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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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Friends Reunited

Glenn Loovens is looking forward to tonight's match with AZ Alkmaar, but he's not looking forward to meeting up with his best mate.



Celtic Go Dutch

Celtic's record against teams from the Netherlands



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GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's match against AZ Alkmaar. I would also like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Alkmaar and I hope we can all enjoy a good sporting occasion tonight.

It will give us a break from league football ahead of some very important games, and it also allows the players to test themselves against European opposition.

We've had a decent run of results in the league over the past few weeks and the victory over Dundee United on Sunday made it five SPL wins in a row. Of course, it doesn't make up for the disappointment of losing out on the league title, and no-one would claim it was anything other than a step in the right direction.

The players have responded well to everything we've asked them to do and I thought it was a tremendous performance at the weekend. Tannadice is always a tough place to go to but I felt we performed as a team, tried to play football and kept our discipline and, as a result, we fully deserved the victory.

We still have three league matches remaining and our aim is to win all three, starting with this Saturday's game against Motherwell here at Celtic Park. Before that, we have tonight's match and we want to keep the momentum of winning going.

While most of the Alkmaar players will be at Celtic Park for the first time, this will be a familiar venue for Dick Advocaat. He enjoyed many contests with Celtic during his time in Glasgow as manager of Rangers, and I hope tonight's another good contest. He's done a great job at Alkmaar since taking over at the club in December and I'm sure he would love to get a good result here tonight.

However, we will be doing everything we can to win the match. It's also a good opportunity to utilise the squad and that's what we intend to do. Thanks for your support tonight, and throughout the season, and enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon



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club honours

Scottish League Winners [42 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

Scottish Cup Winners [34 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

League Cup Winners [14 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

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

club directory & records

Celtic Football Club

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Website: www.celticfc.net

(Calls cost up to 10p per minute, telecoms provider dependent. Mobile and other provider charges may vary)

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

Away strip colours:

Black/yellow hooped shirts, black shorts, black socks

Record attendance:

92,000 v Rangers, 1938

Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

Record defeat:

0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

Most league goals in 1 season:

50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36

Most Premier/SPL goals in 1 season:

35 - Brian McClair, 1986-87

35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

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