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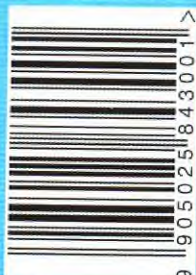
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Introduction

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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History

The history of Celtic Football Club is a story of social integration and community support. It began in 1888 when Brother Walfrid, a Marist Brother, founded the club to provide food for the poor in the East End of Glasgow. The club's name, 'Celtic', was chosen to represent a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea. Over the years, the club has become a major Scottish social institution, promoting health, well-being, and social integration.



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>> GORDON STRACHAN



IT'S not often you can look back on a European defeat with an element of satisfaction but that's what we experienced in midweek after playing AC Milan in the San Siro.

Our aim at the outset of the European campaign was to repeat our feat of last season by qualifying for the last 16 and that's what we achieved - not only on Tuesday night but over the course of six games against three of the top teams on the continent.

It was a really tough group, so to emerge from that calibre of opposition was a fantastic achievement for this group of players.

It's especially pleasing to manage that for the second successive season and we repeated it this year with a new group of players while having to cope with injuries and a lot of tired bodies.

The game itself in Milan wasn't the greatest though, and there are one or two things we will be working on before our next European tie, but first and foremost in our thoughts at the moment is the visit of St Mirren today.

Gus MacPherson's team will be champing at the bit to

make up for their unexpected 5-1 defeat to Falkirk last week so we have to make sure that we aren't caught by the sucker punch of a team out to make amends.

They also may want to avenge the 5-1 defeat we inflicted on them earlier on in the season so we will be doubly wary that their pride has been hurt.

No matter what, we will be expecting a tough game today after our exertions in midweek as St Mirren will be more than keen to claw back some points and start moving up the table again.

We had a testing game against Hearts last week and we obviously weren't happy at losing that last-minute penalty to tie the game.

However, we experienced the other side of the coin just days before that in our previous home game when Massimo Donati struck with practically the last kick of the ball against Shakhtar Donetsk.

Your backing that night was tremendous so you played your part in getting us through to the last 16 and I ask you all to do the same again today in our bid for another three SPL points.



>> CELTIC FACTFILE



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UPCOMING FIXTURES

Tuesday, December 11
Scottish Premierleague
Celtic v Falkirk

Sunday, December 16
Scottish Premierleague
Inverness CT v **Celtic**

Saturday, December 22
Scottish Premierleague
Celtic v Hibernian

Wednesday, December 26
Scottish Premierleague
Dundee United v **Celtic**

Saturday, December 29
Scottish Premierleague
Celtic v Gretna



CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [41 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

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

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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: Green/black striped shirts, green shorts, green 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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Gordon Strachan

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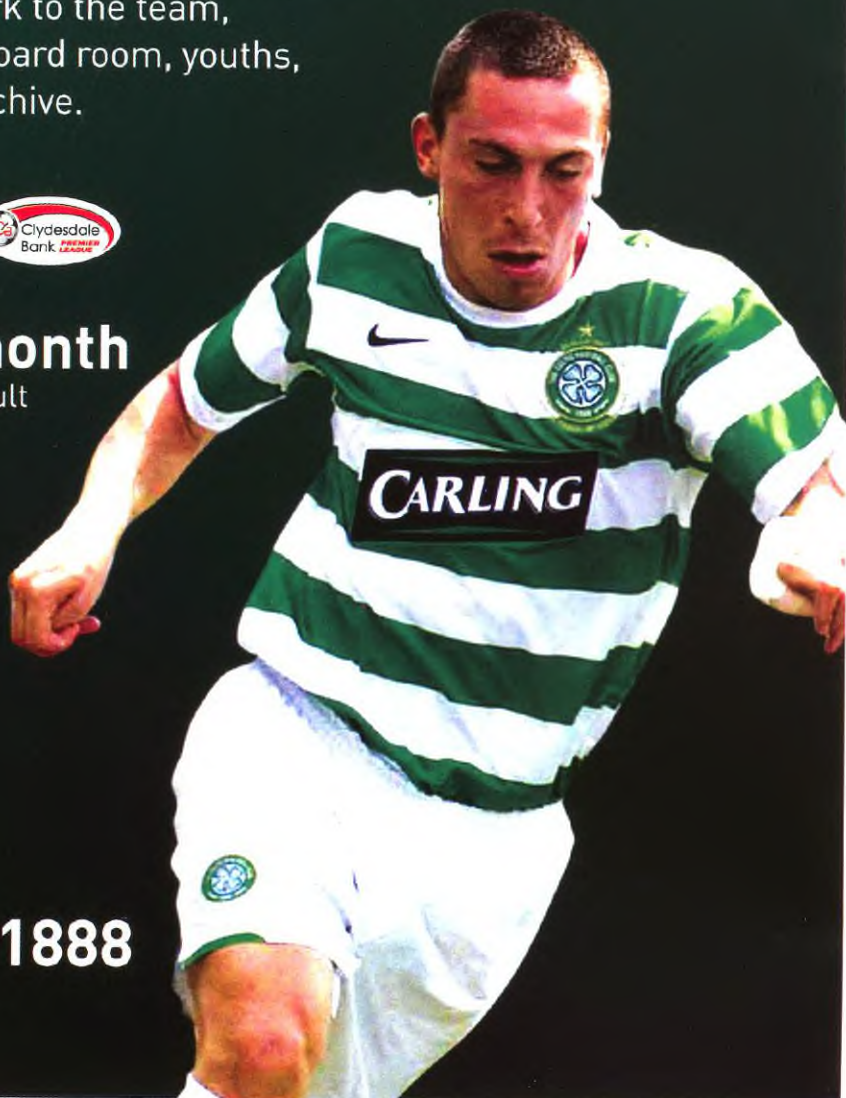
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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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 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 www.celticfc.net.