

RUGBY - FRANCE BEAT SCOTLAND.

At the Colombes Stadium in Paris, France (in white shirts) are soon bustling through Scotland's defence in the first match of the Five Nations Tournament.

The ball is worked across field and Maurice Prat swings it on its way to Vannier. Almost a forward pass that, but on it goes to Boniface - and France are going to score!

Three points in the Frenchmen's favour and off they go again. They've fielded a powerful team that Scotland will find hard to combat. They're about a stone-a-man heavier than the Scots, and fighting fit. In the thirtieth minute they get another scoring chance as Vannier takes a penalty kick.

6-nil now and back they come for more. Playing a truly brilliant game is their captain Jean Prat (number six), one of the finest players in the world. His team-mate Celaya nearly scores another. Prat puts one over just before half-time so, with the score at 9-nil, they resume with all the confidence in the world.

Roge, making his international debut, springs away towards the Scottish posts. A brilliant run. Now to Celaya, and on again to Domenech. That's the try that makes it 12-nil to France.

Scotland fight back grimly. Their supporters at home had hopes that, with this match, they might break their long run of defeats. Still hopeful, and still very full of fight, Becherdy snaps it up and tries a run, but to no avail.

Now for the last try of the match, and again it's France who do the scoring. Maurice Prat receives.

Now Donec. Roge and Vannier are there to complete the move that ends with Dufau touching down to make it France 15, Scotland nil.

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