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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 Walfred. 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 Walfred 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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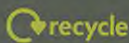
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'I'm absolutely delighted with the start we've made to 2020, but there's a long way to go in the campaign and it's important to keep our run going'



GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's match against Hearts. After four consecutive away games, it's good to be back home, and we're all looking forward to this game.

We've enjoyed a great start to 2020, both in the league and also the Scottish Cup, and that continued at the weekend with our victory over Clyde.

We've hit the ground running since coming back after the winter break, although we know that there's still a long way to go in the campaign, so we're not getting carried away. But I'm absolutely delighted with the start that we've made to 2020 and the form that we're in.

February is a busy month for us, with eight games between now and the end of the month, and we've got

another big game coming up tonight against Hearts.

They're finding their feet under the new manager and Daniel has brought some new players in, so it'll probably take a bit of time to adapt, but they can be dangerous opponents because they've got a bit of quality with the likes of Liam Boyce, Steven Naismith and Conor Washington.

It's important for us to keep our run going, and it was good to give the likes of Ryan Christie and Mohamed Elyounoussi some valuable game-time at the weekend, while also enabling others like Callum McGregor and Odsonne Edouard to have a rest.

We've also got some of our other injured players returning to training, which is a great boost, and they'll all be needed in the weeks and months

ahead as we continue to complete across several fronts.

Like all of you, I was shocked to hear the news about Jackie McNamara, and my thoughts and prayers, along with everyone at the club, are with Jackie and his family at this time.

A great Celtic player, a brilliant team-mate and a good friend, Jackie has always been much-loved by his fellow Celtic supporters, and I know the whole Celtic Family are sending their best wishes to him.

Neil Lennon



THE NEXT WAVE



OF EXECUTION



FURON



'The crowd can play their part tonight by getting behind the team right from the start'

WELCOME back to Celtic Park tonight for what is only our second home game of the year so far, yet it feels like we have played a barrowload of games since we returned to action.

In fact, we have played quite a lot of games since the 2020 opener against Partick Thistle nearly three weeks into January, and tonight's game is our eighth match in only three-and-a-half weeks, so that's some going.

Of course, I'm delighted that we have a clean report card for the previous seven games by picking up the full 15 league points available in the league games and carrying on to the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup after that win over Thistle and the most recent game, the 3-0 win over Clyde at Broadwood at the weekend.

We aim to make it eight out of eight

tonight but we know that won't be easy against a Hearts side who got a real boost with their win over Rangers at Tynecastle last month. That result aside, though, Hearts always make it difficult for us anyway, and they will also be desperate to pick up as many points as possible from now on in, so they will be dangerous here at Celtic Park tonight.

The crowd can play their part tonight by getting behind the team right from the start, and that will be helped by the fact that there is almost a full card of Premiership games tonight, which certainly adds to the atmosphere on occasions like this.

We've also scored a healthy amount of goals over the past seven games and that's another facet of our play that we're keen to continue tonight and I have to congratulate big

Odsonne for winning the Premiership Player of the Month for January.

Not that he's been hogging the limelight all to himself as Griff has been chipping in with a few, and goals have been coming from all over the team lately, and I even got in on the act myself on Sunday with a screamer from about a yard!

Still, at the end of the day, even if one goal is enough for the three points tonight, then I'll take that and it doesn't matter who the scorer is – as long as we are all celebrating another three points come the final whistle.

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CELTIC SOCCER ACADEMY CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

CELTIC Soccer Academy are entering the second year of a partnership with Glasgow Clyde College Cardonald Campus, providing courses for students to learn to coach the Celtic Way and to produce potential football coaches for the Celtic Soccer Academy.

The programme has seen Celtic Academy coaches John McStay, Greig Robertson, Michael O'Halloran and former Academy Manager, Martin Miller, deliver coach education seminars and presentations to the students to assist in their learning and development.

Glasgow Clyde College Cardonald Campus offer two courses to prospective students to develop their football coaching skills from NQ Level 6 to HNC Level 7. These programmes offer students the opportunity to undertake various units leading to certification and the potential to progress to HND or degree level courses within sports coaching and development.

Since the beginning of the partnership, nine students have progressed to part-time employment within the Celtic Soccer Academy, travelling across the globe delivering coaching sessions to partner clubs throughout the world.



Students have enjoyed presentations and coaching sessions from Celtic Youth Academy and Soccer Academy coaches to assist them in their learning and development throughout the year, as well as access to weekly coach education sessions and information from the Soccer Academy Curriculum.

MASCOT JOY FOR YOUNG HOOPS PAIR

THE recent 3-0 win over Ross County at Celtic Park was one to remember for two Young Hoops club members as they were the matchday mascots for the game.

The two Hoops fans were 10-year-old Braidan Dunne from Belfast and eight-year-old Sean Kenny from Dunfermline.

The boys led the Hoops out alongside club captain, Scott Brown before helping the skipper with all of his pre-match duties prior to the Huddle.

They then took their seats in the stand to take in the action and watch the Hoops lift another three vital Premiership points.



STUART CHEQUES OUT IN TEN GRAND STYLE

SPRINGBURN Bhoys, Stuart Brown went home from the recent game against Ross County with an extra spring in his step as his ticket came out first in the Paradise Windfall draw.

That meant his H3748 ticket number brought him a whopping **TEN THOUSAND POUNDS** after it was plucked from the tombola by Celtic Pools winner, Brian Donoghue from Camtyne.

The other winning tickets in the Paradise Windfall draw, which is sponsored by Laurie Ross, were P1374, K3721, Q3601 and Y3641.

