RUGBY LEAGUE

ENGLAND BEAT FRANCE AT BORDEAUX

England kick off and the eagerly-awaited Rugby League International against France is under way.   With England having trounced the French in last season's match, this is, to France, a battle for revenge. 30,000 pack the stadium at Bordeaux to see their favourites come up against an England in championship form.

Superior in almost all positions, England soon take the lead. An all-Wigan movement sweeps the ball out to the left wing and, running through brilliantly, Jack Hilton takes it across.

Ernest Ward converts it to put England five points up.   But in the second half, it's a different story.   Aubert's penalty goal starts a French come-back.

And a few minutes later, a great run by Cantoni puts France level. The game's outcome is in the balance.

England hit back in a storming rally.   First, new boy Ken Traill puts them ahead and, soon after, Ken Gee makes the issue safe.   To round off a fine performance, Ward converts, to give England victory by 13 to 5.