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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

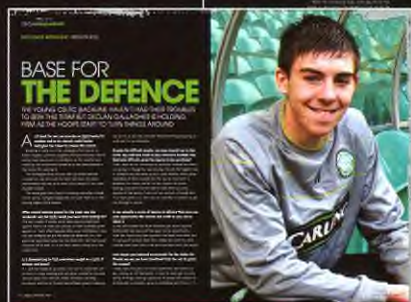
Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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# MANAGER

## GORDON STRACHAN



"YOUR SUPPORT IN THE RUN-IN IS SO IMPORTANT FOR THE TEAM. I KNOW EVERYONE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO GET BACK TO CELTIC PARK AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR THAT EXTRA BOOST THAT OUR SUPPORTERS CAN GIVE US IN THESE GAMES."

**IT'S over a month since we were last at Celtic Park so it's good to be home. We've had varying results in March, although we did manage to win the Co-operative Insurance Cup and we have a three-point lead at the top of the table.**

However, with nine league matches remaining, we know there is still a lot of hard work to be done in order for us to achieve what we set out to do at the beginning of the season.

That hard work kicks off this afternoon against Hamilton Accies. They have enjoyed a smashing season and Billy Reid deserves a lot of credit for the work he's done in their first season back in the top flight.

They have produced some really good performances and they're a hard team to beat, particularly when you look at the way they are set up.

As a result, we will have to be patient, on and off the park,

as we look for the vital first goal.

Your support in the run-in is so important for the team. I know everyone will be delighted to get back to Celtic Park and we're looking for that extra boost that our supporters can give us in these games.

We all have the same target in mind, and we've been fortunate enough to have achieved that goal these past three seasons. That has been down to a lot of hard work and determination, along with fantastic backing from our fans.

We have two home games now in quick succession, today against Hamilton and then on Wednesday when we play host to Falkirk.

Both of these matches are vitally important to our title aspirations and we will be doing everything we can to gain maximum points from these fixtures.

With your support, hopefully we will be able to achieve that aim.

# CELTIC FACTFILE



## CELTIC PLC DIRECTORS

### Celtic plc Directors:

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Peter Lawwell  
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Dermot Desmond  
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Brian McBride  
Brian Wilson  
Ian Livingston

### CFAC Directors:

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Michael McDonald  
Kevin Sweeney

### Manager:

Gordon Strachan

### Assistant Manager:

Garry Pendrey

### Coach:

Neil Lennon

### Head of Youth:

Chris McCart

### Football Development Manager:

John Park

### Reserve Coach:

Willie McStay

### Club Doctor:

Derek McCormack

### Kit Controller:

John Clark

## 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 & HONOURS

### Celtic Football Club

Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

**Telephone:** 0871 226 1888

**Website:** www.celticfc.net

**Formed:** 1888

**Stadium:** Celtic Park

**Capacity:** 60,506

### Home strip colours:

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts,  
white socks

### Away strip colours:

Gold shirts, green shorts, gold 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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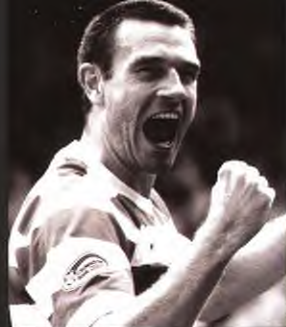
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# CAPTAIN

## STEPHEN McMANUS



**F**OR many of us, the last couple of weeks have been as busy as anything we'll experience during the season, with the international games ensuring little time for rest.

However, it's a sign of the quality within our squad that we have so many players representing their respective countries and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Now we're back in club action today and all the players are really looking forward to running out at Celtic Park again.

It's incredible that we haven't played here since we beat St Mirren 7-0 at the end of February, and there is nothing quite like playing in front of your own supporters.

In saying that, our only scheduled home game in March was against Falkirk which we'll now play this coming Wednesday.

It was moved back because of the Co-operative Insurance Cup final and that was a great day out for everyone connected with Celtic.

To win any trophy is always special, but to do so against our biggest rivals just made it all the more enjoyable.

On a personal level, it was a great honour for me to lead the team out at Hampden and I can't tell you how proud I

was to lift that trophy at the end of extra-time.

Not surprisingly, it has only made all the players even more determined to make sure it's not the only trophy we lift this season.

We're at the top of the table just now but we've seen so many twists and turns already this season that we're taking nothing for granted.

So we'll be absolutely focused on the task in hand today, which is to try and beat a very impressive Hamilton side and get all three points.

With your support, hopefully we'll all be celebrating a victory later this afternoon.

STEPHEN McMANUS

