

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER 18 Pts., MOSELEY 4

FAST GAME, BUT MANY CHANCES MISSED

LIVELY MOSELEY FORWARDS GIVE TROUBLE

Gloucester recorded their second victory of the season to-day, when they defeated their old rivals, Moseley, at Kingsholm. This was the Midland club's first engagement, last week's fixture with Burton being cancelled owing to the hard state of the ground.

Gloucester made three changes from the side which defeated Lydney; James, Pugsley and Carpenter replacing Hook, Haines and Smith.

Pugsley is the old United centre three-quarter, now a member of the Gloucestershire Constabulary and stationed at Coleford.

Moseley had to re-arrange their team owing to the absence of Panton (wing) and Williams (outside-half). The weather was on the dull side, but the attendance was well up to the average.

Teams : –

GLOUCESTER

BACK: H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS: T. Pugsley, J. C. Brooks (capt.), F. G. Edwards, and R. James.

HALF-BACKS: C. Fifield and Don Meadows.

FORWARDS: A. Carpenter, T. Price, C. Harris, J. G. A'Bear, R. Morris, L. Franklin, A. Welshman, and Ivor Williams.

MOSELEY

BACK: E. F. Wright (capt.).

THREE-QUARTERS: J. A. Trentham, W. H. J. Matthews, H. Kenyon, and P. A. Feeney.

HALF-BACKS: W. S. Kemble and G. E. F. Thompson.

FORWARDS: G. C. Trentham, C. Birdwood, N. G. Bainton, G. F. Mason, W. S. Scott, C. T. Luker, P. L. C. Price, and J. Bolton.

REFEREE: Mr. C. Redmore (Bristol).

THE GAME

Play opened at a fast pace, the visitors' forwards being very smart on the ball. Gloucester were early forced to their 25, but Boughton gathering, ran round and started passing. Meadows, Brooks and Edwards handled neatly, but Luker got across and effected a good tackle, and the movement was checked at midfield.

The City were on the move again, and the ball coming along to Pugsley, the latter tried hard to beat Trentham, but was safely held.

A penalty to Moseley gained some 20 yards, but Gloucester worked back. From the loose, Fifield started his backs, and Pugsley beat his opponent cleverly. He progressed, but an inside transfer to Brooks was not accepted, and Moseley escaped.

FAST, OPEN PLAY

Play was kept open, both teams showing a disposition to feed their backs. Moseley twice passed smartly, but the tackling was excellent. Gloucester moved in a nice attacking movement, and there was a well-judged cross-kick, but a home forward was ruled offside.

The visitors gained a nice slice of ground with a penalty, but the City were quickly on the attack again.

OPENING SCORE

A series of passes saw Boughton come up and receive from Pugsley. After going a short distance the International put in a well-judged cross-kick to the goal-mouth, and HARRIS picked up and scored under the posts. No charge was allowed, and Boughton easily converted.

CLEVER COMBINATION

Subsequent play favoured Gloucester, who were working well together and providing the backs with plenty of the ball.

The combination at times was clever, but the Moseley tackling was very sound. The City tried attacks on either side of the field, but success did not reward their efforts. Pugsley was shaping extremely well on the wing, showing a smart side-step which defeated opponents. The visitors made headway with loose dribbles, and were further assisted with a couple of penalties.

FIFIELD'S DROPPED GOAL

Gloucester, however, secured the upper hand again, and from inside the Midlanders' 25 FIFIELD gathered and dropped a good goal in the midst of a crowd of opponents. This gave Gloucester a 9 points lead.

Despite the arrears Moseley continued to show plenty of dash, and mistakes by home players gave them a good position. There was a possible opening, but it was spoiled, and Meadows dodged clear. James, however, could not take his pass, and play was left inside the Gloucester half.

There was a good move by Brooks, which sent away Pugsley on the right, but a forward pass was ruled with a nice opening. Splendid kicking by Wright gave Moseley the advantage, but the visitors could not maintain the position. Gloucester broke away, and only faulty handling lost chances.

MOSELEY ATTACK

Gloucester were having the better of the exchanges, but the backs were not making the full use of their opportunities. There was a spell of play on the Moseley 25, but the City could not find a way through the defence. Boughton had a 45-yards' shot at goal from a penalty, but the kick was short, and the ball bounded under the posts to the dead-ball line.

On the drop out Moseley displayed smart work behind, and Gloucester had to defend. Boughton brought relief with a neat dribble, but after getting clear failed to pick up. Moseley came back again, and play was in the home half at the interval.

Half-time :

Gloucester2 goals (1d)

Moseley Nil

Gloucester had had to play for their lead, but with more finish the score should have been augmented. The City opened the second half strongly, but the attacks were beaten off. Big kicking changed the position for Moseley, but a high pass was snapped up by Ivor Williams who had a clear field with the exception of Wright. He tried a short punt, but it was not very successful, and the Moseley player saved.

MISSED CHANCES

A fine effort by Kenyon, for the visitors, tested the home team, the ball being finally kicked to the line. Brooks, however, got back and cleared to touch. James was prominent on the left with a sharp dash and punt, but again Wright was able to reach the ball and save.

Gloucester made strenuous efforts to increase their lead, but touch-in-goal was given. A little later Boughton made a grand effort with a shot from a penalty. The game continued in favour of the City, but there was something lacking when possible scoring chances were presented.

TWO QUICK SCORES

There was little sparkle in the back play of either side in the next few minutes, and play was rather disappointing. Gloucester at length, by forceful forward work, attacked strongly, and twice in quick succession players were held up on the line. Moseley were awarded a penalty close in, and from Wright's punt out Meadows received. He raced across the field and started passing.

Brooks dashed through in fine style, and handing to WILLIAMS, the latter scored wide out. Boughton missed the goal points.

A couple of minutes after the restart there was a dropped pass inside the home half, and KENYON picking up, dropped a splendid goal. Kenyon's success was heartily applauded.

CITY'S MISTAKES

Gloucester held the advantage on the resumption, but mistakes continued behind the scrum, and promising movements petered out. Kenyon, intercepting, ran and put in a long kick to the Gloucester line, where Edwards was only up just in time to beat Luker for the touch.

On the drop-out Gloucester went to the other end, where persistent attacks were made on the visitors' line. Moseley, however, offered a stubborn resistance, and tackled with deadly effect. At length, however, Fifield and Meadows combined cleverly with Franklin, and the result was a corner try for PUGSLEY. Boughton failed to goal from the difficult angle.

Play to the end was keenly contested, FIFIELD adding to Gloucester's score on time with a try, which Boughton failed to convert.

RESULT:

GLO'STER ... 2 goals (1d) 3 tries (18 pts.)
MOSELEY 1 goal (d) (4 pts.)

REMARKS

Gloucester had another comfortable victory in points, but Moseley gave far more trouble than the scoring suggests. Their forwards were an especially lively set in the open, and by fast following up and close marking frequently upset combined movements by the home backs. The Moseley outsides, too, were greatly distinguished in defence, and on the whole had the pace of the Gloucester men.

Gloucester at times employed clever tactics and only lack of finish robbed them of several scores. The introduction of Pugsley on the wing was attended with success, and, possessor of a few more yards of speed, he would prove a dangerous man in attack. The old Widden player knows how to beat a man, and there is no hesitation in going for the line. James was too closely watched to do much.

Edwards was not so much in the limelight to-day, and Brooks was the more effective at centre. In front of them, Fifield and Meadows accomplished a lot of good work without touching their best. There was a weakness in combination, and dropped passes were too frequent.

Forward, Gloucester were given a hard time. The City were superior in the scrums and lines out, but the speed and dash of their opponents in the open made them an opposition to be respected.

Boughton was in good form at full back, displaying an initiative which was very helpful. Wright also did well for Moseley. Kenyon was the pick of a useful line of three-quarters, and Kemble showed smartness at outside half. In the front, Scott and Luker were effective raiders, and Birdwood, Bainton and Price were hard workers.

Next week : Gloucester v. Bristol, at Kingsholm.