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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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SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (46 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

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



TODAY'S FIXTURE WILL PROVIDE THE SQUAD WITH THE PERFECT TEST FOR THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for our friendly match against Rennes. And I would also like to welcome our visitors from France to the city and the stadium.

This is our final pre-season match ahead of the new league campaign getting underway although, of course, we've already had two competitive matches in the Champions League against FC Stjarnan.

We played well in that tie and, in the end, won quite comfortably. The 2-0 victory we had here gave us the foundation to go to Iceland to complete the job and although we had an early scare when we conceded a goal, the end result was evidence of our superiority in the tie.

The players did well to adjust to the conditions in Iceland, particularly an



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artificial pitch that was very dry, and they did their job well.

Now we face FK Qarabag of Azerbaijan, and that will be another, tougher test for us as we try to reach the group stages of the Champions League.

I saw the first leg of their last round tie, and they looked like a good team. It will be a step up for us in terms of the quality of the opposition, but it's a tie that we're looking forward to,

and hopefully a packed stadium on Wednesday night for the first leg can help us get a good result which we can take to Azerbaijan.

Today's match against Rennes, therefore, is excellent preparation for our next European match. They are a very good side, playing in one of Europe's top leagues, so it will be an opportunity for us to test ourselves against quality opposition. It's a busy schedule of games for

us, with the opening fixture of the Premiership season next Saturday in the middle of our Champions League games against FK Qarabag.

But we've had a good pre-season, the players have worked hard and we're ready for the campaign ahead, both domestically and in Europe. And, as always, we will look to win every game we compete in, which includes this afternoon's friendly against Rennes.

Thanks, as always for your support, which I'm sure will impress our visitors today and which will be vital to our chances of European success on Wednesday night.

Enjoy the game,



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SPORTS SINCE 1930

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IN BETA**

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Scott Brown



PRE-SEASON PROGRAMME HAS GIVEN US IDEAL PLATFORM

We met Rennes in the Europa League back in 2011 and although I missed those games, I know that they were tough opponents and we did well to win the game here. Stokesy scored two goals that night, and I'm sure he'd like nothing better than to score today on his birthday.

We're looking forward to today's match and we go into it on the back of some good results. We had a tough match last weekend against Eibar, and for a friendly there were some tough tackles being put in, and then we had an even better result on Wednesday night against



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FC Stjarnan over in Iceland.

It was important that we got the job done to book our place in the next round of the competition, and we did that, even though we lost an early goal.

I thought we dominated the game and the 4-1 scoreline didn't flatter us at all. It's set us up for a game against FK Qarabag of Azerbaijan. They might not be well-known opponents, but they will be tough, and we'll know all about them come kick-off on Wednesday.

It's going to be a long journey out there for the second leg but, of course, that means it will be the

same for Qarabag when they travel here to Scotland for the first leg, and we'll be looking to get a good result on Wednesday night that we can take back out to Azerbaijan.

I hope you enjoy today's game against a top French side and hopefully we can get the win to take into the midweek Champions League tie.

CLUB DIRECTORY AND RECORDS

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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

Green

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 McGroarty, 1935/36

MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS IN ONE SEASON

35 - Brian McClair, 1986/87

35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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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.

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."

CORPORATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT

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; and
- 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 www.celticfc.net