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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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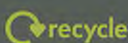


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'I've been delighted with the displays of the team in general during our marvellous start to the season'



AT the end of a sad week, the thoughts and prayers of everyone at Celtic Football Club go out to the friends and family of Fernando Ricksen at this sad time. I played against Fernando many times when he was at Rangers and this is a very sad loss and tragic for his family. He was a great competitor and my condolences go to his former team-mates who played alongside him.

In today's game we aim to maintain our 100 per cent start to the SPFL campaign against a Kilmarnock side who have been on a good run lately, so we know the visitors will equally be looking to keep up their winning form.

A lot has happened since our last home game nearly a month ago when we beat Hearts 3-1.

In the intervening weeks there has, of course, been the international break but we also had the culmination of the transfer window and we now have our full complement of 11 new signings.

Also, on the pitch, we kept up the

winning sequence by qualifying for the group stages of the UEFA Europa League, winning the derby match 2-0 at Ibrox and then defeating Hamilton Accies 1-0 last weekend at New Douglas Park.

That was followed up by our European trip and, due to production deadlines, I'm writing these programme notes before our game against Stade Rennais in France, and I hope that we come into today's match on the back of a positive result in the Europa League.

The first half at Hamilton saw some outstanding football from the side and the early goal gave us the game, while another goal or two would have been more reflective of the play and the possession we had, but I'm delighted that we recorded five wins in our first five SPFL matches.

Our form recently shows that the new men are adapting to the game here. I've been delighted with the displays of the team in general during our marvellous start to the season and we aim to keep that up this

afternoon for the visit of Kilmarnock.

They didn't have the best of starts to the season, but over the past few games they have returned to the form that they've shown over the past couple of seasons, and Angelo's experience in the game is a big part of that.

We know we are in for a tough test this afternoon as Kilmarnock have been keeping it tight at the back as well as winning games, but this is a good game for us to come back to following our European trip.

So we hope that we will all be celebrating another win when the final whistle blows and then we can start concentrating on the visit of Partick Thistle this midweek in the League Cup. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon

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'Everyone here has played their part in this 100 per cent start to the league season'

WE'RE back playing at home today after what seems like a very long time, so we are glad to return to the familiar surroundings of Celtic Park, and I'm sure you are too.

I'm writing these notes ahead of our UEFA Europa League game in France against Stade Rennais, so hopefully we've kept up our run of results with another good display.

Today is all about the visit of Kilmarnock, though, and they've been having their own decent patch with a few wins recently and it's a while since they lost a game.

So their tails will be up and we have to be ready for the challenge, but we know what we are capable of, and we fully intend to keep up our winning start to this latest league campaign.

Everyone here has played their part



in this 100 per cent start to the league season, and I'm delighted that the new Bhoys are included in that as they have all slotted into the running of the team now.

Of course, some of us 'old heads' have played our part as well and it was great to see the performances

last month recognised with the gaffer winning the Manager of the Month award, and Odsonne Edouard lifting the Player of the Month award.

Both awards are fully deserved and hopefully those won't be the last trophies winging their way to Celtic Park, either individually or as a team unit.

We've experienced success over recent years and we want that to continue this season, and with your backing from the stands, we know that gives us a head start.

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EDOUARD LIFTS PREMIERSHIP PLAYER OF THE MONTH AWARD

CELTIC striker, Odsonne Edouard has been named the Ladbrokes Premiership Player of the Month for August.

The Frenchman picked up the first award of the 2019/20 season in recognition of his valuable input to Celtic's 100 per cent start to the league campaign.

During the month of August, the goal-getter sat out the 3-1 win over Hearts, but scored in both of Celtic's other league outings, as the Hoops found the net in fine style in each game with a 7-0 Flag Day win over St Johnstone followed by a 5-2 defeat of Motherwell at Fir Park.

Edouard then got September off to a flier by scoring the opener in the 2-0 derby day win over Rangers at Ibrox and he has also found the net against Sarajevo, CFR Cluj and AIK in Europe as well as scoring four goals in two French Under-21 appearances during the international break.

On receiving the award, the French forward had scored six goals in 12 appearances for Celtic in all competitions this season.

Edouard said he was loving life with Celtic, and attributed his success to a productive pre-season and the quality of team-mates around him.

"I'm really happy to win the Player of the Month," he said. "It's always nice to win a trophy.

"We had a very good pre-season.

"The coach was very clear on what he was expecting and that's



what you can see now with the results. We are hoping to continue in the same vein.

"I've been working really hard in training. The important thing is it's a team and I'm playing well because the team are playing well. I hope it continues, but it's not just about me, it's the whole team."

Edouard has also impressed on the international stage recently after making his debut with the France under-21 squad where

he scored four goals in two appearances.

He said he enjoyed the international double-header, but added: "I played for the U21s and it went well. I'm really happy. I'm not thinking about the national team yet, at the moment I'm really happy to be playing for the U21s.

"It was my first time with the U21s and I'm really enjoying it. I'm not thinking about anything else other than Celtic's next game."

THE GOALS SO FAR

Comp	Date	Opposition	Venue	Score
UCL	July 9	Sarajevo	A	3-1
SPFL	Aug 3	St Johnstone	H	7-0
SPFL	Aug 10	Motherwell	A	5-2
UCL	Aug 13	CFR Cluj	H	3-4
UEL	Aug 22	AIK	H	2-1
SPFL	Sep 1	Rangers	A	2-0