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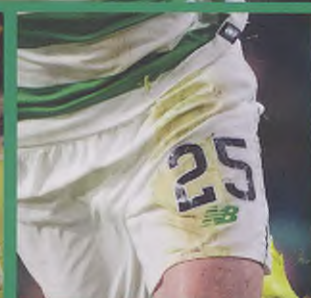
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## SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

### 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 dissociate 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 know we can strengthen our position at the top of the Premiership with a positive result, so our focus is on delivering a good performance'**



**GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's match against St Johnstone.**

We all appreciate the efforts that everyone makes to come along and support the team, from near and far, and particularly at this time of the year, so I want to thank of all of you for your tremendous backing of the team.

That welcome also extends to our visitors from Perth, who have made the trip through here to Glasgow tonight.

We go into this game full of confidence after Saturday's win over Hamilton. That made it three home wins in a row since we returned to competitive action after the winter break, and our aim is to keep that going tonight.

We know, however, that this will be a very tough game, as it always is against St Johnstone. Tommy's side

is always very well-organised and very competitive, and they will look to get back to winning ways after losing at the weekend.

So our focus is on continuing our good run and ensuring that we enjoy another good 90 minutes here tonight.

The games are coming thick and fast and, of course, this is the first of three matches against St Johnstone in the space of 12 days, with our second encounter coming this weekend at McDiarmid Park.

We approach each game, which also includes our upcoming Scottish Cup tie, on its own merits, so our focus has solely been on this game.

I've said many times before that our approach has always been to take one game at a time. It's something that has served us well over the past two-and-a-half years, and it is how we will continue to operate,

regardless of what games are on the horizon.

Tonight's match is also our game in hand, which was postponed from December due to our participation in the League Cup final.

We know that we can strengthen our position at the top of the Premiership with a positive result, but we are also aware that our opponents will be equally determined to leave here with something from their endeavours, so we will be focused on delivering a good performance and, hopefully, a good result. Enjoy the game.

**Brendan Rodgers**  
*Without Fear*



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A word with our captain...

SCOTT BROWN



## We know we'll have to be at our best tonight if we want to go six points clear at the top of the table

**THE games are continuing to come thick and fast, and we're now looking forward to tonight's match against St Johnstone.**

It's the first part of a Premiership double-header, with us facing a trip to McDiarmid Park this Sunday. And then, the following weekend, the Saints will return here for our Scottish Cup tie.

We're just concentrating on tonight's game, of course, and the need to take all three points. This is our game in hand and we know that a victory will put us six points clear at the top of the table.

Our aim going in to every game is to do everything we can to win, and tonight will be no different. The same goes for our opponents, of course, and St Johnstone always give us a hard game.

I know we got a very good result the last time we played each other, but if you look at their results since that game, they've only lost three out of their 15 games, and they've won 10 of those matches.

So we're under no illusions that we'll have to be at our best tonight if we want to enjoy another successful 90 minutes.

We've been pleased with the start we've made to 2019, with three wins and three clean sheets, and we want to maintain that run tonight.

There have been a lot of good performances throughout the team, and I've been delighted for Scott Sinclair. He's been a brilliant player for us since the day he arrived at the club and scored on his debut against Hearts at Tynecastle.

He continues to be a key player in

the squad. Saturday's goal against Hamilton means he's now scored seven in his last five games, which is a brilliant record, while he's also creating chances for other players too.

We always look forward to playing at home and this is our fourth game in a row here. It does make a difference playing in front of our incredible support, although we get an amazing backing wherever we play.

So tonight, with your support, hopefully we can enjoy another successful 90 minutes.



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## Celtic delighted as Ewan Henderson signs new deal with the club

**CELTIC are delighted to announce that Ewan Henderson has signed a new three-and-a-half year contract which will see him remain at the club until at least the summer of 2022.**

The 18-year-old midfielder made his second appearance for the first team last week against St Mirren, coming on as a substitute for Ryan Christie with 20 minutes of the match remaining. And he made a strong impact, setting up Timothy Weah with a superb through ball to score Celtic's fourth goal of the night.

His performance earned praise from Brendan Rodgers after the game, the Celtic manager saying: "Young Ewan Henderson, who I believe is a big talent, just needs

maturity and experience, but you could see that talent with his beautiful pass that allows Timothy to finish. It was really good to watch."

And speaking to this week's *Celtic View*, Ewan spoke of his delight at getting another first-team run-out, to go with his debut, which came against Kilmarnock last May.

Ewan said: "It was great to feature in the matchday squad again against St Mirren. I didn't know if I'd get on, and it was very much a case

of just taking it as it comes and seizing my opportunity if it came along. I was hoping to get the chance, I got the chance, and it was a really good night all-in.

"At this stage, I'm just taking everything day-by-day. I'll continue to work hard, and I'll try my best to get chances in the first team. If I can get them, then I'll take them. All I want to do is try my best. "It's my job now to get the head down again, work hard and hopefully take more chances as they come."



## In this week's table-topping *Celtic View*

**THE Hoops are in the midst of a run of crucial games and in this week's *Celtic View*, in his weekly exclusive interview, manager Brendan Rodgers looks back at the wins over St Mirren and Hamilton Accies as well as ahead to this week's SPFL home and away double-header against St Johnstone.**

Among the other many features in this issue, we have:

- An exclusive interview with Scott Sinclair who is back on the goals trail.
- The chance to win Vakoun Issouf Bayo's signed No.10 Hoops shirt.
- Ewan Henderson talking about his delight at being involved with the first team.

- Callum McGregor on finding the net again.

- As Scott Brown has now joined the top 11 Celtic players, we look at the line-up of the club's Top XI with the Hoops' greatest legends playing on the same field.

- A full breakdown of the 300 domestic goals scored under manager, Brendan Rodgers - who scored them and who they were against.

- A look at a far-flung CSC with a group of amazing Celtic supporters all the way from Antarctica.

- A look back at the day John Hughes scored five goals against Aberdeen wearing Billy McNeill's sannies.

**All this and much more, in this week's *Celtic View*. It's on sale now.**

