

THE CITIZEN

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BRISTOL PLAN A MIGHTY INVASION

Three internationals, 20 county players, two county trialists and one new cap turn out for Bristol against Gloucester on Saturday.

If the line-up sounds too good to be true the answer is simple. Twelve county players and two trialists are in the Bristol United team to meet Gloucester United at the Memorial Ground.

At the moment the fight for places in the Bristol first XV is keener than ever with county men queuing up to step into each others shoes. Bill Redwood, the former Gloucestershire scrum-half is preferred to John Blake at outside half and is partnered by Derek Spratt, who makes his Somerset debut at scrum-half against Middlesex next Thursday.

Whatever the failings of the first XV – four victories in seven games – the United, by contrast have been fairly piling on the points. They scored 70 at Teignmouth in the first match of the season and outclassed Chepstow last Saturday, scoring 20 tries and 84 points.

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In the formidable side John Amor, at scrum-half is the only non-county player behind the scrum, and in the pack the only two players without county experience are hooker John Pullin and second row forward Bill Pope. Both have had county trials.

The teams will be:

Bristol (at Kingsholm): P. J. Colston (capt.); M. G. Ellery, L. Watts, J. Glover, M. Collins; B. W. Redwood, R. J. Spratt; D. St. G. Hazell, J. D. Thorne, M. G. Pegler, J. D. Currie, D. E. J. Watt, D. Phillips, D. W. Neate, and G. Redmond. Reserves: M. Lawrence and J. V. Coles.

Bristol United (at Memorial Ground): J. M. Lewis; R. V. Bridgeman, D. J. Weeks, J. Radford, R. Dawkins; J. N. Blake, J. S. Amor; R. V. Grove, J. E. Pullin, G. M. Edmondson, D. W. Pope, L. Jenkins, A. J. Weaver, D. J. Mann, L. Davies. Reserves: R. L. Redwood, M. J. Rawlings.

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