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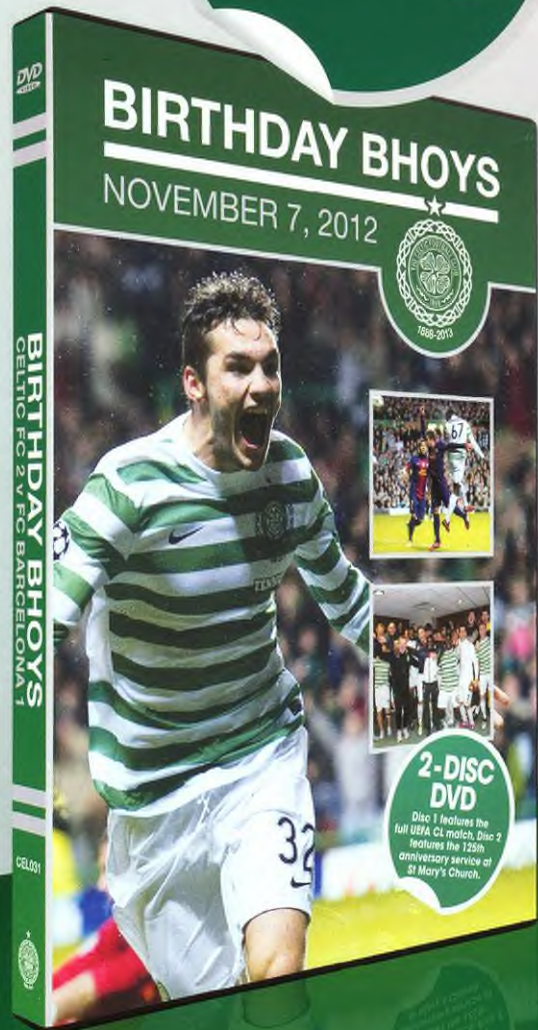


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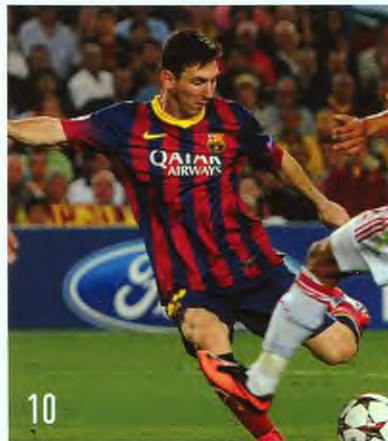
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## SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

### 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.



# NEIL LENNON



## BARCELONA ARE A WORLD-CLASS SIDE BUT WE HOPE TO REPEAT OUR SUCCESS OF LAST SEASON

### **GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League match against Barcelona.**

And I would like to extend that welcome to the players, management and supporters who have travelled over from Barcelona for the game.

European nights here at Celtic Park are always special occasions and this stadium is known throughout football for the incredible atmosphere that our supporters generate.

I'm sure that will be the case again tonight when we play host to Barcelona. We've become familiar foes in recent times, having been drawn against them in last season's competition.

Both of those games were very tough contests and, for us, the match at Celtic Park in November last year is one that will live long in the memory.

Just 24 hours after the club celebrated the 125th anniversary of our foundation, we produced a stunning win against a side rightly regarded as one of the finest in football.

That was a special night for everyone connected with Celtic and we would clearly like to repeat that success tonight.

However, we know that it will be just as tough, if not tougher this time around. Barcelona are a side with world-class players throughout their squad and their recent 4-0 victory over Ajax in the opening group-stage game of this season's competition was a reminder, as if any was needed, of the quality in their ranks.

They will come into tonight's game aware of the special atmosphere a UEFA Champions League night has at Celtic Park, and how difficult a venue this is, but also with a determination to gain a measure of revenge for last season's defeat.

We will approach the game similarly determined, only to try and ensure that history does not repeat itself. We know it will be a difficult task but we also know that it is possible.

Our performance in the opening match was very pleasing and I don't think anyone who saw the game could deny that we deserved

to take at least a point from the San Siro, if not all three. It was a composed display against a top European side, and we were very disappointed to have lost the game so late on.

However, it was further evidence that, not only do we deserve to be in the UEFA Champions League, but that we have the quality in our squad to compete against Europe's top sides.

A full house at Celtic Park on a European night is something special and I know that's going to be the case tonight. Thanks as always for your support and together, let's hope we can achieve another great success here. **Enjoy the game.**



## EL BARCELONA ÉS UN DELS MILLORS EQUIPS DEL MÓN, PERÒ ESPEREM REPETIR L'ÈXIT DE LA TEMPORADA PASSADA

**Bona tarda i benvinguts al Celtic Park, on aquesta nit ens enfrontarem al Barcelona en un partit corresponent a la fase de grups de la UEFA Champions League. Voldria donar també la benvinguda als jugadors, tècnics, i aficionats que han vingut des de Barcelona.**

Aquí, a Celtic Park, les nits europees són sempre especials. Aquest estadi és conegut arreu del món gràcies als nostres aficionats i al gran ambient que generen, i estic segur que aquesta nit no serà una excepció. Amb el Barcelona ens hem convertit en vells coneguts, després d'haver-nos-hi enfrontat en dues ocasions la temporada passada.

Ambdós partits van ser molt competits, però és clar que el partit a Celtic Park de novembre de l'any passat perviurà durant molt temps en la nostra memòria. Només vint-i-quatre hores després que el Celtic celebrés el seu 125è aniversari, vam aconseguir una victòria impressionant davant d'un equip que està considerat, amb justícia, com un dels millors del món del

futbol. Aquella va ser una nit molt especial per qualsevol persona propera al Celtic, i no cal dir que avui ens agradaria repetir aquell gran èxit.

Tot i això, sabem que aquesta vegada serà tant o més complicat que l'any passat. El Barcelona té alguns dels millors jugadors del món, i la seva recent victòria contra l'Ajax per 4-0 en el primer partit de la lligueta va ser un recordatori - si és que calia - de la seva gran qualitat.

Els afrontaran el partit d'aquesta nit conscients tant de l'ambient especial que es crea a Celtic Park en un partit de UEFA Champions League com del difícil que és guanyar en aquest estadi, però també amb la convicció i la voluntat de venjar la derrota de la temporada passada.

Nosaltres també jugarem el partit amb convicció. El nostre objectiu és aconseguir que la història es repeteixi. Sabem que serà una tasca difícil, però també sabem que és possible. El nostre rendiment al primer partit de la competició va ser molt satisfactori, i crec que qualsevol persona

que veiés el partit estarà d'acord amb mi que vam merèixer marxar de San Siro com a mínim amb un punt sota el braç. Vam fer un partit molt sòlid enfront d'un dels equips europeus més importants, i va ser una decepció perdre el partit als darrers minuts.

Malgrat tot, el nostre rendiment a Milà va demostrar que mereixem ser a la UEFA Champions League i que tenim la qualitat necessària per competir amb els millors equips d'Europa. Un Celtic Park ple en una nit europea és quelcom molt especial, i estic segur que avui també ho serà. Gràcies com sempre pel vostre suport. Junts, esperem aconseguir un altre gran èxit aquesta nit.

**Gaudiu del partit.**