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Rugby: England V Ireland

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Protected by many tons of straw, Twickenham was pronounced fit for the England V. Ireland Rugby battle - a warming thought, at least, for sixty thousand half-frozen fans.

England (in white) kicked off - and with both teams still to gain that first victory - a tough, even game was forecast.

And so it proved - right up till half-time - though once, a dangerous breakaway by Peter Thompson was halted - just short of the line.

Another bout of England pressure brought a penalty that Allison could hardly miss!

But an Irish penalty was just off target - that must have been the last straw!

Three points up, England piled on the pressure - with Peter Jackson leading the way - early in the second half.

England six, Ireland nil - and now that white-clad England pack resembled an avalanche - inspired by Skipper Eric Evans - who scored the next try.

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Ireland were outplayed as England piled on twenty points without reply - their biggest post-war triumph.