

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1965

BOB TIMMS ELECTED UNITED'S NEW SKIPPER

SOME STRAIGHT-TALKING AT CLUB MEETING

Gloucester United players, who 10 days ago went on 'strike' rather than play a scratch team one man short, last night settled the captaincy question which has dogged the side since Alan Townsend gained a regular first XV spot.

During a stormy meeting at the Kingsholm HQ, a vote was taken, and Bob Timms, for many years a loyal member of the club, was unanimously elected.

The choice, says a club official, leaves the United happy, and it gives 'stop-gap' skipper, Peter Meadows, the chance to fight for the premier wing position instead of having to stick to the scrum-half spot.

## TRAVELLING COMMITTEEMAN

To support him, Timms has Hal Simmonds as vice-captain, also elected during the meeting, which followed the normal Tuesday 'meeting' of the selection committee.

It was decided that in future a member of the club selection committee will travel away with the United team, and the players, themselves, agreed that measures should be taken against players who cry off late.

A spokesman for the club said today that at the meeting no punches were pulled and players, who it was felt had let the team down, were told in no uncertain terms.

## AINGE AT FULL-BACK

The selection committee had its own surprise, too, last night. Jackie Fowke, who has not played this season, plays in the front row for the United's home game against Cleve (kick-off 2.45). Another surprise is that with four reserves on call the selectors will leave it until later to decide who fills the full-back berth.

The premier side which faces the Wasps at Sudbury (coach 10 a.m., kick-off 2.45) is back to full strength apart from the full back berth where David Ainge fills in for Don Rutherford, on national call at Cardiff.

Team: D. B. Ainge; N. Foice, R. Morris, R. Pitt, J. Groves; T. Hopson, M. Booth; M. Burton, K. Taylor, C. Milner, R. Long, A. Brinn, P. Ford, D. Owen, R. Smith.

Reserves to travel: P. Lane, and G. Farr.

The United team will be:

A. N. Other; P. Meadows, J. Vallender, G. Wright, R. Timms (capt.); M. Price, R. Hanks; J. Fowke, M. Nicholls, K. Picton, M. Teague, M. Bassi, H. Simmonds, K. Baalham, B. Kingston.

Reserves: R. Smith, P. Osman, D. Evans, M. Hedges.