

WELSHMEN HUMBLE ENGLAND'S FOREIGN LEGION

Wales bring off the sporting surprise of the season. At Twickenham, the unfancied Welsh team confounds the critics and gives a rugby lesson to whiteshirted England. Despite losing skipper Bledwyn Williams and Stevens on the eve-of-the-match, Wales hold the whip-hand almost throughout. But it is England, who get off to a rearing start, A brilliant interception by John Smith gives him a clear run. Warding off a last second tackle, the Cambridge man streaks across.

Hefmeyr's conversion puts England five up.

And now Wales take command. Their pack unsettles the vaunted home forwards. Three South Africans and a New Zealander are playing in a team officially labelled "England."

Cliff Davis hurls himself across to make the interval score 5:3.

Within minutes after the restart, the 20,000 Welshmen in the record crowd go wild as new boy Lewis Jones kicks a great penalty goal to put Wales in the lead.

England never recover from the shock. Its defence tangled, its pack rattled, the "Foreign Legion" - as the Welsh have dubbed these "Home and Colonials" - has to bow before a brilliant Wales. With four England defenders looking on, Gale rolls over for the second Welsh try.

The hero of Wales - Lewis Jones - converts, to give his side a well-deserved and hard-earned triumph.

For the first time in 17 years, a Welsh rugby fifteen has won at Twickenham. And the crowds, who travelled up from the valleys, make it an occasion of national rejoicing for Wales, the new favourites for Rugby's coveted Triple Crown.