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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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MANAGER'S NOTES

Ronny Deila



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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



WE MUST PICK OURSELVES UP FROM EUROPEAN DEFEAT AND CONTINUE STRONG DOMESTIC START

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for our Premiership match against St Johnstone. We want to continue our unbeaten start to the league campaign, and although we know it will be a tough game, we're determined to do everything we can to get all three points.

There is obvious disappointment both within the squad and also among our supporters over our defeat on Tuesday night.

We had gone into that match confident that we could be successful, but unfortunately that wasn't the case. We know have to look forward to the challenges of the UEFA Europa League and our target will be to once progress beyond the group stages and into the knockout stages of the competition.

That won't be easy but I believe



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that we have the squad here who can achieve that.

For the players, today's game can't come quickly enough. There was frustration, anger and disappointment over our performance and defeat in Sweden, and they want to get back to winning ways as quickly as possible.

Our aim in every game is to try and win, and that will be the case again this afternoon. We know,

however, that St Johnstone will be looking to try and take advantage of any lingering disappointment from Tuesday night, and so we have to be fully focused on the task in hand.

We remember from last season how difficult St Johnstone can be and they won on their last visit to Celtic Park, so we'll be taking nothing for granted.

Once again I want to thank you all for your support. Whether it's

here at Celtic Park, on our domestic travels to somewhere like Tannadice or in Europe, as we saw on Tuesday night, our fans provide the team with excellent backing, and our aim is to try and repay that support every time we take to the field.

I can appreciate the disappointment our fans feel after our midweek defeat because it's something we all feel too, but we are focused on trying to deliver success to the club. We still have a lot to play for, both domestically and in Europe, and we'll be doing everything we can to ensure that we can enjoy another successful season.

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CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Scott Brown



DISAPPOINTMENTS MUST DRIVE US ON TO BETTER THINGS - STARTING WITH A WIN TODAY



THERE are always highs and lows in football, and Tuesday night was one of those low points. We were all bitterly disappointed, not just in getting knocked out of the Champions League but in the manner of our defeat.

We didn't do ourselves justice on the night, and that was both frustrating and disappointing. We still felt, going into the game, that we would emerge triumphant, but in Sweden things didn't go well for us during the 90 minutes.

That's something which will remain with us, but we have to use the disappointment to try and drive us on to do better and win more games and trophies.

The demand here at Celtic is to win all the time and every player here accepts that pressure and tries to thrive on it.

We have the treble to go for again

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this season, as well as the group stages of the UEFA Europa League, so we have to look forward.

That starts with this afternoon's game against St Johnstone. Tommy Wright's side are always a difficult side to play against, as you can see from their results against us last season, and I don't expect today to be any different.

However, we're all determined to

get back on the pitch and return to winning ways and we'll be doing everything to achieve that.

Enjoy the game,

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STADIUM REGULATIONS



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."

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 page 3