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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?

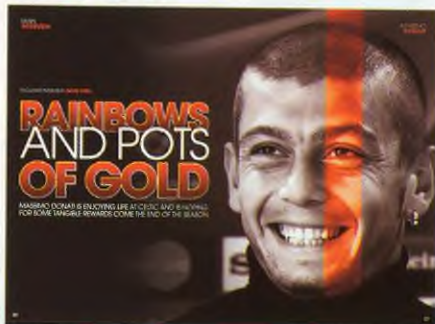
Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and 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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>> GORDON STRACHAN



Our first league game for three weeks sees us face the team that provided the opposition on the opening day of the season, and I have no doubt that today's game will be just as difficult at the previous encounter was.

Kilmarnock held us to a goal-less draw back in August, though it was a game when we created more than enough chances to have won all three points. The players could not be faulted for their efforts, however, and they quickly shrugged off the disappointment in the games that quickly followed.

Our record here at Celtic Park is something that we are proud of. It's all down to the hard work and application the players put into every game and that will be the case this afternoon. Having won our previous league game here, 3-0 against Gretna, our aim is to maintain that today. Jim Jefferies' side, however, will be just as keen to do well and I'm sure it will be a competitive encounter.

Last week we were on Scottish Cup duty, beginning our defence of the trophy we won in May with a game against Stirling Albion. It was a good return to action for the players and we enjoyed the majority of possession, scoring three goals in the process.

The game also saw our new signing, Andreas Hinkel, make his debut and he impressed everyone with his performance. It was also great to have Shunsuke Nakamura back in the squad after such a long absence.

He is a player of real quality and I'm sure every supporter was delighted to see him back. Not only that, but he gave us a reminder of what he can do with a fantastic goal.

After today's game we begin a run of four consecutive away games, three in the league and one in the Scottish Cup, so our intention is to sign off here with a victory. The players will be doing everything they can to ensure we get all three points and with your backing, hopefully that will be achieved.



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Tommy Burns

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Youth team Coach:

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Club Doctor:

Derek McCormack

Physiotherapists:

Tim Williamson &
Gavin McCarthy

Kit Controller:

John Clark

UPCOMING FIXTURES

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**

Saturday, February 16

Scottish Premier League
Celtic v Hearts

Wednesday, February 20

UEFA Champions League
Celtic v Barcelona



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

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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:
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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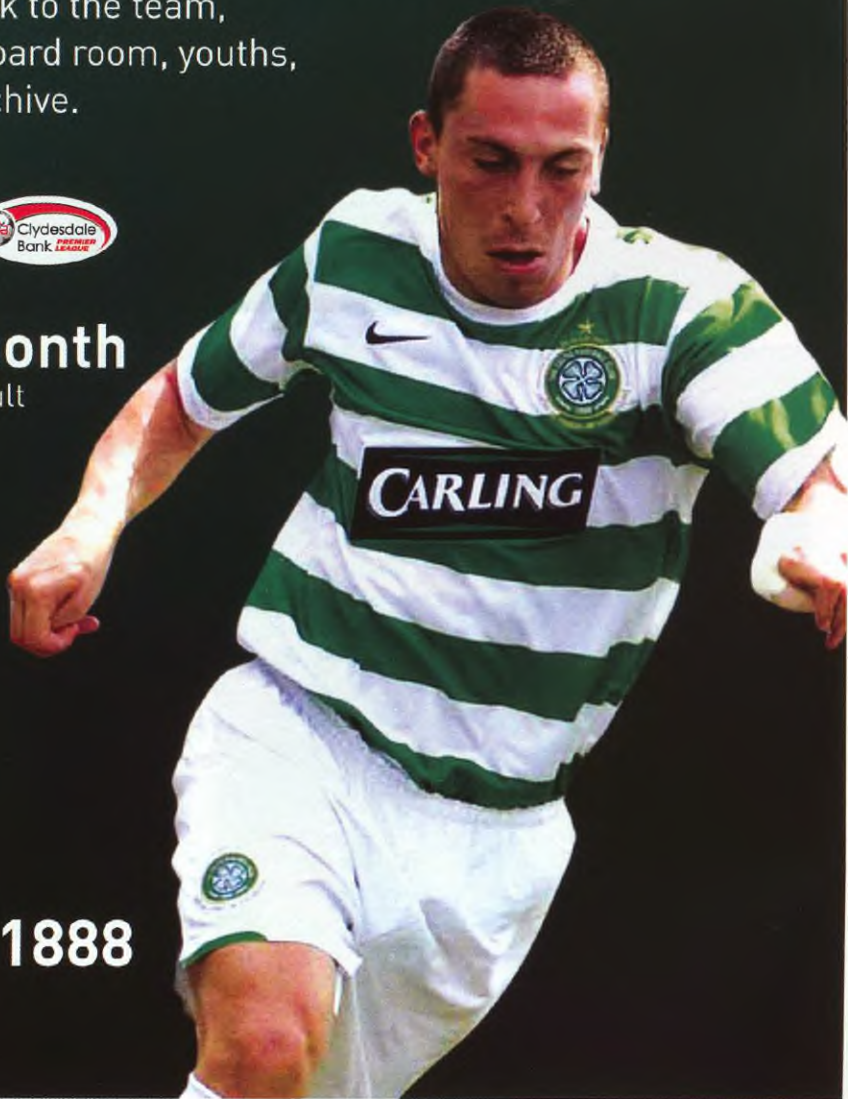
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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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.