

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1961

DESPITE COUNTY CALLS GLO'STER FIELD STRONG XV

Despite the heavy loss of eight players to the County side, Gloucester RFC are able to field a strong team, only one of whom has not appeared for the premier side, to meet Coventry away on Saturday.

New player is United three-quarter R. Stevens, who has shown great promise this season.

Centre Alan Holder skippers the side and Pete Hawker plays at full-back in place of Russell Hillier, who appears in the County side.

Young Johnny Spalding, who played a promising game against Neath, relieves Mick Booth, on scrum-half duties at Kingsholm.

CHAMBLERLAYNE HOOKER

Reg Chamberlayne returns as hooker after a long absence and last year's County prop, Jack Fowke, also receives promotion from the club's second team. Tony ("The Tank") Ricketts partners him. R.A.F. player "Tug Wilson" plays in the second row with the powerful and brilliant Alan Brinn and Scottish international captain David Gilbert-Smith (Special Air Serviceman at Hereford) remains at wing forward after his first game for Gloucester last Saturday. He is partnered by regular Gloucester winger, Dick Smith.

Regular threes, Bob Timms, and Tony Osman, with fly-half Terry Hopson complete the team.

Last year, when the county match clashed with this encounter at Coundon Road, Gloucester lost by 12pts. to 3 after a fine defensive game.

Coach leaves Kingsholm at 12.30 prompt.

Team: P. Hawker; B. Timms, A. Holder (capt.), B. Stevens, T. Osman; T. Hopson, J. Spalding; T. Ricketts, R. Chamberlayne, J. Fowke, A. Brinn, K. Wilson, D. Gilbert-Smith, T. Davies, D. Smith.
Reserve to travel, B. Crawford.

UNITED PLAY KEN TAYLOR

Gloucester United field a powerful team to play at Chepstow. Stan Ingram plays at full-back and Ken Taylor, last year's regular hooker for the first XV after veteran Cyril Thomas's departure, also plays.

Skipper John Herbert shares the propping with Mike Maybury, former Liverpool player. County selection of last season, Hal Symonds is at wing forward.

The team meet at Central Station at 12.40, prompt.

UNITED: S. Ingram; R. Hannaford, T. Bowkett, B. Coombs, C. James; J. Lowe, H. Redrobe; J. Herbert (capt.), K. Taylor, M. Maybury, B. Hudson, L. King, T. Sparey, D. Owen, H. Symonds.
Reserves: S. Smith, A. Murphy.