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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

OUR hectic schedule of games continues this afternoon as we take on Dumbarton in the third round of the Tennent's Scottish Cup.

Four games in nine days places great demands on any team and we were pleased to have remained undefeated in those games.

We began with a 1-0 win here at Celtic Park over Falkirk, followed by a 2-2 draw with Dundee United, though that game was tempered by the blow of losing Bobo Balde, who suffered a broken leg.

Our Boxing Day game against Dundee United was a dramatic encounter which, again, showed the resilience of the players.

It also highlighted for those few observers still unaware of the talents of Shunsuke Nakamura just how good a player he is.

I said after that game that he is a genius and his equalising goal illustrated that perfectly.

We were disappointed to drop two points against Motherwell at Fir Park, particularly since their equaliser came so late in the game, but Maurice Malpas' side deserve credit for the way they competed in that match.

However, we were delighted to bounce back with a victory on Tuesday against Kilmarnock.

Our second goal didn't come till very late on, though in the second-half in particular, we created numerous

chances that could have won the game long before that. Today, however, provides a different test for us and in a different competition as we take on Dumbarton in the Tennent's Scottish Cup.

We know from our experience at this stage of the competition last season that teams from lower divisions can prove to be difficult and dangerous opponents. Therefore, we will give Dumbarton the respect they deserve and will be fully focused on winning the game and progressing to the next round.

Dumbarton are currently fourth in the Scottish Third Division and have genuine aspirations for promotion. Like us, their priority this season has been the league campaign, but this Tennent's Scottish Cup tie gives clubs a break from the rigours of league football as they attempt to progress in this famous tournament.

The draw has also given Dumbarton the opportunity to experience the wonderful arena that is Celtic Park.

Players can thrive on this stage and we must ensure that we are at our best against Gerry McCabe's side.

The Tennent's Scottish Cup final provides a great end to the season and like every other club in the third round, we would like to be involved in that occasion this year.

The road to Hampden, for us, begins this afternoon and our attention will not stray from the immediate task in hand, which is to win this match.



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday, January 14
Scottish Premierleague
Hearts v Celtic

Saturday, January 20
Scottish Premierleague
Celtic v St Mirren

Sunday, January 28
Scottish Premierleague
Inverness CT v Celtic

Saturday, February 10
Scottish Premierleague
Celtic v Hibs

Saturday, February 17
Scottish Premierleague
Aberdeen v Celtic



CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [40 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

Scottish Cup Winners [33 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

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

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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

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