

DUBLIN CROWDS SEE IRISH RUGBY TRIUMPH

Scotland comes to Dublin, as at Lansdowns Road, the men of Ireland prepare to do battle with the Scots in their sixty-first meeting of the International Rugby Championship. The capacity crowd that packs the historic Dublin venue almost raises the roof off the stand as Elliott leads the dark-shirted Scots on to the field, with the Irish fifteen, headed by Karl Mullen hard after them.

President Sean O'Kelly gets a big ovation, as he goes out (first to meet the Scots and then the Irish team) for whom this is their first appearance at home this season.

Kicking off, Scotland are first away, but it's not long before it becomes clear that this is Ireland's day. Perhaps it's because they are playing at home: perhaps it's because of the new three-quarter line. Whatever the reason, this is the Ireland that won the Triple Crown for the past two years. Keeping their opponents penned inside their "25," the speedy, determined Irishmen force the pace relentlessly. Half an hour's play have gone, when they draw ahead - George Norton kicking a great penalty goal.

By half-time, Mullen's men have increased their lead to six-nil, but, as the second half opens, it's Scotland who do the attacking. With the wind behind them, they charge into the attack, but are brought to a halt by the first-time tackles of the Irish three-quarters.

A brilliant handling movement puts Ireland into a commanding lead. The man who brings it off is Blayney, No. 13. Dashing past Burrell, he scores the try of the match - safely converted by that great goal-kicker, George Norton.

With no win to the credit yet this season, Ireland go all out to make up for it. Curtis touches down try No. 2 - and the crowd goes wild, as Norton again adds the extra points.

Out to prove they are still the best team in the Triple Crown Championship, Ireland make this their biggest-ever win over Scotland. From a Kyle pass, Crews goes over for yet another touch-down, to which Norton duly adds the finishing touch. And Dublin's jubilation knows no limit.