

Cardiff Arms Park provided its usual fiery baptism for England (in white) who kicked off the new season as championship favourites.

With ideal conditions on hand, the knowledgeable Welsh fans hoped for open attacking Rugby. But international tactics demanded the rugged spoiling game... And so it proved - a tough forward battle, with ~~only~~ England's first-half-penalty-goal (kicked by Allison) the only score. In the second half, England's slender lead served to spur the fiery Welsh pack to ^{even} greater efforts.

But in a game of limited scoring-chances, England earned their three-~~point~~ victory - and raised hopes for Triple Crown honours ahead.

Battling for international soccer honours, League Champions Manchester United ~~kicked off against Bilbao (the Spanish team are in stripes) in a~~ ^{PLAYED} European cup-tie. *The Spaniards are in stripes.*

Bilbao scored first - then, a real blizzard hit United - two more goals before half-time.

Losing three-nothing - Manchester came back fighting....and Tommy Taylor scored.

Some wonderful football in ~~the~~ terrible conditions, and Viollet made it two goals in eight minutes.

Far from shaken, the Spaniards piled on two more goals - one from a corner.

Then, a ~~goal~~ goal by Bill Whelan made it five-three, and Manchester face the ~~second leg~~ ^{second leg} with a fighting chance.

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