we got our noses in front, the confidence grew and we looked more like ourselves.

“We did not look our usual composed selves on the ball. We went backwards quite a lot. Credit to Motherwell and energy they came at us with.

“We reset at half-time and encouraged the girls to play. We let ourselves get frantic and we went too long too soon in the

game. We should have done better managing that.”

After describing Rachael Boyle as a “class player” following her late introduction off the bench, Scott also singled out players at both ends of the pitch for their solid performances throughout the tricky fixture.

“I was delighted for Noa [Schumacher] coming in. Another clean sheet for her in her first game after a wee period out injured.

“The girls in the front area, particularly Kathleen [McGovern] and Eilidh [Adams] had a tough job in the first half when they were not getting any service.

“Doing the dirty bits is what we need the girls to do sometimes, which is what they done today.

“I’m delighted Kathleen got there in the end and got her goal – which was thoroughly deserved.”

Kathleen McGovern was “delighted” to have won the match after a tricky start to the match.

“We knew it wasn’t good enough in the first half,” McGovern admitted to Hibs TV.

“We just had to keep prodding away. I thought in the second half, as soon as we kicked off, we were flying.

“Rosie scored very early on which just gave us that boost.

“I felt after that we really kicked on. We changed a bit of shape.

“We got [Hunter] and [Papadopoulos] on and, after that, we looked comfortable in the 4-4-3. I’m delighted to win 4-0.”