

At Cardiff Arms Park, the great game is definitely on - so off comes the straw that ~~has~~ ^{was} protected the pitch. ~~A summer picture, perhaps, but~~

~~slowly~~ slowly the sodden field begins to take shape - to add to a harvest of evergreen Rugby memories of past great encounters.

To-day, the international pilgrimage is renewed - with the proud supporters of England - the "Triple Crown" country - mingling with home fans from the valleys and the hills - who are hoping for another vintage year in Welsh Rugby.

Well over fifty thousand in the ground as the teams come out for the 60th ~~encounter~~ official meeting of the countries.

And, as ever, the "Men of Wales" are in ^{excellent} good voice. SOUND

Then - to an encouraging home roar - Wales kick off. And out on the wing is Ken Jones - making his thirty-sixth consecutive appearance - a new record for his country ~~down~~

From a line-out - ^{playing in white} England/try to break out. But the attempt fails ~~for from~~ ~~the opening - the Welsh pack has dominated the play.~~

In the heavy going, the match becomes a hard-slogging battle between the rival packs, for with both sides bogged down - the breaks are soon halted by good covering.

Then, after nine minutes - a penalty for Wales. A last-minute substitute, Edwards, (an Army Officer) sets his sights - and puts Wales in front.

~~at~~ England are soon hitting back - ~~A~~ grand dash for the line; but the final pass goes astray - ~~xxx~~ and with it - their hopes for a first-half score.

The second half - with three points to Wales - though the mud seems to be more or less equally divided.

England now - making desperate efforts to save the game - a task made doubly difficult by the greasy ball and that tough Welsh rear-guard.

Wales coming back into the game ^{try and} to/make it safe with a determined onslaught. But the final dash for the line is bogged down in Cardiff mud. ~~down~~

So, somewhat fortunately, perhaps, Wales wins by three points. England ^{VICTORY} ~~surrender~~ their Triple Crown: but Ken Jones collars the ball - a ~~sting~~ ^{sting} souvenir for a great Welsh sportsman.