

IRELAND V. FRANCE RUGBY

All roads lead to Lansdowne Road. For 27 years the faithful have looked for victory in Dublin against France. Perhaps this year's team will bring it. First President O'Kelly walks onto the field to greet the teams.

The French are a husky looking lot and pretty confident.

And now you see what we're up against; you can't tell tether from which! Anyway, Ireland are playing from right to left. Kyle to Chambers, Chambers to Henderson. He's tackled by Foures but passes and Griffin makes a dash for the wing. But Carabignac steps him. It was all Ireland for a while and a touch-down by Nelson put them ahead.

But now Dufau has the ball and he's away. France are attacking. And there goes Olive to dive across the line to make it 3-all.

It's a tough battle all right. There goes Smith, brought down by Dufau.

Penalty against France and Henderson takes the kick.

Ireland 6 France 3. Ireland now playing left to right.

It's getting a bit scrappy as both sides go all out. Norton dives for the ball, Olive gets it away and loses it.

Scrum near the French line. It's dangerous for France. Clifford picks up - and he's over!

Henderson takes the kick - but misses. Ireland 9, France 3 and it looks as though the bogey's laid at last!

Now Kyle starts a run - but he's brought down. MacCarthy tries to pick up but misses.

In the last minutes Mathou touched down for France and Bertrand converted, but Ireland held on to win by 9 points to 8.