

Welsh Rugby hopes were flying high at Collinstown Airport - when a plane-load of optimistic fans arrived for the ~~great~~ International battle, at Lansdowne Road, Dublin. / By the same plane - came the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff - together with delegates of a Goodwill Mission, hoping to develop trade between Ireland and Wales. They were welcomed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, - Alderman Butler. /

But to-day, all roads lead to the Stadium as sport plays its part in bringing even closer friendships between Celtic peoples. And the Irish Fifteen followed the "Men of Wales" into the arena. /

In the Stands - President O'Kelly honours the occasion - accompanied by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff. /

And with one Irish supporter ready to gobble up a few leeks - the Stadium settled down for a great afternoon's sport...

Ireland (in their lighter jerseys) kicked off - eager to add to their solitary International victory this season.

And those closer relationships came a little earlier than expected, as the forwards got down to business! - though it seemed anything but friendly. /

After eight minutes - Henderson kicked a penalty goal from forty-five yards to put Ireland - three points up. /

Not to be outdone in this plan of give-and-take - Evans equalised - by another penalty. /

From the start - Wales gained mastery in the scrums; but couldn't get the ball away. Still in friendly mood - Ireland conceded another penalty - Evans added three more points. /

Wales 6 - Ireland 3 - then Ireland equalised. Yes, another penalty, taken by Kelly. /

Soon after half-time - came the next chapter in this tale of five penalties. /

~~Evans~~ Evans completed his hat-trick with another ~~and~~ successful kick - An international debut he'll long remember. Ireland 6 - Wales 9. /

Then Kelly began a movement that led to a try. Godfrey lost the ball on the line; ~~and~~ Gaston was there - to round off the score. /

Ireland ~~had equalised~~ ^{WERE LEVEL. A} ~~but~~ ^{BUT} Denzil Thomas dropped a goal, to give Wales a last-minute victory, by twelve points to nine. /