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Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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WORLD FOOTBALL

Loan Bhoys

With an increasing number of players on loan to other clubs, we take a look at the impact of the practice on the club and the players involved.

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GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's game against Hibernian. It's our second home match in the space of a week and our first game of the SPL split. It also provides us with another opportunity to gain three points and that will be our only focus.

It is an understatement to say that the past seven days have been eventful, and the deep disappointment of losing at Hampden remains and will do for a long time to come. However, this club always has to keep looking forward and we all have to work extremely hard to get us back to doing what we do best – winning football matches and, ultimately, trophies.

That began on Tuesday night with our 2-1 win over Motherwell. It was a tough game and no more than I expected from a very good side who have done extremely well under Craig Brown. There was nervousness and tension at times during the game, and that's understandable, but I was pleased with what I got from the players, particularly after we lost a goal early in the second half.

Their response was excellent and I was delighted that we equalised so quickly and then went on to score again for the victory. It's that attitude and determination we need to see again this afternoon.

It's going to be another tough game today against Hibernian. We played them at Easter Road a couple of weeks ago and it was a really close match. It was one we were delighted to win thanks to Robbie Keane's penalty, and everyone knows they will have to be at their best to beat John Hughes' side.

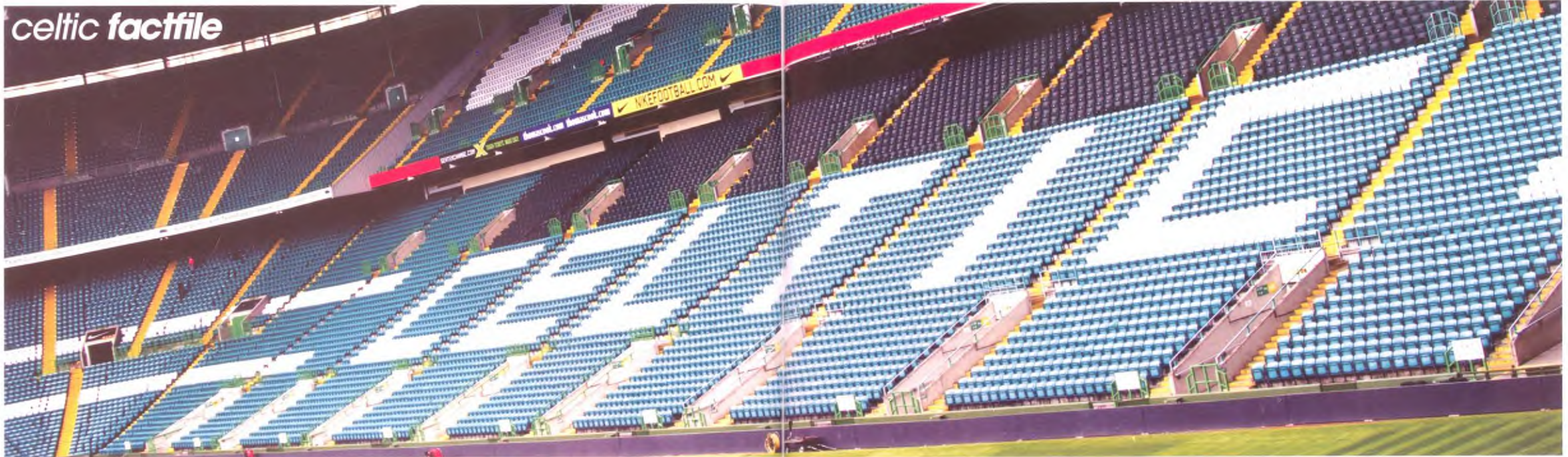
I can totally understand the frustration and disappointment you've all felt, not just since Saturday, but at various points throughout this season, and I appreciate the support you gave the team on Tuesday night. We need that support again today but the players also know that we have to earn it and that's what they fully intend to do when they step over that white line today.

We are all working extremely hard and doing everything we can every single day to try and get things right and the next step begins this afternoon when hopefully, together, we can get another victory and another three points for our club.

Neil Lennon



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club honours

Scottish League Winners [42 times]

1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98, 1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1997-98, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08

Scottish Cup Winners [34 times]

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007

League Cup Winners [14 times]

1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83, 1997-98, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2005-06, 2008-09

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

club directory & records

Celtic Football Club

Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

Telephone: 0871 226 1888

Website: www.celticfc.net

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Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

Away strip colours:

Black/yellow hooped shirts, black shorts, black socks

Record attendance:

92,000 v Rangers, 1938

Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

Record defeat:

0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

Most league goals in 1 season:

50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36

Most Premier/SPL goals in 1 season:

35 - Brian McClair, 1986-87

35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

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spl snapshot

TODAY'S meeting between Celtic and Hibernian is the only fixture today featuring teams from the top six as the post-split games get underway today.

Meanwhile, in the bottom half of the table, Aberdeen entertain Falkirk later on this afternoon and while the Bairns will be keen to carry on from their 2-1 win over St Mirren last weekend, the Dons will still be smarting from their 3-1 home defeat to St Johnstone and will be wary of dropping more points while Falkirk will be hoping to leapfrog the Paisley side.

They could be helped in their aims by St Johnstone who are hosting St Mirren today and this battle of the Saints

could have a bearing on who goes down this season.

The other game today could also have a big say in the end-of-season placings with Hamilton Accies taking on Kilmarnock.

The Lanarkshire side will feel reasonably safe at the moment but will face a Kilmarnock side trying push away from the immediate danger zone.

The early game tomorrow sees Rangers take on Hearts at Ibrox and the Tynecastle side still sees a European place as a possibility but will have their work cut out.

Motherwell host Dundee United and those two clubs will also have their eyes on a European spot as the league campaign enters its final stages.



Last Week

Falkirk 2-1 St Mirren
Hamilton Accies 4-1 Hibernian
Hearts 1-0 Kilmarnock
Aberdeen 1-3 St Johnstone

Tuesday

Celtic 2-1 Motherwell

This Week

Aberdeen v Falkirk
Celtic v Hibernian (12.15)
Hamilton Accies v Kilmarnock
St Johnstone v St Mirren

Sunday

Motherwell v Dundee United (4.15)
Rangers v Hearts (12.30)

Next Week

Falkirk v Hamilton Accies
Hearts v Motherwell
St Johnstone v Aberdeen (12.00)
St Mirren v Kilmarnock

Sunday

Dundee United v Celtic (12.15)
Hibernian v Rangers (2.30)