

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1964

BOOTH MAY NOT PLAY AGAIN THIS SEASON

MISSES BRISTOL GAME: PITT AND HOPSON ALSO INJURED

Badly hit by injuries, Gloucester are without three key players for the last of the local derbies at Bristol tomorrow night (kick-off 7.15).

Gloucester have been lucky throughout the entire season but now they are without centre Ron Pitt, who is still nursing an injured ankle, and the invaluable halfback combination of Terry Hopson and Mickie Booth.

Hopson pulled a hamstring at Cardiff on Saturday and leading a team against Spartans, his old club, on Monday night, Mickie Booth injured four ribs.

They were X-rayed after the game and Booth's medical advice was to hang up his boots for the rest of the season.

He has sustained two rib injuries in recent matches, but insists even now that he will be fit for the end of season West Country tour.

He is replaced by County winger and present United scrum half Peter Meadows. David Ainge replaces Hopson and Graham Wright remains in for Pitt.

Gloucester: A. Holder; R. Timms, J. Bayliss, S. Wright, R. Smith; D. Ainge, P. Meadows; J. Fowke, K. Taylor, A. Townsend, A. Brinn, R. Long, P. Ford, G. White, D. Smith.

Reserves: A. Osman, M. Tocknell, D. Owen, B. Hudson, A. Nield, M. Nicholls.

Cars at 5.30.

Schoolboy international Charles Hannaford, the Crypt scholar, plays at lock for the United who travel to Cwmbran on Saturday.

And Cirencester scrum-half schoolboy, Andy Mead, replaces the promoted Meadows at scrum-half. As yet the selectors have no fly-half.

UNITED XV

United: M. Tocknell; I. Laurie, J. Thomson, P. Hawker, A. Osman; A. N. Other, A. Mead; K. Nield, N. Halls, B. Hedges, R. Bassi, B. Hudson, R. McDougall, C. Hannaford, D. Owen.
Reserve.: F. Smith. Coach 1.15.

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