

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER GAME STILL 'ON' AT CARDIFF

Gloucester will play Cardiff away tomorrow – despite a slight amount of snow on the Arms Park pitch.

The team will make an early start (10.30 a.m.) by coach from snow covered Kingsholm, but Gloucester's trialist prop, Tug Wilson – fit after an injury which kept him out of last week's Kingsholm England trial team – will not be playing.

The RAF Innsworth physical training instructor has been told that he must play for the RAF at Newport as he has no county call.

He will be replaced in the Gloucester "eight" by Jack Fowke who took Wilson's place during the past few games while his rib cartilage has been recovering.

David Gilbert-Smith, the Scottish international, normally at lock forward for Gloucester, who was injured at Neath last week, is also out – in favour of wing forward Gary White.

Team: A. Holder; P. Meadows, R. Pitt, J. Bayliss, R. Timms; T. Hopson, M. Booth (capt.); J. Fowke, M. Wetson, A. Townsend, R. Long, B. Hudson, P. Ford, G. White, D. Smith.

EVENING GAMES MAY BE PLAYED

After suffering a heavy financial loss because of cancelled Christmas matches for the second year running, Gloucester RFC officials are hoping to recoup losses with evening games later this season against Old Merchant Taylors and Pontypool.

O.M.T.'s and Pontypool were due to play at Kingsholm on Boxing Day and December 27 but snow caused the cancellation[s].

Last year, estimated losses for two Christmas cancellations was £500.

Approaches will be made to O.M.T.'s and Pontypool in an effort to avoid what could mean another crippling financial blow to the clubs. If the two visiting clubs are agreeable the games may be played later in the season in the evening.

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