

Ireland came on to the St. Helen's ground as if they were already champions. But in the land of their fathers Wales are never easy to beat, and on a perfect afternoon ~~they kicked off before 50,000 spectators.~~ they kicked off before 50,000 spectators.

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(next) Keen marking gave little chance to the back divisions of either side. ^{On one of} ~~On one of~~ their rare break-aways Wales saw a fine run fail when the player ran out.

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(aft crowd) In the first half Ireland were the better side, keeping the ball mostly in ~~the~~ Welsh territory. At half-time there was no score. When play resumed Wales were a much improved side. ~~After~~ After 24-minutes of the second-period their left-wing-three-quarter Gareth Griffiths touched down in a perfect position.

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Terry Davies easily converted and Wales were five points ^{up.}

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~~10~~ 10-minutes later Ireland came back like the fighters they've always been, and their right-wing-three-quarter Byrne got over far out.... Gregg's kick went wide.

(crowd) That infringement earned Wales a penalty but all Davies could do this time was to give an Irishman a thick ear.

So Wales won 5-3 in a match that did ^{not} credit to ~~neither~~ team.

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