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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?

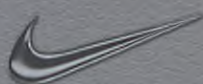
Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and 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.



THE LIGHTEST TOUCH





THE MIDWEEK OUTCOME WAS HARD TO TAKE BUT WE AIM TO GET BACK ON TRACK TODAY

OUR fantastic sequence of games - the winning run, the unbeaten run and Fraser Forster's amazing list of consecutive shut-outs - had to end at some point but I'm immensely proud of the players and take great pride in everything they have put into that success.

And a success it was, especially for Fraser and the men in front of him in defence in keeping clean sheets for an astounding tally of 1,256 minutes - almost 14 full games - that's an astonishing statistic at any level of senior football.

That didn't make our midweek defeat at Pittodrie any easier to bear, though, as even though we were down to 10 men for most of the game and 2-0 behind at half-time, I thought the players worked tremendously hard and were worth more than a 2-1 loss.

However, we return to action today here at Celtic Park as we welcome John Hughes and his Inverness Caley Thistle side for what will be another testing 90 minutes for us.

They come here on the back of a 3-0 derby win over Ross County during the week and I'm sure that Yogi will relish being back at one of his old stomping grounds, but we aim to ensure that the visit isn't entirely a happy one for him as we fully intend to get back on the winning trail.

Tuesday night's scoreline apart,



I've been happy with the games recently and delighted with the attitude and performances of the players which included that 3-0 win over St Johnstone in our last home game and the 2-0 defeat of Hearts at Tynecastle.

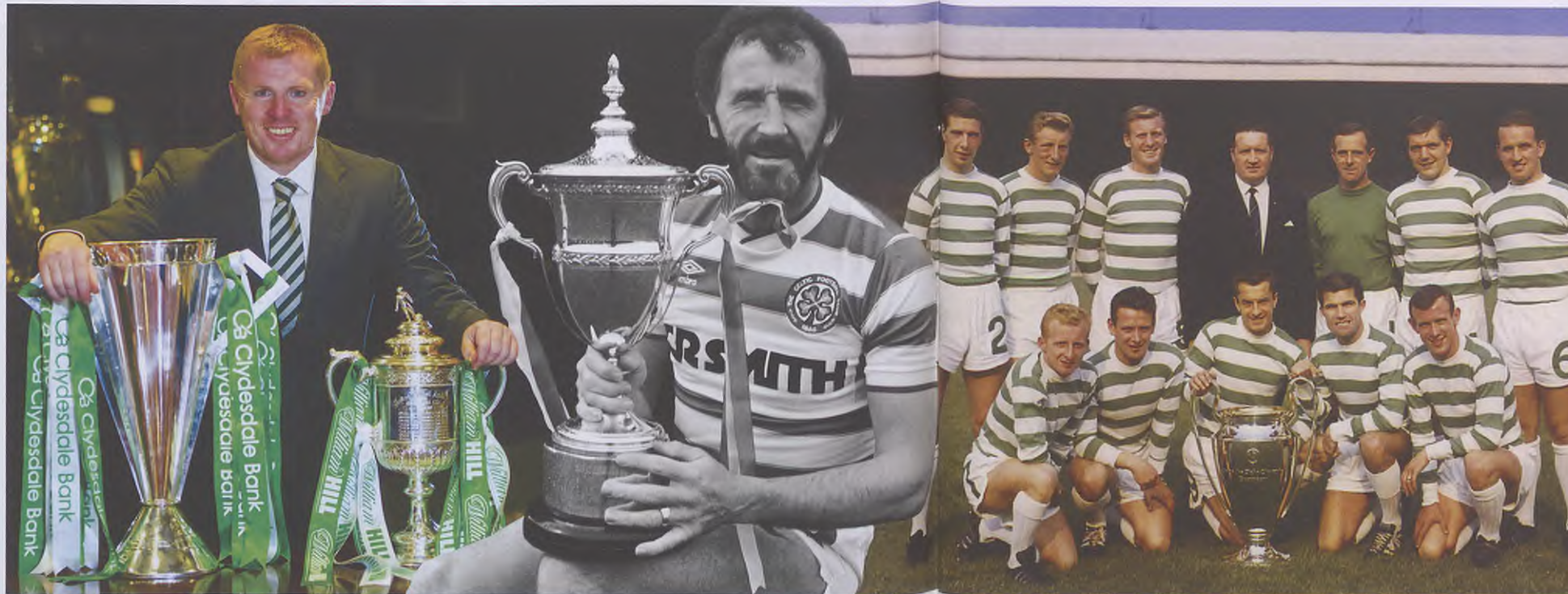
Our scorelines with St Johnstone previously this season had been tight one-goal wins for us so I was more than happy with the 3-0 win and it was great to see Anthony Stokes net a hat-trick.

Then we faced a potentially difficult trip to Tynecastle but another well-deserved win followed and it was great to see

Leigh Griffiths open his account with the first goal.

Hopefully we'll see more of the same today and I'm sure that with your backing from the stands, we can go a long way to attaining another three points in our quest to retain the title.

Enjoy the game.



CLUB DIRECTORY AND RECORDS

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB
Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

CELTIC CALL CENTRE
Tel: 0871 226 1888
(calls cost up to 10p 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, white socks

AWAY STRIP COLOUR
Gold shirts with green hoop trim, green shorts, gold 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 ONE SEASON
50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS IN ONE SEASON
35 - Brian McClair, 1986/87
35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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Club Honours

SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (44 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

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 (14 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

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS 1967

CORONATION CUP WINNERS 1953



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

A soccer player with long brown hair and a beard is captured in motion on a soccer field. He is wearing a white Celtic FC jersey with green horizontal stripes, a Nike swoosh, a Celtic crest, and a 'MAGNERS' sponsor patch. He is also wearing white shorts and blue socks. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators.

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STADIUM REGULATIONS



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.

Superintendent George Clelland of Strathclyde

Police 'B' Division, said: "Strathclyde Police do not wish to in any way 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

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.

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