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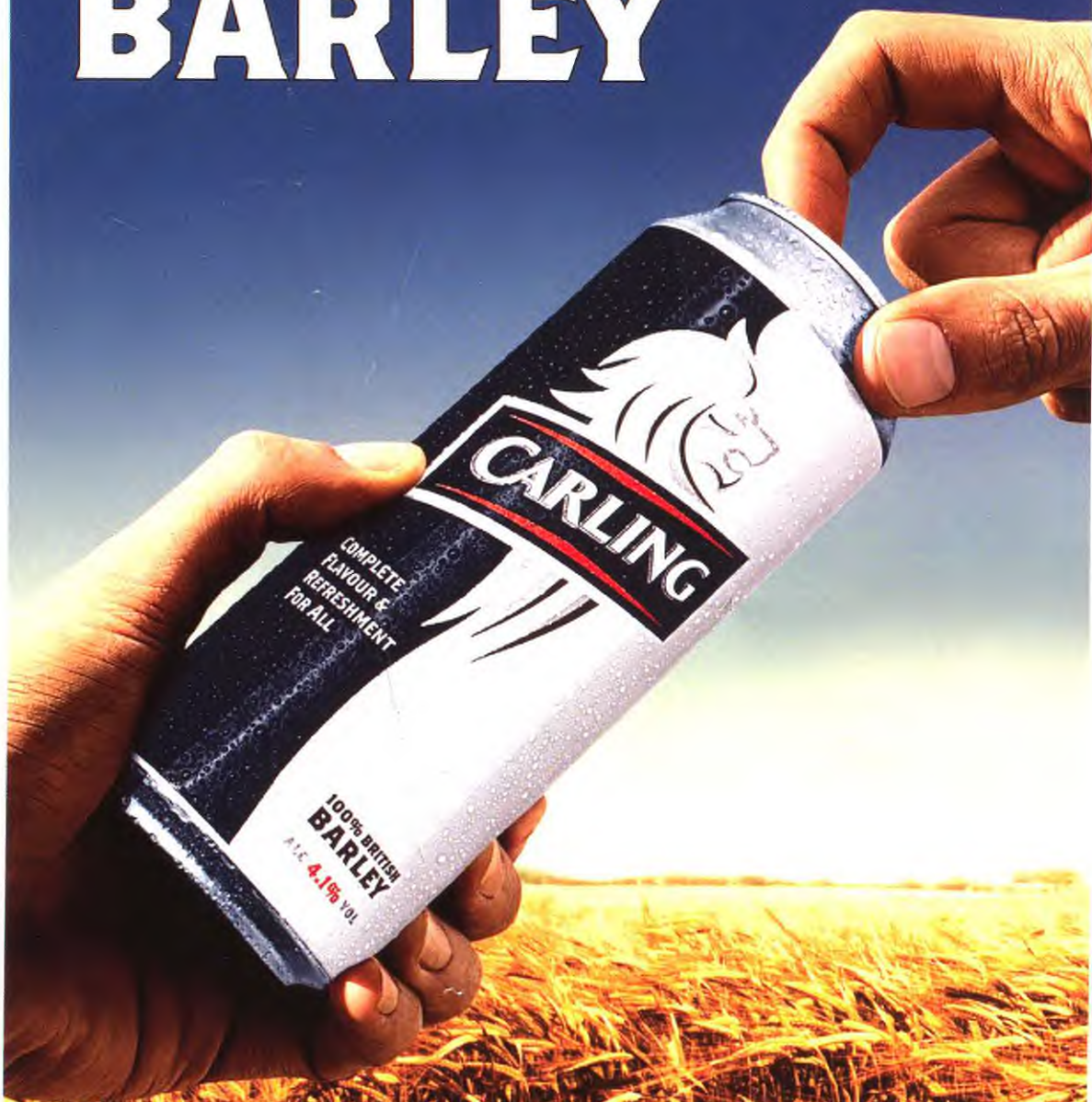
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## SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

### 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

## GORDON STRACHAN



**W**ELCOME back to Celtic Park as we return to league action here after progressing in the Scottish Cup in our last home game when Dundee visited.

We have been in SPL action since then, though, as we travelled to Aberdeen last weekend and suffered a defeat at the hands of the home side.

I was obviously disappointed with that, not in any way with the effort put in by the players as they worked incredibly hard during the 90 minutes, but by the fact that we lost four goals from set-pieces.

It was a strange game as conceding goals from free-kicks is not something we are known for and it's been a pretty rare occurrence this season as any set-piece attacks have been generally well defended by us.

So to lose four over the course of 90 minutes was hard to take, especially in a game where we created most of the chances through our superiority in possession and we were ahead in every department except, obviously, the goals.

However, during this week we've been working hard on a

number of things ahead of today's game.

Of course, we will face another stern challenge from a Hibernian side who have already caused us problems this season but today is all about how we approach this game, not about what has happened in the past.

We aim to get our consistency back and today at home against Hibs gives us the ideal opportunity to get back on track although we know full well that Mixu Paatelainen's team will give us a tough game.

As I mentioned earlier, our last home game was against Dundee in the Scottish Cup and I was delighted with the 2-1 win that put us through to the next round and we will also face Dundee United this midweek in the League Cup semi-final.

It's great to be in the running for all three domestic trophies and we also now know that we can look forward to playing Queen's Park in a couple of weeks after their win over Peterhead the other night.

However, that is on the back-burner for the moment as there is nothing else on the players' minds apart from picking up three points against Hibs today.

# CELTIC FACTFILE



## 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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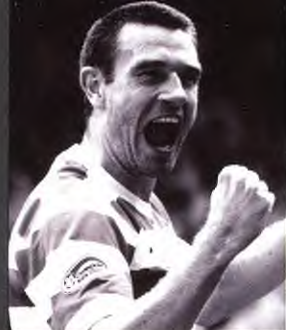
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# CAPTAIN

## STEPHEN McMANUS



**L**AST week's defeat at Aberdeen was a strange one for us as I felt we dominated much of the play but there have been instances in the past of us having the majority of the play but losing to a goal that came from nowhere - but last Sunday there were four such goals.

The manager has pinpointed what went wrong and it's something that we've been working on in training at Lennoxtown this week. We hope all that hard work pays off against Hibernian this afternoon.

Hibs will be up for this game after the score the last time we met them at Easter Road but that was a prime example of a goal that seemingly came from nowhere when we were doing well in the match.

If there is a similar outcome to the last time Hibs visited here, however, we will be well pleased as our 4-2 win back in October was an enjoyable one and more of the same would obviously be welcome.

We know it won't be easy today but we are determined to

get back to our winning ways after the slip last week and every one of the players here is up for the task.

Our top priority every season is to win the league and we've managed to do that in the three previous seasons. We have a group of players who know what it takes to win the title, but it also means we know just how difficult that task is.

So we remain focused on the task in hand and another three points today will go a long way to helping us achieve that aim. With your help and backing we will do everything in our power to make that happen.

STEPHEN McMANUS

