



Hibernian Historical Trust

“They Played for Their Country”

An Exhibition of
Hibernian Internationalists
Throughout the Years

Easter Road Stadium
West Stand

Every Sunday between
25th May and 29th June

2pm until 4pm



Since James McGhee and James Lundie became the first Hibs players to be capped against Wales on 10th April 1886, many great Hibs players have achieved the ultimate accolade of being capped for their country.

The Hibernian Historical Trust present this exhibition to provide football fans the opportunity of learning more about these players and to view articles and memorabilia associated with them throughout the ages.

The exhibition also provides a backdrop to the development of international football and football in general over the years.

Hibs most prolific internationalist in the early years was goalkeeper Harry Rennie with 11 caps over a seven year period. Interestingly he was also capped twice whilst with our great rivals across the city.

In the exhibition you will see a letter written by Rennie who claims to have discovered the secret of goalkeeping. However, tantalisingly he does not share this secret with us.

Also to be seen is a Scotland cap won by Hibs great goalkeeper of the 1920's Willie Harper. Harper became Hibs most expensive transfer, when in 1926, he moved to Arsenal for the then amazing sum of £5,000!

Several Hibs players were capped during the Second World War when International football was seen as a vital means of maintaining morale, including in 1944 when an all Edinburgh forward line faced England at Wembley, all five forwards having been signed by Hibs manager Willie McCartney.

Whilst circumstances prevented them from having the opportunity to provide the complete Scotland forward line, here in the exhibition you can see jersey's from all of the Famous Five, including the Austrian shirt exchanged with Eddie Turnbull at Hampden Park in 1950, Scotland's first defeat by a foreign country on home soil.

Also can be seen are two caps awarded to Joe Baker, one a Scottish schoolboy cap versus England, and the other a full England cap versus Hungary, the rules at the time preventing Baker who had been born in England from representing Scotland at full international level.

During the 1970's several players from Turnbull's Tornados gained international recognition. Seen here is the tracksuit worn by Tom McNiven physiotherapist to the Tornados, during the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.



As well as Darren Jacksons exchange Brazilian jersey from the opening game of the 1998 World Cup finals in Paris, also see the top worn by Garry O'Connor during Scotland's famous victory against France in the same city in 2007. This jersey is also autographed by goal scorer James McFadden.

With football now a global game, players from many nations have represented their respective countries whilst wearing Hibs colours. What better way to end the exhibition by displaying a Finnish international jersey won by our current manager Mixu Patellainen.