

THE CITIZEN

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CITY LOSE TO MOSELEY

Gloucester lost their mid-week match at Moseley on Wednesday by 9 points to 6 – a penalty goal and two tries to two tries.

After a run of bad luck Moseley have come back to form, and London Welsh, Old Edwardians, Coventry and Gloucester have all been beaten in turn. The try getters for the City were Franklin and J. Stephens, the latter's effort being a remarkable one according to the "Birmingham Post." "Somewhere near the 25 line Stephens got the ball in what appeared to be a hopeless position. A mass of opponents stood between him and the line, but Stephens, nothing daunted, started to feint and run and dodge. The Moseley men were apparently so astonished at his audacity that they made only the feeblest of attempts to collar him, and Stephens ended by going over for a very smart try."

The second Moseley try was credited to W. M. Kendall, an Old Cryptian, and son of Mr. Albert Kendall, Gloucester. He formerly played for Clifton, but has been a regular member of the Moseley team since residence in the Midlands.

Gloucester's back play was again at fault, and the men were beaten for speed. A Midland critic observes : "One finds it difficult to recall an occasion when the passing of a set of Gloucester three-quarters was so inept. The two centres, Stephens and Thomas, either muffed the ball altogether, or allowed themselves to be hustled off their game.

That experienced and skilful outside-half, Millington, found that he could most usefully serve his side by judicious kicking, although, to be quite fair to him, he gave the men behind plenty of opportunity to show their mettle."

Not pleasant reading, but the same inefficiency has been too often witnessed in matches at Kingsholm this season.

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