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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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GORDON STRACHAN



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**F**IRST of all, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Hamilton Accies and congratulate them on coming here as champions of the First Division but, as SPL title holders, we will be doing all we can to ensure that we win this battle of the champions.

Billy Reid's side have had a more than impressive start to the season, although, they hit a blip last week when they lost 4-1 to Falkirk but that will only make them more dangerous today.

In any case, we only have to look at the results they have recorded against Dundee United, Inverness CT and Aberdeen in the league as well as Motherwell in the League Cup to realise the extent of the threat they pose.

However, we fully aim to extend our winning run in the SPL after a thrilling game against Aberdeen here last weekend and I want to thank the supporters for the part they played in that victory.

We go into this afternoon's game, though, on the back of a very demanding European midweek trip and our performance against Villarreal confirmed again that we belong on the UEFA Champions League stage at that level.

The Spanish side are obviously a class act but our display on the night would have delivered three points for us in a lot of other top European venues.

The first-half, in particular, was a great experience for us and I was pleased that we managed to worry one of the best sides in Europe.

We know what we have to do in the remaining games but our performance against Villarreal has given us hope.

However, that is yet to come and the immediate problem for us is Hamilton Accies so, once again, I ask you to get behind the team today, as you did against Aberdeen, and help us towards another three SPL points.



# 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

Telephone: 0871 226 1888

Website: [www.celticfc.net](http://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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### Head of Youth:

Chris McCart

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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](http://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
- 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.

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
- 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](http://www.celticfc.net).