

# COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB RUGBY UNION



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Centenary Season

1974



Action from Coventry's opening home game of the season against Fylde. Chris Gifford (left) slings out a pass to Jim Broderick, with Ian Darnell and Alf Troughton in support.

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## Coventry v Gloucester

Programme

**5p**

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 1974 Kick-off 3pm

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# TEAMS

Referee:  
Mr.K.A.Pattinson (North Midlands)

## Coventry

## Gloucester

No.	Name		Name	No.
15	P. A. Rossborough	Full Back	P. Butler	15
14	D. J. Duckham	Right Wing	R. Clewes	14
13	B. J. Cortless	Right Centre	R. White	13
12	C. S. Wardlow	Left Centre	R. Jardine	12
11	S. Maisey	Left Wing	J. Dix	11
10	A. R. Cowman	Stand Off	H. Redwood	10
9	C. Gifford	Scrum Half	P. Kingston	9
1	K. E. Fairbrother	Forwards	K. Richardson	1
2	J. Gallagher		M. Nicholls	2
3	J. M. Broderick		M. Burton	3
4	I. N. Darnell (Capt.)		A. Brinn	4
5	D. Simpson		J. Fidler	5
6	R. Walker		J. Watkins	6
8	B. F. Nennes		J. Jarrett	8
7	R. Cardwell		J. Haines	7

# COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB (Rugby Union)

COUNDON ROAD, COVENTRY

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Remember all the havoc Attila the Hun caused during his playing career? Well, at the risk of being accused of an excruciating play on words we ominously report that an Italian touring side named L'Aquila were well and truly Attila-ed this week . . . to the tune of 75-nil.

And the lads responsible for that massacre of the innocents were none other than our visitors this afternoon, Gloucester. Presumably they've prepared themselves for the considerably harder contest they can expect from our Coventry XV.

If the pattern of previous encounters between the two clubs is to hold good, the omens point to a Coventry victory. We've won 11, drawn two and lost only one (in 1966-67) of our last 14 home matches against Gloucester. At Kingsholm, by contrast, we've won six times, drawn once and lost seven during the same period.

Needless to say, this game - together with the one against Cardiff - is the barometer by which Cov's faithful followers test the early season potential of our side. Victories over both usually suggest we're in for a fine season; everything else this first month is in the nature of a preliminary, with all due respect to Solihull, Fylde, Nottingham and Metropolitan Police, our opponents in the first four matches of the campaign.

These notes were written on the eve of our Wednesday night games against Nottingham and Metropolitan Police, so the composition of the Coventry side for today's match wasn't yet decided. However, it's readily apparent that the selection situation hasn't changed much since last season.

We've got a surfeit of talent in the back division, which will become an even greater embarrassment of riches when Geoff Evans and Peter Preece return to action. In the front row, too, there is an abundance of choice with Keith Fairbrother, Jim Broderick, Trevor Corless, Jim Robinson and British Lion Fran Cotton (when he's free from Lancashire county commitments) all in contention.

It's the back row which continues to provide the headaches for our selection committee. Both Barry Ninnes and Alf Troughton have already been pressed into service at No.8 and the emergence of one or other to fill the void left by Les Rolinson and John Barton would be very welcome.

## SECRETARY SPEAKS:

Next week the 1st XV have away games with Rugby (Wednesday 6pm) and Cardiff (Saturday 3.15pm) while the Extra 1st XV will be at home for the first time this season when they entertain Cardiff Athletic at Coundon Road (3pm) in what is their most attractive fixture of the season. This is always a most enjoyable occasion and it is hoped that as many supporters as possible will come along to cheer the Extras.

## SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS

Have you seen the new Coventry shirts? We have available Sweater Shirts for adults at £3.30 each and Tee Shirts for children at £1.25 incorporating the club emblem. These are on sale at the Supporters' Club office and we hope to have your support on this venture.

We are organising a film show at the clubhouse on Thursday October 3rd of one of the recent tours. It is hoped that one of our own players who went to South Africa will give a short talk on the Lions' Tour.

If demand justifies it, we will run coaches to selected away games, hoping to start with Bridgend on Saturday October 19th.

Membership is still open for the new season at 25p and we hope to see all prospective members in our office, new faces are always welcome.

## ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The club Dinner and Dance will be held at the Hotel Leofric on 26th October 1974, price £3.50 per ticket and we hope to have the support of all. Tickets are available from Tony Millerchip at 88 Armorial Road, Coventry. There is room for all so apply for your tickets now.

## LADIES' COMMITTEE

Tickets are available for our Christmas Draw and we would appreciate any help in the sale of tickets. The many prizes include an attractive Portable Television, tickets for a Twickenham International and bottles of spirits together with many others. Application for tickets should be made to Mrs. A.A. Wyman in the clubhouse or at 101 Church Lane, Coventry.

## MEMBERSHIP

New members and anyone wishing to renew their membership should call at the Treasurer's office after the game today. Will Vice-Presidents who wish to obtain a Car Park pass call at the Treasurer's office, with their membership card.

Do you know where a lot of the players hang out on Sundays? Rumour has it they can be found in the clubhouse for a lunchtime chat. Why not join them? The bar's open too.

Your Programme Editor is Richard Parsons.