

# THE CITIZEN

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## RAF-CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MATCH AT KINGSHOLM

### TOMORROW'S SURPRISE VENUE CHOICE

KINGSHOLM, stated to be "the only club ground within 120 miles of Cambridge fit for play," will be the surprise venue for the Cambridge University v RAF match tomorrow, kick-off 3 p.m.

Gloucester RFC chairman, the Rev. Mervyn Hughes, was approached by desperate Varsity and RAF match secretaries yesterday, after the two had spent the day vainly searching surrounding counties for a suitable pitch (writes Michael Dineen).

Yesterday it was decided that the Grange-rd. pitch at Cambridge was unfit.

Although a hard frost affected Kingsholm early today the playing area was quite soft enough for play by the usual kick-off time.

A club spokesman told me today : "The forecasters have promised a slightly lighter frost tonight, with a little wind, so prospects are even better for tomorrow. But we will confirm that the match is on at noon tomorrow."

The ground will be open for spectators at "probably below" the usual club match prices, said a representative of Gloucester RFC today.

So spectators who were keen to see Cambridge University earlier in the season when the Gloucester-Varsity match was postponed because of the snow and ice, will be able to see the side playing in Gloucester after all.

The RAF are fielding a strong team, including Gloucester's own prop forward international, Tug Wilson, a serving corporal at Innsworth RAF camp, who played his first match for England against France at Twickenham on Saturday. British "Lion," Flying Officer J. Browne appears at left centre.

RAF personnel from Innsworth will be among volunteers to remove the protective covering of straw immediately before the match and replace it after the game.

RAF : F/O G. A. Joha; Fl/Lt. F. F. Leate, F/O J. Keepe, F/O J. Brown, Cpl. I. Parsons; F/O R. H. Palin, Cpl. M. M. Diamond; P/O M. J. D. Stear, F/Lt. D. Diblase, Cpl. K. Wilson, Cpl. R. Glazsher, F/O S. K. Mulligan, F/O. A. Wright. F/O L. H. Jenkins (capt.), F/Lt. B. E. Morgan.

The Cambridge team, including current internationals S. J. S. Clarke, scrum-half, and prop forward N. J. Drake-Lee, is :

G. C. Pritchard; G. A. Martin, D. W. A. Rosser, G. P. Francom, W. M. Bussey; P. D. Briggs, S. J. S. Clarke; N. J. Drake-Lee, M. Aylwin, J. E. Thompson, M. McMorris, C. M. Wiggins, A. R. Pender, T. W. Boyd, J. R. H. Greenwood (captain).