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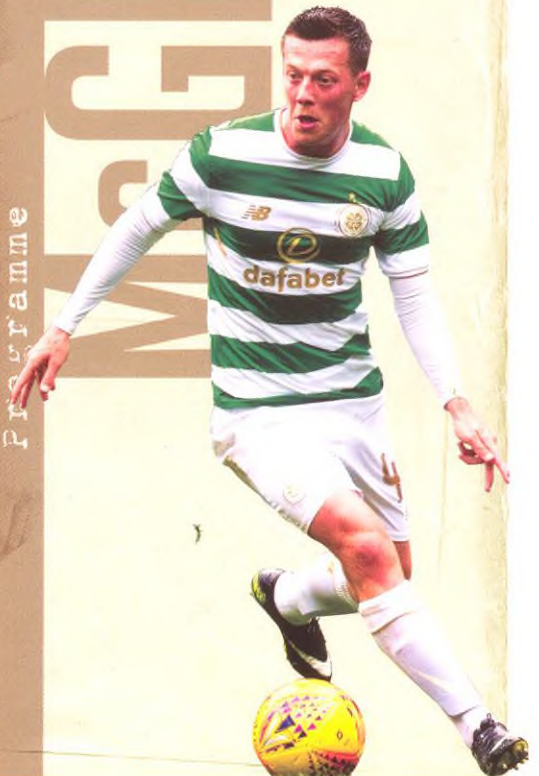
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Introduction

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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Manager's Notes...

BRENDAN RODGERS





Our visitors will be well-organised but we've worked hard in preparation

GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League qualifier against Rosenborg, and we also welcome our visitors from Norway to our stadium.

It's the first leg of our tie and it's a game we're all looking forward to. We've been preparing for this fixture since last week when we completed the job against Linfield with a good performance and victory. Some of our football at this stage of the season was very good, and while our main aim was obviously to progress to the next round of the competition, the ties also gave the players a boost in terms of their fitness at this moment in pre-season.

"We know that the game here at Celtic Park is the 'first half', and that another important 90 minutes await us next week in Norway"

Now we face a team in Rosenborg who are already midway through their league campaign and so will already have a good level of fitness.

They had a tough tie in the previous round against Dundalk but did well over the two legs to go through, and I know they will be disciplined and organised when they come here to Celtic Park.



Our aim will be to establish a lead to take over to Norway for the second leg and we have been working hard over the past week in preparation for tonight.

When we were planning our schedule for this part of the season, we did not want to put a fixture in the middle of the qualifying rounds in order to give us the time to prepare for this tie. We know that the game here at Celtic Park is the 'first half', and that another important 90 minutes await us next week in Norway.

However, our approach has always been to focus only on the next game in our schedule, which is always the most important for us. It is something which served us well last season and so we have not looked beyond tonight's game and the need to perform well and get a good result.

As always, we're looking forward to playing here at Celtic Park and it was tremendous to get a massive crowd last week for the second leg of our tie against Linfield following our first leg victory in Belfast. I hope that will be the case again tonight against Rosenborg when we can enjoy another successful European night here. Be loud and proud and let's get the result together.

Brendan Rodgers
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A word with our captain...

SCOTT BROWN

It will be tough but we want a good result to take to Norway



WE'RE are looking forward to tonight's game against Rosenborg and our target is to get a good result to take to Norway for the second leg next week.

It was good to get our first competitive game at Celtic Park last Wednesday, and it was a good performance and result from the lads. We'd obviously like the same again tonight – on both counts – and that will obviously be our focus going into the match.

We know it will be difficult. All games are at this level, with every team having the same aim – to reach the group stages of the UEFA Champions League – and Rosenborg will go into these two matches with the same determination as ourselves.

So, first of all, we want to get a good result which will give us a platform for the return game next Wednesday night.

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They're obviously in the middle of their season while we're just starting ours, but we know these are challenges that we might face every year in the qualifying rounds, and it's not something that will affect us at all.

The lads have been training well all week and preparing for tonight's match, and we're all looking forward to playing in front of our fans again. It was great for some of the new players to experience that last week, and it only makes us all even more determined to keep going in this competition for as long and as far as possible.

Enjoy the game.

Scott Brown


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Celtic View celebration of our Magnificent Seven

IT was 20 years ago this week, on July 25, 1997, that Henrik Larsson signed for the Hoops.

Seven years later, having scored an incredible 242 goals in 315 appearances, he left Paradise as a Celtic legend.

In this week's issue of the *Celtic View*, we celebrate this important anniversary with a special Henrik Larsson cover and a FREE A2 poster highlighting the impressive goalscoring statistics of the Magnificent Seven. It has been the most enjoyable trip down memory lane.

Brendan Rodgers reflects on the talents of one of Celtic's greatest ever strikers, while Kieran Tierney talks about the Magnificent Seven as any Celtic fan does – with awe

and admiration. Craig Gordon remembers facing Henrik when a young goalkeeper at Hearts, while Mikael Lustig pays tribute to his fellow countryman.

And we also have exclusive interviews with Chris Sutton, Tom Boyd, Stephen McManus and Jonathan Gould as they recall playing alongside the Super Swede.

All this and much more, including exclusive interviews with Celtic's No.1, Craig Gordon, and Jozo Simunovic, while there's also a great competition to **WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS** to Flag Day at Paradise against Hearts.

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SOUND OF THE CROWD

Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson

Callum McGregor relishes Paradise on a European night and is aiming to help deliver more big occasions this season



IT'S the noise that sticks in Callum McGregor's mind – a din so deafening that it surged through his veins and powered him through an electrifying 90 minutes. This is how it feels to be a Celtic player in Paradise on a UEFA Champions League night.

The 24-year-old got his first taste of the group stages of the competition last season, and it lived up to his lofty expectations. The atmosphere, the quality of opposition and the level of football – it was all he imagined it would be.

He started one match, against the mighty Barcelona at home, and featured four times from the six games in the section. And as Brendan Rodgers' side aim to move another step closer to returning to the riches and excitement of the group phase tonight against Rosenborg, McGregor told the matchday programme of his craving for another fix of this football feast.

"On the Champions League nights at Celtic Park you get 60,000 in and they make it an unbelievable atmosphere which can intimidate teams who come and play here," he said. "The fans carry you through the games and you almost go to another level.

"It's an unreal feeling. The hairs on the back of your neck stand up and you get a buzz and it almost takes you to that next level. You play the game running on adrenaline and it carries you through, and I would say that's the main thing.

"It's an unbelievable noise when you walk out the tunnel and the Champions League

