



COVENTRY  
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TODAY'S MATCH BALL PRESENTED BY:  
**GLANVILL ENTHOVEN  
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 INSURANCE BROKERS

SATURDAY  
 13th SEPTEMBER 1980

# TEAMS

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

## Coventry

## Gloucester

No.	Name		Name	No.
15	P. A. Rosborough	<i>Full Back</i>	P. Butler	15
14	P. F. Knee (Capt.)	<i>Right Wing</i>	R. Clews	14
13	D. Bailey	<i>Right Centre</i>	P. Howell	13
12	I. Stokes	<i>Left Centre</i>	R. Mogg	12
11	S. Maisey	<i>Left Wing</i>	P. Connay	11
10	G. H. Davies	<i>Stand Off</i>	B. Russell	10
9	S. P. Thomas	<i>Scrum Half</i>	P. Kingston	9
1	L. Johnson	<i>Forwards</i>	T. Sargeant	1
2	A. Farrington		S. Mills (Capt.)	2
3	F. Melvin		M. Preedy	3
4	B. F. Ninnes		J. Fidler	4
5	R. J. Fardoe		J. Boyle	5
6	B. Clark		V. Woolley	6
8	S. Gregory		P. Wood	8
7	N. Malik		J. Orwin	7

REFEREE:  
**Mr. B. Head-Rapson**  
 (Notts., Lincs, & Derby)

*Replacements:*

M. Woodhead  
 L. Campbell

*Replacements:*

K. White  
 D. Pointon

**WELCOME:**

On this our first home game of the season, a particularly warm welcome back to all of you to Coundon Road, to newcomers, good to see you, we hope it will be the first of many visits here.

The visit of Gloucester is always eagerly awaited in our calendar and through the years fixtures between us have invariably been a pretty realistic guide to the respective strength at any one time of Midland and West Country rugby. The Cherry and Whites commenced their season last Saturday with a home win over Broughton Park by 24 pts to 19, so without doubt they will be in reasonable heart.

Before making any further comments, we must make reference however to one sad feature relative to today's game. Although the make up of the Gloucester side was not known when these notes were compiled, one "off the field figure and character" of Gloucester rugby who sadly will not be with us is the late Arthur Russell, who for many years covered the game for the "Gloucester Citizen" and who prior to his death in the second half of last season had also run his own Sports Agency. A tremendous man, who died on his beloved Kingsholm ground and who we will sadly miss today.

Turning now to encounters between us at Coundon Road, since 1970 we have met on 10 occasions, Coventry winning 6, Gloucester 3, with one game "drawn," the famous Cup tie back in 1971/72. Last season, Gloucester triumphed here by 9 pts to 3, with fly half Brian Russell scoring all his sides points having taken over kicking duties from the injured Peter Butler. In the corresponding game at Kingsholm last September we came back with a 13 pts all draw.

Broadly speaking therefore we feel in welcoming our friends here today a Coventry victory has to be due, never an easy feat though against the West Countrymen.