

# Winning derby goal left Jack Iredale 'speechless'

Hibs hero Jack Iredale was left speechless at full time after his second-half volley earned the Hibs a memorable win in the Edinburgh Derby.

Iredale's first goal for the Club came the perfect moment – volleying home from the edge of the area to earn the Hibs a 2-1 victory over Hearts.

Martin Boyle's early opener was cancelled out by Jorge Grant's strike in what was a frantic opening 10 minutes or so before Iredale slammed in the winner 15 minutes from time.

Speaking to Hibs TV after the match, the Hibs defender tried to explain that moment of elation when he hit the back of the net.

"It is so difficult to sum that up, it is such a special feeling to be able to share a moment like that with the fans. I thought the ball was just outside the post the whole way, but it crept in at the end and – to be honest I am struggling to describe the feeling at the moment.

"I just thought why not, it sat up really nicely – it was probably the highest I got up the pitch that day – I thought if there was a day to score a goal like that then why not today?

"I am still a bit speechless, it was a massive day and a special day for the Club and I am just happy to be

contributing in that way.”

The result sparked wild scenes at full time with Sunshine On Leith belting out around Easter Road for the second time in the space of eight days.

“That has got to be the best song in world football – it is so special to hear it,” Jack continued.

“Some of the lads have said they haven’t heard it in quite a while and then we have gone and done it twice in the space of a week. You’ll never get used to something like that.

“In terms of the game, I thought we started really well, we got the goal through a pattern that we had worked on during the week and from the messages from the coaches. Their equaliser was a bit sloppy from us, but I thought we did well to get in at half-time at 1-1.

“You saw the reaction at half-time, we came out and played a really good game.”

The win lifts us up to third in the league table and stretches our unbeaten run to 15 matches in all competitions.

“A winning dressing room is a happy dressing room. We went through a lot of adversity at the start of the season, but we never cracked – we never broke, we were always in it together and you can see that from our performances and results of late.”