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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: tony mowbray

WE welcome Eddie May and his Falkirk side to Celtic Park today and I'm sure that both sets of players will be keen to get back playing some competitive football after a bit of an enforced lay-off.

It's been difficult to organise normal training over the past few weeks but that has only increased the players' desire to get back on the pitch here at Celtic Park and start picking up SPL points again.

Despite the 1-1 draw, there were plenty of positives to take from our last home game against Rangers. We have to set off on a similar footing against Falkirk and try to get the win today, but we know that the visitors will make it difficult for us.

There are no easy games in the SPL. It doesn't matter who you play, you have to be very respectful of them. Falkirk will try and spread the ball about, so it will be a very entertaining game.

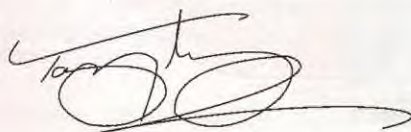
Our recent 3-3 draw through at Falkirk was a tough outing for us and the opposition can take great credit for that but this will be a very different game today. We are at home so we'll try to be positive and put them on the back foot.

I feel if we can attain the standard of performance we managed against Rangers a fortnight ago, by maintaining the consistency I have talked about recently, then we will have every chance of ending the day with all three points. That is the most important aspect this afternoon.

This will be a long season and it looks like we are in for a pretty hectic schedule over the next few weeks because of all the winter call-offs but it's something that we have to be prepared for.

We are hopefully back in action on Tuesday night down the road at Greenock against Morton in the Scottish Cup and, again, we aren't expecting an easy game away from home against a First Division side.

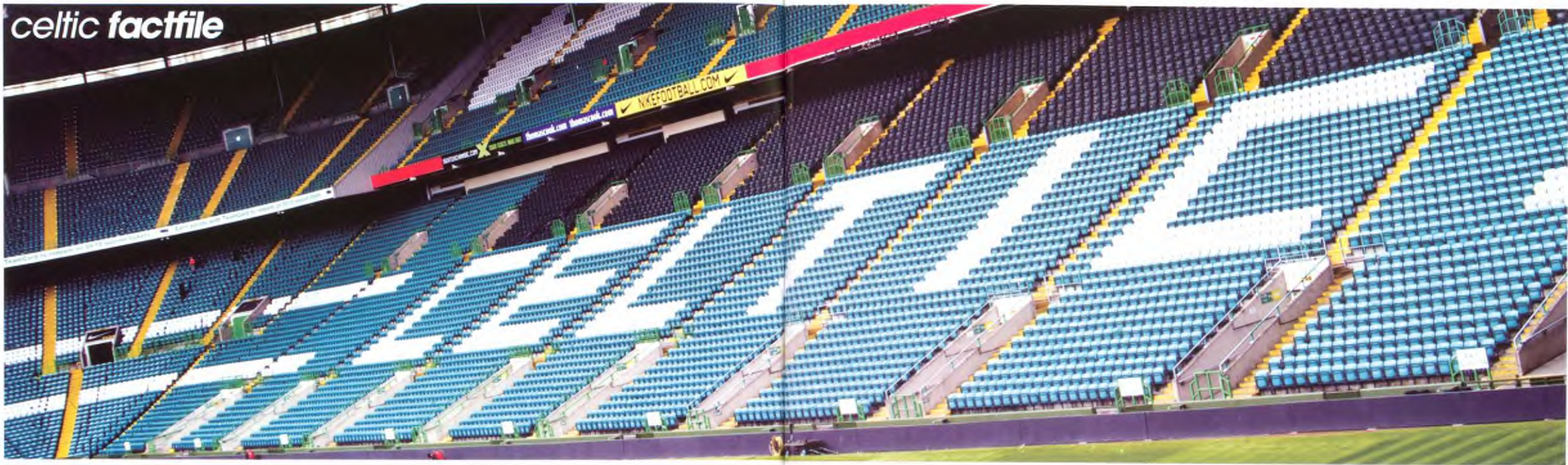
But we'll only start preparing for the Scottish Cup trip once this afternoon's 90 minutes has been completed. We want you all to play your part in spurring the team on to what will hopefully be another three points today.



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spl snapshot

TODAY we have one of those rare occasions when a complete Saturday card is the order of the day and, hopefully, the weather will be kind and allow all of the games to go ahead.

New TV double-act, Hamilton Accies and Rangers have been on the box more times than Ant and Dec recently and the latest instalment of their January trilogy was played out this morning.

Most of you should know the result by now but we're keeping it under wraps for those of you who don't want to know.

It wasn't that long ago that a Dundee United v Hibernian clash would have had most neutral observers rubbing their hands in anticipation, but the managerless Tannadice side have gone off the boil recently and Hibs may see this as a chance to put some more daylight between them and their nearest challengers.

Under the circumstances and considering the points

differential between both teams, Hearts may have been well-pleased with their share of the points in the Edinburgh derby but they are up against a St Mirren side who are hot to trot at the moment.

The Buddies started the year with a 1-0 home win over Kilmarnock then repeated that feat in midweek when Aberdeen visited Paisley and in doing so went from being potentially second-bottom to within a hairsbreadth of the top six.

Two of the sides with recent management departures face up to each other today when Motherwell visit Rugby Park where the Lanarkshire side will play their first game of the year – but still may be favourites to nick the points on the day.

St Johnstone are another side who have yet to kick a ball in anger this year but they are coming up against an Aberdeen side who will still be hurting from their midweek defeat in Paisley.



January So Far

Dundee United 0-1 Aberdeen
St Mirren 1-0 Kilmarnock
Celtic 1-1 Rangers
Hibernian 1-1 Hearts
St Mirren 1-0 Aberdeen

This Week

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

Next Week

Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
Hibernian v Hamilton Accies
Motherwell v St Mirren (12.30)
Rangers v Hearts

Sunday

Falkirk v Dundee United (1.15)
St Johnstone v Celtic (3.30)