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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.





RONNY DEILA

Celtic Manager

YOUR MAGNIFICENT BACKING CAN HELP US INTO THE GROUP STAGES AGAIN

GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for our UEFA Champions League play-off tie against NK Maribor, and I would also like to extend that welcome to our visitors from Slovenia.

We faced each other last week, in what was a very competitive game, with chances for both teams. I was pleased with our performance and the fact that we scored an away goal, and we could have scored more on the night, although Maribor also had chances.

We knew before the match that they were a good team, and the game confirmed that. They will be dangerous opponents tonight and we will have to be at our best for the 90 minutes if we want to be successful.

It is also great to be back at Celtic Park for a European tie. This is a famous venue in football, and our supporters have a great reputation for producing an incredible atmosphere in the stadium.

That's what we'll be hoping for tonight, and I'm sure that will

be the case. Our supporters have provided fantastic backing for the team wherever we've played, and I know it's something that the players appreciate.

Our first game back here for the new season was a great occasion. The performance and result against Dundee United was very pleasing, and it was a good way to mark our return home.

We would clearly be delighted with a similar display tonight, but our focus, first and foremost, is winning the tie and progressing to the group stages of the UEFA Champions League.

It's a stage that the club has enjoyed competing in for the past two seasons, and we'd like to do so again this season.

In order to achieve this, we will have to be at our best tonight against NK Maribor, whose own target is the same as ours.

The players will be focused on the task in hand, and will do their best to be successful tonight, and I know that you will provide the magnificent backing which is such an important part of a European night here at Celtic Park.

Enjoy the game





'Tonight's focus, first and foremost, is winning the tie and progressing to the group stages of the UEFA Champions League'

CLUB HONOURS



SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (45 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

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 (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,
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SCOTT BROWN

Celtic Captain



CELTIC PARK WAS MADE FOR EUROPEAN NIGHTS LIKE THESE



EUROPEAN nights at Celtic Park are special occasions. I've been lucky enough to have played in a lot of them over the past few seasons, and they are incredible games to be involved in. I'm hoping tonight's match is another one of those memorable nights.

I won't be involved in the action on the pitch but I'll be in the stands, cheering on the team along with every other supporter, and I know the boys are capable of getting the result tonight which puts us in the group stages of the UEFA Champions League.

We know it won't be easy. NK Maribor showed last week that they're a dangerous side, and I'm sure that will be the case again tonight, so we'll have to be at our best if we want to get through.

It's also great to be back playing here at Celtic Park, for the players and the supporters, and the

atmosphere on these nights is something special.

I thought we played well over in Slovenia, and it was great to see Callum McGregor scoring another goal. He's come back after a year on loan and he's really seized his opportunity in the first team.

And at the back, Craig Gordon also showed what a good goalkeeper he is with a number of great saves in the first leg.

The players do appreciate the backing we get from the fans, and I know that's going to be the case tonight. Hopefully, we'll all be celebrating at the end.

Enjoy the game

CLUB DIRECTORY AND RECORDS

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HOME STRIP COLOUR
Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts and socks

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Dark green shirts with green/gold trim, dark green shorts and 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 ONE SEASON
50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS IN ONE SEASON
35 - Brian McClair, 1986/87
35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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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

NEW rules have been introduced by the SFA and SPFL 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 page 3.

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