

# CELTIC

Official Programme



Jimmy Johnstone

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

**CELTIC v. ST. MIRREN**

Saturday, 9th April, 1966

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



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## FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Almost a month has passed since I last had the chance to speak to the supporters in this programme. But those four weeks have been good for the club; we have played four games in the league and taken seven points and we have reached the final of the Scottish Cup.

There is no doubt in my opinion what Celtic's best performance was. Beating Kilmarnock at Rugby Park was quite a feat; remember that on the Ayrshire ground in recent years we have suffered more than a little. Three years ago, for instance, we lost 6-0; two years ago we were beaten 5-2.

Just about the time we were beating Killie, we were dependent to some extent for our league championship hopes on how other clubs fared. Now it is most satisfactory to say with some confidence that no one can stop us winning the championship—provided we can keep on our winning way.

### FINE DISPLAY

St. Mirren, our opponents of today, are in a desperate plight, for they badly need points to save themselves from relegation. We put them deeper in trouble at Paisley four days ago and hard as they will fight today at Celtic Park they will find us in no mood to give anything away. I must say that our boys played splendidly in the deplorable

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### CELTIC

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McBride Lennox  
Johnstone Chalmers Auld

Referee : D. Weir (Glasgow)

### ST. MIRREN

Thorburn  
Murray Riddell  
Kiernan Clunie Clark  
Hamilton Robertson  
Aird Adamson Gemmell  
Linesmen : J. Lowrie, Blackburn (Red Flag)  
A. Purves, Edinburgh (Orange Flag)

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weather conditions at St. Mirren's park; it is in such conditions as these that the value of great physical fitness is proved.

The next time you read a programme at Celtic Park it will be just before Celtic embark on the second-last stage of the European Cup-winners' Cup semi-final. Much has been written and said about this contest of two games with the English Cup holders, Liverpool. Some have said that we have a fair chance of reaching the final and becoming the first Scottish club ever to win the tournament. Others have dismissed our chance as worth nothing at all. The latter are the critics to whom our players want to give a real good convincing answer. Celtic's players and officials believe that they have a fine chance of beating Liverpool. Everyone realises, of course, that Thursday when we play them at Celtic Park is a most vital day.

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The sooner we hear the support the better; so will all true Celtic supporters come along as early as they can for the eight o'clock kick-off and make their presence felt. Here is the opportunity for Celtic supporters to show that no comparable body can be of great help to their team.

### NEXT HOME MATCH

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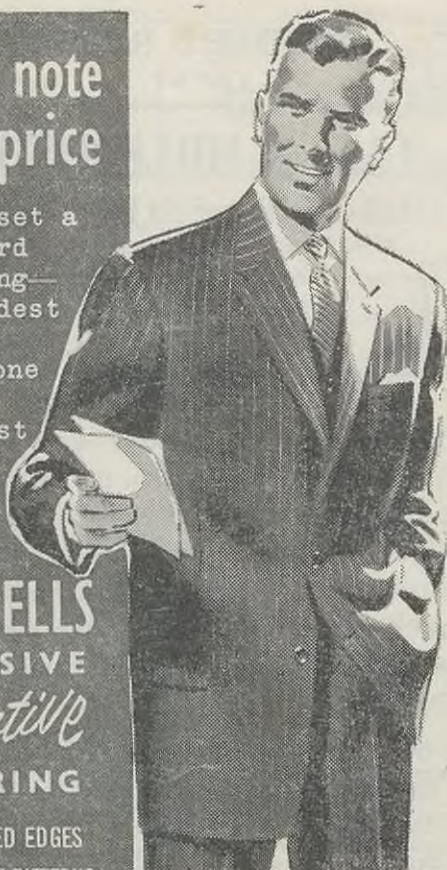
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