

# CELTIC

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Ronnie Simpson

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

**CELTIC v. MORTON**

Saturday, 25th December, 1965

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.



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## **FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK**

It's the custom at this time of the year to review the year's happenings. So as this will be the last programme of 1965, I shall take the opportunity of taking a balance of what has happened in the football season so far—from August until today.

We had a disappointing start to the competitive season, for we lost two of our first three games. But since then, I am happy to say, we have more than made amends. Of the 26 matches we have played since that second League Cup sectional defeat, we have won no fewer than 23, drawn two, and lost one. We avenged the League Cup defeats from Dundee United and Dundee, and Rangers, the only team who have beaten us in the league championship, fell to us in the League Cup final.

It's a long time since Celtic were in so strong a position at this stage of the league as we are now. Last year for instance it took us 23 matches to attain 26 points—one more than we have today for only 14 games.

Our last victory, at Dunfermline, was most satisfactory, for the Fife club are worthy upholders of the provincial clubs' challenge. It is somewhat mystifying to us at Celtic Park to read that we were the winning survivors of a deadly battle in which physique was the dominant feature. There were more than a few knocks at East End Park, it is true, and more than a few hard tackles. I think the Celtic players took as many knocks as Dunfermline's, but on the Monday after the game not one of our players reported with an injury that needed treatment. I shall be surprised if Dunfermline have a different story to tell.

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Gallagher Chalmers  
Johnstone McBride Hughes

Referee: D. Smail (Selkirk)

#### MORTON

Sorensen  
Boyd Loughlan  
McGraw Strachan Kennedy  
Arentoft Neilsen  
Stevenson Harper Watson  
Linesmen: C. Connell, Newmilns (Red Flag)  
E. Harkin, East Kilbride (Orange Flag)

### HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

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<b>A</b> ABERDEEN HIBERNIAN		<b>H</b> STIRLING ALBION DUNDEE UNITED	
<b>B</b> DUNDEE MOTHERWELL		<b>J</b> AIRDRIEONIANS THIRD LANARK	
<b>C</b> FALKIRK PARTICK THISTLE		<b>K</b> ARBROATH EAST STIRLING	
<b>D</b> HAMILTON ACCIES CLYDE		<b>L</b> ALLOA ATHLETIC RAITH ROVERS	
<b>E</b> HEARTS ST. MIRREN		<b>M</b> COWDENBEATH DUMBARTON	
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I am going to take the opposite view to several critics when I say that the constantly exciting, interesting game we had at East End Park is just what is needed to restore faith in Scottish football. And I would like to congratulate Dunfermline on the part they played in a very fine match. They lost, but they took great credit from defeat.

Now today we meet Morton, a club who are not apparently the force they were last season. But their most enthusiastic director-manager, Hal Stewart, will have been impressing them that Parkhead is as good a place as any to start a revival. Any team in their position must be dangerous; after all, they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. So whatever happens this afternoon, we have been well and truly warned.

May I express reasonable confidence in another victory today and may I wish all our supporters a very happy Christmas and an even happier New Year.

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CELTIC .....	14	12	1	1	47	14	25
DUNFERMLINE ATH. ....	15	9	4	2	45	23	22
DUNDEE UNITED ...	15	9	3	3	41	19	21
HIBERNIAN .....	15	8	3	4	46	22	19
ABERDEEN .....	15	6	6	3	29	22	18
DUNDEE .....	14	7	3	4	30	26	17
KILMARNOCK .....	15	7	2	6	32	26	16
HEARTS .....	15	5	6	4	27	27	16
CLYDE .....	15	5	3	7	26	29	13
FALKIRK .....	15	5	0	10	20	32	10
MOTHERWELL .....	14	4	2	8	20	32	10
MORTON .....	15	4	2	9	20	33	10
ST. JOHNSTONE ...	14	4	2	8	24	40	10
ST. MIRREN .....	15	4	1	10	17	37	9
STIRLING ALBION ..	15	3	3	9	18	41	9
PARTICK THISTLE ..	13	2	4	7	19	29	8
HAMILTON ACAS. ...	13	1	0	12	11	57	2

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

**CELTIC v. RANGERS**

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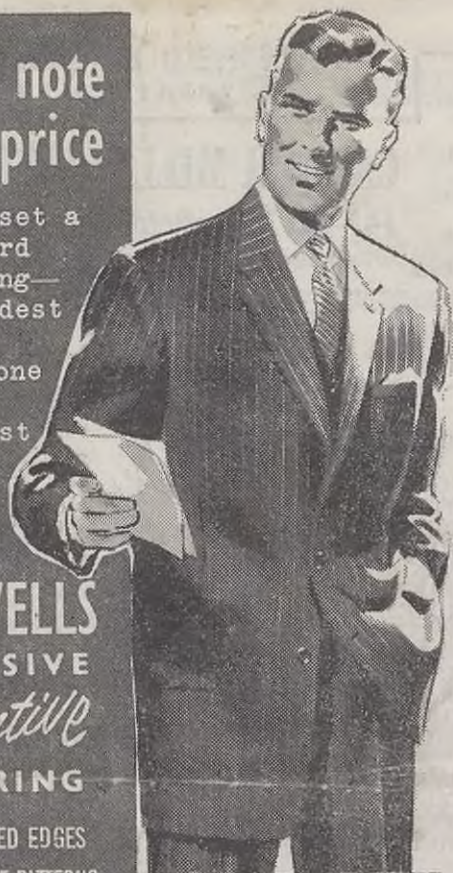
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