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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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NEIL LENNON



STAN SET THE TONE FOR ME

Neil Lennon's Celtic career hit the ground running thanks to a goal from fellow midfielder and new team-mate, Stiliyan Petrov

THEY say first impressions count - well it took Stiliyan Petrov just four minutes to leave a lasting impression on Neil Lennon. As the Irishman made his career-changing, dream-come-true, debut in the green and white hoops, on a cold, dark Sunday on Tayside, his Bulgarian team-mate gave Celtic the early lead.

It was an ideal start to his first match for the club he had supported all his life, and it was thanks to his new midfield counterpart, Didier Agathe's last-minute strike sealed a 2-1 victory, making it the club's second win in what would be a consecutive run of 11 in the SPL as they went on to win the title.

Petrov impressed Neil Lennon that day, and he has gone on impressing him ever since, whether in a Hoops jersey, an Aston Villa strip, or in the courageous way he has battled since being diagnosed with leukaemia.

And with so much respect for the Bulgarian, he isn't surprised so many fans will pack into Celtic Park to support him this afternoon.

"Stan's a very outgoing person," the Celtic manager told the matchday programme. "He's a great family man and he's very dedicated. He's just a nice person.

"He was the young pup of the litter in our team. He was a baby compared to the rest of us, but he was fabulously talented and went on to have a great time at Villa until the abrupt end to his career. I really can't speak highly enough of him.

"I remember him being so powerful around the pitch, and then as the years went by he worked on his physique and his fitness. He always had the ability, but that helped him become one of the best box-to-box midfielders in Britain at that time.

"He could weigh in with goals, he had a great temperament when it came to

the games and he had a great sense of humour. By the time I got to Celtic, his English had improved dramatically."

Neil Lennon has many cherished memories which he is able to share with Petrov - and not just the obvious Treble triumph in 2000/01 and UEFA Cup run in 2002/03.

He shared the highs and lows with him in the middle of the park, and there are understandably many moments together which he will never forget.

"Stan scored a great header at Ibrox," the Irishman recalled. "He did this unbelievable leap and there's a photograph of it somewhere - I think it's in my office - when he's almost doing the splits in mid-air with his fists up.

"He scored important goals and had a thunderous shot on him. He'd weigh in with 10 or 12 goals a season, even more sometimes. He scored against Juventus over there, a free-kick to get us back into the game, he scored against Stuttgart as



well. He could more or less do everything.

"He would get around the pitch, put in tackles, he was technically very good with the ball and he was a very good finisher when he got in there."

In fact, he was so high in praise for Petrov, the manager admitted Celtic haven't had a player like him since his departure in 2006.

"Probably not," he answered, when asked if anyone could be compared to his former team-mate. "Maybe Victor Wanyama - if I'm going to make comparisons, he has probably been the closest, although Stan was probably a bit more forward-thinking at that age."

With some of this afternoon's proceeds going towards Stiliyan's new foundation, the Irishman is proud to be a part of the occasion. He's happy to contribute to the cause and admitted he isn't surprised so many fans want to also show their support.

"If it's anything like the Manchester

United game a couple of years ago it will be a fantastic occasion," he said. "That was a brilliant experience and a great crowd, and it showed the club up in a great light.

"I think this will do the same but it's more personal this time because Stiliyan's involved, and all the trials and tribulations he's had to go through in this last year. I think people want to come out and support him the best they can.

"This will give his foundation a real kick-start and it means a lot to him. He will have an ambassador role of some type to front it and it's a big undertaking he is taking on but Stiliyan doesn't do anything in half-measures."

A cast list of Celtic stars, footballing legends and celebrity supporters will turn out this afternoon and it's an exciting occasion which the Celtic manager is looking forward to.

Only he will have to take a step back and hang up his managerial coat for the

day, as his old boss, Martin O'Neill returns to the reins instead.

"I'm looking forward to seeing all my old team-mates, the old gang," Neil Lennon continued. "I've played against some of the boys who will be in the other team as well, like Jamie Redknapp and John Terry, and it's great these guys are giving up their time to come up, so it should be a great occasion."

And he's even confident about his own fitness - despite being up against the likes of Dimitar Berbatov who's still playing, Bobby Petta who is a fitness instructor and One Direction's Louis Tomlinson who is just 21-years-old.

"It's alright actually, I've lost 10 pounds in the last month," he said proudly. "Myself and Garry Parker have been doing quite a bit of running. I don't know how long I'll play, though. I don't know how long the gaffer will give me!"