

COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB RUGBY UNION



Ron Jones makes a powerful burst through in last Saturday's game against Fylde with Nobby Bolton in support
(Coventry Evening Telegraph photograph).



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Coventry v Gloucester

SATURDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER, 1972 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Programme

5p

COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB (Rugby Union)

COUNDON ROAD, COVENTRY

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Club Notes

The visit of Gloucester to Coundon Road is a memorable one at the best of times. With the memory of last March's 6-6 draw in the R.F.U. Knockout competition still fresh, today's encounter takes on special significance.

Gloucester have started their season impressively, beating Broughton Park 14-4 last Saturday, despite having many leading players away taking part in the Harlequins seven-a-side tournament, and Moseley 31-12 on Wednesday evening.

Coventry, after their 54-17 crushing of Fylde last week, surprisingly went down 19-nil at Notts on Wednesday, and those supporters who saw the game will be hoping that the poor form of that night is just a passing phase, if you will excuse the play on words.

Both Coventry and Gloucester contributed handsomely to the England sides of last season, and two of the less well-publicised members of the clubs who went on to gain glory in South Africa were Coventry's winger, Peter Preece, and Gloucester's flanker, John Watkins.

We also expect to see the familiar faces of John Bayliss (this season's Gloucester captain), Tommy Palmer, Mike Burton, Alan Brinn and Dick Smith, among others, today. An interesting newcomer to the Gloucester side is the former Cheltenham fly-half, Bob Redwood, whose advent has caused Palmer to move to centre.

Coventry's team was still not finalised when these notes were written and after the two opening games it could perhaps still be described as being in a state of flux. However if the memory of the debacle at Beeston can be forgotten, it is worth recalling that Gloucester have not won at Coundon Road in their last seven visits.

Even this early in the new campaign, the Coventry injury list already has a couple of names on it. David Cook has again dislocated his thumb, which caused him to miss the Notts match, and Richard Walker is recovering from a sprained ankle. We hope to see them both back in action soon, plus Barry Ninnies whose suspension ends shortly.

Coventry are not taking part in the Cheltenham sevens tomorrow but will be in Rugby's Centenary tournament at Webb Ellis Road on Sunday, September 17 and face Bedford in the opening round. The first game is at 12.45 and the final at 6.00.

For the benefit of those members and supporters who missed last Saturday's game, a new feature is appearing in this year's programme and can be found on the opposite page. The club are extremely grateful to those people who have already agreed to donate a match ball.

Again for the benefit of those of you missing last week, the price of our programme has been increased to 5p. Whilst we regret the necessity of this, printing costs have risen.

Annual/Dinner Dance

The Social Committee are holding this year's event at the Hotel Leofric on 28th October. Further details shortly, tickets will be available from Social Secretary, Mr. A.D. Millerchip.

Supporters' Club Notes

We make no apology in appealing to you all again to join the Supporters' Club for the new season. It costs you only 25p (10p for O.A.P.'s and boys). Remember we exist to help the parent club and football locally in any way we possibly can, but by how much depends largely on you the Supporters.

Please therefore come along and see us about this and may we couple with membership the weekly tote. Your support here quite simply determines prize money and what we can donate at the end of the season. A final thought on the tote, if 50 more supporters called in at the office, took away a card and each collected 50p per week from friends, relations etc, that alone would increase takings by £25 per week

Coaches are being run (subject to support) to CARDIFF next Saturday and BRIDGEND on October 21st. It is important that those wishing to travel to Cardiff should book today at the office.

Your programme editor is Mr. J. Butler.

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TEAMS

Referee: Mr. R.F. Johnson, London Society
Today's match ball has been presented by Skelcher and Rowe Ltd.

Coventry

No. Name

- 1 P.A. Rossborough
- 2 D.J. Duckham (Capt)
- 3 G.W. Evans
- 4 P.R. Preece
- 5 J.P. Bolton
- 6 P.D. Nicholls
- 7 W.J. Gittings
- 8 J.M. Broderick
- 9 J.D. Gray
- 10 G.R. Creed
- 11 I.R. Darnell
- 12 D. Simpson
- 13 R.H. Walker
- 14 J. Barton
- 15 B.C. Holt

* County Player
† International

Full Back
Right Wing
Right Centre
Left Centre
Left Wing
Stand Off
Scrum Half
Forwards

Gloucester

Name No.

- P. Butler 15
- R. Clews 14
- *J. Bayliss (Capt) 13
- *T. Palmer 12
- J. Dix 11
- *R. Redwood 10
- G. Mace 9
- * R. Cowling 1
- *M. Nicholls 2
- †*M. Burton 3
- *J. Jarrett 4
- J. Fidler 5
- J. Haines 6
- *R. Smith 7
- M. Potter 8