

THE CITIZEN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1964

TOUGH GOING ALL THE TIME FOR GLOUCESTER

MOSELEY 26 PTS., GLOUCESTER 12 PTS.

Saturday's game at The Reddings was not as bad as the Coventry debacle, the other occasion this season when Gloucester suffered because of county calls. This time they did score.

Their points came from the very useful boot of fly-half David Ainge.

Without his tally, the score would have looked pretty dismal. Even now it doesn't look too good, and reflects fairly accurately what Gloucester received at the hands of Moseley – a jolly good thumping.

Moseley's back division had something of a field day on Saturday. They were fast, more thrustful – and they scored tries.

Gloucester might well have made a game of it had it not been for a three-try "blitz" by Moseley in the first few minutes.

FOUGHT GRIMLY

In nine cases out of ten an occurrence such as this means only one thing; a knock-out blow.

It would be wrong to say that the Cherry and Whites were knocked out.

David Ainge kept their heads above water points-wise, while their forwards, led by Alan Brinn, fought grimly and with great determination from start to finish.

The fact remains that this was not enough. While it may not have been one-way traffic, Moseley's lane seemed markedly more free of obstacles than Gloucester's.

WIDE OUT

Moseley's powerful three-quarter line received plenty of the ball from the tight, and made very good use of it.

Unfortunately for the Midlanders, a fair proportion of their tries were scored wide out and could not be converted.

On the whole, it was just as well that the one good marksman of the afternoon was a Gloucester man. What Moseley lost on the swings, Gloucester gained – to some extent – on the roundabouts.

Moseley's tries were scored by Hale (3), Hofton (2), Hazeldene, Abbey, and Acton. Their one solitary conversion was made by Robinson.

If Gloucester had been at full strength, of course. . .