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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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OUR task is clear tonight and for our remaining league fixtures this season - we have to win them all. Not only that, but we also have to hope that results go our way elsewhere. Of course, since we can't influence that we can only concentrate on what we can effect, and that means giving everything to get all three points tonight.

Last Saturday's match was a disappointment for everyone - the management team, the players and the supporters. I don't think anyone could argue that we didn't deserve something from the match, given our performance on the day and the amount of possession we enjoyed throughout the match, in particular the second-half.

Unfortunately, we left empty-handed and we now have to move on and focus on tonight's match against Dundee United. That has always been our approach at this football club and that remains the case.

We returned to training at Lennoxton on Sunday and began working towards the game tonight. Because this game

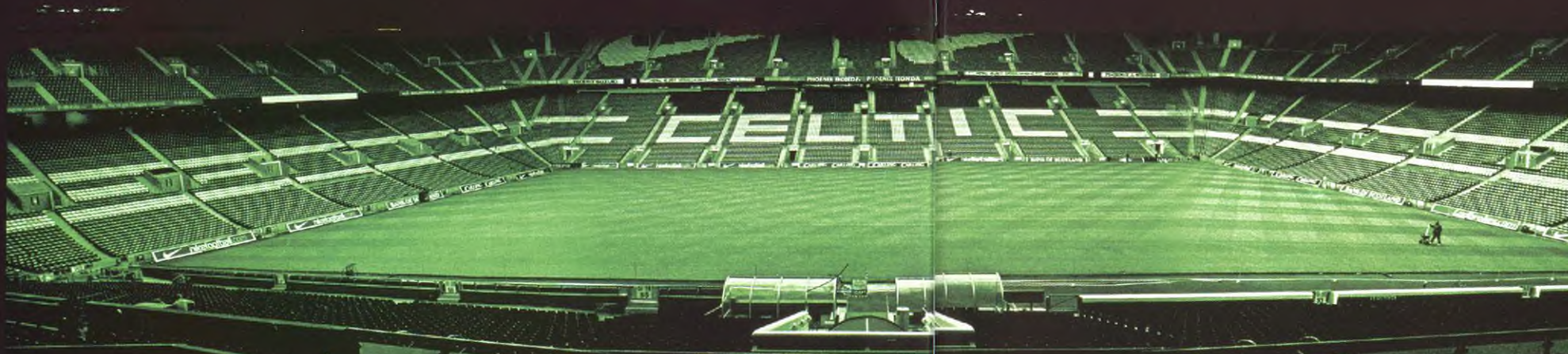
has come so quickly after the weekend fixture, there has been little time to dwell on our last game, and that has meant we have all just concentrated on what's ahead of us.

We know, of course, that Dundee United will be very difficult opponents, as they have been in every one of our matches against them this season. Our previous meeting here at Celtic Park ended in a 2-2 draw and while we were all disappointed at losing a two-goal lead in that game, it also serves as a reminder of how dangerous Craig Levein's side are and the fact they will push us all the way from first minute till last.

The players will be giving everything tonight, as they do in every game, to get the victory and your backing will be vital in helping us try to achieve this. League campaigns over the past few seasons have always thrown up many twists and turns and that could well be the case again this season.

However, all we can do now is win our three remaining league fixtures and see where that leaves us come the end of the season, and you can be assured that this is what the players will be trying to do, starting tonight.

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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 & HONOURS

Celtic Football Club

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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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ANY player will tell you that having to watch a game can be a frustrating experience, and that none of us are particularly good spectators. I'm no different and that was certainly the case on Saturday.

Quite apart from the fact that this was a massive game that everyone wants to be involved in, as a player you feel that at least you can try and have an influence on the outcome of the match through your actions on the pitch. Watching from the stands, there is a certain sense of helplessness.

I thought the boys gave everything at the weekend trying to get a positive result and when you look at the amount of possession we had, it's incredible to think that we had nothing to show for it. We played some really good football, which can be difficult in such an intense fixture, and that was even more impressive when you look at the weather conditions on Saturday.

However, we all know that the only thing that matters in these games is the final result, so in that respect, everyone is really disappointed to have lost the match.

Now we have to get back on track with a win tonight against a Dundee United side who are always difficult to beat. Craig Levein has done a brilliant job at Tannadice and he and his team deserve a lot of praise for the season they've had. And the fact is, they're still in the hunt for third place in the league so they've got everything to play for tonight as well.

And even if I have to be a frustrated spectator at Celtic Park tonight, I will gladly suffer that if it means the boys come away with the victory that puts a bit of pressure on our rivals for the title.

STEPHEN McMANUS

