

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1964

FORD'S RETURN BRINGS TEAM POSER

The return of Peter Ford from international rugby set the Gloucester selectors a problem; who to drop from the back row – Garry White or Dave Owen.

White took over Ford's position on Saturday and, in addition, scored 11 points with his kicking.

It was this factor which decided the selectors to move White into Owen's position at number eight. They had to have a goal kicker for the match against Exeter at Kingsholm on Saturday.

"It was a hard decision to make because, as players, there's very little to choose between Owen and White," a club spokesman said today.

ONLY CHANGE

Apart from this the team which beat Neath so convincingly remains unchanged.

The team is: A. Holder (capt.); R. Smith, J. Bayliss, R. Pitt, R. Timms; T. Hopson, M. Booth; J. Fowke, K. Taylor, A. Townsend, A. Brinn, R. Long, P. Ford, G. White, D. Smith. Reserve: Dave Owen.

United travel to Cleve (coach 1.15) without David Ainge at fly-half, who is appearing in a County Police XV. They are also short of promising centre, R. Benfield, of All Blues, who could have taken over at fly-half.