

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1963

SLOW THAW ON PITCH AT KINGSHOLM

Dry atmosphere has slowed up the thaw of ice and packed snow on the Kingsholm rugby pitch, where Gloucestershire are due to meet Devonshire in the county championship play-off on Saturday.

The pitch will be inspected again tomorrow morning.

There is a possibility Gloucester RFC may appeal for snow-clearance volunteers if the snow does not thaw naturally.

SWANSEA ARE 'HOPEFUL' PITCH WILL BE FIT

Swansea Rugby Club officials are hopeful for a match on Saturday, when Gloucester players, inactive since the Saturday following Christmas, are due to appear at the seaside ground.

The ground, only a few yards from the sea, is clearing well and Swansea are delaying a final decision about play until Friday night.

Jeremy Taylor has been selected at centre to replace John Bayliss, who is on County call and Jackie Fowke comes into the front row in place of Tug Wilson, who is due to appear at Twickenham.

Gary White and David Gilbert-Smith appear at wing forward because both Peter Ford and Dick Smith are playing for Gloucestershire at Kingsholm.

There is no United match this week.

The team, which is scheduled to leave Kingsholm by coach at 9.15,
is :

A. Holder; R. Timms, R. Pitt, J. Taylor, P. Meadows; T. Hopson,
M. Booth (capt.); J. Fowke, M. Wetson, A. Townsend, R. Long,
A. Brinn, G. White, D. Owen, D. Gilbert-Smith.

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