

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1963

## COUNTY STARS BACK IN GLO'STER TEAM AGAINST OXFORD

All Gloucester's County stars are back in the premier club side for the long-awaited clash with Oxford University at Kingsholm (kick-off 2.45) on Saturday.

Mike Wetson, whose injury is not as serious as was feared, declared himself fit to hook after training last night, and Mike Nicholls, his chief rival for the premier hooking berth, is reserve. Nigel Halls is hooking for United.

Jeremy Taylor, doubtful about availability in the past few weeks, is also reserve to Ron Pitt for partnership of John Bayliss in the centre.

Committed business-wise Jack Fowke is also reserve prop, conceding his place to former second row forward Alan Brinn, who has taken up propping this season.

The Oxford team will probably be announced tomorrow.

## SELECTORS PRESENT ?

Gloucester, who narrowly beat the Old Blues last week will welcome back Terry Hopson and Mickie Booth (halves) John Bayliss and Peter Ford, Gary White, Dick Smith, and Brian Hudson (forwards) for this important club fixture – which, it is announced, may be watched by England selectors.

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

Reserves: J. Fowke, M. Nicholls, J. Taylor, I. Laurie.

## JIM KING RETURNS TO KINGSHOLM

Jim King, the former Gloucester centre, noted for his courageous tackling a couple of seasons ago, returns to the United this week for the away match with Pontypool United.

King, who has been playing County football in the Wilts and Dorset centre since his departure from the local scene, has decided to throw in his lot with Gloucester RFC again after playing for Swindon, where he now works.

Hal Symonds plays at lock forward and Nigel Halls at hooker.

Team: M. Tocknell; A. Osman, J. King, G. Wright, T. Roberts; D. Ainge, M. Griffiths; A. Nield, N. Halls, J. Herbert, R. Long, A. Davis, P. Hawker, H. Symonds, P. Lane.

Reserves: E. Stephens, R. Fowke, R. Timms. (Coach 12.30 Kingsholm).