

"It's a long lane that has no turning" though Irish Rugby fans as they welcomed the All Blacks to Dublin. And after Ulster's gallant feat, could this be the day, they wondered, when Ireland would score her first victory over a touring side?

First doubts rose, when Skipper Kyle set the Tourists to kick with the kind strong breeze; but still they hoped that there was some super strategy behind it all...

Then Jarden's early kick for a penalty goal fell short; but the All Blacks were attacking. And after Davis had kicked ahead - Clarke caught the awkward bounce - and dived over - for a try.

And Scott failed to make a difficult conversion...

The Tourists were three points up. And soon after, another score looked certain when Dixon made a fifty yard touch-line dash - before kicking into the centre. But Kavanagh was back to save the day for Ireland.

But another score did come - when full-back Scott dropped a perfect goal from the Irish "25"

And with New Zealand six points up - home fans were getting anxious...

Two minutes later - worst was to come - <sup>when</sup> Scott scored a penalty goal...

Nine points down - Ireland kicked off in the second half - only to find that the breeze had dropped. Now only their fighting spirit could save them...

And before the home side could rally their forces and give battle - Bower had cut through - to find White....A pass on to Stuart - and over he sauntered for a try...

~~xxxxxxx~~ Scott added the goal-points - and New Zealand was fourteen points up...

Still no come-back from Ireland. Half-back Davis gets away for the Tourists... But Murphy grounds him to prevent another score...

Another bitter pill for home fans - another penalty to the visitors - but relief as Scott fails with the kick...

And then came the long-awaited Irish recovery. Dazzling runs by the left-wing Gaston. And once Kavanagh was unlucky not to score a try - after crossing the line.

The Irish Pack had now pinned the All Blacks on their own goal-line - but still that vital score eluded them...

A penalty for Ireland - but it brought added disappointment - Murphy fails to score...

All Ireland now - their forward rushes - like a green-shirted wave - brushing aside their All-Black rivals...

And then - to the dismay of the forty-thousand crowd - Murphy missed another chance of penalty points.

New Zealand still fourteen points up. But, too late - a change brings success - Henderson kicks a penalty goal...

But by then the game was over. The Tourists had won by fourteen points to three - and perhaps those Irish fans were looking for that turning, in a long, long road....