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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



A WARM welcome to Celtic Park for today's game against Hearts. It's nice to be back playing here on a Saturday afternoon at three o'clock and, hopefully, we can continue the form we've shown in recent weeks.

Our recent games against Hearts, however, should be enough to warn everyone of how tough it is going to be this afternoon.

We drew with them at Tynecastle and before that, in our last meeting here, we lost in the CIS Cup, so we're all aware of the threat our opponents today will pose.

However, we have to be pleased with our own performances in recent weeks. To beat both Kilmarnock and Aberdeen at their home grounds is impressive enough given how difficult the venues of Rugby Park and Pittodrie are, but to do so with the type of performances we produced makes it all the better.

The players' attitudes were spot on against Kilmarnock and it has to be said, they enjoyed playing on a good surface.

We're spoiled here by having the best pitch in the country and we're looking forward to getting out there today.

We followed up our 5-1 win over Kilmarnock with another 5-1 win against Aberdeen. Again, our attitude and application from the first minute until the last was first class and the players got the proper rewards.

Scott McDonald scored two goals for the second consecutive match, we had another player score on his debut, Barry Robson following on from Georgios Samaras, and we also enjoyed a tremendous individual display from Aiden McGeady.

So we are feeling good about ourselves right now and the players are fully focused on today's match with Hearts.

It will give them a boost to be playing in front of our own supporters and, along with the same determination that's been evident in our performances, we will be going all-out to win the three points today.



>> CELTIC FACTFILE



UPCOMING FIXTURES
Wednesday, February 20
 UEFA Champions League
 Celtic v Barcelona

Sunday, February 24
 Scottish Premier League
 St Mirren v **Celtic**

Wednesday, February 27
 Scottish Premier League
 Celtic v Inverness CT

Saturday, March 1
 Scottish Premier League
 Hibs v **Celtic**

Tuesday, March 4
 UEFA Champions League
 Barcelona v **Celtic**



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
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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

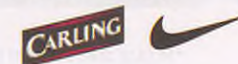
Record victory:
 11-0 v Dundee, 1895

Record defeat:
 0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

Most league goals in 1 season:
 50 - Jimmy McGorry, 1935-36

Most Premier/SPL goals in 1 season:
 35 - Brian McClair, 1986-87
 35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

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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.