

# THE CITIZEN

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## PROSPECTS GOOD AT KINGSHOLM AND LONGLEVENS

The outlook for both Kingsholm and Longlevens tomorrow is bright. On the City ground in any case play is almost certain and Gloucester's match with Cardiff will definitely be played if there is no further heavy snow.

It is Welsh day in Gloucester. Cardiff come to Kingsholm and Merthyr Tydfil to Longlevens.

By midday today much of the snow on the Kingsholm pitch had melted, the grass was showing through, and there was no "bone" in the ground.

If there is more snow tonight a decision as to whether it will be possible to play will be taken at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The Welsh Metropolitans have selected a powerful side, including several internationals, to meet the Red and Whites.

At scrum half they will have the redoubtable Rex Willis, while the Cardiff threequarter line includes such notables as Bleddyn Williams and Haydn Morris – a flying winger, who has scored plenty of tries against Gloucester. Cardiff's hooker, George Beckingham, is another Welsh international.

The Welsh Metropolitans have a wonderful record this season and have been beaten only once when at anywhere near full strength.

Their full record is: Won 27, drawn 2, lost 2, points 469, against 138.

The side to visit Gloucester will be:

A. J. Priday; D. C. Murphy, G. Wells or G. Griffiths, B. L. Williams, H. Morris; K. Richards, R. Willis (capt.); J. D. Evans, G. Beckingham, C. Howe, M. Collins, E. Thomas, C. D. Williams, P. Goodfellow, J. D. Nelson.

Kick-off is at 3.15.

There is still doubt as to whether Gloucester United's match at Cardiff Arms Park will be "on," even if there is no further snow.

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