

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1963

HOPSON, BOOTH PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION AGAIN

CLUTTERBUCK NOW FIT, HAS UNITED TRY-OUT

Terry Hopson, Gloucester's deposed fly-half, returns for the Kingsholm match against Newport on Saturday – because newcomer J. Dixon has been recalled to his West Hartlepool's business head office.

Dixon expects to be absent for possibly several weeks and long-time injured Richard Clutterbuck has not yet reached premier side form. He returns to the club's active list this week, partnering Gary Mace in the United half-back combination.

Premier side full-back Alan Holder is still on the unfit list and so vice-captain, Russell Hillier, retains the position he lost to Holder at the beginning of the season.

TAYLOR – HOOKER

Yet another injury forced the premier side to change the front row line-up. Hooker Mike Wetson, nursing a broken leg, said farewell to Rugby for the remainder of this season and is replaced by farmer Ken Taylor.

His usual berth in the United who travel to Newport (train 12.40 Central station) is taken by Longlevens player Nigel Halls, brother of former Gloucester full-back, Trevor Halls.

Mike Nicholls who could have taken over the United hooking position tried out his injured knee last week but was not entirely satisfied with its response to playing conditions.

TEAMS

Gloucester: R. Hillier; P. Meadows, J. Taylor, J. Bayliss, A. Osman; T. Hopson, M. Booth; A. Townsend, K. Taylor, J. Fowke, A. Brinn, B. Hudson, P. Ford, D. Owen, D. Smith. Reserves: B. Jackson, R. Smith, H. Symonds.

United: E. Stephens; R. Timms, J. Lowe, R. Pitt, A. Nield; R. Clutterbuck, G. Mace; J. Herbert, N. Halls, I. Oakes, T. Davies, R. Long, G. White, J. Mace, P. Hawker, F. Smith, P. Laurant, J. Grindle.[*sic*]

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