

THE CITIZEN

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REFLECTIONS FROM W.B.'S NOTEBOOK.

GLOUCESTER v. MOSELEY.

Moseley have done so well this season that I was a bit doubtful of the depleted City team being able to hold the Midlanders. And so it proved, for though Moseley were only able to record a single point victory there was no question as to which was the better side. I heard this opinion expressed on all hands.

Thus another long record of defeats has been broken, for I find Moseley's last and only win at Kingsholm was as far back as 1892, when they recorded a lucky victory by 1 goal (5 points) to 2 tries (4 points). In those days a try only counted two points.

The defeated Gloucester team was : A. F. Hughes; W. H. Taylor, W. Jackson, W. Gough, and H. Bartlett; A. Goodman and W. George; R. C. Jenkins, A. Wellings, W. Collins, E. T. Higgins, H. Thornett, C. J. Click, and A. Collins.

After 1896-7, Moseley disappeared from the list of Gloucester fixtures, and they were not renewed until after the war.

Gloucester were badly beaten forward last week, and it was evident the reserves called up to replace Saxby, Davies, Carpenter and Wadley were not equal to the task. The pack, too, were handicapped by the injury to Franklin.

Overweighted and lacking a leader with [the] experience and dash of R. T. Foulds, the English International forward, the City men

were constantly pushed off the ball, with the result that the backs had an unthankful time.

But Moseley not only exercised superiority forward; they proved a smart combination right through, and were value for a bigger win than was recorded. Lindop, at centre, was a frequent source of danger to the City defence and his try was a particularly smart effort.

Behind a beaten pack, Price and Stephens were unable to do anything effective and the three-quarters were very little in the limelight. Boughton's kicking saved Gloucester from a heavier defeat, but his touch-finding was not so good as usual.

Altogether it was a disappointing display by Gloucester, and it was felt more keenly after the victories over Leicester and Cardiff. In playing Moseley on a county match date the City were undertaking too big a task. Gloucester are not in the fortunate position of Bristol in having such an array of first-class reserves available.