

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1963

## GARY MACE APPLIES TO JOIN MOSELEY

### CONEY HILL SCRUM HALF MAY GET QUICK PROMOTION

Problem player Gary Mace has left Gloucester and thrown in his lot with Moseley.

The brilliant Gloucester scrum-half who deputised for Mickie Booth in the premier side at Moseley last Saturday, is working at Redditch and has asked for his release from Gloucester.

### "HAD TO SAY YES"

Travelling problems for the regular United scrum-half – plus the fact that with Booth on consistently good form he cannot make the first XV – made this an obvious move when Mace learned on Saturday that Moseley have a scrum-half shortage.

Mr. Gordon Hudson, of the Gloucester club, told me to-day: "The Moseley president, Mr. Hill, telephoned the club last night to ask if we would release Mace. We had to say "yes" as he is working nearer the Reddings than Kingsholm."

So Gloucester, once possessors of an embarrassment of scrum-halves, are now themselves feeling the pinch.

### FORMER SPARTAN

Johnny Spalding, a natural understudy for Booth and, like Mace a former Spartans player, has moved to Stroud. And now Mace, who kept Booth out of the Gloucester premier side the season before last, has been lost by the club.

Coney Hill player, Mickie Griffiths replaces Mace in the United side to travel to Abercarn.

And with a county match on Saturday week, Griffiths may well make his debut for the premier XV against All Blues.

Second row forward, B. D. McDougall, in the premier side against Moseley on Saturday has also joined Moseley. He works with Mace in Redditch.

Due to the continued pressure of business prop forward Jackie Fowke is still unable to ensure regular availability for play. He is reserve this week for the Cherry and Whites first match against Aberavon at Kingsholm this Saturday.

Alan Brinn continues at prop in his place and England reserve hooker of last season, Mike Wetson retains the hooking berth after a good match at Moseley. Mike Nicholls hooks for the United.

#### THE TEAMS

Gloucester: A. Holder (capt.); R. Smith, J. Bayliss, R. Pitt, P. Meadows; T. Hopson, M. Booth; A. Townsend, M. Wetson, A. Brinn, B. Hudson, D. Owen, R. Smith, G. White, P. Ford.  
Reserves: J. Fowke, T. Roberts.

United (v. Abercarn, away): M. Tocknell; I. Laurie, C. Wright, J. Taylor, A. Osman; D. Ainge, M. Griffiths; R. Nield, M. Nicholls, R. Fowke, R. Long, J. Herbert, P. Hawker, A. Davis, P. Lane.  
Reserves: R. Timms, E. Stephens. Coach 12.45.