

Coventry Football Club



Програма

25р

Teams

Coventry

No.	Name	
15	C. Meanwell	<i>Full Back</i>
14	E. Saunders	<i>Right Wing</i>
13	R. Massey	<i>Right Centre</i>
12	D. Jones	<i>Left Centre</i>
11	S. Hall	<i>Left Wing</i>
10	C. Ralston (Capt.)	<i>Stand Off</i>
9	D. Clark	<i>Scrum Half</i>
1	G. Smith	<i>Forwards</i>
2	A. Farrington	
3	S. Wilkes	
4	A. Gulliver	
5	B. Kidner	
6	P. Thomas	
8	R. Travers	
7	M. Trumper	

Replacements:

**To be
Announced**

Referee

**Mr. G. James
(Leicester)**

Gloucester

Name	No.
T. Smith	15
D. Morgan	14
P. Taylor (Capt.)	13
R. MacLean	12
J. Breeze	11
M. Evans	10
M. Hannaford	9
P. Jones	1
G. Mann	2
R. Phillips	3
N. Scrivens	4
J. Brain	5
J. Gadd	6
J. Bennett	8
M. Longstaff	7

Replacements:

**P. Kingston
D. Spencer**

**SATURDAY
21st DECEMBER 1985
Kick-off 3pm**



David Jones and Nigel Wright appear to be involved in an impromptu knees-up during Coventry's clash with Bridgend in October. Cov. won the match 32 - 4 and Jones helped himself to two tries.

(Photograph by courtesy of the Coventry Evening Telegraph)

Welcome to Gloucester

After exactly one month away how good it is to welcome back senior Saturday football to Coundon Road today, with the visit of our old friends Gloucester. As always, they will no doubt prove to be tough and difficult opponents, eager to avenge the defeat we inflicted upon them in September.

Unfortunately for this return clash, both our sides are affected selection wise by the final round of "Thorn-E.M.I." Inter-Divisional matches taking place today. A number of Gloucester players have been involved in the two previous rounds of matches, two weeks ago against London Division, Mike Hamlin at fly half and forwards Kevin White, Richard Pascall and club skipper and England international lock, John Orwin. Subsequently, prop forward Malcolm Preedy joined Pascall and Orwin in last Saturday's side against the Midlands, where Hamlin and White were joined on the bench by their former club colleague, Mike Teague, the English international back row man now playing for Cardiff. Congratulations to all of them.

Turning now to the exploits of the Gloucester club, after an indifferent start to the season, they have indeed been enjoying a fine run. The fine win at Leicester two weeks ago extended our visitor's run to ten straight wins, coming as it has after a rather indifferent start to the season. Last Saturday, although originally due to play Bath,

Gloucester travelled to Launceston for a 24pts - 12 victory, the eleventh on the trot. That victory at Leicester was also particularly noteworthy in that Gloucester became only the third side to win there, following on from Bath and Cardiff; a victory which, by all accounts, owed a tremendous amount to the skill of scrum half Marcus Hannaford and full back Tim Smith. Although as we mentioned earlier a number of notable names will be missing today from the "Cherry and White" ranks on representative duty, such is the strength of the Gloucester club, a lot of the others playing here today are already well known to us.

Today of course sees our side attempt the season's double having pulled off a fine win at Kingsholm in September by 18pts - 14. For the past two seasons however, the reverse has been the story, last season 6pts - 10 at Coundon Road, whilst in the corresponding fixture last December at Kingsholm we trailed home "second". In season 1983/84, it was a similar story: 14pts - 19 away and 6pts - 18 at home; so today we attempt our first home success over our visitors since September 1982, the season of our last "Gloucester double".

A very keenly contested match will, no doubt, transpire again this afternoon. Albeit a little early, may we take this opportunity of wishing our visitors a very happy festive season, providing of course from a playing point of view, that does not mean success this afternoon!