

Wales v Romania
10 December 1988

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2.1.1.

In the second half, Wales:

2.3.(1)(6) 1/0.1.6.3 (11) 2/1. 4/0 (14) 1.2(20) 3.3.2 1/P. 5/P
1/P 2/0. 4/2/0 4.2. 1/1. 1/1/P. 3

Romania:

(6) 1.5.(11)1.(14) 1.1.(20) 3/2 1. 7. 1.1.1.1.1. 1/0. 1

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11	-	-	1	2
12	-	-	0	1
13	-	-	0	1
1	-	-	0	1

6. Lineout throws

	Wales		Romania	
	1H	2H	1H	2H
2	2	3	0	4
4	4	5	4	0
6	2	2	2	2
Q	1	1	-	-
3	1	0	-	-
7	0	1	1	1
5	-	-	2	0
L	-	-	1	1
L/2	-	-	1	0
2/2	-	-	0	1
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H 1 11.59
 2 13.02

AT 11.59
 13.02

ET 42.18
 40.32

AC
 65
 58

Score sequ.: 0-3 0-7 0-9 3-9
 /7-9 9-9 9-12 9-15

Notes: Ian Butlerwell's first game

K	10.9.(2).10.10.(5).10.10 ^x (10).9.10 ^{ko} .15.10 ^{ko} (19).10.14.10 ^{po} .9.10. 10.(29).15.16 ^{xv} (34).10 ^{po} .10 ^{po} .10.10.	10 ^{ko} .10(2)(5).10.(10).10.10.10.10 ^{xv} .10 ^{po} .10.15.10.10 ^c (19).10 ^{po} .9.10.9.10 ^{po} . 10(29).11.10.10.(34).10 ^{ko} .10.10.
ko/R	16 ^{ko} .10.16 ^{xv} .15.10.(6).16.15.15.10(11).16 ^x (14).16.10.16 ^{ko} .15(20). 10.16 ^{ko} .15.10.10.15.10.16.16.9.	10.10 ^{ko} .10 ^{po} .9(6).10.15.14.15(11).10(14).10 ^{po} .10.11.10 ^{xv} .10 ^{po} .10.12.(20) 15.10 ^{xv} (23).15.10.15.10.10.10.15.11.10.15.1.13
P	L.L.Q.L. / L.L.S (2) 1. 3/0 (5). 3/0. 1.3. (10). 3 (19). 2. 1.3. 7/0. 1.2. (29). 4. 1/0/P (34) 1. 3/P. 2/1. 3/3 2. 3 ^T (1)(6) 1/0. 1.6. 3.(11) 2/1. 4/0 (14). 1.2.(20). 3.3.2. 1/P. 5/P 1/P. 2/0. 4/2/0. 4. 2. 1/1. 1/1/P. 3	L.S.S.L. / L.L.L. 1(2)(5).1.(10) 2/1.1.1.1.1. 1/D ^T . (19). 1/1.1.1.1. (29) 1.(34).2.1.1. (6) 1.5.(11) 1.(14) 1.1.(20) 3/2.1.7.1.1.1.1. 1/0.1.
L/O	5(2) 6(4) 7(4) 8(6) 9(8) 10(2) 11(6) 19(4) 20(4) 21(3) 1(4) 5(8) 7(6) 8(2) 9(4) 13(6) 14(4) 16(2) 18(4) 19(2) 20(7) 22(L) 23(4)	1(6) 2(4) 3(5) 4(5) 12(4) 13(4) 14(4/2) 15(6) 16(L) 17(4) 18(7) 2(2/2) 3(6) 4(2) 6(2) 10(?) 11(6) 12(L) 15(2) 17(2) 21(7)
S	1.2.(2).3(5).5.6.7.8(10).9(19).18(29).20(34).22.23.25 (6) 4.7.8(20).9.11.12.13.14	4(5)(10)(19) 10.11.12.13.14.15.16.17.19(29) 20.21(34) 24 1(6).2.3 5.6.10
P/Pk	4(12).5 ^{xv} .6.10 4 ^{xv} (16).5 ^{xv} (21).M.	1.2.3 ^x (10).7.8.9 ^{xv} 1-2.M.3 ^x .6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13
Lu.	8. 14 (rep. 16) 11. ? . 11. 12	5 (rep. 18) ? ? . 4

ACTIVITY CYCLES

8	3	11	24	10	26	2	7
9	3	19	4	39	3	11	9
6	7	9	6	9	22	36	6
17	6	10	16	23	18	9	16
10	19	3	2	3	5	2	
12	7	1	9	4	2	12	
9	5	9	9	17	8	17	
3	12	5	35	1	12	17	
13	13	12	2	9	14	17	
14	11	4	25	22	9	2	
8	8	4	25	44	5	43	
18	20	26	20	6	2	4	
25	2	19	7	4	21	23	
2	2	9	9	22	2	28	
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For the attention of John Daves & Malcolm Lewis

Happy New Year to you both. Please excuse the delay in sending you the analysis of the Romania game. I have reduced the copy size - I hope it is visible!

As ever there are some fascinating implications of the game for physiological and psychological preparation. Although I have not seen the Western Samoa tape it seems to me that **ball retention** is becoming an area for concern if recent games are indicative of problems to be faced in the Five Nations Championship.

It is also interesting to note how the Romanian style of play resembles French passing sequences. I have included pass details. Romania kicked 54 times and passed 49 times in the whole game. Perhaps expansive games are only possible now against a limited number of teams?

In the next few days I am going to catch up with the analysis of England v Australia and Scotland v Australia. I will send them on when completed.

Best of luck in 1989!

Regards,

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