

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER'S BIG WIN TRIUMPH OF TEAMWORK

Gloucester turned Moseley's defeat into a route at Kingsholm, and gained the decision by the very handsome margin of 32 points to 5.

It was a match in which the Midlanders fought pluckily, but were rarely allowed to come into the picture as an attacking side.

For the greater part of the game it was the story of a desperate defence struggling hard to keep Gloucester at bay.

Gloucester's big win was a triumph of good teamwork, speedy backing-up, and a readiness to seize scoring chances by pouncing on Moseley mistakes.

The Red and Whites' re-shuffled pack, with Bob Hodge in the second row and Glyn Williams in the middle of the back row, showed an all-round superiority over the opposing eight.

OPPORTUNIST

Outstanding Gloucester forward in the loose was Dennis Ibbotson.

He got an excellent opportunist try himself, and a grand high-speed break-through of his was largely responsible for another score.

There were some bright runs by Gloucester's backs, but they experienced considerable difficulty in penetrating the visitors' defence by orthodox moves.

Moseley's lively wing forwards were something of a problem on occasions and, at times, over-eagerness put them on the wrong side of the new law.

Plenty of clever work came from Gloucester outside-half David Jones, but he wasted some of it through a tendency to throw ill-judged passes.

KICKING 'STAR'

One of Gloucester's "stars" was Michael Baker, He got in some forceful runs in the centre and was responsible for 15 of his side's points, 12 of which came from goal kicks.

If a Gloucester player had not got in front of the ball, causing a penalty goal to be disallowed, Baker's tally would have been 18 points and Gloucester's total 35 !

Moseley's threequarters, with limited scope, were occasionally dangerous.

The Midlanders' only try, converted by Hacker, was gained through a great solo effort by D. R. Curry on the left wing.

SOUND FULL-BACK

Moseley were very well served by their full back J. D. Young, whose clearances brought the visitors out of some ticklish corners.

Gloucester's try-scorers were Blair (two), Baker, Ibbotson, Sutton and Ford.

Baker converted three and kicked two penalty goals. One try was converted by Blair.