

# Scotland lose by only a penalty goal

From **NORMAN BRUCE—Murrayfield**

Scotland ..... 0 pts.      New Zealand ..... 3

**A**FTER one of the finest games seen at Murrayfield, New Zealand defeated Scotland by a penalty goal to nothing. It was a victory for New Zealand—and a triumph for a Scottish team that, before the game, had been reckoned to have no chance. In spite of had the better of matters in the first half, even though Scotland took possession in the set scrums in the proportion of 13 to 7.

Where they lost ground, however, was at the line-out and in the essentials of being first on the ball and in finding touch.

At the end of this half, when the score sheet was still blank, the Scottish side on a soft field was distinctly more worn than the other side.

In the second half, peculiarly enough although Scotland had surrendered their superiority in the tight, and were still behind in the line-outs, they had New Zealand back on their heels, and very glad indeed to find a safe footing in Scottish territory.

That tells the story of a really wonderful uplift of spirit on the part of a team that was lacking in experience, and had had to do without the anticipated assistance of the game against Wales.

New Zealand won, and no one will grudge them their victory. It could have been a draw with no injustice to either side. As it was, victory went to the team which possessed one of the truly great players of this period, R. W. H. Scott.

It was not only that this superb artist achieved the only score of the game, with a penalty kick in the eighth minute of the second half, from outside the 25 line and five yards from touch; but everything he did, whether in evading the onrushing forwards or in finding a distant touch, was of the highest class.

## Combined effort

The New Zealanders will, I feel sure, exonerate me if I pay more attention to the side that lost than to the side that won. Scotland's effort in holding the New Zealand XV to a single score was a team effort.

They began spiritedly enough; but must have felt uplifted by the fact that they reached half-time without having their defences broken. During this period, it might be said, the team found its feet, and its second-half performance was that of an inspired side.

Much of the credit for that must go to the captain, W. I. D. Elliot, who got from his forwards an entirely different response from what was forthcoming against France.

Elliot himself was in thorough sound form, and he was splendidly supported by J. H. Henderson, E. J. S. Michie, H. F. McLeod and R. K. G. MacEwen. Indeed, I thought the Scottish hooker, MacEwen, among the best forwards afield. He not only did his own job in the tight with considerable efficiency, particularly in that vital

first half, but was equally valuable in the loose.

Behind the scrum, L. P. MacLachlan took a lot of punishment from the heavy New Zealand forwards, but was extremely useful all over the field, and his service of a greasy ball was only intermittently affected.

At stand-off half, G. T. Ross improved the longer the game went on. He began by being somewhat shaky in his touch finding, and this lost his side a considerable amount of ground. But in the second half he improved immensely in this respect; and he set his three-quarters going in good style.

Neither of the centres was able to break the closely organised defence, but in return they themselves conceded nothing, and M. K. Elgie can be said to have made a most promising first appearance.

Indeed Scotland, if they still looked deficient in scoring power, revealed a thoroughly sound defence, in which J. C. Marshall, at full-back, was only outshone by his opposite number.

## Memorable game

New Zealand will remember this game, one feels sure, for the spirit in which it was played and for the resurgence it marked for Scotland.

We, in Scotland, will remember the superb Scott, the extremely active K. Davis, the running of R. A. Jarden; and the magnificent power play of K. L. Skinner, R. A. White, G. N. Dalzell, and their captain, R. C. Stuart.

Scotland announced last night an unchanged team to oppose Ireland at Belfast on Saturday, February 27.

**SCOTLAND:** J. C. Marshall (L. Scottish); J. S. Swan (L. Scottish), M. K. Elgie (L. Scottish), D. Cameron (Glasgow H.S.F.P.), T. G. Weatherstone (Stewart's Coll. F.P.); G. T. Ross (Watsonians), L. P. MacLachlan (L. Scottish), T. P. L. McGlashan (Royal H.S.F.P.), H. G. MacEwen (Cambridge Univ.), H. McLeod (Hawick), E. A. J. Fergusson (Oxford Univ.), E. J. S. Michie (Aberdeen Univ.), W. I. D. Elliot (Edinburgh Acad.), (capt.), F. W. Kinnmonth (Richmond), J. H. Henderson (Richmond).

**NEW ZEALAND:** R. W. H. Scott; R. A. Jarden, C. J. Loader, M. J. Dixon; D. D. Wilson, L. S. Haig, K. Davis; K. L. Skinner, R. C. Hemi, B. P. Eastgate, R. A. White, G. N. Dalzell, P. F. H. Jones, R. C. Stuart (capt.), W. H. Clark (Waikato).  
 Referee: Ivor David (Waikato).

**ETON FIVES:** Jesters beat Cranleigh 3-0 (J. Inglis and J. A. Biggs beat C. D. White and J. A. Liddle 11-15, 12-4, 12-8, 12-7; J. R. Day and W. P. Shovelton beat W. R. Sheppard and P. J. Greenhill 14-12, 12-4, 14-11; H. P. Jacob and P. D. Adams beat J. D. Hookway and S. Earnshaw 15-11, 15-14, 12-8).

**GOLF.**—Oxford and Cambridge Universities were both beaten by Surrey clubs yesterday. Oxford went to Woking and were beaten 8-6 with four matches halved, Cambridge lost to Worplesdon 10-7 with one halved.