

THE CITIZEN

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HOLDER STAYS AT FLY HALF: TWO CHANGES IN THREES

EXPERIENCED NORTH PLAYER IN UNITED LINE-UP

Gloucester RFC have a new fly-half. He is former West Hartlepool premier side player J. Dixon, who makes his first appearance with Gloucester in the United team which travels to Swindon.

Dixon, who is in Gloucester on a business course which will last until the end of the season, is particularly welcome as Gloucester's off-form fly-half, Terry Hopson, has asked [two, three words unreadable] until further notice as, a club spokesman tells me, he wants to get fit.

Last week Hopson's place was taken by full-back Alan Holder, and the premier side's vice-captain, full-back Russell Hillier, was able to return to the representative team for the first time since last September, when Holder took his position.

Gloucester, who will be meeting the RAF for a 3.15 kick-off at Kingsholm, make several other changes behind the scrum.

Tony Osman replaces Peter Meadows at wing three-quarter and Jeremy Taylor returns to the centre in place of Ron Pitt. Both Meadows and Pitt are relegated to the United side.

Jack Fowke retains his premier side propping berth because international prop, Tug Wilson, will be playing for the RAF against his own club.

As part of the scheme to solve the fly-half problem, Eric Stephens, who has been partnering Gary Mace in the United half-back berth this season, moves to full-back.

TEAMS

Gloucester: R. Hillier; R. Timms, J. Taylor, J. Bayliss, A. Osman; A. Holder, M. Booth (capt.); J. Fowke, M. Wetson, A. Townsend, B. Hudson, A. Brinn, D. Smith, D. Owen, P. Ford.

Reserve: J. Mace.

United – coach 1.30 from Kingsholm: E. Stephens; R. Hannaford, R. Pitt, J. Lowe, P. Meadows; J. Dixon, G. Mace; J. Herbert, K. Taylor, I. Oakes, A. Davies, R. Long, D. Gilbert-Smith, P. Hawker, G. White.

Reserve: R. Smith.

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