

Schoolboy Hyde gains his Cap

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JOHN HYDE, 19-year-old Wellingborough Grammar School boy who begins his Army service the day after tomorrow, has been capped for England against France at Colombes on February 25.

Murray Hofmeyr is reinstated at full-back, while Uren and Botting are the only ones of the team which beat Ireland to lose their places. No one will question the wisdom of the selectors in these decisions.

The choice of Hyde has, of course, caused immense delight in Northampton. He was congratulated by his headmaster yesterday before the whole school, which also produced Don White, winner of five English caps. Team:

M. B. Hofmeyr (Oxford U.); J. P. Hyde (Northampton); L. B. Cannell, B. Boshbyer (Oxford U.); J. V. Smith (Cambridge U.); I. Press (Coventry); W. K. T. Mosses (Leicester); J. McG. Kendall-Carpenter (Oxford U.); J. H. Steeds (Barnes); W. A. Holmes (Nunston); H. A. Jones (Harrow); J. R. C. Matthews (Harlequins); V. C. Roberts (Penryn); S. J. Adkins (Coventry); H. D. Small (Oxford U.).

Mr. H. A. Wrenn, the school head, said: "I think we can claim Hyde as a schoolboy cap as he has been selected while still with us."

P.T. training

Hyde will go to Loughborough College to train as a P.T. instructor when he comes out of the Army.

He is a good runner, has done 21ft. 3in. in the long jump, and is an excellent cricketer.

He qualified for Loughborough without having to matriculate, as he had gained higher certificate honours in botany and zoology.

He is, of course, not the youngest player to be awarded international honours.

F. T. Wright (1881) and J. G. Milton (1904) played for England at 18 years of age. J. S. Hewitt was first capped for Ireland when he was five months past his seventeenth birthday in 1924. Youngest ever is C. Reid, who played for Scotland in 1881 when he was exactly 17.

France's team

France have made three changes from the team which drew with Ireland. J. Merquet, P. Lassosa and Hertze are dropped and Pilon, Dufau and Mathet come in. The team is:

H. Arcalis; M. Suman, P. Laga, P. Dizabo, M. Pouchinot; J. Pilon, G. Dufau; J. Prat, G. Basquet, P. Mathet, P. Bonnus, P. Arisauy, H. Ferrier, P. Pascalis, P. Viennes.



John Hyde, 19-year-old schoolboy England cap, clears with a powerful left-footed kick in a match against Leicester. He played for the Barbarians