

## THE CITIZEN

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### CYRIL THOMAS "READY TO ASSIST GLOUCESTER"

Cyril Thomas, former Gloucester, County and England trialist hooker, who retired two years ago, may be seen in the Cherry and Whites' jersey again this season.

This popular player, who is a police detective-sergeant, now stationed at Filton, said yesterday that if Gloucester need his services at all during the rest of the season, he is quite prepared to travel from Bristol and turn out, for the senior side or United.

With Mike Wetson nursing a broken leg and Mike Nicholls unlikely to be fit to play again this season, Gloucester have only Ken Taylor as a recognised hooker, and last Saturday called upon the Longlevens player, Nigel Halls, to fill this position in the United team at Newport.

When told of Cyril Thomas's offer, the Rev. Mervyn Hughes, Gloucester RFC chairman, said, "This is excellent news; we are grateful for his offer, for even Ken Taylor isn't really match fit."

The selection committee will be officially informed of Thomas's availability when they meet to pick the team to play Stroud at Kingsholm on Thursday evening.