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SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

CELTIC v. ST. JOHNSTONE

Saturday, 12th March, 1966

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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Time passes quickly—and for the most part successfully—for us. It's exactly a month since Celtic played a match on a Saturday at Celtic Park. But in the interval we have won through two rounds of the Cup. A fortnight ago we suffered a shock at Stirling—a real blow to our League championship hopes. Stirlingshire came to our rescue, however, when on the same night as we knocked Hearts out of the Scottish Cup Falkirk defeated Rangers.

When we were drawn to meet Hearts in the Cup after a second-round pairing with Dundee it was obvious that if we were to retain the trophy we would do it the hard way.

In the Tynecastle match there were drama and excitement and great value for the spectators, even though the scenes just after the start were inclined to overshadow the early play. The pace was fast and there were goalmouth incidents galore. And, of course, any match which has a fair quota of goals must please the spectators. Six were shared at Tynecastle and on the run of play a draw was a fair result.

The replay at Celtic Park on Wednesday proved beyond doubt that if teams play attractive, attacking football the crowds will turn up. We were confident that we could win and reach a semi-final tie with Dunfermline Athletic and when we gained that early Jimmy Johnstone goal there was hardly any doubt who would win.

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