

England Excel In Back Play

By DARK BLUE

England ...24pts. Scotland5

ENGLAND won a victory over Scotland at Twickenham as complete as it was surprising. It was an extraordinary game, watched with immense enthusiasm by a crowd of about 70,000 and fought out in the later stages in a snowstorm.

The score of four goals and a drop goal to a goal did not flatter the Englishmen, yet three of their four tries, just as Scotland's try, were the result of sheer opportunism and gained after unopposed runs from half-way.

Another point that made this Calcutta Cup match unusual was the number of injuries. At one time England had 13 players on the field and Scotland 14. Both sides ended up with 14.

Kelly went off after 10 minutes in the second half with a damaged rib, and Drummond broke a collar-bone five minutes before the interval.

England got twice as much of the ball as Scotland in the first half, but it was the opposite case afterwards, so that neither set of backs could complain of being neglected. England's backs combined far better than the Scots' and showed far more initiative, while their opportunism enabled them to win the match in the first half.

Scrum Half Shines

Newton-Thompson was a big success at scrum half, sending out perfect passes to Hall, while Heaton's judgment was always sound. Bennett fitted well into the scheme, and the wings, Guest and Holmes, came out with every credit.

Holmes was a closely marked man, Jackson tackling him time and again, but it is to Holmes' credit that he readily snapped up his one chance to give England their first try.

Jackson and MacKenzie were the best of the Scottish three-quarters, Munro's defence being rather unsound, while Bruce was never in the picture at stand-off half. Geddes kicked a huge length at full-back, but he was guilty of being caught out of position when Holmes scored. Except for the length of his kicking Gray, who did a lot of saving, compared favourably with him.

The England forwards were quite the equals of the Scots in the loose. White, Steele-Bodger, and Weighill showing splendid dash and remarkable stamina.

Lacked Fire

Scotland, perhaps because of their terrible journey on Thursday and Friday, did not exhibit the fire one expected, and never at any point looked like pulling it off. As a forward and as a substitute wing, Valentine did fine work for his side, but the others disappointed.

A drop goal by Hall—with his right foot, by the way—opened the scoring, and then came Holmes' sprint in from half-way, followed by another by Guest, Heaton converting both to give England a 14-point lead at half time.

Henderson followed up a forward rush to score. Then Bennett added another try, Heaton again converting both.

In the last four minutes Munro sent Jackson speeding away by the half-way flag, and Geddes converted his try.

TEAMS: ENGLAND.—A. Gray (Otley); R. H. Guest (Waterloo), J. Heaton (Capt.) (Waterloo), N. O. Bennett (St. Mary's, H.), G. B. Holmes (Manchester); N. M. Hall (St. Mary's H.), J. O. Newton-Thompson (Oxford U.); H. Walker (Coventry). A. P. Henderson (Cambridge U.), G. A. Kelly (Bedford), J. George (Falmouth), J. Mycock (Sale), M. R. Steele-Bodger (Cambridge U.), R. H. G. Weighill (Harlequins), D. F. White (Northampton).

SCOTLAND.—K. I. Geddes (London Scottish); T. G. H. Jackson (London Scottish), G. W. Drummond (Melrose), W. H. Munro (Glasgow H.S.F.P.), D. D. Mackenzie (Edinburgh U.); C. R. Bruce (Capt.) (Glasgow Acads.), E. Anderson (Stewart's Coll. F.P.); H. H. Campbell (Cambridge U.) A. T. Fisher (Waterloo), T. P. McGlashan (Royal H.S.F.P.), F. H. Coutts (Melrose), I. C. Henderson (Edinburgh Acad.-Wdrs.), D. Valentine (Hawick), D. T. McLean (Royal H.S.F.P.); W. D. Elliot (Edinburgh Acad.-Wdrs.).

Referee: Ivor David (Wales).

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England win Rugby duel

By REX ALSTON

England 24 pts., Scotland 5

ENGLAND were very easy winners of that extraordinary match at Twickenham which developed into a chapter of accidents. Neither side was properly fit for strenuous football and the standard of play suffered.

The last fifteen minutes was almost farcical. Players writhed on the ground suffering from cramp as a blizzard beat in the faces of the tired Scottish side, and everyone must have been thankful when the final whistle went.

The foundation of England's success was the pack. Henderson had the better of the hooking. Mycock as usual excelled in the line out, and in the loose White and Weighill were tireless.

Geddes's kicking was superb for the most part and he had, of course, far more to do than Gray. All five tries were converted, four by Heaton for England and one by Geddes for Scotland.

Holmes, Guest, Henderson and Bennett scored England's tries and Hall dropped a goal. Scotland's try was notched by Jackson.