

Rugby : Ireland and England battle

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Dublin: A capacity crowd at Lansdowne Road for the visit of England, with Ireland's President O'Kelly and Prime Minister Mr Costello gracing the occasion.

England (in white jerseys) kick off - fielding the team narrowly defeated by Wales. So right from the start, they clicked into top gear.

A bout of sustained pressure and those white jerseys were right in the picture. Butterfield goes over - just inside the post.

Then before Ireland had recovered - another shock try hits them - scored by Hastings with only seven minutes gone!

England six points up and looking set for their first victory, in Dublin, since 1938. Ireland, of course, had other ideas. A determined attack that's stopped ^{ALMOST} on the line.

Ireland now fighting back and following a scrum - Pedlow touches down... three points.

Well into the second half, England leading six points to three - and an Irishman saves his line.

Then England are penalised for barging in the lineout. And from thirty yards - Henderson's magnificent kick levels the scores six-all - to crown a fighting Irish come-back.