

At Cardiff Arms Park, Wales kicked off against Celtic rivals, Ireland, in an international that celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Welsh Rugby Union.

A birthday occasion, [indeed,] for the "Men of Wales" - though the early exchanges seem[ed] anything but a party [occasion.]

Wales had to win to retain an interest in the International Championship, and they took a first-half lead, when Owen kicked a penalty goal.

After the interval, Ireland faced the stiff breeze, but a Henderson penalty-kick just made the target.

So it was Wales Three, Ireland three until about twenty minutes from no side. Then Wales began celebrating. A. Thomas kicked ahead - for Meredith to gather and touch down - almost before you could blow out a

light (candle)

New cap Owen added the goal points. Wales eight. Ireland 3.

And

That Welsh <sup>goal</sup> [score] was the forerunner of an eighteen points in eighteen minutes burst that swamped their Irish rivals. Here <sup>to</sup> try No. 2 -

Griffiths going full pelt for the line

Wales <sup>were</sup> now playing vintage Rugby - ~~xxx~~ watch ~~xxx~~ this third try - Morgan making the dazzling run.

Owen - ~~now having a field goal~~ - kicked the goal. Wales <sup>were</sup> leading sixteen-three.

Then, <sup>to</sup> round off this grandstand finish. <sup>Then</sup> Morris kicked ahead and ~~xxx~~ followed up so swiftly that he beat Cunningham for the touch-down

~~that was the end of the game.~~

Another successful kick by Owen, and Wales had won by 21 points to three - so let's hope that they all shared the birthday cake.

Wish you are hoping for many happy returns to this hour.

a birthday that Ireland burns to avenge