

COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB RUGBY UNION



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Sam Doble engulfed by the Australians as indeed the whole Midland Counties West side became at Coundon Road last Saturday. *(Photographs by courtesy of Coventry Evening Telegraph)*

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Coventry v Gloucester

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER 1975

Kick-off 3pm

10p

Today's Match Ball presented by:
 C. U. C. Clifford Ltd, Builders, Coventry
 Referee: Mr. D. Jones, (Notts., Lincs. & Derby)

Coventry

Gloucester

No.	Name		Name	No.
15	P. Evans	Full Back	R. Etheridge	15
14	P. Kneee	Right Wing	R. J. Clewes	14
13	P. Coulthard	Right Centre	B. Vine	13
12	G. W. Evans	Left Centre	R. R. Mogg	12
11	S. Maisey	Left Wing	R. Jardine	11
10	A. R. Cowman	Stand Off	C. G. Williams	10
9	C. Gifford	Scrum Half	P. Kingston	9
1	T. Corless	Tight Head	K. Richardson (Capt.)	1
2	J. Gallagher	Hooker	F. C. Reed	2
3	J. M. Broderick	Loose Head	M. A. Curran	3
4	D. Simpson	2nd Row	P. J. Winnal	4
5	I. Darnell (Capt.)	2nd Row	J. F. Fidler	5
6	P. Bryan	Wing Forward	R. Smith	6
8	J. Shipsides	No. 8	A. Auster	8
7	R. Walker	Wing Forward	J. H. Haines	7

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At our last home game before the festive season begins we take this opportunity of extending seasons greetings to all members and supporters and of course our opponents today.

Gloucester always provide formidable opposition and today will surely be no exception. The clashes at Coundon Road in recent seasons have provided several memorable matches and usually we have managed to finish up with the best of the exchanges.

Recent results suggest our opponents are very much an "in and out" outfit having lost at home to Moseley but winning at the Reddings. This makes their form a little difficult to predict but we certainly feel capable of achieving victory. They will be without Mike Burton today on England trial duty and the loss of their captain may be a significant factor.

This is our first home game since our defeat at the hands of Bedford last month which produced gloom all round. Since then improved performances have been given and this culminated in the splendid result at Llanelli last Saturday when by all accounts we were desperately unlucky to lose 9 - 6. With England Trial and Midland Counties calls depleting the side this was indeed a tremendous performance especially since Barry Ninnis was injured in the first half and could take no further part in the game. It is remarkable to state that this was Llanelli's first game at Stradey Park for over three years without scoring a try.

The signs of a revival of our fortunes are there and we must build on this today in preparation for Boxing Day at the Reddings.

Although all present must have been disappointed at the Midland Counties performance against the Australians last Saturday, the fine open play of the Tourists must have pleased them all. Perhaps not the best Tourists we've ever seen but certainly a fine attractive side and most welcome visitors. The Midland Counties (West) could no doubt have pushed them harder given a full side but this is now left to the realms of fantasy.

Congratulations today to David Duckham and especially Barrie Corless for their selection in the England side for the final trial. We wish them the best of luck although any selection for England these days must be left in the lap of the gods.