

RUGBY - FRANCE BEAT ENGLAND.

England, in their traditional white shirts, kick off against France at Twickenham. It's the home team who take up the attack first, undaunted by the recent successes that put France near the top of the rugby ladder. Butterfield teams up with Sykes, number two, but their advance is short-lived.

Hasley takes up the running. Frenchman Morille is quickly dealt with. But, as so often happens, the French defence put up an almost impenetrable barrier.

The scoreboard goes to work when Hasell, taking a penalty kick, puts England three up. A beautiful kick.

From a scrum, England prepare to strike again. Away goes their three-quarter line with a swift, confident movement.

Higgins has it, and bundles through to touch down! There's no conversion. Seen after, a drop goal by Jean Prat brings the score to England 6, France 3. After half-time, France hit back to try and level the score. Their beefy forward, Celaya, number 5, succeeds in doing just that with a touch-down not far from the posts.

Vannier takes the kick, and France take the lead for the first time by 8 points to 6. England, with Sykes (a new cap) in the fore, attack again, but Lepatey and Jean Prat wrestle him into touch. This is Prat's 34th cap - and well he deserves it too. A penalty, taken by Hasell from a good fifty yards, goes searing through the posts to give England another three points - and a narrow lead.

France are soon in front again with a try and conversion. 13-9 in their favour now. As rivals clash, the tough-judge takes a tumble.

With minutes to go, Jean Prat (without doubt the man of the match) receives the ball by England's posts, and coolly drops it over the seal England's fate. France, who win by 16 points to 9, seem almost certain of victory in the International Championships.

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