

# THE CITIZEN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1964

GLO'STER MEN IN TOP FORM FOR ENGLAND SELECTOR

GLOUCESTER 20 Pts., MOSELEY NIL

Fourteen of these points came from kicks – two splendid drop goals by Terry Hopson and a couple of long, high penalties and a conversion by Don Rutherford.

Of the two tries which were scored by Peter Ford one was lucky and the other followed a wonderful movement, showing that the Gloucester wing forward has lost none of his ability to keep up and indeed figure in the very forefront of Gloucester's attacking play – at the very end of the 90[*sic*] minutes!

England selector, Eric Evans, must have received one or two good impressions on Saturday. I don't know who he came to watch; Ford, Rutherford, Booth, Dick Smith, or Brian Hudson. But he must have liked what he saw of all of these. Each played excellently.

Booth's passing was long and high, Ford was a persistent tackler always up with play and ready for the chance to score from a loose ball, which he did after Tony Osman had kicked ahead from Moseley's wing 25.

VERY SAFE

Brian Hudson showed himself to be one of those loose forwards it is better to have on your side than against you – Mr. Evans could appreciate this, no doubt.

Dick Smith's sudden bursts of speed and centre-like running with the ball made plenty of ground and Rutherford's hands looked as safe as the Bank of England. So, incidentally, did his kicking.

Ford's try followed a charge-down by Hal Symonds. Alan Brinn hacked on, sending the ball behind Moseley's line where Gregory, their full-back failed to smother it.

Winger Tony Osman got to it just before him and for good measure Ford touched it too when Gregory and Osman had rolled free of the ball.

### LUCKY BREAK

This was the lucky break of the afternoon. The other try was, by contrast a cleverly engineered, classic move starting from a line-out.

Booth shot a pass to Hopson around the half way line. The Gloucester fly-half gave it to Bayliss who had his co-centre John Vallender with him.

Seeing that Vallender would probably be left to the untender mercies of the Moseley backs, Bayliss cleverly tossed a high pass outside to winger Osman, missing out the heavily marked Vallender.

Hard-pressed Osman had just enough time and space to kick ahead towards the posts before he was pushed out of touch.

### DAY'S BEST MOVE

And that was when the wily Mr. Ford loomed onto the scene, catching Osman's kick first bounce and rounding off the best move of the day with a try.

That move was worth all the other scores and moves put together. It was worth waiting for because it showed, at last, that somebody could finish off an attacking move properly !

### GLOUCESTER UNITED SWAMPED IN SECOND HALF

MOSELEY UTD. .... 27PTS.  
GLOUCESTER UTD. .... 9PTS.

Leading 6pts.-3 at half-time, Gloucester United were subjected to a fierce second-half fight back by Moseley United and were beaten clearly and decisively by 27-9.

On the first half showing Gloucester deserved their three points lead. Playing some attractive, open Rugby on a pitch made for hard running, they had the Moseley backs struggling.

Ian Laurie gave them an early lead with a well taken try in the corner, and T. Sparey improved on this with a penalty goal from the "25."

Near the interval Moseley came more into the picture, and after McGowan had reduced the lead with a try the home side threatened the Gloucester line on several occasions.

After the interval Moseley, with the sun behind them, stormed into the attack. They scored three tries through Martin, Hill and Burton, all of which Ward converted, and from then on it was one-way traffic.

Ward kicked a penalty goal, and Hill and Palmer got further tries for Moseley before Laurie nipped in for his second try near the end.

A disappointing result for Gloucester this may have been, but credit must go to a powerful second half performance by this Moseley side.