



06
OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



celtic

v HAMILTON ACCIES

Scottish Premiership
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Celtic Park • Glasgow
Kick-off 7.45pm • £3

 dafabet



OFFICIAL
MAIN CLUB SPONSOR
CELTIC FC



GET UP TO
£30 FREE BET
ON YOUR FIRST STAKE!

T&Cs APPLY

VISIT DAFABET.COM TO JOIN NOW



OFFICIAL MAIN
CLUB SPONSOR
SUNDERLAND AFC




OFFICIAL MAIN
CLUB SPONSOR
BURNLEY FC



OFFICIAL
INTERNATIONAL
BETTING PARTNER
EVERTON FC



OFFICIAL MAIN
CLUB SPONSOR
**BLACKBURN
ROVERS FC**

please gamble 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

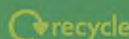
Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.



- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 04 BRENDAN RODGERS | 46 ON THIS DAY |
| 07 CAPTAIN'S NOTES | 48 WILLIE WALLACE |
| 10 GARY MACKAY-STEVEN | 50 TOMMY CALLAGHAN |
| 16 THE OPPOSITION | 60 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS |
| 28 MASSIMO DONATI | 64 FIXTURES |
| 38 FAMOUS FIVES | 66 QUIZ |

MANAGING DIRECTOR: Steve Hanrahan
EXECUTIVE ART EDITOR: Rick Cooke SENIOR EDITOR: Paul Dove
PROGRAMME EDITOR: Paul Cuddihy DEPUTY EDITOR: Joe Sullivan
PRODUCTION EDITOR: Michael McGuinness
REPORTERS: Mark Henderson, Martin Dalziel
DESIGN: Lee Ashum
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER: Claire Brown
PHOTOGRAPHY: PA Photos, SNS Pix
PUBLISHED BY: Sport Media. PRINTED BY: Thomson Colour Printers.

Trinity Mirror Sport Media 



The FSC logo identifies products that contain wood from well managed forests certified in accordance with rules of the Forest Stewardship Council



Brendan Rodgers

WE WANT TO KEEP ACHIEVING OUR GOALS - VICTORY TONIGHT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS DOING THAT

GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for our match against Hamilton Accies. And I'd like to extend that welcome to our visitors for what is our first meeting this season.

It won't be long until we play again, of course, with a match on Christmas Eve at New Douglas Park, but such is the busy schedule this month that we've got another two fixtures between now and then, and we will focus on each of them in turn.

Due to the printing deadlines for this programme, I've had to write these notes ahead of last Friday night's game against Partick Thistle, but it goes without saying that I hope we're going into tonight's match on the back of a victory.

December is a very busy month for us, with nine games between the match against Motherwell at Fir Park on December 3 and the derby match on December 31, and everyone will play their part throughout this set of fixtures before we get a break in January.

We started well with the 4-3

victory at Fir Park. Our second-half performance, coming back from conceding two first-half goals to score a last-minute winner, was excellent, and the players showed great character to accept the risk in the game and push to get back into the game and, ultimately, get the win that we deserved.

And we followed that up with another very good away performance in Europe, drawing 1-1 with Manchester City. In both of our matches with City, we certainly deserved to take something from the contests and, on another night, we might well have collected all three points.

One of our targets when we got together in pre-season was to reach the group stages of the Champions League, and we achieved that. And with the exception of the opening fixture, we acquitted ourselves very well against three very tough opponents. The experience has been invaluable for the players, and hopefully it will stand us in good stead next time around.

In order to get there, of course, we must be successful in our own domestic league and so we need to continue with our early-season form and aim to pick up three points tonight.

Another target for us this season was success in the first domestic cup competition of the campaign, and it was great to achieve that with our victory in the League Cup final at Hampden. It was a fantastic day for all of us - management, players and supporters - and we're all determined to do everything we can to deliver further success to the football club.

Your support is vital in all of this and we appreciate it, both home and away. And on a midweek night like tonight, particularly so close to Christmas, I would like to thank you all for coming out to support the team. Hopefully we can repay that with a good performance and result.

Brendan Rodgers
Without Fear



“The League Cup final was a fantastic day - we're all determined to do everything we can to deliver further success to the football club”



CLUB HONOURS



SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS

(47 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, 2007/08, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS

(36 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, 2011, 2013

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

(16 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, 2008/09, 2014/15, 2016/17

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

1967

CORONATION CUP WINNERS

1953



new balance



**GAME
ON**

VISARO



**GAME
OVER**

FURON

**ALWAYS
IN BETA**

www.newbalance.co.uk/football



Scott Brown

GAMES ARE COMING THICK AND FAST BUT WE'RE ENJOYING OUR FOOTBALL

IT'S good to be back home. It's been a while since we've played a league game here at Celtic Park, so we're looking forward to tonight's match against Hamilton.

This is the first of three in a row here over the next week, and we'll be looking to emerge with full points from these fixtures.

It's an important month for us in the season, with nine games to play in December, and that puts a lot of demands on the squad. But the lads are enjoying their football, we're playing well and everyone's ready to play their part when called upon over this busy period.

This is the first part of a double-header against Hamilton, with us due to play at New Douglas Park on Christmas Eve, so we want to go there on the back of a good result tonight.

We know that Hamilton will make it difficult for us, though. They've done so in the past and it's only a couple of seasons since they won here, so we know we'll have to be at our best in order to get all three points.

A lot has happened since our last home league game - we completed our UEFA Champions League campaign with a well-deserved draw with Manchester City at the Etihad Stadium. Indeed, on another night, if things had gone our way, we might have come away with the victory.

It's been a great experience for us playing in the competition and it's only made us even more determined to make sure we're back there again next season.

And, of course, we lifted the first silverware of the season with the League Cup win over Aberdeen at Hampden. It's always great to win a trophy, and it was another proud day for me as captain to lift the cup.

As always, our support has been incredible, whether it was at Hampden or down in Manchester, or even at the recent 4-3 win over Motherwell at Fir Park.

Thanks for your backing. It means a lot to all the boys and hopefully we can give you something to cheer tonight. Enjoy the game.

Scott Brown



CLUB DIRECTORY AND RECORDS

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB
Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

CELTIC CALL CENTRE

Tel: 0871 226 1888
(calls cost up to 13p per minute, telecoms provider dependent. Mobile and other provider charges may vary)

WEBSITE: www.celticfc.net

FORMED: 1888

STADIUM: Celtic Park

CAPACITY: 60,506

HOME STRIP COLOUR

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts and socks

AWAY STRIP COLOUR Black with gold trim

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 ONE SEASON

50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS IN ONE SEASON

35 - Brian McClair, 1986/87

35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

DIRECTORS/STAFF

CELTIC PLC DIRECTORS

Ian Bankier, Peter Lawwell,
Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond,
Tom Allison, Brian Wilson,
Ian Livingston

CFAC DIRECTORS

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

HONORARY CHAIRMAN CFAC

John Keane

MANAGER

Brendan Rodgers

ASSISTANT MANAGER

Chris Davies

FIRST-TEAM COACH

John Kennedy

HEAD OF PERFORMANCE

Glen Driscoll

HEAD OF YOUTH

Chris McCart

KIT CONTROLLER John Clark



WHAT
EVER
MAKES
YOU
YOU

HOLD
TRUE



TRUE CIDER SINCE 1935

#HOLDTRUE

Please enjoy Magners Responsibly
drinkaware.co.uk for the facts

STADIUM REGULATIONS



In the event of a stadium evacuation please follow the directions of the Police and stewards



ALL supporters are reminded that the Ground Regulations insist that spectators remain seated during the match.

Please remain seated throughout the match in the interests of your own safety and that of your fellow supporters.

The advice from Police Scotland is: "We do not wish to in any way to prevent spectators from fully enjoying football matches."

"However, the safety of those attending must be paramount at all times. We fully support Celtic FC in this matter and we fully endorse their message to supporters."

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

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 based on their membership or presumed membership of the following categories:

- 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

Or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct; displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.

A detailed description of unacceptable conduct is set out below.

A person present at or in the immediate environs of an Official Match engages in Unacceptable Conduct where their conduct is violent and/or disorderly.

Conduct is violent where there is (i) actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; or (ii) intentional damage to property.

Disorderly conduct includes (i) conduct which stirs up or sustains or is likely or designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards a group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of a group defined by reference to a category mentioned below or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group; (ii) using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct; (iii) displaying any writing or other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; or (iv) using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000. 'Presumed' means presumed by the person or persons engaged in the conduct.

The categories referred to above are:

- female or male gender;
- colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin;
- membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with a perceived religious affiliation;

- sexual orientation;
- transgender identity;
- disability

'Religious group' means a group of persons defined by reference to their religious belief or lack of religious belief, membership of or adherence to a church or religious organisation, support for the culture and traditions of a church or religious organisation and/or participation in activities associated with such a culture or such traditions. 'Transgender identity' means any one or more of transvestism, transsexualism, intersexuality or change of gender. 'Disability' means physical or mental impairment of any kind. 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 page 3