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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



WE will all pay tribute to a former Celt today when a minute's applause takes place in honour of Phil O'Donnell who was so sadly taken from his family on December 29.

His passing was all the more poignant in that he was captaining his Motherwell team-mates to victory over Dundee United at the time and our thoughts are with Phil's wife Eileen and their kids at this sad time.

We haven't played any games since that tragic passing as no-one could concentrate on football but we return to the pitch today for the visit of Stirling Albion on Scottish Cup duty.

We go into this game as holders of the trophy and it goes without saying that we still want to be holders come the end of May.

That means we have to approach this game in the correct manner and our attitude has to be right if we want to achieve our aim.

We've had decent results in our last couple of SPL

games with a 2-0 away win over Dundee United and Gretna being defeated 3-0 here at Celtic Park so we will want that run to continue against Stirling Albion today.

Their league position won't come into our thoughts and they will be paid every respect as they are in a no-lose situation so we are expecting a tough test this afternoon.

We have been given a boost going into this game, though, with activity on the transfer front and I'm sure you will all give a typical Celtic welcome to our two 'new' signings.

One needs no introduction at all but I'm sure that the 'signing' of Artur Boruc has delighted all Celtic fans.

The real new signing is, of course, Andreas Hinkel and I know that he can't wait to take to the pitch in Celtic colours.

We aim to go through to the next round and we can do that with your help after paying our respects to Phil O'Donnell.



>> CELTIC FACTFILE



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday, January 19
Scottish Premier League
Celtic v Kilmarnock

Wednesday, January 23
Scottish Premier League
Celtic v Rangers

Sunday, January 27
Scottish Premier League
Falkirk v **Celtic**

Wednesday, January 30
Scottish Premier League
Motherwell v **Celtic**

Sunday, February 10
Scottish Premier League
Aberdeen v **Celtic**



CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [41 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

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
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: Green/black striped shirts, green shorts, green 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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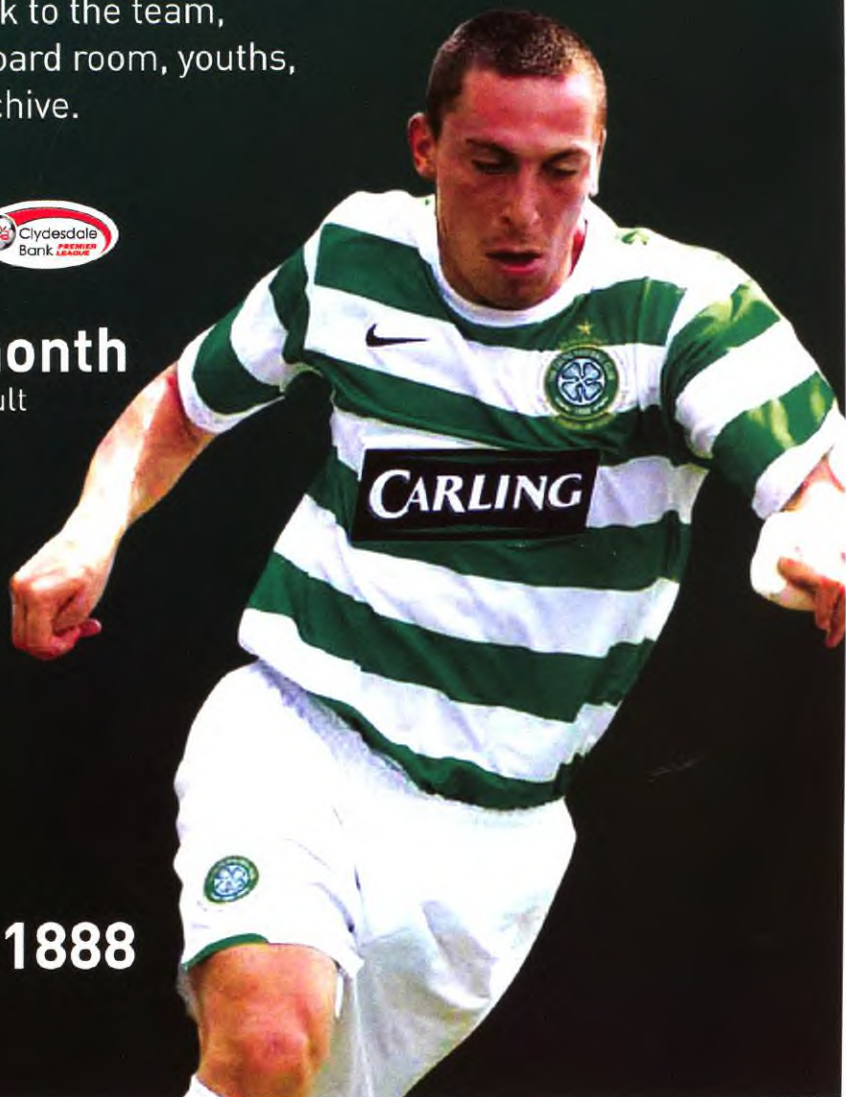
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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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

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

- 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.