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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



TONIGHT we welcome Dundee United to Celtic Park for what we originally thought was our only home game in March. Obviously, after the events of the weekend at Pittodrie, we now have a Scottish Cup replay to contend with as well, but for now, our only focus is on tonight's game and our aim is to gain all three points.

You only have to glance at the current SPL table to realise that it won't be an easy task. Our opponents have enjoyed a good season so far and are involved in a real battle with a couple of other teams for third spot in the league.

It's credit to Craig Levein and his players that, not only have they maintained that challenge but they've also reached a cup final in the process as well, so we are under no illusions as to how difficult it will be for us tonight.

However, we are enjoying a good league run of our own and the players know exactly what is required of them.

They've also shown great character in our last two games, competing in the Nou Camp against one of the best sides in Europe where we showed a little more of what we're capable of than was probably the case in the first leg.

It's never easy returning to domestic duty after an arduous European game and a Scottish Cup quarter-final at Pittodrie is as tough as they come.

In the event, it was a great game of football and both Jimmy Calderwood and I conceded after the game that it could well have finished 5-5, given the amount of chance there were in the 90 minutes.

It was a measure of the players' character, roared on by our tremendous support, that we grabbed the equaliser so late in the game and gave us the chance of a replay.

Tonight, we will need to show the same character, and we will require the same backing from our supporters in order to win this game.



>> CELTIC FACTFILE



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Dermot Desmond
Tom Allison
Brian McBride
Brian Wilson
Ian Livingston

CFAC Directors:

Peter Lawwell
Eric Riley
John Keane
Michael McDonald
Kevin Sweeney

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday, March 15

Scottish Premier League
Motherwell v **Celtic**

Sunday, March 23

Scottish Premier League
Gretna v **Celtic**

Saturday, March 29

Scottish Premier League
Rangers v **Celtic**

Saturday, April 5

Scottish Premier League
Celtic v Motherwell



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

CLUB SPONSORS



Manager: Gordon Strachan

Assistant Manager: Garry Pendrey

Coach: Tommy Burns

Head of Youth: Tommy Burns

Football Development Manager: John Park

Reserve Coach: Willie McStay

Youth team Coach: John McLaughlan

Club Doctor: Derek McCormack

Physiotherapists: Tim Williamson & Gavin McCarthy

Kit Controller: John Clark

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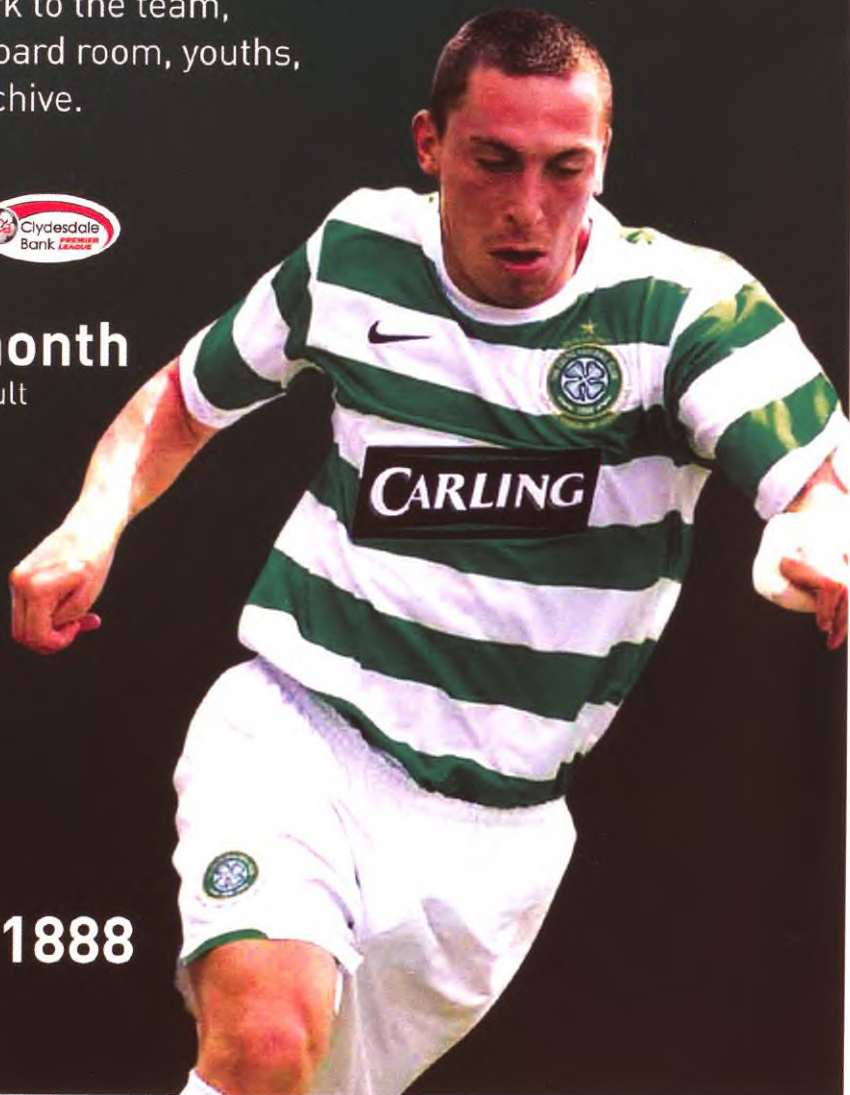
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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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.