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England V New Zealand at Twickenham

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This "June-in-January" fantasy at Twickenham, was not the "All-Blacks dream of home? <sup>IT WAS JUST</sup> ~~But~~ the removal of twenty tons of straw that had kept the ground playable in the ~~ground~~ sub-zero temperatures.

Seventy-thousand fans braved the Arctic conditions to watch England (in ~~their usual~~ white shirts) kick off. And soon the respective packs were warming to the fray. From the start, the giant All-Blacks forwards, (~~averaging over fifteen tries~~) tried to dominate the game. The home pack were hoping to contain this massive onslaught - relying on their back division to win the match.

And how they tried. Woodward ~~made great runs~~. Once Regan got away, <sup>PULLED HIM DOWN</sup> looking a certain scorer - until Clarke saved the day for the All Blacks.

For long periods, England were kept in their own half - panned there by that steam-roller pack, and <sup>by</sup> judicious kicking.

Then - following a fine dribble - Clarke gathered the ball - <sup>P</sup>ass to Dalzell - who bullocked his way over in the corner.

And from wide out - Scott made a fine conversion. New Zealand five points up, <sup>and</sup>

Throughout the second half - it was the same story. England hemmed in. Occasionally, making brilliant bursts, yet never able to penetrate that defence-in-depth of their rivals. So New Zealand <sup>deservedly</sup> won by five points to ~~on this showing~~ <sup>season.</sup>  
~~on this showing~~ England's compensation may come in a triple-crown ~~year~~

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