

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1955

## GLOUCESTER FACE CARDIFF WITHOUT BLAIR

Gloucester Rugby Club have one of their most attractive home matches of the season on Saturday (3.15) when the opposition will be provided by the international-studded Cardiff fifteen.

The Red and Whites will be without centre threequarter Roy Blair, who has been selected to play for the Royal Air Force against Coventry, but Gloucester's vice-captain Roy Sutton – who was on the sick list for some weeks – returns to the premier side after a tryout with the United.

Another notable absentee from the Gloucester side will, of course, be their captain George Hastings, who is due to play for England against France.

Scrum-half John Hobbs, who was not available for the snowed-off Swansea match is back in the side.

At the end of November Gloucester put up one of their best performances of the season when they very narrowly failed to beat the mighty Welsh Metropolitans at Cardiff Arms Park, eventually losing by a solitary point.

The Red and Whites have beaten Cardiff at Kingsholm twice since the war. In 1951-52 they won 14pts.–nil and in the following season they beat Cardiff 14pts.–9.

Gloucester's team for Saturday will be:

I. Sheen; A. Hollingsworth, M. Baker, R. Sutton, N. Rees; David Jones, J. Hobbs; D. Solomon, C. Thomas, R. Parry, J. Varney, D. A. Jones, P. Ford, R. Hodge, D. Ibbotson. Ninth forward: M. C. Jones.

## EXTRA SEATING

An exceptionally big crowd is expected for this match and extra seating accommodation is being provided inside the railings. Season ticket holders are asked to be in their places by 2.55 – 20 minutes before the kick-off.

Gloucester United, who face a very tough task in tackling Cardiff Athletic at Arms Park, will be playing Old Cryptian Peter Lewis on the wing. Derek Morgan moves into the centre.

Brian Sibery, who has been on the injured list, comes in as full-back.

Gloucester United: B. Sibery; P. Lewis, D. Morgan, G. Giddings, N. Crabtree; D. Perks, W. Nield; J. Herbert, J. Lowe, W. Taylor, P. Hosea, J. Bowdler, G. Wilce, I. Jones, E. Lewis.

Train, Central, 12.50.

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