



COVENTRY
FOOTBALL
CLUB
RUGBY UNION

PROGRAMME
10p

Coventry v Gloucester

SATURDAY 17th DECEMBER 1977

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

Todays Match Ball presented by:- Mason Newey (Chartered Surveyors)

TEAMS

Coventry

Gloucester

No.	Name		Name	No.
15	P. Rossborough (Capt.)	Full Back	P. E. Butler	15
14	S. Haisey	Right Wing	R. J. Clewes	14
13	P. Coulthard	Right Centre	R. Jardine	13
12	D. Duckham	Left Centre	B. J. Vine	12
11	P. Preece	Left Wing	P. A. Tunstall	11
10	K. Aitchison	Stand Off	D. Pointon	10
9	C. Grimshaw	Scrum Half	P. Kingston	9
1	J. Hamer	Forwards	K. Richardson	1
2	C. Weston		S. G. Mills	2
3	T. Dingley		M. A. Curran	3
4	M. Slagter		A. Brinn	4
5	B. Ninnes		J. H. Fidler	5
6	S. Oliver		J. A. Watkins (Capt.)	6
8	S. Gregory		J. F. Simonett	8
7	G. Robins		J. Haines	7

Referee:
Norman Sanson
(London Society)

Replacements:
P. Lander
J. Hecht

Replacements:
K. Conway
J. S. Jarrett

On this, our first Saturday home game for a month, it is indeed a pity that in welcoming Gloucester, we cannot attempt to erase memories of the heavy defeat suffered at Kingsholm in September with two full sides in opposition. It has to be said that when the new regional trial system was being investigated, we as a major gate taking club were a party in approving the basic idea, which it must be accepted is an improvement on the old White/Colours, Probables/Possibles trial system. Nevertheless, it was perhaps not appreciated that three consecutive Saturdays would be involved and undoubtedly this is not designed to bring a "festive smile" to any Club Treasurer's face. We must however congratulate the Midland's side in reaching today's final at Twickenham and in the final analysis overall, can only hope that the system will play its part in continuing England's revival at National level.

Gloucester as we stated inflicted on us by far our heaviest defeat of the season three months ago, the margin being 0-27. Overall, they are again enjoying a pretty good season. Several players are expected to be missing because of trial demands, but whilst the exact composition of the side was not known when these notes were compiled, several well known players are expected to be in the side. At full back, there is the dangerous and prolific scoring Peter Butler, who featured recently in the

"Sam Doble Memorial brochure". A man to be feared by opposition everywhere and who we understand contributed very significantly in his club's success last weekend over Bath. It is also expected our visitors side might also include former International half back Peter Kingston, formerly of course under-study to Jan Webster at Moseley and also those experienced flankers John Watkins and John Haines.