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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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Manager's Notes...

BRENDAN RODGERS

'We've got our rhythm back, but we'll have to be at our best in order for us to get a good result and maintain our place at the top of the Premiership table'



GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's Premiership match against Hamilton Accies.

We're already into the middle of a busy schedule of fixtures and that continues with another home game today.

We've enjoyed two good wins at home already in the Scottish Cup last weekend against Airdrie, and then in our first Premiership match of 2019 in midweek against St Mirren, scoring seven goals across both matches and keeping two clean sheets.

It's still early in the second half of the season and there's a long way to go, but we've got our rhythm back very quickly. The mark of a good team is in showing improvements in performance from game to game, and I thought that, on Wednesday night, we played better than we had

against Airdrie and it was really good to watch.

It's also pleasing that our two new players, Oliver Burke and Timothy Weah, have both got off the mark with two goals apiece after just two games.

That will obviously give them confidence, and I'm sure they're already enjoying playing in front of our great support at Celtic Park.

I was also pleased to see young Ewan Henderson make his first appearance this season, and he did very well when he came on, with a wonderful pass to set Timothy up for his goal.

Since Wednesday night, of course, our focus has been on preparing for today's game. Martin will bring his Hamilton side here looking to get back to winning ways after a couple

of disappointing results at the start of the year.

We know, from our previous meeting here at Celtic Park this season, that they will make it difficult for us. On that day, there was only one goal on the day and, thankfully, that was in our favour.

So we will have to be at our best today in order for us to get a good result and maintain our place at the top of the Premiership table. Enjoy the game.

Brendan Rodgers
Without Fear



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A word with our captain...

SCOTT BROWN



We're determined to keep our winning run going but we don't take anything for granted

WE'RE looking forward to another game at home this afternoon, and the lads will be determined to do everything they can to make sure it's another successful 90 minutes.

It was a good performance and result on Wednesday night as we beat St Mirren 4-0, and we were all delighted to see Oliver Burke get his first goals for the club.

It's always important for a new player to settle in quickly, and forwards always want to get off the mark as soon as possible, so it was great for him to get two goals.

And it was also good for Timothy Weah to score his second goal. He's certainly made an impact in the last two games, and it was a great pass from Ewan Henderson to set him up.

We've already got some players in the squad who've come through our Academy to become established first-team players – James Forrest, Callum McGregor and Kieran Tierney – while the likes of Mikey Johnston and Anthony Ralston are also pushing their way into squad. So it's good to see another Academy Bhoys in Ewan Henderson now trying to make his mark in the squad.

We're determined to keep our winning run going but we know not to underestimate our opponents. Hamilton have given us plenty of tough games in the past, and we're expecting another difficult match this afternoon.

Regardless of league positions, it's important never to take anything

for granted. We've always focused solely on the next game ahead of us and given every opponent the same respect. It's an approach which has served us well and brought us a lot of success, and that's what we'll be doing today and in every game for the rest of the campaign.

Thanks, as always for your support, and hopefully we can enjoy another good performance and result.



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Smart move as Kat joins Celtic Women

CELTIC Women's team manager, Eddie Wolecki Black, has made his fourth new signing as he prepares the squad for their 2019 summer season.

Last weekend, 31-year-old midfielder Katherine Smart joined the Hoops in time to take part in a match on Saturday against Scotland's Under-19s at the Oriam, which Celtic won 2-1.

Smart brings great experience to the Celtic squad, having played senior women's football for over 12 years, firstly for Tynecastle and since 2009 for Hutchison Vale in Edinburgh.

Her career in sport, however, has not been exclusively as a footballer, although she played at primary school where she mixed it with the boys, playing for her school in football festivals. From an early age, though, her sporting choice was skiing, and she has had an outstanding career in that sport.

When she reached 13-years-old, she hung up her football boots to concentrate on her skiing, and was soon a member of the Scottish Alpine Ski team. In 2005, as a 17-year-old, Katherine won the Scottish Women's Giant Slalom Trophy and the Best Junior Girl title. She was also voted as the most promising Scottish Junior racer.

Her football career resumed in 2006 when she went to Heriot-Watt University to study Sport and Exercise Science with a view to moving into physiotherapy. At that stage, she joined Tynecastle's senior team and played with them until she joined Hutchie Vale after three years.

She said: "I have made my career as a personal trainer but have also done some football coaching and worked as a ski instructor. I've always been happy to play with Hutchison Vale.

"But I'm delighted now to have joined Celtic. The lure of the club with its recent commitment to its women's team and the opportunity to play for someone with Eddie's reputation helped me make the decision.

"Celtic are leading the way in introducing



professional football to this country, which is great for women's football in Scotland. Professionals are the norm in most other countries - USA, Europe and just about everywhere else. I hope to be part of a successful Celtic team, and have set my sights on winning a trophy in the coming season."

Manager, Eddie Wolecki Black said: "Kat is a very good addition to our squad, bringing quality and versatility. All of our signings are based on quality. She has great energy and fitness, has an eye for goal and I know she'll provide many assists. People will also be impressed by her ability on the ball."

Celtic's new season in the Scottish Building Society Scottish Premier League One starts with a home game against Forfar Farmington on February 10 and a challenging away fixture against Hibernian the following week.

Before that, they travel to Potsdam in Germany this weekend to play in an invitation indoor five-a-side tournament against some of the top teams in Europe.