THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER EXPERIMENT WITH SHEEN AND BLAIR

Gloucester's team to meet Civil Service at Kingsholm on Saturday (3.0) will have an interesting "new look" in certain positions.

Ieuan Sheen, who was on the injured list last week, returns to the side but will be making his maiden appearance as full back for Gloucester. The Red and Whites' regular full back, Brian Sibery, who received a nasty kick on the leg in the Neath match, will not be fit enough to turn out.

Another particularly interesting change is the appearance of Roy Blair in the centre. Blair has shown great promise as a winger but in that position has received far too little of the ball. In the centre he may make an immense amount of difference to the striking power of Gloucester's three-quarter line.

Roy Parry and Bob Hodge both return to the pack, and a newcomer to the premier side will be another David Jones – not to be confused with the David Jones who plays at outside half. Jones, a policeman, has played some extremely good games in the United's pack.

Gloucester: I. Sheen; M. Baker, R. Blair, D. Hill, A. Hollingsworth; D. Jones, J. Hobbs; G. Hastings (capt.), C. Thomas, R. Parry, J. Varney, D. Jones, P. Ford, R. Hodge, D. Ibbotson.

The visiting team is the Civil Service national side – as distinct from the Civil Service London side, which sometimes plays locally – and it will be making its first appearance at Kingsholm.

Last week Civil Service came very close to beating the Army but a missed conversion ended in the soldiers gaining a narrow 9pts. to 8 victory.

Gloucester United have no game the Saturday. They were to have played Cardiff University at Cardiff, but the Welsh side have had to call the fixture off.

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