

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1952

## GLO'STER FACE HARD BATTLE

Gloucester face one of their toughest assignments of the season when they meet Newport at Rodney Parade on Saturday (train 12.50).

Though strengthened by the return of their County players, they will still be unable to call on some of their regulars.

Wing threequarter Charlie Crabtree is on the injured list, hooker Cyril Thomas and Jack Watkins are playing in a police match, and Alan Baimbridge is not free to turn out.

Ernest Turner and Michael Baker are brought into the threequarter line; Mervyn Burford comes in as hooker, and John Gwilliam returns to the second row.

Gloucester were well beaten at Newport last season 15pts. to nil, but they gave the Usksiders a hard battle in the return game played in a blinding snowstorm. The result on that occasion was 6pts. to nil in Newport's favour.

Gloucester: W. Smith; J. Taylor, H. Terrington, M. Baker, E. Turner; W. B. Cartmell, V. Davies; G. Hastings, M. Burford, R. Parry, H. G. Wells, J. Gwilliam, P. Ford, R. C. Hodge (capt.), D. Ibbotson.  
Reserve to travel: L. Shelley.

## RECORD AT STAKE

Unbeaten Gloucester United will have to pull everything out of the bag if they are to preserve their record on Saturday.

They entertain Newport Athletic, at Kingsholm (3.0). The game should be one of the best of the season.

It has not yet been settled who will hook for United in place of Burford. Wing three-quarter Gwyn Bevan is still unfit.

Gloucester United: T. Halls; R. Blair, R. Sutton, D. Jones, I. Oakes; W. Brumfitt, W. Nield; R. Stowers, A. N. Other, F. Daniels, B. Hudson, A. Wadley, L. Evans, I. Jones (capt.), G. Hudson.  
Reserves: F. House, J. Hobbs, T. Oakes.

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