

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER HAD TO THANK PACK . . . AND HOOK

Although Gloucester beat Moseley by 11 points to 6 at Kingsholm, their threequarter line could profitably have learned one or two lessons from the visitors' back division.

It was another game in which the city club's forwards were largely responsible for victory by virtue of their determined and energetic display in the loose.

All the scoring took place after the interval.

The match was also something of a triumph for Gloucester's full back, Bill Hook, who gave his best performance so far this season.

In addition to kicking two penalty goals and converting a try he got in some lengthy touch-finders which proved invaluable in helping to keep Gloucester on the attack in the second half.

SCRUM-HALF HANDICAPPED

Moseley had slightly the better of things in the set scrums and lines-out.

And when Gloucester's hooker Cyril Thomas did get the ball back, slow heeling sometimes handicapped scrum-half David Humphris.

At stand-off half, Bill Cartmell was good in spasms, but the Gloucester threequarters did not make the most of their chances and handling movements were few and far between.

John Taylor, on Gloucester's left-wing, always looked dangerous when in possession but he did not get many real opportunities.

Charlie Crabtree, on the other wing, saw even less of the ball.

It was left to Moseley to produce the most constructive back play and Gloucester had to keep a very close watch on D. N. Layton, the visitors' right wing.

Dennis Ibbotson was again one of Gloucester's best forwards and his try, after he had taken a pass from Hudson, was a fine solo effort.

With less than a quarter of an hour to go, Moseley found themselves 11 points behind, but Layton reduced the arrears with a penalty goal and then Windridge got a try after a Moseley break-away which started well inside their own half.

Gloucester were given a hard struggle, but their forwards eventually proved too strong for Moseley.

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