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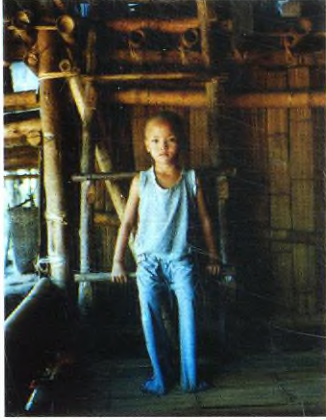
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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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GORDON STRACHAN

T HIS is the night we have all been waiting for after getting a taster of what UEFA Champions League group stage football is all about in our trip to Old Trafford a couple of weeks ago...

And now, the UEFA Champions League bandwagon rolls back to Celtic Park and tonight we can sample that singular atmosphere once again.

The music and the traditional rippling of the massive logo in the centre-circle pre-match only add the unique atmosphere that Celtic Park has always been famed for on European nights and I'm sure the roof will be raised tonight as we welcome FC Copenhagen.

Celtic aspire to these occasions and, in turn, the magnetism of these nights attracts the calibre of players we are looking for here to the club and tonight is when we have the opportunity to show that we belong among such esteemed company.

The long, hard work in qualifying for the group stages of this season's competition was achieved last term in winning the Scottish Premierleague by a clear 17 points and that was no mean feat in itself.

However, it's occasions such as tonight that present us with the opportunity to show that we can also operate on a different level and, although I'm ultimately disappointed with the outcome of our 3-2 reverse to Manchester United, we at least proved we are fully intent on qualifying from this section and that same sort of attitude will stand us in good stead for the remainder of these Group F matches.

We know though, that FC Copenhagen will come here buoyed by their draw with Benfica in their opening match and, that game aside, all of Europe is fully aware of their capabilities after disposing of a team such as Ajax in qualifying for the group stages.

So we will have to be on our toes, we knew that anyway but we have one thing in our armoury tonight that FC Copenhagen don't have – and that is the Celtic Park crowd roaring us on in a cauldron of noise.

Let's all play our parts tonight and each and every Celt in the stands here tonight can play an immense role by spurring the Celts on the park to lifting their first three points of this UEFA Champions League campaign.

