

THE CITIZEN

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MOGG'S TRY STUNS MOSELEY

MOSELEY 12 Pts., GLOUCESTER 16 Pts.

The frustrated Gloucester fan who shouted despairingly just before the interval : "You're winning all the ball and doing nothing with it," had a fair point.

For although Gloucester scored three attractive tries in notching up the double over their Birmingham rivals, there could have been so much more to remember this victory by.

In the line-out, possession flowed Gloucester's way, thanks largely to the towering figure of John Fidler. He and Mike Teague won at least 23 line-outs compared with Moseley's 10.

In the scrums Gloucester took the only strike against the head. . . and it produced their opening try for Nick Price.

Gloucester's back row was also sharp and committed but Dave Spencer's eagerness almost cost him dear. He late-charged Moseley full-back Ian Metcalfe and flattened him.

As the club doctor examined Metcalfe and finally allowed him to continue, there were chants of "off, off" from the Moseley crowd.

But the energetic Spencer escaped without even a verbal admonition from referee, Surrey's Mr. Peter Kingham. Even so, Gloucester were penalised no fewer than 18 times while Moseley escaped with seven penalties.

Moseley scored first with a 45-yard penalty by Clive Meanwell in the opening minutes.

But in the 10th minute Gloucester won a scrum on Moseley's '22.' Tim Smith missed the conversion.

After two missed penalty kicks by Moseley outside-half Carl Arntzen, Gloucester's Mike Hamlin also failed with two. But Meanwell gave the Midlanders a 6-4 interval lead with a 35th minute kick.

Strong Gloucester pressure early in the second half brought the outstanding score for Richard Mogg. The centre was at his magical and elusive best as he jinked and sidestepped through to touch down behind the posts after receiving a pass direct from Steve Baker at a scrum 15 yards out. Smith converted.

A drop-goal by Graham Viney at the start of the final quarter put Moseley only a point behind.

Bennett's try came when Moseley won a line-out but then fumbled the ball. Both Bennett and Spencer went straight for it and 'stole' it from the bemused Midlanders. Smith converted.

Minutes from the end the accurate Meanwell landed his third penalty but Gloucester held out to secure victory by the same four points margin as at Kingsholm in early January.

Gloucester: Tries; Price, Mogg, Bennett. Cons.; Smith (2).

Moseley: Pens.: Meanwell (3), Drop Goals: Viney,

[MAN OF THE MATCH]: Richard Mogg, for a stunning try.