

THE CITIZEN

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TONIGHT'S BIG GAME

'WE'LL WIN IN STYLE' – SARGE

Gloucester are expecting their biggest crowd for a club game for several seasons when mighty Cardiff return to Kingsholm tonight (7 pm).

The clubs have not met since April 1979 and tonight's game is to celebrate the opening of Gloucester's new club development.

Gloucester secretary Terry Tandy said they anticipated a crowd of about 5,000 to 6,000 for what promises to be a highly attractive fixture.

"We would like spectators to come a few minutes earlier than usual to avoid congestion and make sure they are all in by kick-off time," he said.

Gloucester's hopes of victory were dented by the news that Phil Blakeway has withdrawn from the side with a hamstring injury. Bob Phillips deputises at tight-head prop.

Cardiff field a highly experienced front-row and Blakeway's scrummaging ability is likely to be missed.

However captain Gordon Sargent, who was a member of the team that last played Cardiff, said it promised to be a big occasion.

"The players are looking forward to meeting Cardiff again and are confident of beating them. It should be a good game and I am sure we will produced a good performance."

Sargent said the team would be looking to repeat the form they showed in the first-half against Pontypridd last Saturday.

"In the first-half we played with a bit of style and that is the sort of performance we would like tonight."

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