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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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GORDON STRACHAN



"WHILE WE ARE FACING A TEAM FROM DIVISION ONE, WE ARE FULLY PREPARED FOR A TOUGH MATCH AND WILL GIVE OUR VISITORS THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE."

OUR campaign for this season's Scottish Cup gets underway today against Dundee and it's a game we're all looking forward to. When the draw for any round of a cup competition is made, all you can hope for is a home tie and so we were delighted that's been the case this time around.

While we are facing a team from Division One, we are fully prepared for a tough match and will give our visitors the respect they deserve.

This is the approach we have always taken for every game we've played, regardless of the opposition, and it has served us well over the years.

So our focus this week has been on our opponents today and we will be doing everything we can to ensure we're in the hat for the next round.

Dundee will make it hard for us. I've seen them this season and they are playing in a league where you can leap up and down with a few good or bad results.

I went to see them play Livingston and they would have

gone first or second had they won. The next time I looked at the league, they were down near the bottom. That's just the way the First Division is.

They got a good result against Dunfermline at the weekend, so they will be confident. We've had them watched in recent weeks, so we know what we are coming up against.

I started my career with Dundee in 1972 and I have a lot of fond memories from my time there. I played with Jocky Scott, and used to watch guys like him and Gordon Wallace play for Dundee and they were terrific.

The best thing for me was just to be able to watch them up close, and I still maintain that the best coaching in the world comes from watching good players.

It was obviously disappointing to draw last weekend's league match against Dundee United, particularly after taking a two-goal lead.

Our first-half performance in that match was terrific and we'd like to try and replicate that this afternoon as we look to progress to the next round of the Scottish Cup.

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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 [13 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

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

CLUB DIRECTORY & HONOURS

Celtic Football Club

Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

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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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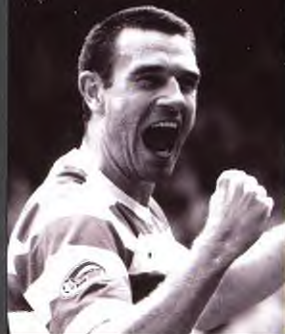
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CAPTAIN

STEPHEN McMANUS



WE'RE able to put our league campaign aside for a week and concentrate on the Scottish Cup, and all the players are looking forward to the game this afternoon.

Everyone enjoys playing in the cup and at Celtic our aim every season is to win every competition we enter. That's part of the pressure of being at a club this size and it's something that everyone here thrives on.

Many of us are lucky enough to have enjoyed success in the Scottish Cup, having won it two years ago, and it's naturally something we'd all love to do again.

It's the last game of the season and everyone - players and supporters - enjoy a great day out at Hampden.

However, that is a long way off and there is no point in looking too far ahead. We've got a tough game against Dundee this afternoon and we'll be delighted if we can win this one and get into the next round. Dundee will feel exactly the same so I'm sure it's going to be a very competitive tie.

We played at Dens Park last season in the League Cup and that was a tough one for us. Thankfully, we managed to get through that, winning 2-1 on the night, so we're well aware of how tough our opponents can be.

Jocky Scott is also a very experienced manager, who knows what it's like to bring a team to Celtic Park and that will be a big advantage for Dundee.

But we're desperate to get back to winning ways after last weekend's disappointment. The players know it's a game we should have won and we all want to get back out there and do our best to win this Scottish Cup tie. With your support this afternoon, let's hope this proves to be the case.

STEPHEN McMANUS

