

# David Gray proud of players after derby victory

Hibs head coach David Gray was proud of his players for continuing their “special run” as they beat Hearts 2-1 at Easter Road.

A wonder strike from Jack Iredale sealed all three points in the Edinburgh Derby, in what was an excellent second half showing from the players.

When speaking to Hibs TV, Gray gave his assessment on the performance.

“I’m very proud of the second half to be honest. It’s always great to win games of football but it’s even better when you beat your closest rivals.

“You saw the scenes at the end, really special moments. We’re on a special run at the minute, but the players thoroughly deserved the win because of their second half performance.

“First half we struggled a little bit; we were a wee bit nervous at times and our quality or decision making let us down. Every chance Hearts got in the first half was through an error from our point of view.

“We fixed that second half, we were much more like us, we were much more aggressive, switched the play a lot more, and caused them a lot more problems.

“Like I said, we deserved to win following the second half performance.”

At the end of the game, the players, staff and supporters again all came together for a special rendition of Sunshine on Leith.

“There’s a real connection there, and that’s been developing all season. When we were going through that tough time and adversity the fans were living it with us, but they always stuck by us and believed in us.

“They’re right behind us right now, and that’s clear for everyone to see. When Sunshine on Leith played, you could see all the staff in the centre circle, I’ve been fortunate enough to experience it as a player, and I know when you stand in the middle of the pitch what it feels like; it’s the greatest song in football for me. I said to all the staff to come and experience it in the centre circle, because it feels completely different when you’re in the centre circle.

“It’s a special moment for everyone involved, everyone deserves it, and we keep moving forward.”