

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1962

BAYLISS AGAIN IN CENTRE :

LONG, OWEN RECALLED AS SECOND ROW

Gloucester centre John Bayliss is selected for the premier team's away game against Bath on Saturday. Bayliss, who suffered a thigh injury several weeks ago, recently returned to the active list in United games and is now hoping for first-class fitness by Saturday.

Eric Stephens, who played a good game for the premier side last Saturday, at Bristol, is relegated to the United game at Kingsholm.

And the second row – last week Alan Brinn and Brian Hudson – is replaced by Roy Long, who played for the County as well as the first team regularly at the beginning of the season, and Dave Owen.

Young Longlevens wing forward, Phil Lane, plays his second premier side game in place of Dick Smith, who is still on the injured list with a badly swollen ankle.

BOOTH: FITNESS TEST

Scrum-half Mick Booth is selected in place of John Spalding, and hopes to pass a fitness test on Thursday evening, when his injured shoulder will be given the full treatment.

Hal Symonds, who played at wing forward at Bristol, takes over the middle of the back row from Tony Davies, who is reserved to travel with Bob Timms.

Gloucester: R. Hillier; P. Meadows, A. Holder, J. Bayliss, T. Osman; T. Hopson, M. Booth; A. Townsend, K. Taylor, J. Fowke, R. Long, D. Owen, P. Ford, H. Symonds, P. Lane.

Res. to travel: B. Timms, T. Davies.

Coach leaves Kingsholm 1.0.

United (Kick-off 3 p.m.): S. Ingram; B. Crawford, E. Stephens, K. Jones, T. Bartlett; J. Lowe, J. Spalding; J. Herbert, M. Nicholls, P. Day, A. Brinn, B. Hudson, K. Wilson, T. Ricketts, P. Hawker.

Res. R. Chamberlayne, F. Smith, L. King, T. Sparey, B. Hannaford.

STRONGEST PACK

Bath field their strongest pack. Laurie Rimmer, who made his return to the game after a four months absence last Saturday against Rosslyn Park as a substitute centre, reverts to his normal blind side position.

Bill Burley, who has played all his games for the club so far in that position returns after duty with Cornwall to fill the No. 8 position.

This means the exclusion of Clark, together with the second row forward Jacob, who gives way to Kevin Andrews, returning triumphant from helping to take Hampshire to the county championship final.

Outside the scrum there is only one change, and that is in the centre, where it is hoped that Nick Bruford will be recovered from illness in time to play.

Bath: J. Hawgood; J. Donovan, N. Bruford, B. O'Mara, R. Farnham; P. Hillyard, G. Drewett; P. Parfitt, P. Hill, J. Lacey, K. Andrews, P. Heindorff, L. Rimmer, W. Burley, P. Hall.

Bath United: M. Rich; F. Harrison, R. Ford, P. Dickson, J. Cousins; J. Dawson, J. Darling; D Robson, B. Davies, R. Clarke, A. Jacobs, P. Venn, P. Beck, L. Clark, G. Leysham.