

IRELAND TEST FRANCE.

Ireland at Lansdowne Road, sure of a great reception, faced France. Ireland kicked off, and soon went into the attack, undaunted by the fact that France were at the top of the international table, they themselves at the bottom. After only 2 minutes France were penalised and Kiernan kicked a goal.

2 minutes later, France scored a penalty goal. Vannier was the kicker.

Score at half time, 3-all. France kicked off in the second half. Ireland were now reduced to seven forwards, English having damaged a tendon. It was doubtful if they could hold the French under that handicap, but what a gallant fight they put up.

Jacques Bouquet attempted a dropped goal and scored, giving France the lead.

The only try of the afternoon was scored by French right-wing Cachassin.

Ireland were now feeling the effect of injuries. Nevertheless they prevent France crossing the line again. But after another dropped goal France were awarded a penalty. It was taken by stand off half, Pierre Albaladejo. He made no mistake.

By a flattering margin, France won 15-3.