

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1964

DICK SMITH 'STANDS BY' AS ENGLAND TRIAL RESERVE

BOOTH STILL UNFIT: BAYLISS DOUBTFUL

Dick Smith, the Gloucester and Gloucestershire open side wing-forward, yesterday received a card informing him that he is a reserve for the England trial at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday.

Old Cryptian Smith is also selected to play for Gloucester and is not expected to travel to the trial, however. Smith was a reserve trialist last season.

Gloucester, who meet the powerful Neath team for a 2.45 kick off at Kingsholm on Saturday, are hit by injury.

Skipper Mickie Booth is still unfit after missing the County match last week because of a poisoned thigh. The depleted Gloucester side will be led by vice-captain, Peter Ford.

The reliable Peter Meadows replaces Booth at half-back.

County centre John Bayliss is also doubtful. A knee injury has worried him during the past few weeks and it is very likely that his place will be taken by Ron Pitt who has been picked as a reserve – if he is fit.

MORRIS STAYS

Roy Morris, who had a good game at Newbridge last week is preferred to Pitt about whom there will also be doubts until Thursday, when he makes a decision on playing fitness.

John Vallender, the former Tredworth centre who held his place in the premier side until he was injured, is not reported fit and will start training again on Thursday night after a long lay-off with a pulled leg muscle.

Ian Laurie takes over at full-back from Don Rutherford, who is already in the England trial "White" team at Weston. Laurie was one of the most successful Gloucester players at Newbridge last Saturday.

United, away to Pontypool United play K. Davies, of Fielding and Platt, at full-back.

THE TEAMS

Gloucester: I. Laurie; N. Foice, R. Morris, J. Bayliss, R. Timms; D. Ainge, P. Meadows; B. Hudson, K. Taylor, J. Milner, A. Brinn, R. Long, P. Ford (capt.), D. Owen, R. Smith.
Reserves: R. Pitt, C. Farr.

United meet Pontypool United away (coach Kingsholm, 12 noon).

Team: K. Davies; A. Osman, M. Price, J. Groves, R. Smith; J. Hopson, R. Hanks; M. Burton, M. Nicholls, K. Picton, M. Teague, R. Bassi, P. Lane, T. Sparey, D. Kington.
Reserves: M. Hedges, K. Balaam, B. McDougall.

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