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v MALMÖ FF

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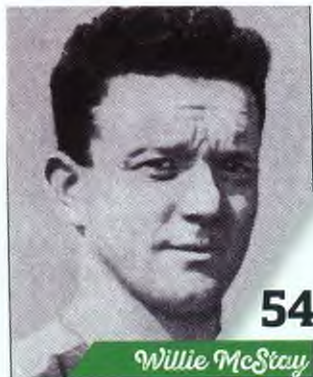
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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

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'S NOTES

Ronny Deila

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (46 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,
2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14,
2014/15

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (36 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, 2011, 2013

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (15 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, 2014/15

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS 1967

CORONATION CUP WINNERS 1953

WE'RE FOCUSED ON TAKING ANOTHER POSITIVE RESULT INTO NEXT WEEK'S CRUCIAL SECOND LEG

GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League play-off first leg against Malmo, and I'd also like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Malmo who have made the trip to Glasgow from Sweden.

The importance of this game is something that no-one needs to be reminded about, and the enthusiasm with which our supporters have snapped up tickets for tonight is an illustration of this. I'm sure that will make for another incredible atmosphere here at Celtic Park.

However, we know that the tie won't be decided tonight so, regardless of how the 90 minutes go, we face a tough trip to Sweden next week.

Our focus, of course, is to try and get a positive result that we can take with



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us into the second leg and that is what everyone is determined to try and do.

We know that, with each round of this competition, the quality of the opposition gets higher and harder and that is certainly the case with Malmo.

They reached the group stages of the UEFA Champions League last season and recorded a very good

result against FC Salzburg in the previous qualifying round of this year's competition, so we are well aware of how difficult Malmo will be.

However, we go into the game full of confidence after a good start to the season, and our performance on Saturday against Inverness

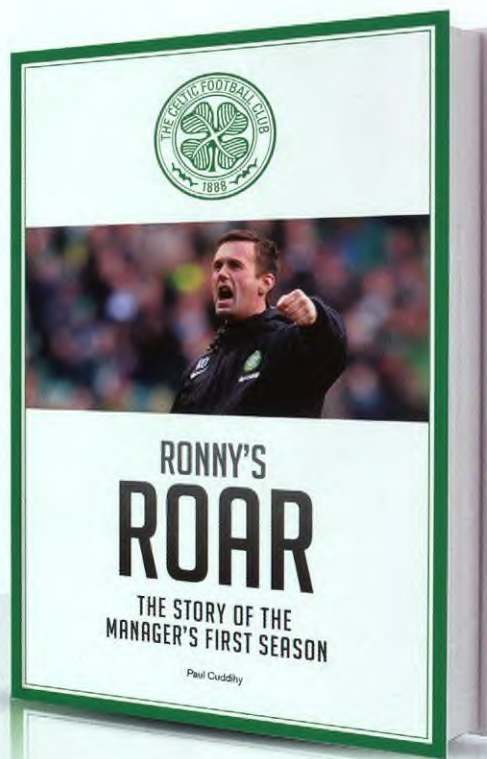
Caley Thistle was very good for most of the match.

It was good to see the players respond after our midweek draw away to Kilmarnock and we scored four goals and played well.

We need to take that confidence, and performance into tonight's match, and, of course, work hard to try and keep a clean sheet and if we can do that, along with the fantastic support we know we'll get, then hopefully we can enjoy another memorable European night here at Celtic Park.

Enjoy the game,

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WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SPECIAL EURO NIGHT AT CELTIC PARK



IT was good to get back on the pitch on Saturday after missing a couple of games, and I was pleased that we won too.

I thought the team played very well for the majority of the game and we were well worthy of our victory. It was important, after drawing at Rugby Park, that we bounced back with a win and the boys did well.

We know, however, that we need to cut out any mistakes that might present our opponents with a chance to score, and that is so important for tonight's game.

A clean sheet is important for us to take to Sweden. We saw in the previous round, when we beat Qarabag 1-0 here at Celtic Park, that the clean sheet proved vital, and we want to try and avoid conceding anything tonight while getting a few goals if we can.

It's important for everyone - players, management and supporters - that we get to the group stages of the UEFA Champions League, and we're

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determined to do everything we can to get there.

However, it's a tough journey and each team we've faced so far has the same ambition. That goes for Malmo tonight, and having got there last season, I'm sure they'd love to return this time around.

However, we believe that it's a stage that this club deserves to be on, so we've been working hard since we returned for pre-season with this in mind.

We'll be ready for tonight and also for the return leg in Sweden next week, and we know that in both games we'll get incredible support from our fans.

Many teams down through the years have been amazed at the atmosphere on a European night at Celtic Park and I'm sure that will be the case again tonight.

It's one of our greatest strengths and, hopefully, we can enjoy a good result to take with us to Sweden.

Enjoy the game,



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In the event of a stadium evacuation please follow the directions of the Police and stewards



ALL supporters are reminded that the Ground Regulations insist that spectators remain seated during the match.

Please remain seated throughout the match in the interests of your own safety and that of your fellow supporters.

Superintendent George Clelland of Strathclyde Police 'B' Division, said: "Strathclyde Police do not wish to in any way prevent spectators from fully enjoying football matches.

"However, the safety of those attending must be paramount at all times. We fully support Celtic FC in this matter and we fully endorse their message to supporters."

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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 based on their membership or presumed membership of the following categories:

- 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

or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group. Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct.

Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting.

Using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.

A detailed description of unacceptable conduct is set out below.

A person present at or in the immediate environs of an Official Match engages in Unacceptable Conduct where their conduct is violent and/or disorderly.

Conduct is violent where there is (i) actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; or (ii) intentional damage to property.

Disorderly conduct includes (i) conduct which stirs up or sustains or is likely or designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards a group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of a group defined by reference to a category mentioned below or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group; (ii) using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct; (iii) displaying any writing or other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; or (iv) using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.

"Presumed" means presumed by the person or persons engaged in the conduct.

The categories referred to above are:-

- female or male gender;
- colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin;
- membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with a perceived religious affiliation;
- sexual orientation;

- transgender identity; and
- disability

"Religious group" means a group of persons defined by reference to their religious belief or lack of religious belief, membership of or adherence to a church or religious organisation, support for the culture and traditions of a church or religious organisation and/or participation in activities associated with such a culture or such traditions.

"Transgender identity" means any one or more of transvestism, transsexualism, intersexuality or change of gender.

"Disability" means physical or mental impairment of any kind.

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 page 3