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### 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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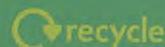
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# Brendan Rodgers

TOGETHER WE CAN HOPEFULLY CREATE ANOTHER SPECIAL NIGHT THAT PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER AND TALK ABOUT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME

**GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League match against Barcelona, and I would like to extend that welcome to the Barcelona players, officials and supporters who have made the trip to Glasgow and to our stadium for this match.**

There have been a number of memorable matches between Celtic and Barcelona in this competition in recent years, and I know it's a fixture that both sets of supporters have been looking forward to since the draw for the group stages was made.



Our target in the early part of this season was to reach this stage of the UEFA Champions League and it is to the credit of the players that we achieved that.

We all believe that this is the stage that Celtic deserve to play at, and having reached the group stages, our next aim has been to do as well as we possibly can, and we've shown that we can compete against Europe's top sides.

It was the toughest of starts for us, of course, with an away game at the Nou Camp, but we bounced back well and produced an excellent performance in our first home fixture, against Manchester City, while we again showed a strong mentality in our most recent fixture - the away game in Germany against Borussia Mönchengladbach when we were unfortunate not to take all three points.

Tonight is another very tough game for us, but it's one that we're all relishing. We want to test ourselves against the very best, and Barcelona certainly fit that bill.

Luis Enrique's side is full of world-class

talent, and we are well aware of the threat they pose and what they are capable of producing.

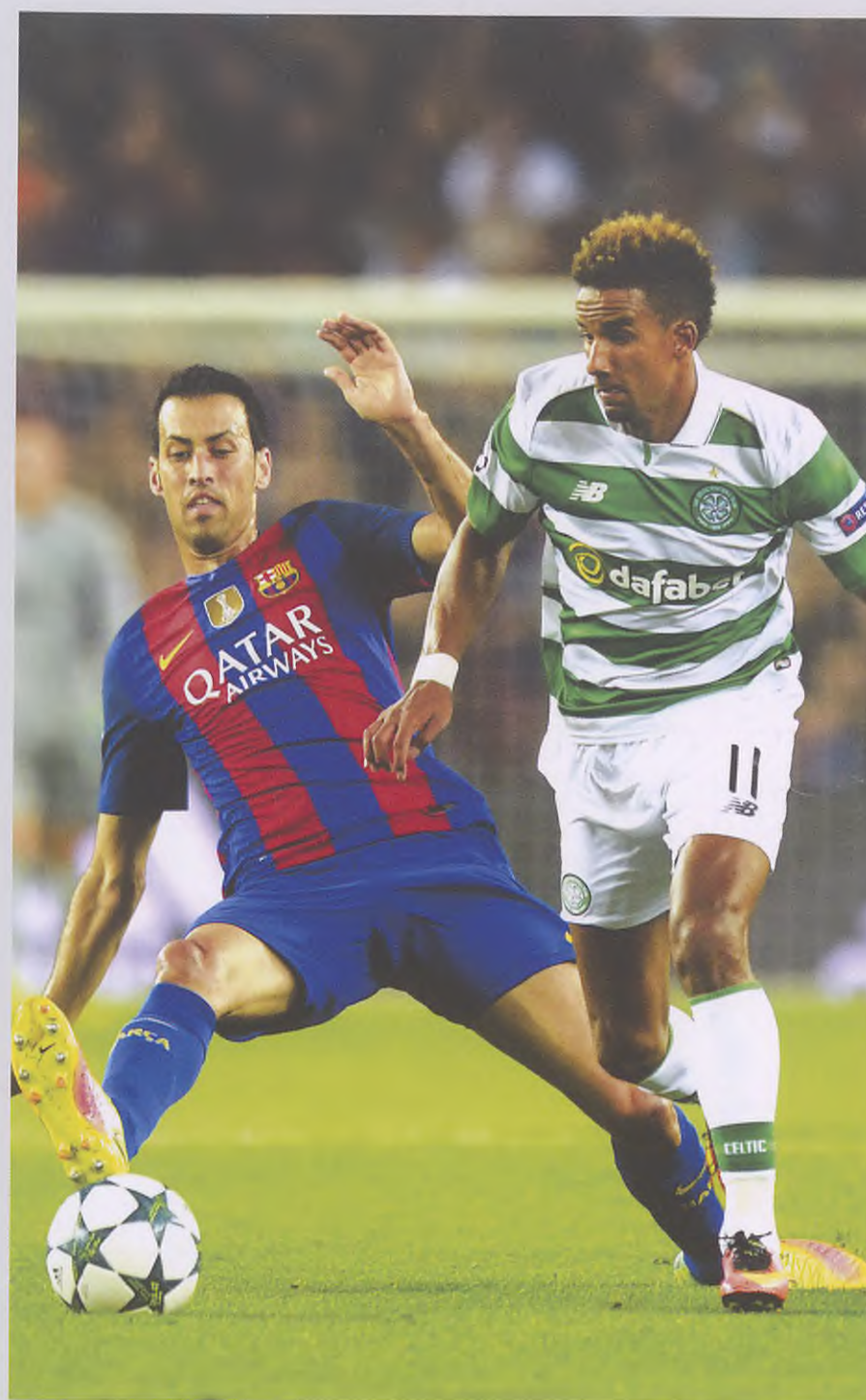
However, we go into tonight's match full of confidence, with a good league win last Friday night under our belts, which was also our seventh consecutive domestic clean sheet.

The players will be giving everything to try and produce another famous result against one of Europe's top sides, and I know that every one of you will do that too.

European nights at Celtic Park are unique occasions - our visitors from Barcelona know that and have spoken in glowing terms of their previous visits to our stadium - and your backing of the team, from first minute until last, is an integral part of that incredible atmosphere we've experienced here.

Together we can hopefully create another special night that people will remember and talk about for many years to come.

**Brendan Rodgers**  
*Without Fear*



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### 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

(15 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

### EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

1967

### CORONATION CUP WINNERS

1953



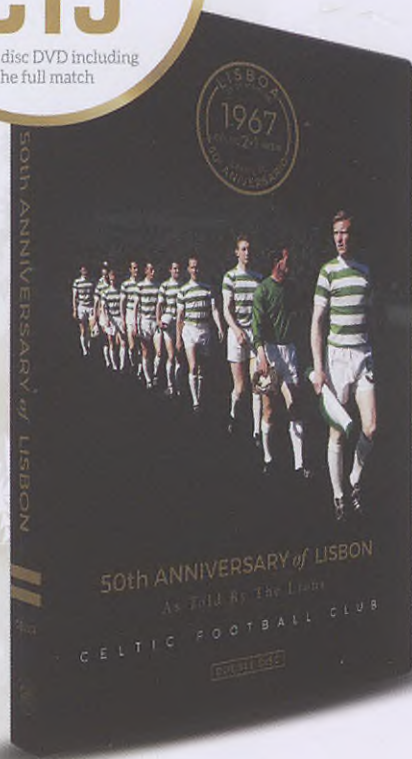


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