

RUGGER: WALES v. ENGLAND.

The white-shirted England fifteen take the field against Wales at Cardiff Arms Park in the first of the season's Triple Crown games. England kick off, and from the first minute, it's a tough battle, all the way.

Jim Griffiths falls - the ball goes to stand-off Morgan, and the Welsh three-quarters are on the move.

But England intercept, and the rush is stopped. Jeff Butterfield kicks ahead - for a quick tussle in the loose.

Robbins to Butterfield, who tries to get it to Channell - but now it's Wales' turn to intercept.

Both the packs are in fighting mood, and the three-quarter lines get little chance to break away.

Another line-out - and this one is a disaster for Wales. Keith Maddocks is offside, 15 yards from the Welsh line - an easy shot for full-back Femiak Allison, who puts the penalty kick between the posts and England three up!

Second half, and the England pack are still blocking every attempt by the Welsh backs to start some open Rugby. Time and again the attempt is smothered - and when England manage to pick up the ball, they don't fare any better.

Morgan dodges Robbins and Higgins - he's starting a run - Ashcroft is on his tail - Morgan passes - but England intercept once again. So the battle sways back and forth, but neither side manage to break through, and the England pack are the victors by the narrowest of margins!