

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1963

SCORING SPREE IN FINAL TRIAL

COLOURS 11PTS., WHITES 20PTS.

Although the Colours XV, consisting almost entirely of last season's First XV players were soundly beaten by 11pts.-20 in the final trial at Kingsholm last night, not one of the completely new players in the Whites XV showed the outstanding Rugby football ability which would automatically qualify for a place in the First XV.

Scorelines in trial matches are of little importance but even so it was surprising to see so many points being put across the Colours XV.

Credit as far as the Whites XV went is due to the other First XV players who made up the side, especially that strong wing forward Gary White and centre Jeremy Taylor.

As far as the new players in the Whites XV are concerned quite a number of them made a fair impression and, as a result, are included in the United side to play at Kingsholm on Saturday.

## SPEEDY THREES

In the Colours XV the familiar three-quarter line link-up of Tony Osman, John Bayliss, Ron Pitt and Peter Meadows, looked as fast and competent as last season although little exhilarating play came from the Mickie Booth-Terry Hopson half-back partnership.

The forwards generally gave a good account of themselves, more so in the loose than in the set scrums, with stalwarts Alan Townsend, Alan Brinn, Jack Fowke, Brian Hudson and, of course, Peter Ford playing robust though understandably beginning-of-the-season football.

New skipper Alan Holder had a reasonable game at full-back and at times slipped up into the threes, while Russell Hillier, the Whites full-back, played a more defensive role.

Teams :

Colours: A. Holder; A. Osman, J. Bayliss, R. Pitt, P. Meadows; T. Hopson, M. Booth; A. Townsend, M. Nicholls, J. Fowke, A. Brinn, C. Price, P. Ford, D. Owen, D. Smith.

Among the players introduced at half-time was B. Hudson.

Whites: R. Hillier; A. Nield, J. Taylor, C. Wright, R. Smith; E. Stephens, G. Mace; R. Fowke, N. Halls, J. Herbert, R. D. McDougall, H. Symonds, G. White, P. Hawker, P. Lane.

Among players introduced at half time were R. Price, R. Nield, and C. Trumble.

Referee: Mr. K. C. Hutton.

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