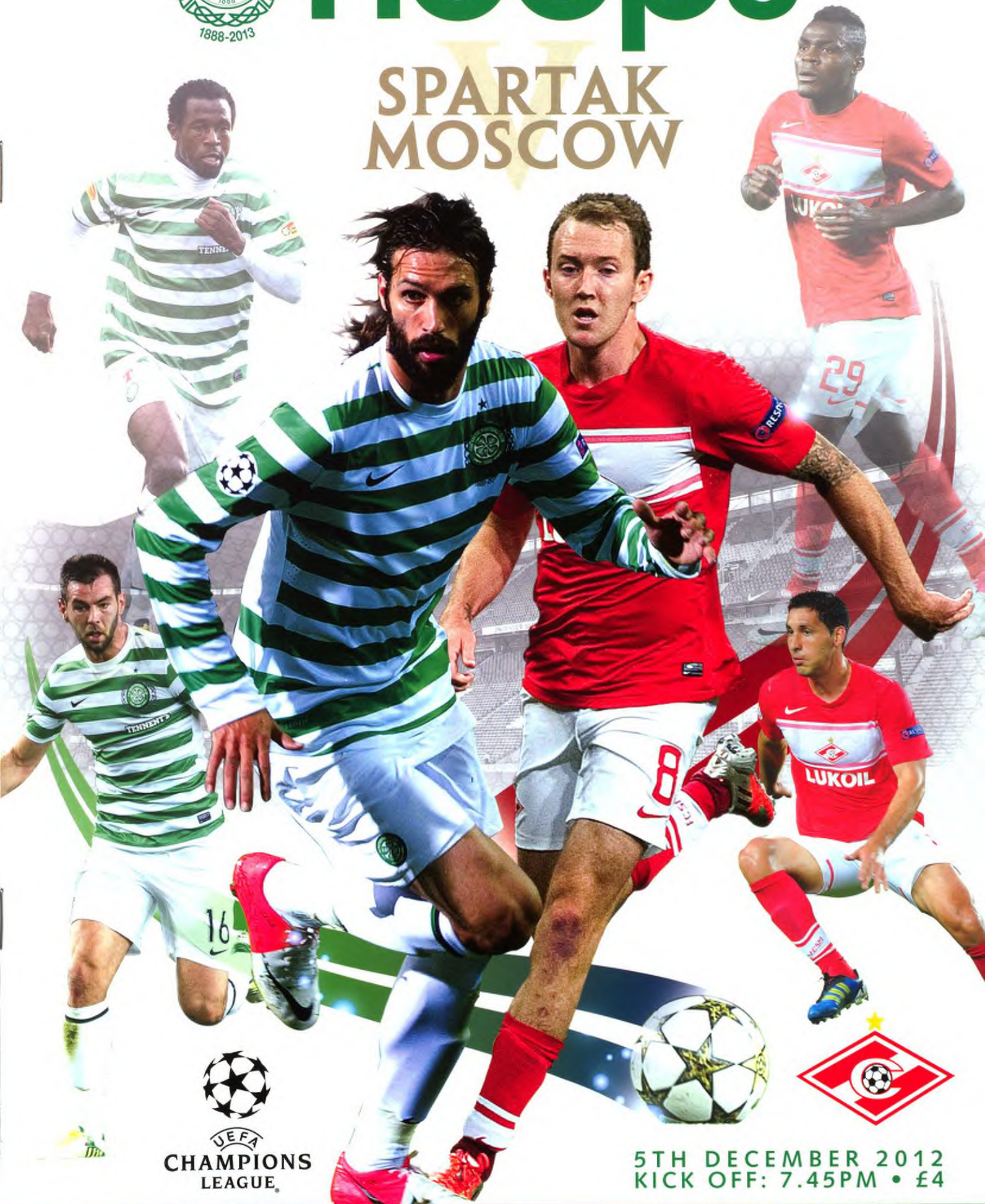




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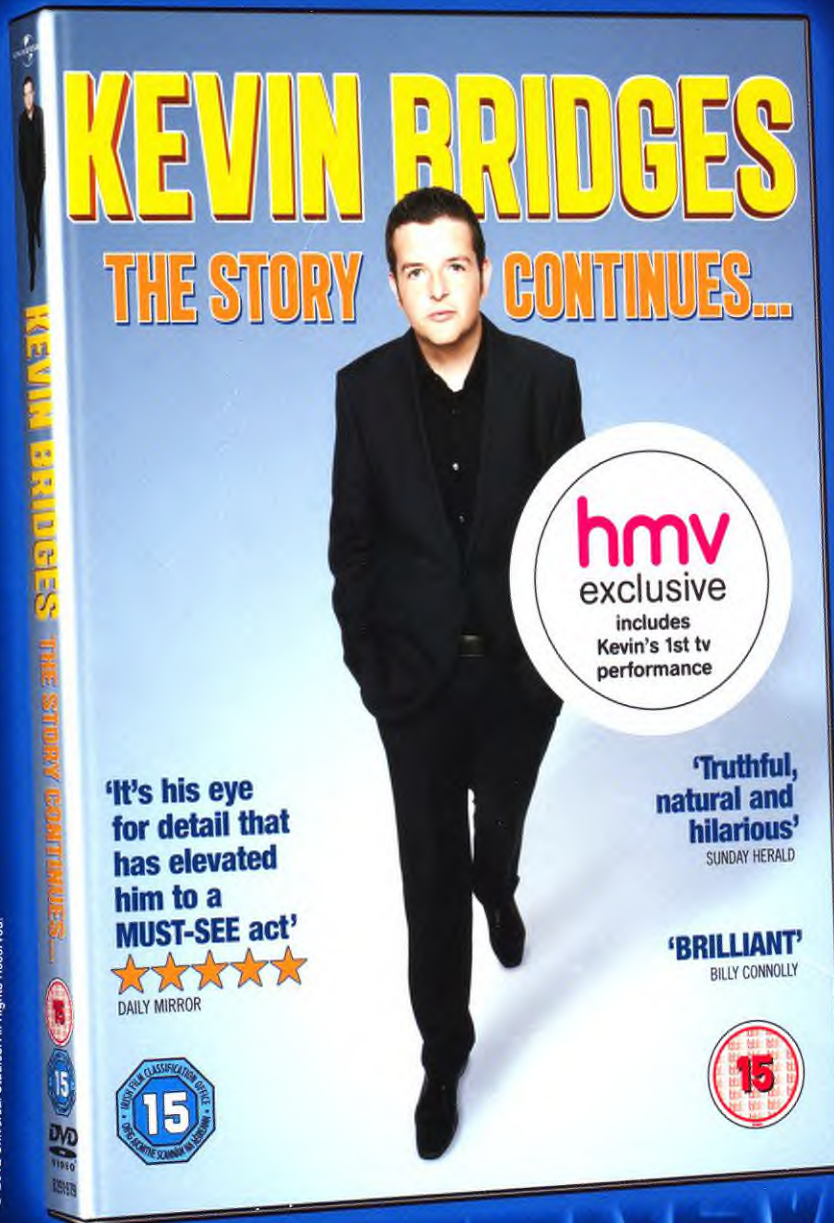


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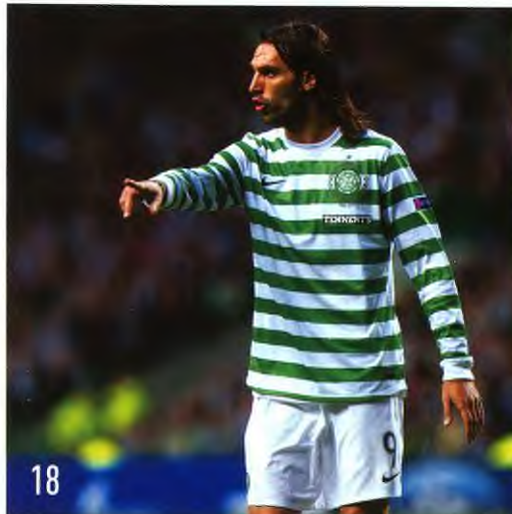
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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

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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Manager's Notes

NEIL LENNON



YOUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORT CAN MAKE THIS ANOTHER SPECIAL NIGHT

GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League match with Spartak Moscow. It's a game that everyone's looking forward to and I'm sure there's going to be another special European atmosphere in the stadium.

We have enjoyed this season's UEFA Champions League campaign but, more than that, having successfully reached the group stages, we have competed very well in the competition. Group G has been an extremely tough group with Barcelona, Benfica and Spartak Moscow proving to be very difficult opponents.

We are pleased that, as we go into our final group game, we still have a chance of reaching the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League. However, we know just how difficult that will be. First and foremost, we have to try and win our game against Spartak, and that is going to be very tough.

We enjoyed a great result in Moscow, but it was also a game where Spartak showed the qualities they possess within their squad. They also began their campaign with a good performance against Barcelona in the Nou Camp, scoring two goals and losing narrowly, so that is an indication of the task we face tonight.

Regardless of current group positions, Spartak will come to Glasgow determined to sign off with a victory and we will have to be at our very best if we want to be successful tonight. We also welcome back a former Celt in Aiden McGeady, who did so well for the club over a number of years. I'm sure he'll get a great reception from fans before and after the game, but during the 90 minutes, you'll only be cheering on the players in green and white Hoops.

Our focus will be solely on events here at Celtic Park. We can't affect what



happens elsewhere, as Barcelona face Benfica in the Nou Camp, so we have to make sure that we do our job tonight and, hopefully, that will see us enjoy a successful night.

I mentioned the special atmosphere that is generated on a European night here, and that was evident when we played Barcelona. Your support was incredible and helped to make it a very

special evening, and we'll need that support again tonight as we try to win the match. Thanks, as always, for your backing and enjoy the game.