

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1961

HOLDER PAIRS UP WITH DICK SMITH IN GLO'STER CENTRE

Russell Hillier and John Bayliss are still unfit and will not play in the Kingsholm game against Coventry on Saturday (2.30).

And Bob Hannaford, who suffered a muscle injury in last week's game, is out in favour of A. Osman on the wing. Dick Smith remains in the centre, and vice-captain Alan Holder returns to partner him.

Hooker Ken Taylor retains his position at hooker and Tony Ricketts is demoted to the United front row. Jack Fowke, the regular in [t]his position last season, takes his place.

BOOTH, HOPSON AGAIN

Also retaining his place in the front row is Brian Hudson, who continues to deputise for Roy Long in the second row. Long plays for United again.

Scrum-half Mick Booth, and Terry Hopson return and Gary Mace and Jackie Lowe – last week's half-back combination – appear for United.

The teams:

S. Ingram; T. Osman, D. Smith, A. Holder, P. Meadows; T. Hopson, M. Booth; J. Fowke, K. Taylor, A. Townsend (capt.), B. Hudson, A. Brinn, P. Ford, H. Symonds, D. Gilbert-Smith.

Reserves on the ground: M. Nicholls, K. Wilson, J. Spalding and P. Hole.

UNITED LINE-UP

United (v. Coventry Extra Firsts. Coach, ground 11.0):

P. Hawker; J. King, T. Bowkett, E. Stephens, C. James; J. Lowe, G. Mace; J. Herbert (capt.), R. Mullen, T. Ricketts, D. Owen, R. Long, T. Sparey, T. Davies, P. Lane.

Reserves to travel: B. Crawford, F. Smith, L. King and M. Mayberry.

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