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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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### previous meetings

The previous meetings section provides a detailed overview of the club's historical encounters with various opponents, including a list of fixtures and results.



This section contains detailed match reports and statistics for the club's previous meetings, providing fans with a comprehensive look at their team's performance over time.

### there come the girls

This section highlights the club's commitment to women's football, featuring news and information about the Celtic women's team.



The manager section provides an insight into the club's current coaching staff, including profiles and interviews with the head coach.



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## *manager:* *neil lennon*

**G**OOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's game against Motherwell. It's only a few weeks since we hosted Craig Brown's side and that was a tough game. I'm expecting nothing less again this afternoon.

In that match, our players showed a great determination to come back after going 1-0 down early in the second-half, and young Josh Thompson was our goalscoring hero that night.

Since then we've had two good league wins against Hibernian and Dundee United and we want to continue our winning run, not only today, but in all of our remaining league fixtures.

As I wrote before our previous meeting against Motherwell, they have performed really well under Craig Brown and they fully deserve their top-six placing. And they will come to Celtic Park full of confidence after an excellent 2-0 win at Tynecastle last weekend.

So we know that we'll have to be at our best if we want to make it six league wins in a row. I thought our victory at Tannadice last weekend was superb. The players did everything we asked them to do, and dominated the game, winning the physical and the football battle, and we thoroughly deserved the victory.

We also had to cope with the loss of our two central defenders and Darren O'Dea and Mark Wilson were excellent when they came on. In midfield, Scott Brown was immense for us, and I thought, particularly in the second-half, that Landry N'Gueno dominated that area of the pitch in terms of winning the ball. Both players also kept their discipline and I was really pleased for them. And, as often been the case, Aiden McGeady provided that spark of creativity that benefits the team and excites the crowd.

We want every one of the players to show that same attitude and application this afternoon as that is what is required in every Celtic game.

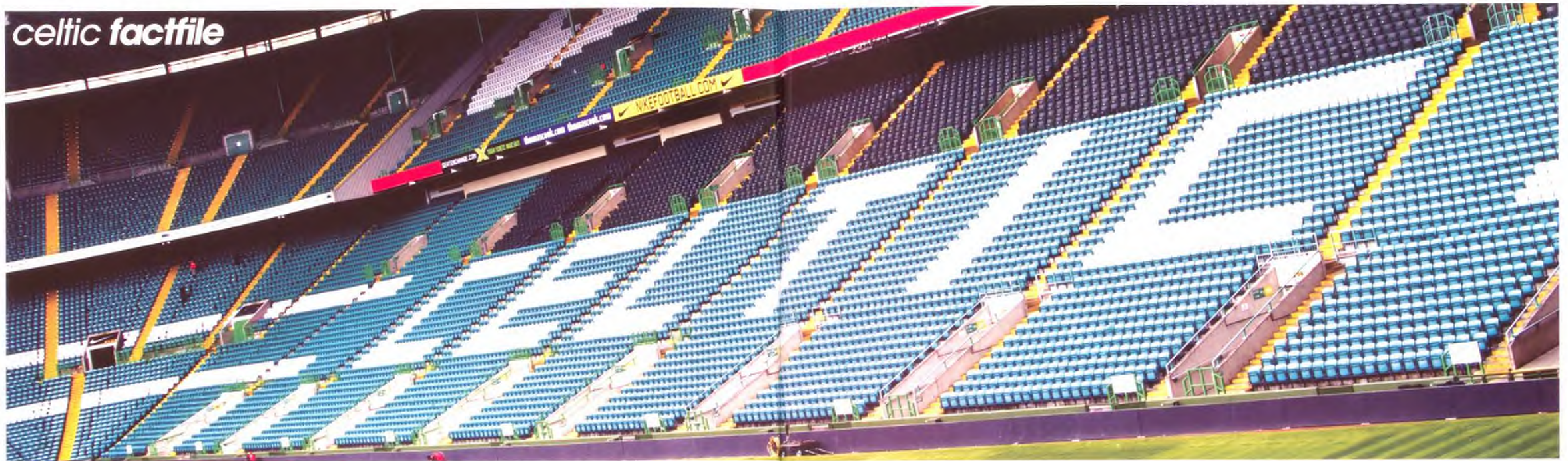
Once again, I'd like to thank you for your support, not only for myself and Johan since we've taken over, but also for the team. It was a key factor in our recent win over Hibernian here at Celtic Park, and the backing we got at Tannadice was brilliant.

I know that will be the case this afternoon, and hopefully we'll be able to celebrate another victory.

Neil Lennon



# celtic factfile



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## 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 [14 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, 2008-09

### European Cup Winners 1967

### Coronation Cup Winners 1953

## club directory & records

### Celtic Football Club

Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

Telephone: 0871 226 1888

Website: www.celticfc.net

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Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

Away strip colours:

Black/yellow hooped shirts, black shorts, black 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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# spl snapshot

**L**AST week Aberdeen featured in a match that had no bearing on the drop-zone and it's the same for the Dons today as they welcome Hamilton Accies to Pittodrie.

However, both sides could finish top of their own mini-league in the bottom six and that could have a big say in how both teams approach their meeting today.

The Hoops go into today's game looking for the sixth SPL win on the trot under Neil Lennon after keeping a clean sheet at Tannadice last weekend in their 2-0 win.

Motherwell, however, come here on the back of the same 2-0 winning scoreline after beating Hearts at Tynecastle last week.

The Arabs will host the other half of the big two from Glasgow this weekend when Rangers visit on the back of their 1-0 win at Hibernian on Sunday.

And, despite Easter Road being the venue for an Edinburgh derby today, it could be argued that the most tantalising meeting of the afternoon will be at Falkirk where the home side take on St Mirren in a real bottom-of-the-table blockbuster.

That result will be keenly anticipated by Kilmarnock who welcome St Johnstone to Rugby Park today as the Ayrshire side are also in danger of holding up the rest of the table tonight if both Falkirk and St Johnstone win.



## Last Week

Falkirk 0-1 Hamilton Accies  
Hearts 0-2 Motherwell  
St Johnstone 1-1 Aberdeen  
St Mirren 1-0 Kilmarnock  
Dundee United 0-2 Celtic  
Hibernian 0-1 Rangers

## This Week

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

## Mid-Week

### Tuesday

Celtic v Rangers

### Wednesday

Aberdeen v Kilmarnock  
Falkirk v St Johnstone  
Hamilton Accies v St Mirren  
Hearts v Dundee United  
Motherwell v Hibernian