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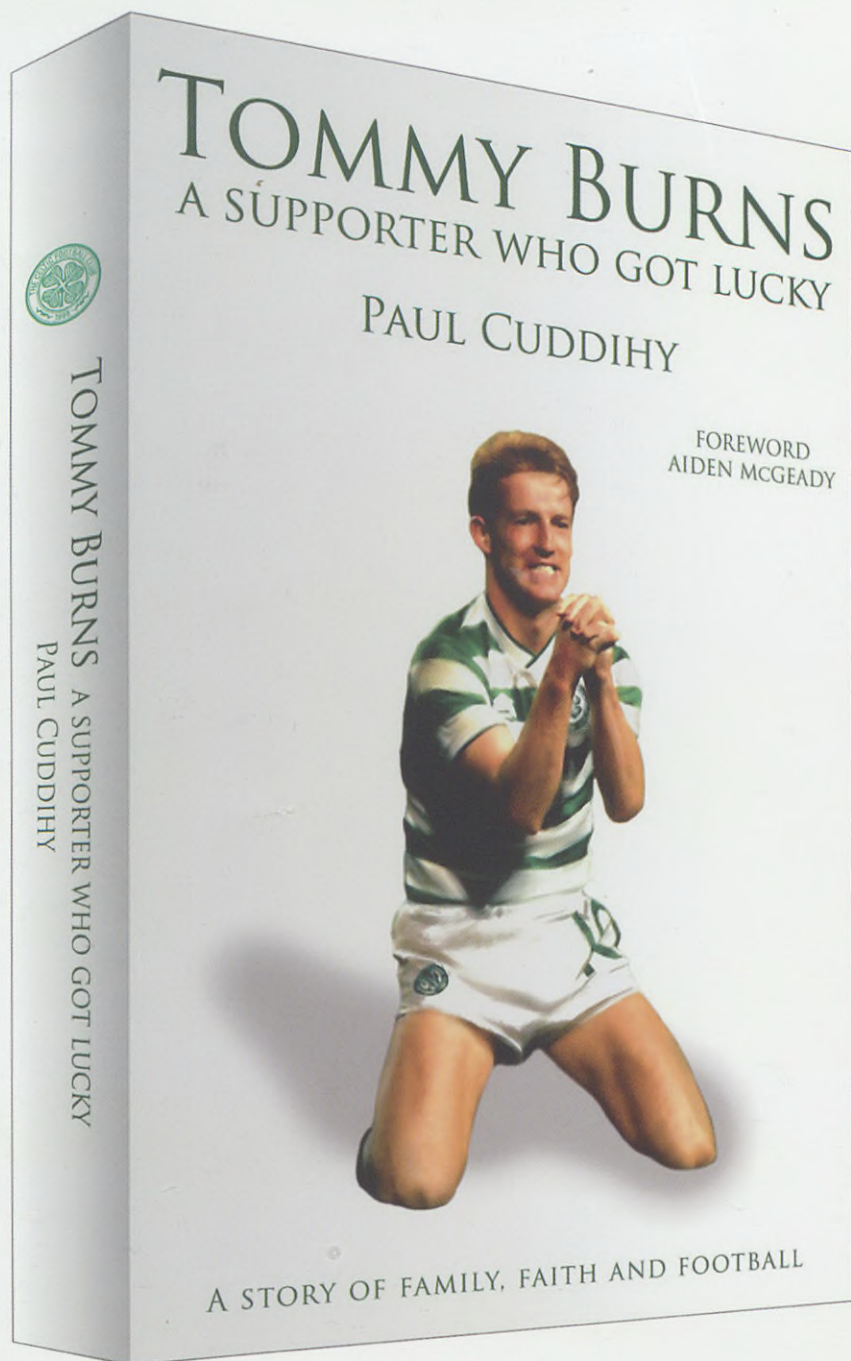
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Introduction

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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It's Still In The Mix

If previous games are anything to go by, then anything can happen in the UEFA Europa League group and Georgios Samaras is determined that Celtic take care of their own business tonight!

I'll be excited to see Celtic's first half display in the evening, but if we can't score in the first half we'll have to rely on an away team in Europe. The Hoops looked assured, solid and kept the ball well, but at Georgia Samaras at the game then it was a different ball game.

I've got it possible that the Hoops will be the team to reach the group stages, but I don't think they are a great chance of that. I think Celtic have a good chance of reaching the group stages, but I don't think they are a great chance of that. I think Celtic have a good chance of reaching the group stages, but I don't think they are a great chance of that.

Football, however, works in mysterious ways and that Hoops has been backed up by the professional teams of Celtic group. Before a half was kicked, we need to see that Hoops were the team to beat. The Hoops were the team to beat and that Hoops would be dangerous for all Celtic teams, would not come to the Hoops with a message of support.

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manager: tony mowbray

GOOD evening everybody and welcome to Celtic Park for our UEFA Europa League group stage game. I would also like to welcome the Hapoel Tel-Aviv team and all their supporters who have made the trip to Glasgow for tonight's match.

It is a game that we're all looking forward to and it's one that we will be doing everything we can to win. We know that Hapoel will go into the game with exactly the same attitude so it will be a tough game for us. However, I hope for the supporters that it will be an entertaining evening.

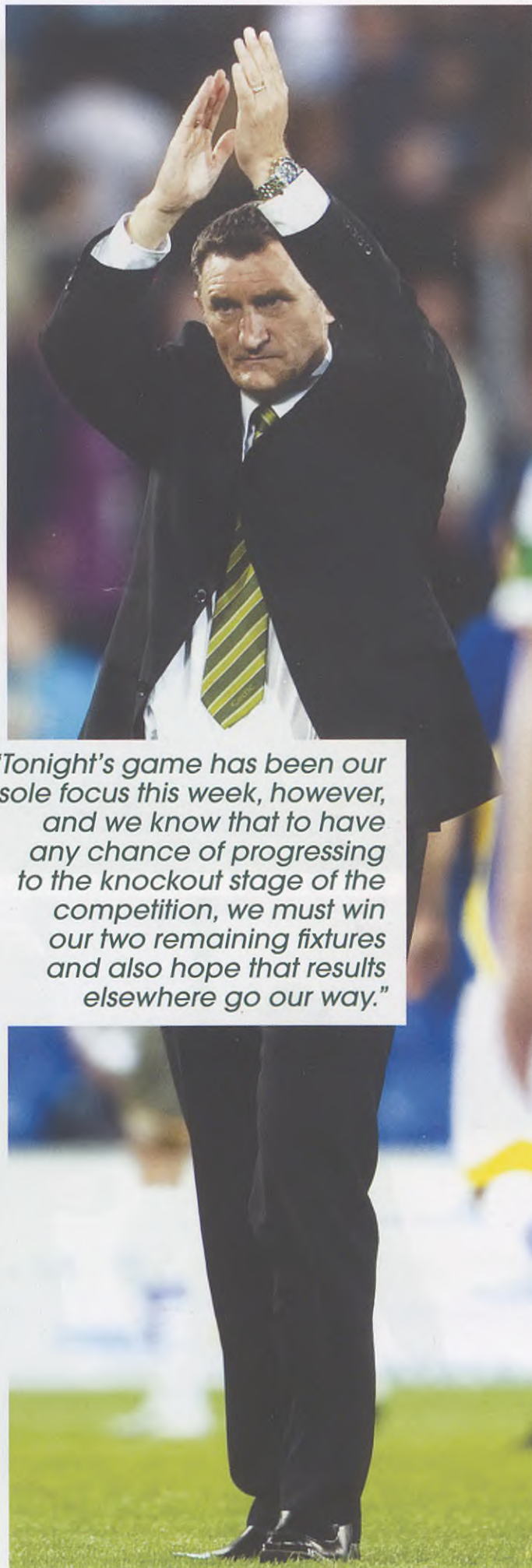
Hapoel provided the opposition in our first UEFA Europa League game and it ultimately proved to be a frustrating night for us. We took the lead and looked to be in a strong position to go and win the match but Hapoel came back with two late goals to leave us disappointed.

Credit must go to Hapoel for their performances in the other group games and their position at the top of the table is well merited. It also serves as a reminder, not that any is required, that tonight's game will be a difficult one and we will need to be at our best to win the three points.

We go into the match on the back of a win last Saturday over St Mirren, which also saw us return to the top of the SPL table. It was a victory we thoroughly deserved and we hope that it will be the first of three consecutive home victories, with Aberdeen also on the horizon this weekend.

Tonight's game has been our sole focus this week, however, and we know that to have any chance of progressing to the knockout stage of the competition, we must win our two remaining fixtures and also hope that results elsewhere go our way.

The players will be giving everything they can to achieve this and with your support, hopefully we can start with a victory tonight. Enjoy the game.



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