

# Coventry Football Club



Программа

20р

# Teams

## Coventry

## Gloucester

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Name</i>	<i>No.</i>
15	M. Rose	<i>Full Back</i>	P. Ford	15
14	S. Maisey	<i>Right Wing</i>	R. Mogg	14
13	J. Cook	<i>Right Centre</i>	P. Taylor	13
12	P. Bagnall	<i>Left Centre</i>	S. Parsloe	12
11	P. Knee	<i>Left Wing</i>	P. Pritchard	11
10	H. Davies	<i>Stand Off</i>	L. Jones	10
9	S. Thomas (Capt.)	<i>Scrum Half</i>	S. Baker	9
1	L. Johnson	<i>Forwards</i>	M. Preedy	1
2	S. Brain		S. Mills	2
3	S. Wilkes		R. Pascall	3
4	A. Gulliver		J. Orwin	4
5	R. Fardoe		S. Boyle	5
6	P. Thomas		J. Gadd	6
8	G. Robbins		A. Turton	8
7	R. Sadler		P. Wood	7

**SATURDAY**  
**11th SEPTEMBER**  
**1982**

*Replacements:*

R. West  
J. Webster

REFEREE:  
**Mr. J. A. Trigg**  
(London Society)

*Replacements:*

**To be announced**

### WELCOME:

On this, the opening of our home Saturday 1st XV programme, a warm welcome to you all again to Coundon Road. None of us really does know of course what the next eight months will bring, either at club or international level. One thing is certain, British Lions places to New Zealand next summer beckon invitingly, so there are no lack of incentives particularly for the players in the running or close to it.

### THE VISITORS:

Players and officials of our old rivals Gloucester are always particularly welcome to Coundon Road, this of course being the second visit here of the "Cherry & Whites" in 6 months. Few of you will need reminding on Saturday 3rd April last, Gloucester triumphed in a "little matter" named the "John Player Cup" semi final by 18 pts to 9, prior to sharing the title with Moseley for which we congratulate them. The game is clearly still very much in everyone's memory, although let it be said from a Coventry point of view there could be few complaints about the result. Looking at the "club" fixtures between us last season, the Coundon game at Christmas was lost due to the appalling weather, whereas in the corresponding fixture at Kingsholm last September we lost, creditably let it be said, by 15 pts to 21, with both our replacements on inside 20 minutes and "Mal" Malik also injured later.

Our recent record against Gloucester overall is nothing to get excited about, showing as it does one victory since season 1977/78. The one success came almost exactly two years ago, here at Coundon Road in September 1980 by 16 pts to 3. Previous to that the last victory was in December 1977 again at home by 16 pts to 10. Our best result at Kingsholm in this period came in the drawn game (13 pts all) during season 1979/80.

Last Saturday, Gloucester opened their campaign at home with a defeat by Swansea, in what by all accounts was a sternly fought contest. Of the side which played Swansea, 10 players were also in the "Cherry & Whites" side which appeared here in April, one significant absentee being full back Peter Butler brought back for last season's "Cup" semi final, but who subsequently has retired after his record breaking kicking exploits.

All the indications are Gloucester's experienced side will as usual again be very difficult to beat here this afternoon. In presenting this stern challenge they are very welcome visitors indeed.