

IRELAND V. ENGLAND.

55,000 at Lansdowne Road roared a great welcome to Ireland, coming on the field to play England, whose skipper, Dickie Jeeps, shook hands with President De Valera. And in the teeth of half a gale England kicked off. England in white, playing right to left.

England scrum-half Jeeps was lively as ever, but the Irish gave their opponents no chance to break away. Nor could they get going themselves. The first scoring chance came when a penalty was given against England. Moffett scored with a wonderful kick.

England were glad to have fly-half, Richard Sharp, restored to the side. Ireland daren't risk giving him room to move. Their own left-centre, Jerry Walsh was unlucky not to go through, and then another penalty went against England. Along came the invaluable scrum-half Jonathan Moffett, to put Ireland three more points ahead. That's how it stood at half time; Ireland 6, England nil.

Now that England had the wind behind them they didn't worry too much about being six points down. After all, Ireland hadn't beaten them for ten years. But every son and daughter of Eire felt that a new decade was being born this afternoon. Full-back Kiernan ran on like a three-quarter and at just the right moment, passed to Kavanagh, and HE was away like the wind, unstoppable - a brilliant try.

As the try was converted, England were now Eleven points down. They came storming back, Left wing James Roberts went over.

Though unconverted, that try put fresh heart into England. A new attack gave a chance to a new Cap, D.P. Rogers, of Bedford. A glerious try!

With a kick owrthy of Ireland's Moffett, Bev Risman added the goal points. But that was all. Ireland won a great game, Eleven points to Eight.