

COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB RUGBY UNION



Action from last Saturday's trial game at Coundon Road as Peter Preece cross-kicks for the Midlands with Geoff Evans alongside in support.

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Coventry v Gloucester

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1971 Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Programme
4p



TEAMS

Referee: Mr. D.W. Brown, Oxford Society of Referees.

Coventry

1	G.H. Cole (Capt.)	<i>Full Back</i>
2	P.N. Preece	<i>Right Wing</i>
3	C.P. Wheatley	<i>Right Centre</i>
4	P.A. Rossborough	<i>Left Centre</i>
5	R.E. Webb	<i>Left Wing</i>
6	A.R. Cowman	<i>Stand Off</i>
7	W.J. Gittings	<i>Scrum Half</i>
8	R.J. Knott	<i>Forwards</i>
9	J.D. Gray	
10	G.R. Creed	
11	B. Ninnes	
12	I.R. Darnell	
13	R. Walker	
14	L.J. Rolinson	
15	P.M. Bryan	

Gloucester

E. Stephens	15
R. Clewes	14
J. Bayliss	13
R. White	12
J. Dix	11
T. Palmer	10
M. Booth	9
R. Cowling	1
M. Nicholls	2
K. Richardson	3
J. Jarrett	4
N. Jackson	5
J. Watkins	6
R. Smith	7
M. Potter	8

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Gloucester are the welcome and familiar visitors to Coundon Road today and Coventry will be bidding to avenge a 16–15 defeat at Kingsholm back in September which was the only loss the club suffered in their first 16 matches of the season.

In the last month or so things have not been going quite so well for Coventry with four defeats suffered in the last seven matches. But all the more reason for picking on such old rivals as Gloucester as the opposition against which to stage a revival!

Both sides are slightly below full strength because of the demands of the England trial at Bristol. Coventry miss centre David Duckham and Geoff Evans and No. 8 John Barton, while captain Keith Fairbrother and a third centre, Bob Griffiths, are among the travelling reserves.

Gloucester are without their regular full-back, Ron Etheridge, who is in the Scottish trial and prop Mike Burton and lock Alan Brinn who are at Bristol. No matter, it should still be the sort of rousing affairs which Coventry–Gloucester games usually turn out to be.

Alan Cowman makes his senior debut for the club today, and if that name sounds unfamiliar it should be added that Dick now prefers to be known by his proper first name. He says that it's only the newspapers which call him Dick – presumably so long as that's all they call him, he shouldn't need to worry.

Peter Rossborough will be seen in the unaccustomed role of centre, and for those whose memories don't go back four seasons it should be said that it was in this position that he made his Coventry senior debut against Cardiff in 1967-68 and acquitted himself remarkably well.

This will, in fact, be the last home game at Coundon Road until Neath are the visitors on New Year's Day. But club enthusiasts have an extra bonus with the visit of Notts in the next round of the R.F.U. National Cup on February 2nd.

Mention should also be made of the honour which has befallen two of the club's most loyal forwards, Jim Broderick and Les Rolinson. They both make their debuts for the Barbarians at Leicester on Tuesday, December 28th.

This completes a wonderful comeback for Jim, who returned to action in the Extras side last Saturday morning and scored two tries in the unlikely guise of a member of the Public School Wanderers team against the Bosuns the next day.

Your forthcoming Coundon Diary

With the coming of Christmas, there is a lull in the match proceedings after today's game. However on Monday week 27th December whilst the 1st XV are at Moseley, our Extra First XV entertain Moseley United, kick off 3 p.m. Our lads will no doubt be out to reverse the heavy defeat suffered in the hands of the Moseley second XV in November. Indeed other than the defeat by Leicester Extras, our Extra Firsts once again have an impressive record with 14 wins in 16 games and 522 points under their belts.

On Saturday 1st January the 1st XV are at home again with Neath as the visitors also kick off 3 p.m.

Tonight is "disco" night

All members are reminded that this evening in the clubhouse, the players are running another of their highly successful disco nights, so please come along and support this.

Supporters' Club Notes

We appeal once again to Supporters who haven't yet joined the Supporters' Club to please do so. It costs only 50p for the season (reductions for O.A.P.'s & Juniors) so please give us your support. Those extra few make all the difference in the amount of support we are able to give the parent club.

This is the last occasion the club programme will be published in 1971 and your editor, on behalf of club officials would like to express to members and supporters sincere seasonal greetings and best wishes for all that is good for 1972.

Your programme editor is Mr. J. Butler.