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HARTLEY

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO DENNS PARK FOR THE MATCH AGAINST CELTIC.

I'd like to start by welcoming Celtic manager Ronny Deila and his backroom staff, as well as both sets of supporters along to Dens.

Our last two results have been a total contrast with an excellent performance and result against Hamilton in our last outing at home followed by defeat against Ross County on Saturday.

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The festive period brings a lot of games in quick succession so it's good that we have two big games at Dens this week to look to get some more positive results and performances.

Celtic will come into tonight's game determined after a defeat to Motherwell was followed by a draw with Hearts at the weekend so we know we will have to put in a good performance tonight against a strong team.

Enjoy the match.

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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO DENS PARK FOR OUR
LADBROKES SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
HOLIDAY MATCH WITH CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB.

On behalf of the board of directors and staff we would like to extend a warm welcome to the directors, staff and of course the fans of Celtic FC. As always, I would also like to welcome and thank our partners Kilmac, Scott Fyfe Motors, and Crown Engineering to the match today.

It has been a strange and trying time of late for Ronny Deila and his boys in green as they arrive at Dens Park coming off a loss and a draw in their last two matches. Although Celtic sit atop the table by one point there seems to be chinks in the armour that some clubs have been fortunate to take advantage of. There have been some positives for the Glasgow side as they inked the leading goal scoring threat in the SPFL and former Dark Blue Leigh Griffiths to a long term deal that will see Sparky in hoops until the 2021 season. It is always good to see a

player that has been on our books and loved by the fans to have a long and fruitful career.

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Hard work, desire, and devotion are keys to success in any aspect of life and especially when you are a part of a team. Against Hamilton all three keys were on display throughout the match. Fantastic play throughout, everyone put in a shift, everyone fought for the points and every one

did it together. From the sexy bit of scoring the goals to the grafting and ugly bit of keeping a clean sheet. Everyone was on the same page. Everyone worked and helped each other and everyone deserved the accolades and the points. The match at Ross County just proves that if you have a lapse in these keys - even for just a few minutes - the wheels can and will fall off. It is now time for us to take a long hard look in the mirror and to make an inconsistent good team great again.

We here at Dundee Football Club hope that you and yours had a very Deelightful Christmas and are looking forward to a happy and successful 2016.

Our boys in dark blue need us more than ever, help them right the ship and elevate them to victory!!! Come on DUNDEE!!!



WELCOME TO CELTIC FC

The subsequent winless campaign in the Europa League concluded with an arguably meaningless game with nothing to play for in Istanbul.

Celtic can now turn its full attention to domestic competitions with the key remit of retaining the Premiership title - albeit perhaps with a particular emphasis on the manner in which they do so. The last fixture between the Celtic and The Dee was the epitome of what Celtic fans want to see against SPFL sides: ruthless, un-remitting football that serves as a foundation to take confidence onto the European stage - rather than the acceptance of the domestic gulf narrowing every season.

Few would bet against Celtic winning the league this season, however, Aberdeen are making the suggestion that they may well ask a few questions of Ronny Deila's

DESPITE CURRENTLY NESTLED AT THE TOP OF THE PREMIERSHIP, CELTIC HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH SCRUTINY AFTER ITS MAIN INDICATOR OF SUCCESS, PARTICIPATION IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, ENDED ALL TOO SOON.

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Fixtures between The Dee and Celtic have been extremely lucrative of late for Celtic - winning the last five fixtures with the two most recent being emphatic 6-0 and 5-0 triumphs. In fact, you have to go back to August of 2014 to find the last time Celtic afforded The Dee a point in the league when James McPake's bullet header in the first minute was cancelled out by a Leigh Griffiths' strike in the 2nd half.

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