

IRELAND - V - WALES:

(RUGBY)

Wales, in the Squared numbers, kick off against Ireland at Lansdowne Road, Dublin - and within two minutes a penalty for Ireland gives skipper Henderson a chance to score handsomely from three yards inside his own half! That's a blow for the Welsh visitors - but the Taffies are tough, and refuse to be put off their stroke. Battling against a strong head wind, they're soon pushing into the Irish half.

And they miss a try by inches! Hard luck, Wales!

Now an Irish attack. Sean Quinlin has it - and kicks for touch.

Quinlin again - with Welsh skipper Thomas trying to get the ball away from him. But Ireland keep pushing; and chasing his own ball, John O'Mara lands a try!

Second half - and with six points to catch up, Wales start to put on the pressure. Wing three-quarter Nicholls is brought down by Murphy - but the ball goes to left centre Davies - and Davies kicks for touch. That gains some ground - and within a few minutes Bryn Meredith storms over the line.

Ireland are still in the lead, but the Welsh are now definitely on top of the play. Soon the battle is back on the Irish line - Lloyd Williams is tackled - but he passes to Nicholls - and the Irish bundle him into touch just in time!

But Lloyd Williams and Cliff Morgan keep getting the ball smartly away from the scrums - and it pays off when Cyril Roberts scores the equaliser!

Cliff Morgan again - he passes to Davies...

Davies to Nicholls - but O'Reilly brings him down, and the ball's loose.

Haydn Morgan has it - Noel Henderson gets it away, but Cliff Morgan's there - Tony O'Reilly tackles, but Cliff gets it to Haydn Morgan - and he's over! Victory for Wales, five minutes from time!