

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1952

IBBOTSON IN GLO'STER XV FOR FORD

Harlequins – one of the leading London rugby clubs – provide the opposition for Gloucester at Kingsholm on Saturday (3.15).

For this game Gloucester will still be without Bill Hook, whose damaged leg is not yet right, and wing threequarter Charlie Crabtree, who has been on his honeymoon this week.

Peter Ford, who suffered a damaged ankle in the Newport match, will also be out of the team.

Trevor Halls will again turn out as full-back and the places of Crabtree and Ford will be filled by Roy Blair and Dennis Ibbotson.

The experimental combination of threequarters which Gloucester fielded last Saturday will not be tried out again and John Taylor reverts to his normal position on the wing.

GOOD SEASON

Although Harlequins do not play so many games as Gloucester they have been having a successful season and are likely to give a good account of themselves. They have won 12 games, lost seven and drawn four and have scored 233 points against 146.

Gloucester's team will be : T. Halls; J. Taylor, M. Baker, R. Sutton, R. Blair; W. B. Cartmell, V. Davies; G. Hastings, C. Thomas, A. Wadley, J. Watkins (capt.), H. G. Wells, D. Ibbotson, R. Hodge, G. Hudson. Ninth forward: R. Parry.

Skipper Ivor Jones will not be free to play in Gloucester United's away match against Worcester and the side will be captained by Wally Burrows.

If United win this match they will set up a new record as regards the number of victories in a season.

Gloucester United: D. Heath; E. Turner, D. Hill, D. Gladwin, R. Beamish; W. Burrows (capt.), B. Reade; R. Stowers, B. Lane, F. Daniels, R. Redman, I. Ryder, J. Embling, B. Hudson, T. Oakes.

Coach: Worcester-st, 1.15.

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