

COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB RUGBY UNION



Break to the Blind Side by Colin Grimshaw during last Saturday's game with Fylde
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Coventry v Gloucester

PROGRAMME

10p

SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 1976 Kick-off 3pm

Referee:
D. JONES
(Notts, Lincs & Derby)

TEAMS

Match Ball:
GLANVILL ENTHOVEN
(COVENTRY) LIMITED

Coventry

Gloucester

No.	Name		Name	No.
15	S. Hall	Full Back	P. Butler	15
14	S. Maisey	Right Wing	R. Clews	14
13	P. Preece	Right Centre	R. Mogg	13
12	P. Coulthard	Left Centre	B. Vine	12
11	P. Knee	Left Wing	P. Williams	11
10	S. Hamilton	Stand Off	C. Williams	10
9	C. Grimshaw (Capt.)	Scrum Half	P. Kingston	9
1	J. Broderick	Forwards	K. Richardson	1
2	M. Barker-Davies		S. Mills	2
3	J. Hamer		M. Burton	3
4	C. McCarthy		S. Boyle	4
5	B. Ninnes		J. Sidler	5
6	N. Malik		J. Watkins	6
8	J. Shippides		E. Pinkey	7
7	R. Cardwell		J. Simonet	8
	Replacements:		Replacements:	
	P. Rossborough		G. Hutchinson	
	R. Fardoe		R. Daldry	

COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB (Rugby Union)

OUNDON ROAD, COVENTRY

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The first weekend of the season proved every bit as successful this season as last. The 1st and 2nd teams scored convincing victories and the Extras went on to retain the Worcester Sevens trophy for the fourth year — a fine achievement. The difference is that we are not misled by our good start and the salient lessons of last season have not been lost on us.

As pleasing as last week's start was nobody at the Club is "starry eyed" about this and we all realise that the first real test is against Gloucester today. Our visitors do not have a good record at Coundon Road in recent years and cannot enter today's game with a great deal of confidence but they are a sound side always difficult to beat.

Gloucester's strength as ever will be in their pack and it is sure to be a "no holds barred contest" today. It is to be hoped that the early season rustiness will not deter from the game but this is a traditional highlight of the season and should provide for good entertainment all round.

It was good to see Peter Preece burst back on the scene last week with three tries after all his tribulations last season and we look forward to seeing many more in the weeks to come. Our new Captain Colin Grimshaw was also in the thick of the action with two tries including, most appropriately, the first score of the season.

Our next two Saturdays see away fixtures, with the Extras returning to Coundon Road. Next week in particular with our visit to Cardiff in their centenary season takes on great significance. Our first visit to Wales invariably gives us an important pointer for the weeks to come and can either raise or deflate the morale considerably. Certainly one of the top objectives of our new skipper is to improve our performances in the principality and lets hope this begins next week.

Those of you who cannot make the trip will we hope come and support the Extras at Coundon Road. Extras rugby is much neglected by the supporters and this is a pity in view of the many fine games they put on. Come along next week and also of course welcome Cardiff's second team in their centenary year.

SECRETARY SPEAKS:

We are most grateful to all those members who have paid their subscriptions early this season. Up to the time of writing these notes approximately 650 of last years 1050 membership have rejoined and we have also welcomed 50 new members. As will be appreciated in these difficult times a controlled cash flow is essential for the Club and we would urge members who have not yet paid their subscriptions to do so at an early date.

On the subject of membership we would advise everyone that our gate staff have been instructed strictly to admit no one to the ground be it official player or member without presentation of their card. This ruling will be strictly enforced and all disputes on match days will be referred to the Treasurer's office. It is the divine right of no one to enter our ground without paying the appropriate fee.

We would also warn everyone that the rules concerning entrance to the Clubhouse will be strictly enforced and anyone wishing to use the Club's facilities on a regular basis must become a member. Guests of course will continue to be welcomed along with members.

Our next home game is on Wednesday week 22nd September against Nuneaton and this should prove of interest to local rugger followers (7.15 p.m. kick-off).

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS:

We should be delighted to welcome in our office members old and new for subscription payment which remains at 25p.

We still have some blue sweater shirts for sale at £4.50, a few white T-shirts at £2.00 and scarves at £3.00 available in our office today. We also have key rings with the Supporters Badge at £1.00 each. Orders will also be accepted for Daily Telegraph Rugby Union Diaries 1977.

We propose to run a coach to Bridgend on October 16th and enquiries are welcome at our office. Further trips are planned and anyone interested in going to Gosforth on December 4th for the Cup game please contact us immediately.

OLD PLAYERS ASSOCIATION:

We plan to run a coach to Sale on September 25th for the away fixture. Any Old Players interested please contact Brian O'Donnell or Geoff Dipple as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Treasurer's office will be open at all home games during September for renewal of memberships and to welcome any new members.

Also the Assistant Treasurer will be available in the Clubhouse on Thursday evenings during September from 8.00 p.m. onwards to deal with renewals and all membership enquiries.

You are reminded that entrance to the Clubhouse is restricted to members only so apply today. All new members are most welcome.

"500" CLUB:

The enlarged Club was a great success last year as the Main Stand painting proves and already this year over 200 members have enrolled. Subscription rates remain at £10 or £1.25 monthly and monthly draws will be held building up to the grand Annual £500 draw.

You can enrol today or any match day in the Clubhouse foyer so go and see Harry Mundy before he comes to see you.

Your Programme Editor is Richard Parsons.