

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1962

STILL FORMIDABLE . . .

BUT GLO'STER XV HAVE TOUGH TASK AT COVENTRY

UNITED'S S.O.S. FOR HALF-BACKS

Although eight first XV players will be turning out for the county at Kingsholm on Saturday, demands on the Gloucester club have not had a really devastating effect and a formidable Cherry and White side has been selected to visit Coventry (coach Kingsholm 12.30 p.m.).

Full-back Alan Holder skippers the side while Jackie Lowe and Mike Owen pair up in the centre. Tony Osman and B. Jackson complete the three-quarter line.

Richard Clutterbuck and Gary Mace take over stand-off and scrum-half duties, and, as expected, Mike Wetson retains the king-pin position in the scrum.

Peter Meadows, reserve for the county game, will be missed in the Gloucester team.

UNITED PROBLEM

But the cutting blow of county calls has been felt in the United side which travels to meet Pontypool United (coach, Kingsholm 12.30 p.m.).

As yet, the half-back positions have not been filled, scrum-half John Spalding being unfit and the half-back situation has got so serious that Gloucester selectors would be glad to hear from anyone in local Rugby circles who is in a position to help them out.

Gary Stone, Bob Smith, and John Mace are also unavailable for Saturday's match, although Mace's neck injury is improving.

THE TEAMS

GLOUCESTER (v. Coventry, kick off 3 p.m.) A. Holder (capt.); A. Osman, J. Lowe, M. Owen, B. Jackson; R. Clutterbuck, G. Mace; K. Wilson, M. Wetson, J. Herbert, A. Brinn, B. Hudson, H. Symonds, D. Owen, G. Waite. Reserve: M. Nicholls.

UNITED: (v. Pontypool United): R. Hillier; B. Hannaford, E. Stephens, R. Watkins, B. Timms; A. N. Other, A. N. Oakes, T. Davis, A. N. Other, M. Maybury, P. Hawker, D. Gilbert-Smith.

COVENTRY'S SIX INTERNATIONALS

Coventry have selected a full side in a bid for their 20th successive home win.

The side contains six internationals, Jackson, Godwin, Judd, Pargetter, Wightman and Robbins and three trialists.

Coventry are unbeaten at home for eight months and this season have lost only one match, away to Cardiff.

COVENTRY: D. R. Cook; P. B. Jackson, A. E. Davies, C. Wheatley, J. R. Melville; T. J. Dalton, G. H. Cole; M. R. McLean, H. Godwin, P. Judd, J. Owen, T. A. Pargetter, R. Andrews (capt.), B. Whightman, and P. G. D. Robbins.