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v FC STJARNAN

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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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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





OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT CAN HELP US INTO THE NEXT ROUND OF THE UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST of all, a warm welcome to all of you back to Celtic Park for our first game of the season here at home and I want to extend that greeting to the management, players, staff and fans of our Icelandic visitors here tonight.

It doesn't seem all that long ago that we were here celebrating the SPFL trophy presentation and now here we are at the start of another season, but we have prepared well for this early start with three games against Den Bosch, Dukla Prague and Real Sociedad at our pre-season venue of St Mirren Park and now we get down to the real task of competitive football.

Of course, we had the same early start this time last season, but I feel we are better prepared this time, both in our run-up to tonight's game against FC Stjarnan and in the way the squad are playing their football.

It took a while to develop that last season but we still had a very successful campaign in winning the SPFL and the League Cup as well as progressing from the group stages of the Europa League where we were unlucky to lose to Inter Milan.

That is the sort of success we want to build on and that starts tonight with the visit of FC Stjarnan as we are intent on playing more European group stage football this season but this time in the UEFA Champions League.

This club and its wonderful supporters deserve Champions League football on a regular basis as we all know what it means to the players and the Celtic fans when this stadium is buzzing on European nights and the road there starts right here tonight.

It's not an easy road, though, as we are expecting a tough challenge from the visitors tonight as they themselves had a great European run



WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT MEANS WHEN THIS STADIUM IS BUZZING ON EUROPEAN NIGHTS. THE ROAD THERE STARTS TONIGHT

last season before, like us, meeting a strong Inter Milan side so they know what to expect and have tasted success in UEFA matches so they will be prepared for tonight.

They are also midway through their season while this is our first competitive match but, as I said, we have approached the run-up to this game with plenty of forethought and we are looking forward, not only to tonight's game, but also to the season ahead.

Last season, of course, was my first with the club and I am looking forward to many more after the success we experienced during the course of the year and I want

to thank the Celtic support for their wonderful backing last season.

We are back together at Celtic Park and I know you will do all you can to spur the team on tonight as only you can because your backing can raise the level of these players even higher and help us through to the next round of the UEFA Champions League.

Enjoy the game,



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LET'S MAINTAIN OUR MOMENTUM IN SCOTLAND - AND QUALIFY FOR THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

IT'S great to be back here at Celtic Park once more, not only after the close-season but also after our wee sojourn down in Paisley because, as much as I enjoyed the games, you just can't beat Celtic Park on a matchday.

I know you will all feel the same after our last game here and after experiencing our fourth SPFL trophy celebration in a row, we will be doing all we can to make it five-in-a-row this season.

And we have some new faces here to help us do that in the shape of Dedryck Boyata, Saidy Janko, Logan Bailly and Nadir Ciftci and I am sure you will give the four new Bhoys a rousing welcome here on their first matchday in Paradise.

They've all been looking good in training and are more than welcome additions to the squad ahead of what will hopefully be another successful season and one that we are all looking forward to.

Just like last year, we start with Icelandic opposition but I hope to be a bit more involved this time after picking up an injury last pre-season and missing the start of the season including our European qualifiers.

Hopefully, things will go to plan this time around as we have our eyes set on making the group stages of the Champions League this season as well as maintaining our momentum in the domestic scene as, despite winning the league and League Cup last time, we want to add the Scottish Cup to that as well.

We are all looking forward to season ahead and kicking off with a midweek European game at Celtic Park only adds to the eagerness to get started although many of you



KICKING OFF WITH A MIDWEEK EUROPEAN GAME AT CELTIC PARK ONLY ADDS TO THE EAGERNESS TO GET STARTED

will already be thinking ahead to Flag Day here in a couple of weeks.

It's one game at a time, though, and tonight we welcome FC Stjarnan as the latest European guests here at Celtic Park and we know they will be up for the game so we aim to hit the ground running tonight and travel to Iceland next week with

a healthy scoreline in our favour.

Enjoy the game and cheer us on to victory.



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"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."

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- 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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CLUB DIRECTORY AND RECORDS

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STADIUM: Celtic Park
CAPACITY: 60,506

HOME STRIP COLOUR
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AWAY STRIP COLOUR
Green

RECORD ATTENDANCE
92,000 v Rangers, 1938

RECORD VICTORY
11-0 v Dundee, 1895

RECORD DEFEAT
0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

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35 – Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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