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social mission statement

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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NEW KID ON THE BLOCK
Dominic Cervi has enjoyed the experience of the visitors and the American goalkeeper will keep working hard to gain further chances

Dominic Cervi will be the new leading goalkeeper for Celtic. The American goalkeeper will keep working hard to gain further chances. He has been a key player for his club and is looking forward to the challenge of playing for Celtic.

The head of the club, Tony Mowbray, has said that Cervi is a "perfect 10" for the club. He is a "perfect 10" for the club and is looking forward to the challenge of playing for Celtic.

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Good afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's game against Aberdeen. It's our third consecutive home match and naturally we're hoping for another victory to add to the ones we achieved against St Mirren and Hapoel Tel-Aviv.

Last weekend's victory saw us go back to the top of the SPL and we're pleased to have done so. First and foremost, we wanted the win over St Mirren and we achieved that, scoring three goals. I thought our overall performance thoroughly merited the win and it gave us a boost ahead of our Europa League tie.

Again, we managed to win that game and it was another victory that we deserved. Indeed, I feel that our performances throughout our Europa League campaign deserved better than what we got in the end. In every game, we've been competitive and could, and should, have taken more out of some of these fixtures.

Naturally, we're disappointed that we won't be playing European football after Christmas, but we will take the positives from our campaign, and our victory last Wednesday against Hapoel Tel-Aviv and use them for the rest of the season as we try to achieve our main target, which is to win the SPL title.

We have another tough game this afternoon as Aberdeen visit Celtic Park and while we will go into this game full of confidence after two wins, we also know that our opponents will arrive in Glasgow full of confidence themselves after their victory over Rangers last weekend.

Our opening day victory at Pittodrie was a good one for us, and we will have to produce the same level of performance this afternoon against Mark McGhee's side if we want to get the victory that will see us remain at the top of the table.

As ever, your support is a vital part of everything we do here and together we can hopefully secure all three points. Enjoy the game.



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

New rules have been introduced by the SFA and SPL in connection with "Unacceptable Conduct" at football stadia. The new rules form part of our Stadium Regulations. It is a condition of entry to stadia that the Stadium Regulations, including these new rules, are followed.

A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK OR AT AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

- Unacceptable Conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly
- Violent conduct includes any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or intentional damage to property
- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

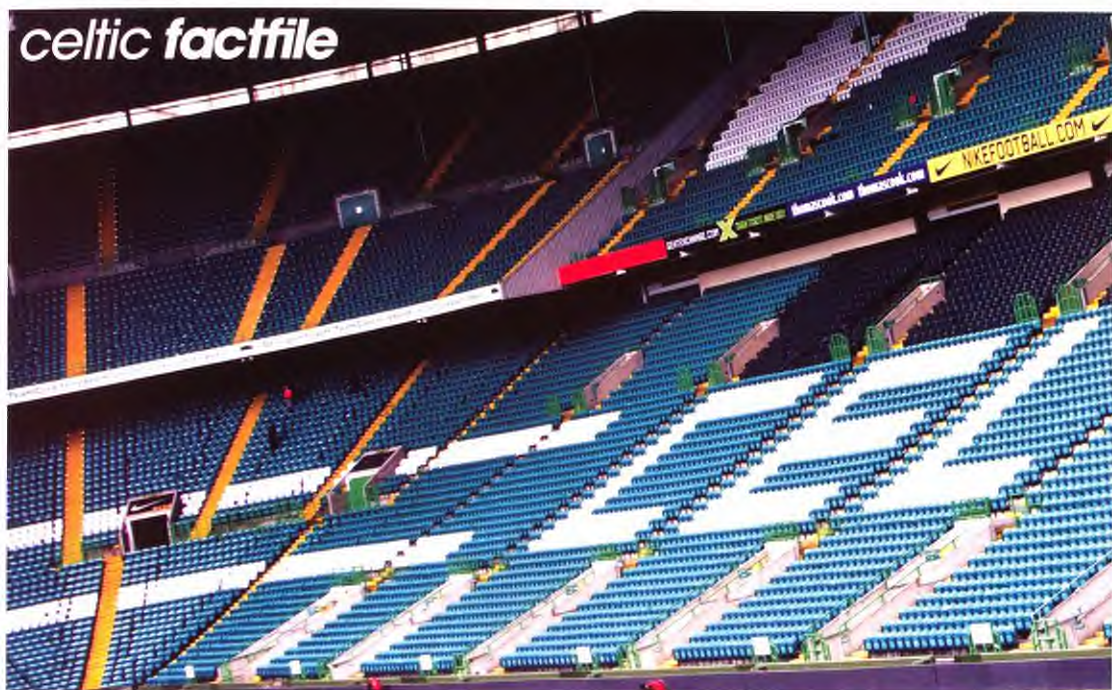
- Removal from the Stadium
- Suspension from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

Disorderly conduct includes:

- Conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:
 - Gender
 - Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
 - Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation
 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct



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

(Calls cost up to 10p per minute, telecoms provider dependent. Mobile and other provider charges may vary)

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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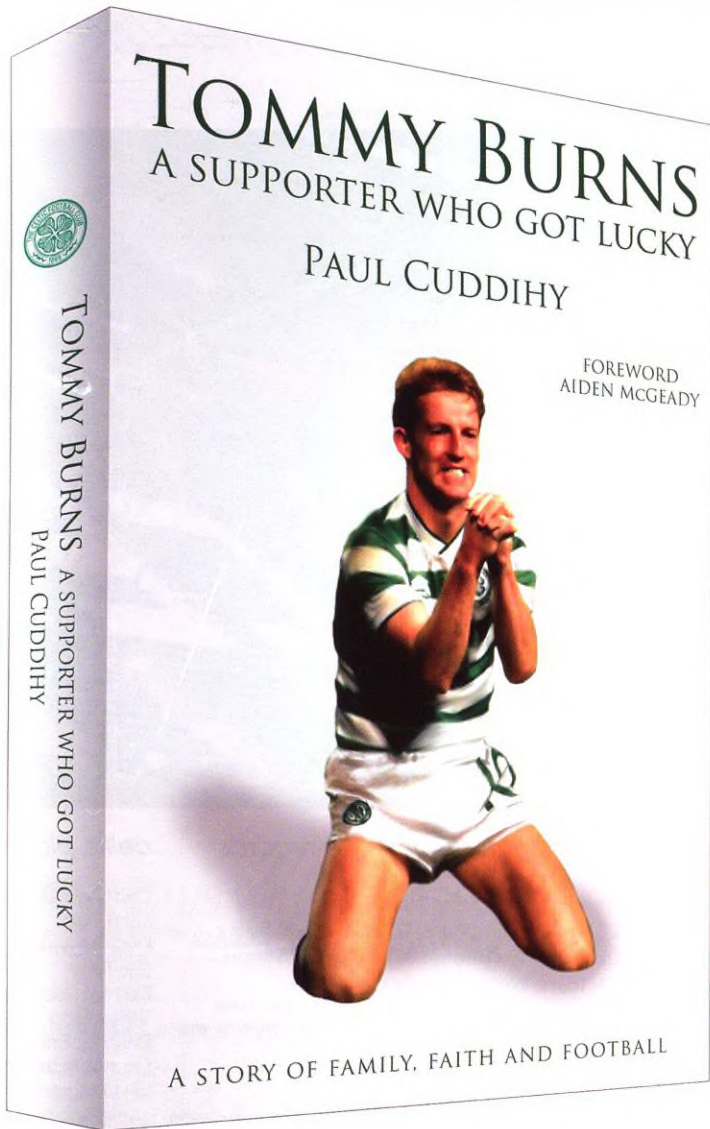
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spl snapshot

LAST weekend, Dundee United failed to capitalise on their previous home win over Celtic but played their part in an entertaining 2-2 draw with Motherwell at Fir Park and would be a fair bet to get back on the winning track with a victory over St Mirren today.

However, the Paisley side will aim to be no pushovers and a workmanlike performance, such as they showed against Celtic last Saturday, could yield more than the 3-1 defeat but, if United are on form, the points could be staying on Tayside.

Again, Rangers have a Saturday lunchtime kick-off and their score in Falkirk will be known to most by now and paying particular attention to that game will have been followers of Hibernian as their side sat level with the Ibrox side going into today's card.

They helped themselves to that position last week with a 2-0 victory over Falkirk but should face a different

prospect this weekend when they host Motherwell at Easter Road.

The Fir Park side will be determined not to let too much of a gap open up between them and any potential hopes of a European place.

St Johnstone picked up a point last week in a 1-1 draw but it was against lower-placed Hamilton Accies and they face a similar test today but could find Kilmarnock an altogether tougher prospect.

The Rugby Park side will also smart letting Hearts edge ahead when they lost to the Edinburgh side at home last week and they will also be another side who viewed today's early kick-off with added interest.

Tomorrow sees Hamilton Accies entertain Hearts in Lanarkshire and, no matter what happens both today and tomorrow, both sides will still be in the bottom six – however, the New Douglas Park side could be top or bottom of that half-dozen depending on the other scores.



Last Week

Aberdeen 1-0 Rangers
Celtic 3-1 St Mirren
Hibernian 2-0 Falkirk
Kilmarnock 1-2 Hearts
Motherwell 2-2 Dundee United
St Johnstone 1-1 Hamilton Accies

This Week

Celtic v Aberdeen
Dundee United v St Mirren
Falkirk v Rangers (12.30)
Hibernian v Motherwell
St Johnstone v Kilmarnock
Sunday
Hamilton Accies v Hearts (12.45)

Next Week

Aberdeen v Hamilton Accies
Hearts v Dundee United
Kilmarnock v Hibernian
Motherwell v Celtic (12.45)
Rangers v St Johnstone
St Mirren v Falkirk