

## THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1963

GLO'STER FACE "NEAR COUNTY" COVENTRY SIDE

MACE-AINGE PAIRING – AND NEW BACK ROW TRIO

Gloucester selectors are keeping their fingers crossed until after tomorrow's training session when scrum-half Gary Mace will say 'yea or nay' to a first team game against Coventry at Kingsholm this Saturday.

Mace was reported this morning to be suffering from a pulled leg muscle. With Mickie Booth travelling to Cornwall, Mace was the only remaining player in the club qualified to take over for this important premier match. If he plays, Mace will be partnered at half-back by D. Ainge who showed up well in [the] recent Pontypool match for the first team.

### STILL "PREMIER" LOCK

Although there are so many players out of Club and in County Rugby this week, the team still has a "premier look" with all players boasting "previous experience."

Ron Pitt replaces County centre John Bayliss and Tony Osman comes in for reserve winger, Peter Meadows.

In the pack the front row is the mixture as before and in the second row Alan Brinn resumes his long-time partnership with ex-County player, Roy Long.

The back row are all experienced "new boys" with Tony Davies forsaking his normal lock position to play at wing forward in place of Peter Ford, the County captain; Dave Owen taking over from lock, Garry White, who is playing his first game for Somerset; and Phil Lane, the ex-Longlevens wing forward who comes in for County winger, Dick Smith.

## COVENTRY CHANGES

Coventry make changes in the backs and forwards.

Ricky Melville who made a come-back after a lay-off with a broken nose, is dropped and so is the left centre, Bob Frame. They are replaced by Jim Flanagan, who last week made his debut for Warwickshire, and Chris Wheatley respectively.

There is a new second row in the pack. John Barton and Ron Milward are out and the England international John Owen and Phil Hall are in. Milward is being tried as a number eight forward and he plays in that position for Coventry Extras against the United.

The Coventry side includes four internationals, Jackson, Judd, Godwin and Owen, and 11 of the current Warwickshire team.

Gloucester: A. Holder (capt.); R. Smith, J. Taylor, R. Pitt, A. Osman; D. Ainge, G. Mace; J. Fowke, M. Nicholls, A. Townsend, A. Brinn, R. Long, A. Davies, D. Owen, P. Lane.

Coventry: A. J. Holt; P. B. Jackson, A. E. Davies, C. Wheatley, J. Flanagan; T. J. Dalton, G. H. Cole; M. McLean, H. Godwin, P. E. Judd, J. Owen, P. Hall, R. D. Andrews, J. F. Gardiner, B. K. Brookes.

## UNITED'S SCRUM-HALF POSER

With the first team scrum-half problem comes the United dilemma for the same position. At the moment the ubiquitous A. N. Other plays there.

Hooker Nigel Halls, who recently did so well as the premier hooker is also included in the team, along with back row men, D. Turner, of All Blues, and H. Sysum of Gordon League.

UNITED: M. Tocknell; T. Roberts, R. Timms, G. Wright, M. Ashwin; E. Stephens, A. N. Other; R. Fowke, N. Halls; I. Oakes, B. McDougall, J. Herbert, P. Hawker, D. Turner, H. Sysum. Reserves to travel: A. Nield. Reserves on call: B. Waters (Matson), J. Wilcox (B N S) and A. Carr (Gloucester OB). Departure 12.30, coach from Kingsholm.

Coventry Extras: N. Kilpatrick; J. Morecambe, D. A. Jenkins, R. G. Frame, J. R. Melville; M. Stone, C. Collins; D. T. Dove, H. Wyman, J. Broderick, J. Barton, A. N. Other, J. Nicholson, R. Milward, C. Parrish.

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