

FRANCE BEAT SCOTLAND

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Scotland came ^{out of} ~~on to~~ Murrayfield for their game against France with six new caps bringing fresh hope. The gloom that has enveloped Murrayfield and Scottish International Rugby for the past year or two was said by optimists to be lifting. Last season Scotland was at the foot of the international table, France next. But Murrayfield enthusiasts believed that 1954 heralds the dawn. There was at least a ^{zip} ~~leveling~~ ^{about} ~~the~~ Scottish play that marked the end of the hopelessness of the last few seasons. Unfortunately the ~~Scottish~~ pack still lack force in the scrum, make poor use of their weight and seem to ~~through~~ throw away their height in the line-out. French stand-off-half Labazuy tried to drop a goal but failed. ~~Scotland~~

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Scotland were awarded a penalty far out - too far for even that strong kicker J. C. Marshall of London Scottish to score the goal.

(1 out) Murrayfield got ready to cheer itself hoarse when T.G. Weatherstone, the Left-wing-three-quarter of Stewart's College, crashed his way through all opposition and appeared to cross the line.... However ~~the~~ referee Ivor David of Wales ruled that the ball touched ground on the wrong side ~~of the line~~.

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The second half was almost a repetition of the first. It began to look as if there would be no score.... But a quarter-of-an-hour after the interval Labazuy started a movement which gave the ball to ^{Rene} Brejassou. And that hefty hunk of ~~the~~ Pyrenees ^{rearing} ~~leaping~~ scored the only try of the game.

French skipper Jean Prat didn't add the goal points. Scotland, unlucky to lose ^{think} ~~think~~ they have turned the corner.