



celtic



THE OFFICIAL MATCHDAY MAGAZINE OF CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB 2007/08



LOOK OUT FOR YOUR MATES
ENJOY RESPONSIBLY

>> CONTENTS

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.

5	Gordon Strachan
6/7	Celtic Factfile
10/11	Captain's Column
14/17	Tonight's Visitors
20/24	Massimo Donati Interview
26/29	On This Day
32/33	Previous Meetings
34/35	Poster
38/42	Player of the Year
48/49	Celtic Youth Academy
52/54	Scott Cuthbert Interview
56/59	Roy Aitken Interview
64/65	Celtic Stats
66	Quiz

20/24



56/59



CRE8
 Design Ben Goddard
 CRE8, the old brewery, priory lane, burford, ox18 4sg
 tel 01993 822811 email studio@cre8ing.com

Support the Bhoys and liven up your mobile



Download our 3D player animations and other great stuff to your mobile now
Just visit the Official Celtic Mobile Zone at www.celticfc.net/mobile or text CELTIC to 62866



Official Mobile Network of Celtic Football Club

T-Mobile
simply closer

Texts to 62866 are charged at 25p each. Your network's browsing charges may apply and a compatible handset is required.

>> GORDON STRACHAN



We go into this game tonight with the same remit as we have for all of our games in the remainder of this season and that is to win it.

There's no doubt we have been buoyed by the 4-1 win over Motherwell at the weekend but our recent performances have merited wins as the team seemed to be doing everything right except put the ball in the back of the net.

That looked like it was remedied on Sunday out at Fir Park and I was delighted with the application and commitment shown by the players in the 4-1 win.

In fairness though, they have created just as many chances in recent games and I think Motherwell's keeper had a busier time in goal when we lost 1-0 here a week-and-a-half ago.

What we have to do, though, is keep that goalscoring habit from Sunday in tonight's match against Rangers as we all know the importance of the points in this fixture.

If we can show the same commitment to performance allied to a hunger for goals then we can achieve our aim of collecting the points tonight.

Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and Scott McDonald showed that by getting back on the scoresheet again after a couple of games without a goal so I was delighted for them - as I was for Stephen McManus for getting the ball rolling.

I was especially pleased at getting the win and attaining that level of performance on a pitch that has had its fair share of critics this season, so it was a game that we were happy to see done and dusted in such a positive manner and with a decent scoreline to match the play.

However, that is in the past now and we look forward to tonight's match against the team we are vying with for the title as we end our run of games before the SPL split.

That means we have more tough games, including another against Rangers, on the horizon but it is tonight's match that is obviously of paramount importance.

So we know you will play your part in the proceedings by raising the roof and getting behind the men on the park from the very first whistle.

They will be going all out for the win and giving it everything they've got but the supporters in the stands can help them take it that bit further.



>> CELTIC FACTFILE



CELTIC PLC DIRECTORS

Celtic plc Directors:

- John Reid
- Peter Lawwell
- Eric Riley
- Dermot Desmond
- Tom Allison
- Brian McBride
- Brian Wilson
- Ian Livingston

CFAC Directors:

- Peter Lawwell
- Eric Riley
- John Keane
- Michael McDonald
- Kevin Sweeney

Manager:

Gordon Strachan

Assistant Manager:

Garry Pendrey

Coach:

Tommy Burns

Head of Youth:

Tommy Burns

Football Development Manager:

John Park

Reserve Coach:

Willie McStay

Youth team Coach:

John McLaughlan

Club Doctor:

Derek McCormack

Kit Controller:

John Clark

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

Celtic Football Club
Celtic Park Glasgow G40 3RE

Telephone: 0871 226 1888

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

CLUB SPONSORS



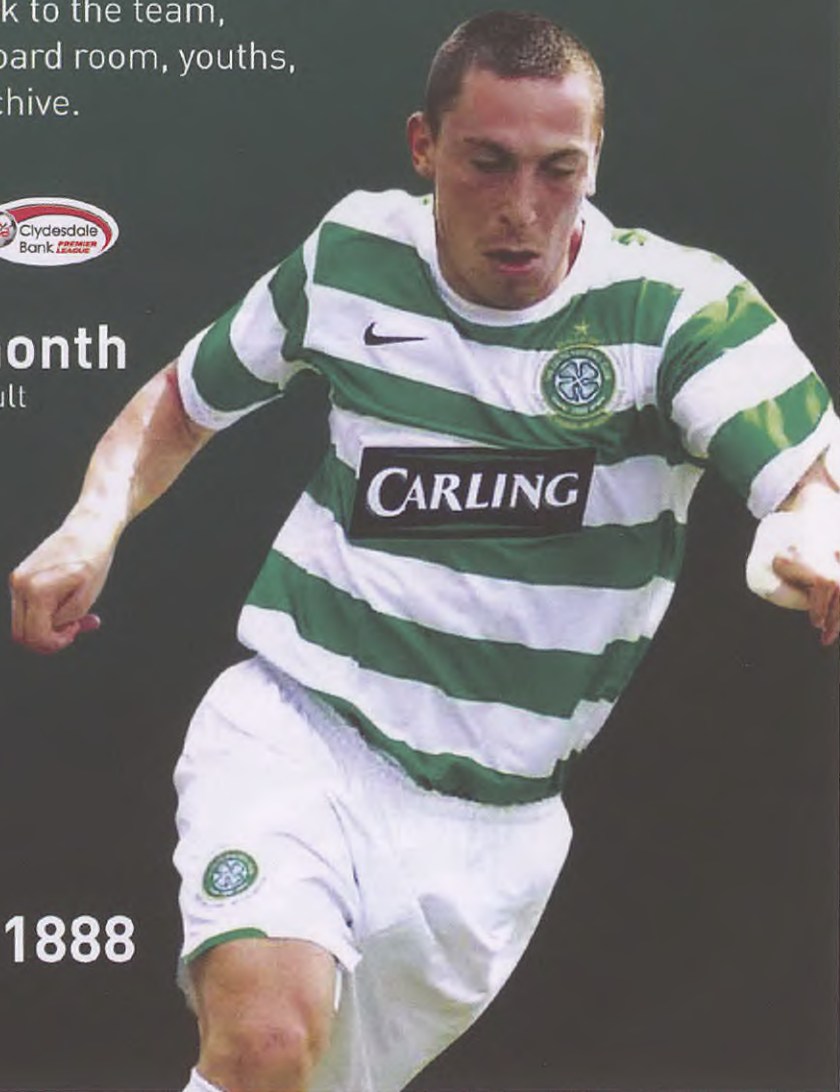
HAIL HAIL, THE CELTS ARE HERE...

...EXCLUSIVELY ON **CELTIC TV**,
THE CHANNEL OF THE CHAMPIONS

Now with two premier leagues and exclusive access
inside Celtic Park to the team,
management, board room, youths,
reserves and archive.



£9.99 a month
...no contract...result



JOIN NOW

08700 85 1888

www.celtictv.info

CelticTV 

* PLEASE QUOTE PROMO CODE '1888'. CONNECTION FEE OF €10 APPLIES TO SATELLITE CUSTOMERS. TERMINATION REQUIRES 30 DAYS NOTICE FROM NEXT BILLING DATE. CELTIC TV IS ALSO AVAILABLE VIA CABLE, CONTACT YOUR OPERATOR FOR PRICING.

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.