

Hibs come from behind to snatch share of points against 10-man St Johnstone in Perth

A late equaliser from derby hero Dwight Gayle secured a share of the points in front of a huge travelling support in Perth yesterday.

Hibs head coach David Gray made one change to the starting XI that beat Kilmarnock on Sunday with the injured Joe Newell replaced by Hyeokkyu Kwon.

Rudi Molotnikov who this week signed a new four-year-deal with was back in the matchday squad.

Kwon almost opened the scoring in the 7th minute following a well worked corner but his effort was deflected wide.

Moments later Sidibeh passed up a great chance to take the lead but his effort missed the target.

Hibs then started to dominate and Chris Cadden had an effort cleared off the line following a Hoilett cross.

Martin Boyle then had a shot blocked as Hibs piled on the pressure and Kwon almost set up Hoilett from a low cross.

In the 39th minute the hosts were reduced to ten men when Jason

Holt was shown a red card following a challenge on Chris Cadden following a VAR check.

Just before the break Bozo Mikulic blocked a Josh Campbell's effort following a great pass from Hoilett.

Yet despite the numerical advantage Saints took the lead from the penalty spot after Rocky Bushiri brought down Jack Sanders in the area and Nicky Clark converted from 12-yards.

Hibs fought to get back into the game and Campbell's volley was blocked point-blank by Drey Wright.

Martin Boyle thought he had equalised on the hour mark after slotting home a Nicky Cadden cross but Hoilett was offside in the build up.

Gray then made a triple change with Jordan Obita, Dylan Levitt and Gayle replacing Lewis Miller, Kwon and Jack Iredale.

With 11 minutes remaining Chris Cadden's cross was partially cleared. Nectar Triantis nodded it back into the danger area for Gayle to fire past Rae from close range.

Hibs fought for a winner Nicky Cadden shot just over whilst Campbell headed against the crossbar.

Triantis shot over from the edge of the box and Gayle headed wide from a Nicky Cadden corner kick and Saints just hung on to claim a draw.

Saints: Rae, Mikulić, Raymond, Sanders, Holt, Clark, Wright, Sidibeh (Smith 68'), Sprangler, Kimpioka, Franczak (Keltjens 67') Unused Substitutes: Hepburn (GK), Carey, Essel, Kucheriavyi, McPake, Dair, Brookfield

Hibs: Smith, Miller (Obita 60'), Boyle, C. Cadden, Iredale (Gayle 61'), Kwon (Levitt 61'), N. Cadden, Hoilett (McKirdy 71'), Triantis, Campbell (Molotnikov 86'), Bushiri Unused Substitutes: Bursik (GK), O'Hora, Amos, Welsh

Attendance: 6,287