

SCOTLAND V. IRELAND RUGBY

At Murrayfield, Scotland take the field with the Triple Crown within reach if they can beat Ireland, last year's winners, and from the start they're on the attack. After their brilliant victory over Wales they stand a good chance, but Ireland are all out to hang onto the proud Triple Crown title, so it'll be a hard battle and no quarter asked.

With 20 minutes gone, Ireland are in trouble. They're playing a man short: Norton's off with a damaged shoulder. But the re-arranged pack are fighting gamely.

From a loose scrum Angus Gamren's away with the ball. He passes to Slean. A spurt and a twist and he's over!

Thomson takes the kick - and it's Scotland 5 Ireland nil. But the Irish aren't down. They're fighting harder than ever. From a Kyle punt there's a loose maul in front of the Scottish goal. Anything can happen here.

Henderson's got the ball and drops for goal. And it's over! Scotland 5 Ireland 3.

Starting the second-half two points down, Ireland turn on the pace and it's a dour battle.

There's a penalty for Ireland. McKibbin takes the kick ...

And he's hit the upright! Tough luck.

All against the odds, Ireland are on top now. Here's danger. A Kyle pass to McCarthy. McCarthy to O'Brien and he's over.

McKibbin takes the kick — but the ball glances off the post. But 6 to 5 is just enough to give Ireland a well-deserved victory in a grand game.