

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER 8 PTS., MOSELEY 3 PTS.

GLO'STER MISS CARPENTER

CLEVER PLAY BY VISITING BACKS

CITY'S FORM NOT GOOD ENOUGH YET

SPECIAL BY "W.B."

Two seasons ago Moseley recorded the "double" over Gloucester, winning at Kingsholm – their first victory on the ground since 1892 – by 9 points to 8, and the return, at Moseley, by 11 points to 3.

The Gloucester back division was completely re-organised from last week, Hook being the only player left in. Boughton resumed at full back, and a trial was given to H. Applin at scrum half. With James, Brookes, Baker and Meadows in the side, the City backs were considerably strengthened, and a great improvement on last week's showing was confidently looked forward to. Moseley made two changes forward, but otherwise were at full strength.

R. L. Baker made the journey from Cromer by motor-car, but expressed his intention of flying to future matches. He is with the de Havilland Aviation Co.

GLOUCESTER.

BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : R. E. Hook, R. L. Baker, A. E. Brookes, and Roy James.

HALF-BACKS : H. Aplin and Don Meadows.

FORWARDS : F. Wadley, K. Smith, E. Comley, J. Hemming, Dr. Steele-Perkins, L. E. Saxby (capt.), L. Franklin, and A. Welshman.

MOSLEY.

BACK : A. L. Williams.

THREE-QUARTERS : T. L. Winwood, H. Lindop, J. E. Woodberry, H. H. Cave.

HALF-BACKS : W. H. Hill and J. W. Hasluck.

FORWARDS : C. J. Byrne, R. B. Mair, J. V. Twigg, A. H. Wilson, L. F. Emblem, E. G. Long, R. M. Summer, A. H. Ball.

THE GAME

There were about 3,000 spectators present when Meadows kicked off for Gloucester. The visitors opened out from the second scrum, and Lindop punted ahead but Aplin saved and got the ball to James, who found touch. In some loose work Hemming and Saxby dribbled away beautifully and to the line, where a knock-on occurred. Moseley cleared from a dangerous position by the aid of a penalty, and later made further headway.

HARD LUCK

Moseley were getting the ball pretty frequently in the scrums, and there was one bout of passing which promised well. Aplin gained ground with a touch finder, and next served Meadows, who kicked high and across. Brookes and James raced Lindop for possession, but James had hard lines in failing to pick up with a good opening. Gloucester pressed, and from a penalty Boughton made a fine shot for goal, the ball just falling short.

LUCKY FOR MOSELEY

The City, playing well together in the loose, attacked strongly, and Saxby kicked through and over the line. Hook dashed up and touched down, but the referee ruled for a knock-on outside. Franklin, a little later, had a similar misfortune.

Gloucester were showing much better form all-round except in the scrums, where Carpenter was missed as hooker. The forwards were exceptionally good in the loose, and controlled the ball cleverly.

A strong attack by Brookes and James was checked by keen tackling, and then on the left Hook broke away finely. He cleared the full back, but Lindop dashed up and tackled his man from behind.

THE OPENING TRY

Keeping up the pressure, Gloucester severely tested the defence, but the marking was close. In some loose play Wadley gathered and passed out to Meadows, who dodged through cleverly to the full-back when he served SAXBY, who scored between the posts, for Boughton to convert.

LINDOP IN FORM

Moseley played up strongly on the resumption, Winwood and Lindop doing good work. A smart move by Woodberry created a neat opening, but a smothering tackle saved the situation, and Gloucester came away through Steele-Perkins. Welshman and Franklin further improved, and James received, but his cross-kick was captured by Winwood.

Centre play followed, Lindop bringing off a great run for Moseley. He cleared the immediate opposition neatly, but eventually was overwhelmed.

Gloucester tried an open movement through Baker, but nothing came of it, and for the next few minutes the visitors quite held their own.

The City forwards were not doing any too well in the scrums, but Aplin kept Hasluck well under. The passing of the home backs was not quick enough, and once Baker's transfer was intercepted by Cave, who dashed down the wing and kicked. Fortunately, Meadows got back and cleared.

MOSELEY'S FINE TRY

Moseley worked hard to effect a score, but a dropped pass spoiled a good chance. Steele-Perkins brought relief, and later Hook and James, on the respective wings, further improved. Baker had a drop for goal charged down, and Lindop, with another dashing run, put Moseley on the attack.

Continuing to heel well, the Moseley front gave the backs plenty of the ball, and reward came eventually in a fine try by WINWOOD, who from a pass by Lindop shook off James, swerved past Boughton, and crossed amidst hearty cheering. Hill failed at goal.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER 1 goal
MOSELEY 1 try

SMART MOSELEY BACKS

Moseley thoroughly deserved points for their fine all-round work. Gloucester were strong in loose rushes, but in the scrums the City pack were beaten for the most part. Behind, the Midlanders were the smarter set, Lindop being particularly dangerous.

Resuming, Moseley were the first to attack, and Boughton had difficulty in getting the ball to touch. Gloucester opened out, but the passing broke down, and the ball going to Lindop the latter had a fruitless drop at goal.

CITY ON THE DEFENCE

Gloucester were kept in their half for some few minutes, and the line underwent severe pressure. On the left Winwood had a dash for the corner, but was kept out. The ball rolling loose Baker gathered, and came right across the field, His transfer, however, was lost, and Cave securing, Lindop was only stopped just in time.

Gloucester came right away, Wadley and Comley dribbling beyond the 25 line. With a sharp attack there was every chance of a score, but a home pass was snapped up by an opponent, who cleared splendidly. This was a fine chance of scoring lost.

Moseley were continually on the aggressive, the play of the home men having fallen off. The City forwards could not control the ball in the scrums, and the backs had few opportunities. James made one good dribble down touch, but could not quite clear, and Moseley went back to past the half-way.

APPLIN SCORES

With strong bursts Gloucester took up the aggressive, and Hemming went over, but was called back, Hook having stepped over the line. Then Steele-Perkins made a great effort to force his way across, but had to yield to numbers.

Moseley were kept strictly on the defence now, but all their efforts to increase their lead failed. Brookes, with a short punt and follow up came very near scoring, but a knock-on was ruled.

Gloucester, however, were persistent, and following a sharp dash by James, from whose pass Franklin was held up two yards outside, APLIN scored. Boughton missed the goal points.

From the restart, Baker was instrumental with a strong run, but his pass went astray, and Moseley turned defence into attack. The ball was taken over the home line, a visitor just failing to gain the touch.

Moseley, on the general play, scarcely deserved to be five points in arrears, for they had displayed the better football. A smart effort by Winwood promised well, but Wilson, to whom he passed, was heavily tackled, and had to leave the field. Continuing with seven forwards, Moseley held up bravely, but were eventually forced to defend.

Welshman got well away with three men on his left, but he threw the ball straight into the hands of an opponent and what looked like a certain score was lost.

Moseley successfully staved off an attempt by Brookes and James to pierce the defence, and by well-judged kicking reached the centre, where the exchanges were keenly contested. From a break-away by Hemming, Gloucester had another good chance of scoring, but a forward pass was given.

A beautiful run by Meadows led to the next opening, and after passing Saxby apparently crossed the line, but only a touchdown was given.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER 1 goal, 1 try (8 points)
MOSELEY 1 try (3 points)

REMARKS

Gloucester showed improvement on last week's display, but the form is still a good deal below standard.

One of the surprises of the game was the pronounced superiority of the Moseley forwards in the scrums. The City pack were continually beaten for possession, and when the ball was heeled it came back very slowly. Carpenter was badly missed to-day.

On the whole it was an interesting game, with the Moseley backs decidedly the superior set in combination, pace and tactics. The visitors made mistakes in handling, but there was far more nippiness and dash in their attacks, and Gloucester were lucky in keeping Lindop out on several occasions.

I liked the play of the Moseley centre, and in Winwood the Midlanders possessed a fast, clever wing, with a deceptive swerve. Hasluck, behind the better heeling pack, served Hill splendidly, and the latter, a first-class tactician, was excellent.

The Moseley forwards put up a splendid all-round performance, and should worry the strongest of opposition. Williams did creditably at full-back.

Except for a pull in the loose forward rushes the Gloucester forwards could claim no distinct advantage this afternoon, and the Moseley eight had every reason to be satisfied with their performance. As already remarked, the City men rarely got a sight of the ball in the scrums, and nearly all the home attacks came from strong rushes. Here Gloucester lacked finish, and two or three tries were thrown away.

Steele-Perkins and Wadley were tremendous workers, in all phases of play, and in the open Hemming, Franklin, Saxby, and Welshman were noticeable. Comley was useful on several occasions, and Ken Smith kept going to the finish, but as a whole the Gloucester front was not up to concert pitch.

Aplin, at scrum-half, had a rather unthankful job for his first time out for the City, but he showed ability to get the ball away under difficulties, and did a lot of good stopping.

Meadows was the individualist on the Gloucester side, and the opening he made for Saxby to score was a "startler." He also got in some beautiful clearance kicks. The passing behind on the home side was, for the most part, indifferent, being too high and slow; whilst judgment in delivering transfers was not of the best. Baker and Brookes, at centre, tried hard to break through, but the defence was too good.

The City line was not an effective force in attack, and suffered in comparison with the opposition. James made one or two good dashes on the right wing, but Hook showed too ready a desire to re-pass instead of going hard when in possession. He did not make the best use of his speed this afternoon.

Boughton, at full-back, kicked well at times, but was not up to form.

I hear C. C. Tanner has written Mr. Hudson stating that he has been advised by his doctor not to start football until after Christmas. This will be a disappointment to Gloucester supporters, though they will readily understand it is best for the old Cambridge Blue not to turn out until absolutely fit. McCanlis hopes to play next week.

Next week : Northampton at Kingsholm. Gloucester United v. Worcester, away.

UNITED'S EASY VICTORY

LISTER'S COMPLETELY OUTPLAYED

At Woodfield. The play was mostly confined to the forwards and the home team kept the ball mainly in Gloucester territory. The visitors were fine in defence, Loveridge being an outstanding player.

In one of Gloucester's breaks Loveridge dropped a neat goal and the side improved much afterwards. Williams, the Works' full-back was in fine form.

Half-Time Score :

Gloucester United ... 1 dropped goal
Listers Nil

Gloucester got the ball among the backs frequently in the second half, and completely outplayed the home side. Tries were scored by Orpin (2), Fowke (converted by Masters), and Parker, who converted.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER UTD. ... 3 goals (1d) 2 tries (20 Pts.)
LISTERS Nil