

## THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1961

HOLDER, LONG DROPPED IN GLO'STER SHAKE-UP

DICK SMITH IN THREES – AND TAYLOR IS HOOKER

Gloucester's selectors have certainly sprung a surprise or two for the Bath game at Kingsholm on Saturday (2.45).

In the all-Old Cryptians threequarter line is wing forward Dick Smith, who replaces Alan Holder in the centre. Smith came to the club as a centre, and in recent weeks has proved himself a three-quarter by inclination, with numerous incisive bursts of speed.

Vice-captain Alan Holder, for the first time in his playing career with Gloucester, is relegated to the United team.

The other Old Cryptians in the line are Peter Meadows, Eric Stephens and Bob Hannaford.

### MACE STAYS

The vacant wing-forward berth is taken by Scottish international David Gilbert-Smith, who is partnered by Hal Symonds, playing in the premier team for the first time this season. Peter Ford takes his usual place at wing-forward.

Other changes include the selection of Gary Mace at scrum-half in place of Mick Booth. Club officials emphasise that Booth has not been dropped. He will be leaving the club for his duty stint of RAF Rugby at the end of this month and Gary Mace must have a fair chance of picking up the threads where he left off last season. Booth is reserve, along with Mike Maybury, Dave Owen and Reg Chamberlayne.

## KEN TAYLOR HOOKER

Hooker Reg Chamberlayne is also dropped but not because of poor showing in the last two games. The club wants to give ex-Cheltenham skipper Ken Taylor a chance to show some of the lightning form which made him the automatic choice at hooker last season.

In place of Tug Wilson, Alan Brinn returns to the second row and a very much on-form "Baggy" Hudson partners him in place of Roy Long, the regular County second row man this season.

Both Long and Wilson are selected to play for the United team at Bath.

Russell Hillier, suffering a shoulder injury as the aftermath of the last County match against Cornwall, has been rusticated by his doctor for another week and the full-back berth is again filled by Stan Ingram.

Gloucester: S. Ingram; B. Hannaford, E. Stephens, D. Smith, P. Meadows; T. Hopson, G. Mace; A. Townsend (capt.), K. Taylor, T. Ricketts, A. Brinn, B. Hudson, P. Ford, H. Symonds, D. Gilbert-Smith.

Reserves: M. Booth, M. Maybury, D. Owen, R. Chamberlayne.

## UNITED LINE-UP

United: P. Hawker; A. Osman, A. Holder, T. Bowkett, C. James; J. Lowe, J. Spalding; J. Herbert (capt.), M. Nicholls, J. Fowke, R. Long, K. Wilson, T. Sparey, T. Davies, P. Lane.

Reserves: F. Smith, L. King, B. Crawford, J. King, P. Hole.

United team meets, for a coach departure at 1 p.m., at Kingsholm.