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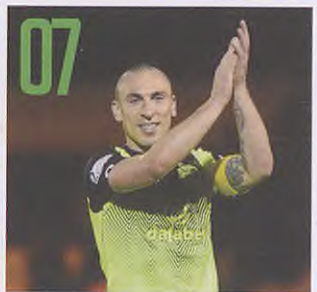


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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

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 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

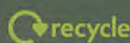
Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's game against Livingston, our last pre-split fixture.

As always, we're delighted to be at home and we'll go into this match looking to get all three points.

It has been an important week for us, and our win in the derby last Sunday, coupled with the victory in Paisley over St Mirren, means that we need two more wins from our six remaining games to secure the Premiership title.

Last Sunday, the players showed tremendous skill, character, discipline and determination to take all three points against our city rivals. It was a victory we thoroughly deserved, and it put us 13 points clear at the top of the table.

We maintained that lead with the 2-0 win over St Mirren on Wednesday

night. Again, it was a result we thoroughly deserved, and the margin of victory could have been higher.

It was also good to see more of our players returning to the squad from injury, and that always gives everyone a boost.

Today, we face another tough challenge in the shape of Livingston, who've done very well in their first season back in the top flight.

They come into this game on the back of a good result against Hamilton in midweek, and we know we'll need to be focused on the task in hand over the next 90 minutes.

Gary Holt's side proved from the previous meeting, when it was a goal-less draw, that they are difficult opponents, and we expect no less this afternoon.

However, we know what we need to do as we close in on what would

be another great achievement for the club and this group of players, so we are determined to give everything to get the three points this afternoon.

The atmosphere at Celtic Park last Sunday was superb and played its part in ensuring we enjoyed a great result in the derby, and your positive support will be needed again this afternoon in what is no less an important game.

Together, hopefully we can enjoy a successful 90 minutes and take another step closer to the title. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon


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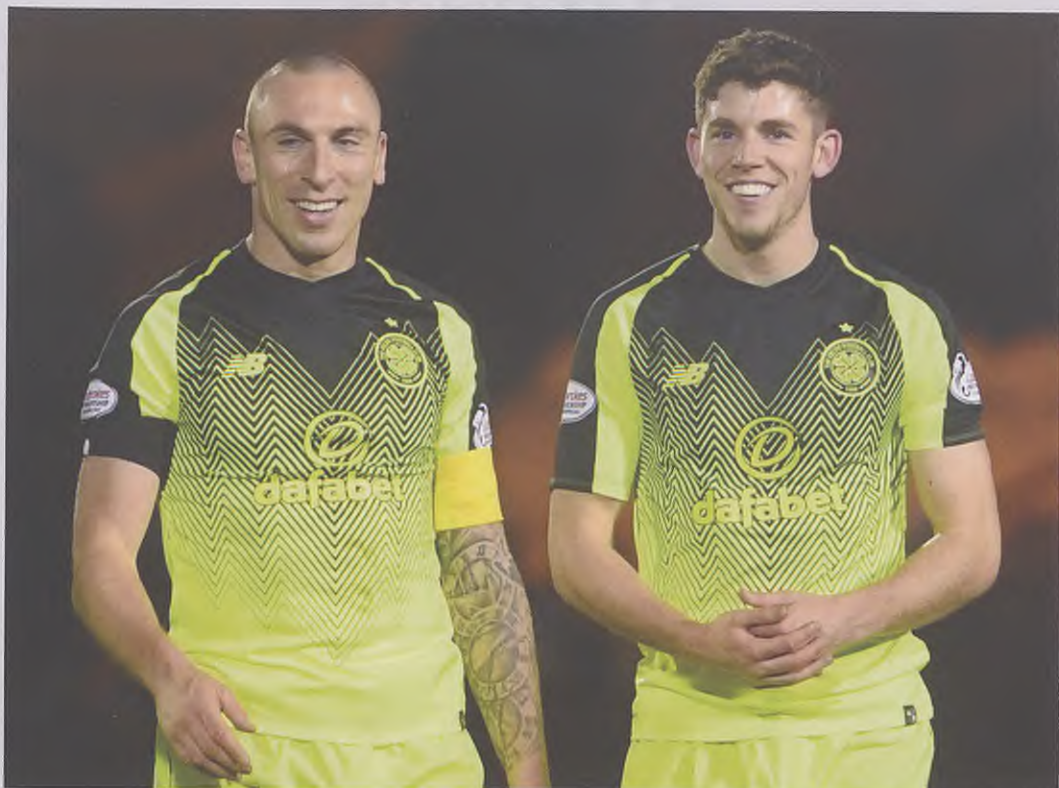
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A word with our captain...

SCOTT BROWN



We know that nothing is won yet, so we'll have to be at our best to take all three points today

THIS is our third game in the space of a week since we've returned from the international break, and we're determined to try and make it three wins on the bounce.

The lads have been brilliant all season, and our domestic form in 2019 has been exceptional. We've won 14 games and drawn just one, which is the reason why we're 13 points clear at the top of the table and in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup.

However, we know that nothing is won yet, so we have to focus on each game as it comes, starting with today's game against Livingston.

They've had a really good

campaign, having only got promoted this season, and they've been a tough team to play against in our two previous meetings this season.

So we know that we'll have to be at our best if we want to take all three points today. We're at home, though, and we have a brilliant record here at Celtic Park which we want to continue.

It was a great derby win last weekend, and every player played their part in the victory, while we showed on Wednesday night just how important the squad is, with Timo Weah and Ryan Christie getting the goals to give us the win over St Mirren.

It's good to be getting guys like Ryan, Tom Rogic and Filip Benkovic back from injury at such an important time in the season, and we're all looking forward to the remaining games, both in the league and the Scottish Cup.

Thanks, as always, for your support. All the lads here really appreciate it.



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Celtic Player of the Year Awards 2019 – voting now open

CELTIC have been in dominant form again this season - but who has been your stand-out player in the green and white Hoops?

While Scotland's champions have their sights set on securing the SPFL trophy for the eighth consecutive season, having already secured the League Cup and with a Scottish Cup semi-final to look forward to, trophies of a different kind will be up for grabs at Celtic's 2018/19 Player of the Year Awards, which take place later this month.

The glittering ceremony celebrates the achievements of the first team, Women's team and Academy team players, and offers supporters the chance to have their say in who walks away with the coveted prizes on the night.

VOTING IS NOW OPEN!

Visit our Player of the Year 2019 website to cast your vote in all three of the following categories:

- Celtic Player of the Year (sponsored by Dafabet)
- Goal of the Season (sponsored by Magners)
- Young Player of the Year (sponsored by Scottish Centre for Excellence in Dentistry & PWR Pack Ltd)

To vote for your favourite in these categories, simply register on the Player of the Year website and then cast your votes!

There are nine players nominated for the Player of the



Year Award, while Kieran Tierney, Odsonne Edouard and Kristoffer Ajer are all in with the chance of winning in both the Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year categories!

When it comes to Goal of the Season, you're spoiled for choice, with 10 of the best goals scored in this campaign shortlisted for you to choose from!

There are a couple of derby goals which are sure to bring back some happy memories for every Hoops fan, from Olivier Ntcham's second-half strike back in September that secured a dominant Celtic win in front of a euphoric sea of green and white, to Odsonne Edouard's stunning goal recently (Sunday, March 31) that saw the Celts move 13 points clear at the top of the Premiership table.

Of course, our captain has to be on the list for his blistering 30-yard strike in the Scottish Cup victory over St Johnstone at



Paradise. These are just a few of the strong contenders for the award, but the winner is up to you!

Voting closes at 5pm on Monday, April 22 - make your vote count today!

The winners will be announced at the Celtic Player of the Year Awards 2019 on Sunday, April 28.

Please note, the event has already sold out.