

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1963

BOOTH TRIAL RESERVE: POSER FOR GLO'STER

Gloucester RFC are in a quandary. Mickie Booth, their scrum-half, has been selected as reserve scrum-half for the final England Rugby Union trial at Twickenham on Saturday.

They have promoted Mickie Griffiths to the premier side but have no United scrum-half to replace him.

Also absent from the Gloucester team to travel to Coventry – will be Peter Ford who is in The Rest team at Twickenham – making possibly his last bid for inclusion in the England side.

Booth gets a call to Twickenham because Simon Clarke has withdrawn from the "England" team because of injury. Clarke's place is taken by S. R. Smith (Richmond) – transferred from "The Rest" XV. A. J. A. Lewis (Oxford University) fills the vacancy in The Rest team.

Dave Owen takes over at lock into Ford's position at wing forward.

Injured John Bayliss is replaced in the centre by Jeremy Taylor who partners Ron Pitt.

Roy Long partners Brian Hudson in the second row.

In the United XV who meet Coventry Extras at Kingsholm (kick-off 2.45) Tony Osman is tried in the centre with Tom King.

Gloucester: A. Holder; R. Smith, R. Pitt, J. Taylor, P. Meadows; T. Hopson, M. Griffiths; A. Townsend, M. Wetson, A. Brinn, B. Hudson, R. Long, G. White, D. Owen, D. Smith.
Reserve: N. Halls. Coach 12.15.

United: M. Tocknell; F. Laurie, J. King, A. Osman, T. Roberts;
D. Ainge, A. N. Other; J. Fowke, M. Nicholls, A. Nield, A. Davis,
J. Herbert, R. Timms, H. Symonds, P. Lane.
Reserves: B. McDougall, M. Ashwin, R. Fowke.

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