

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER COULD HAVE BETTERED WIN MARGIN

Had Gloucester been playing as a team they could have doubled their 13 points. But no – it seemed that everyone was out for individual honours, which largely explains the absence of points during the first half.

Only one member of the Gloucester team can be excused, full back Peter Hawker. He held the fort during the first half and never acted selfishly.

It was indeed fitting that Hawker opened the scoring with a well positioned dropped goal which showed great presence of mind.

During the first half Gloucester saw far more of the ball than Moseley and ought to have cracked their opponents' defence. But individualism failed to bring results.

The second half was different.

Terry Hopson and Alan Holder interpassed with the forwards and Hopson crossed after running from the halfway line.

An early lead for Gloucester could have been built up during the first half by these tactics instead of Stephens, Ricketts, and Brinn trying to break through single-handed.

Bob Hannaford was a reliable, if not outstanding winger. The slight limp which he developed later in the game may have been responsible for him not quite producing the form hoped.

Hawker's drop goal, Hopson's try, which was converted by Ricketts, and a try by Timms, this time converted by Holder made up Gloucester's points.

A try by Pargetter ten minutes from time was converted to give Moseley their five points.

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