



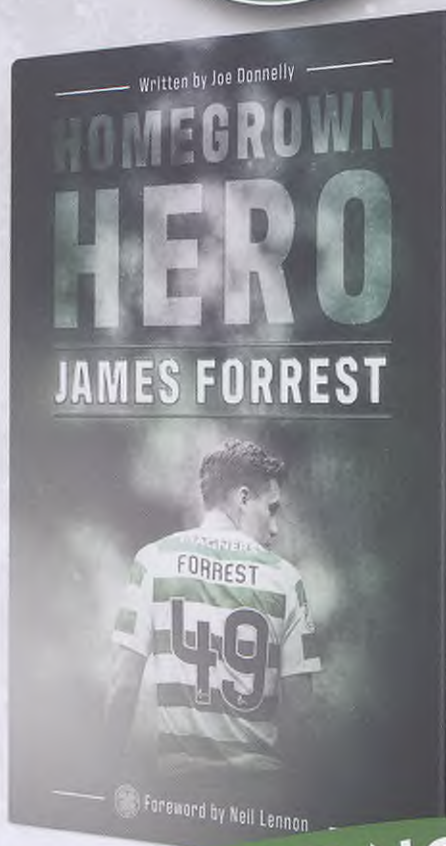
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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

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.

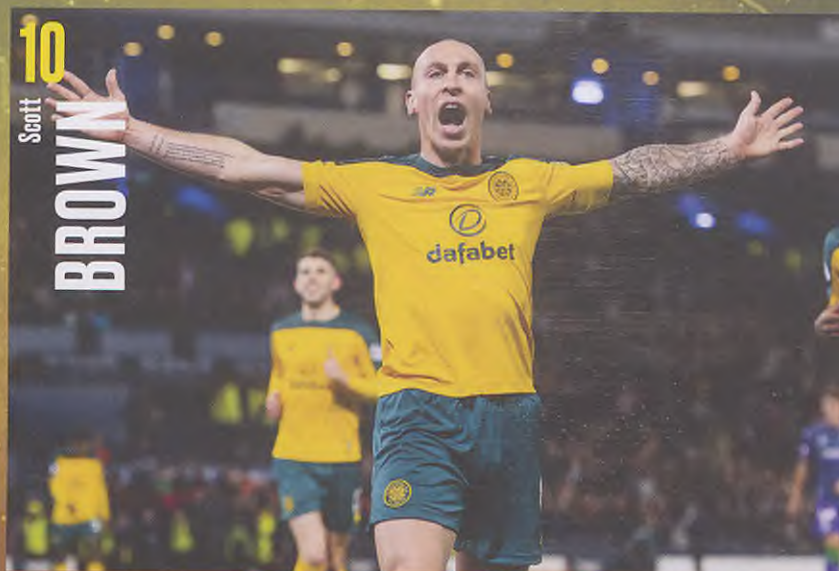
Who is Celtic Football Club for?

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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WELCOME to Celtic Park for tonight's game, and that greeting also goes out to Julien Stephan, his players and the directors, staff and supporters of Stade Rennais who are here tonight.

It seems strange that it's only November, but this is the third time we have met the French side this season, and by the time our UEFA Europa League Group E games are over, we will have played CFR Cluj on no fewer than four occasions this term.

Of course, our first meeting with Stade Rennais back in July was a pre-season friendly and that, like our first competitive game against the side, was a draw and we aim to go one better tonight in our penultimate group game before the knockout stages.

We were well worth our draw over in France and I was delighted with

the performance of the players in the 1-1 game over there as it set us up for what has been a very successful and pleasing group campaign.

We have won each of our Group E games since then to keep us at the top of the table and that is where we still want to be at the end of the night, and, indeed, at the end of the group-stage matches.

Our success so far in this group has seen wins over both CFR Cluj and Lazio at home, and, of course, our victory over Lazio in Rome was the club's first competitive win on Italian soil.

Our target tonight is keeping our 100 per cent home run going for the supporters as well as ourselves, and we go into the game in fine form after another good domestic performance at the weekend when we beat Livingston 4-0.

Our players have the mind-set to switch from domestic to European football and they are all determined to keep our winning runs going in all competitions. We want to keep this momentum and consistency going and, again, that's also important for the supporters as much as for the team.

We have 10 points already in this group, which is a magnificent return, and we go into tonight's match intent on adding to that tally and, with your help from the stands tonight, we know we have the motivation to do just that. Enjoy the game.

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WE'RE back at Celtic Park tonight for another European night under the lights, and it's an event we will never tire of here at the club.

Thankfully, it's something we will also experience after the New Year as our results so far in our group games mean we have qualified for the knockout stages, but that doesn't mean we will be resting on our laurels.

The manager has already said that we want to finish this group section on top and that means we will be looking for the six points from our two remaining games, starting with the three up for grabs with the visit of Stade Rennais tonight.

We know this won't be easy, though, as the Ligue 1 side will also be going

for the win, and we also know from our first meeting with them over in France, that our opponents tonight are an outfit who can cause damage.

Hopefully, though, we can carry on the winning streak we have enjoyed over the last eight games both domestically and in the UEFA Europa League Group E games.

This is also the last game of a very successful month and we want to go into December on the back of a win to face the nine games over the course of the month, which include our final Group E game, the League Cup final and no fewer than seven SPFL games with 21 points to play for.

That is all still to come, though, and our minds are fully focused on Stade

Rennais and the challenge they will pose tonight as we aim to keep up our home record in these group-stage games this season, because we know just how much the wins here over CFR Cluj and Lazio meant to the supporters.

We're hoping that we will be celebrating another memorable European night in Paradise tonight to keep our good run going.



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THE Celts returned to action following the international break with a comprehensive 4-0 win over Livingston ahead of tonight's UEFA Europa league tie with Stade Rennais, and the *Celtic View* has been in the camp in the lead-up to the game.

In this week's issue, Hoops manager, Neil Lennon looks forward to the visit of the French side as well as further ahead to an action-packed December for his team.

Also in this week's *View*:

- Christopher Jullien gives an exclusive interview ahead of the visit of his countrymen.
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- We have the inside story on the making of the new Celtic Christmas ad.
- We were also behind the scenes at last week's Broony night at the SEC Armadillo.
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- And we have a superb centre-spread pull-out poster of Jeremie Frimpong.

All this and much more, only in this week's *Celtic View*.
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