

LOCAL 2216

France V Wales

29th March 1955

Paris: Proud of their unbeaten record, France kicked off against Wales at the Colombes Stadium - a vital championship match ~~that was~~ watched by President Coty and his wife.

The odds were on France - ~~for they had only to avoid defeat to win their first International championship - and they certainly opened in confident vein.~~

The one hope for Wales was to gain an early lead - and this they did - ~~when~~ Owen kicked a penalty goal.

As expected, this early reverse on their own ground, ~~was~~ discouraged ~~the Frenchmen~~

the Frenchmen. In contrast, the visitors piled on the pace - for Thomas to pick up and touch down ~~between the posts.~~

An easy conversion - Owen duly landed the goal points. Wales went further ahead - and were eleven points clear when Vannier opened the score for France, after the interval, by kicking ~~at~~ a penalty goal.

In this half, France were handicapped by the loss of that grand forward, Domec. ~~Wales~~ Wales scented victory and a share of the championship when Morris leaped to gather a kick-ahead, and ~~roughly~~ then touched down.

Again - Owen added the goal points. ~~Score was 10 - 11~~

With six minutes to go - France launched desperate attacks and though a Baulon try was converted by Vannier - Wales won by sixteen points to eleven - to share the ^{INTERNATIONAL} title.