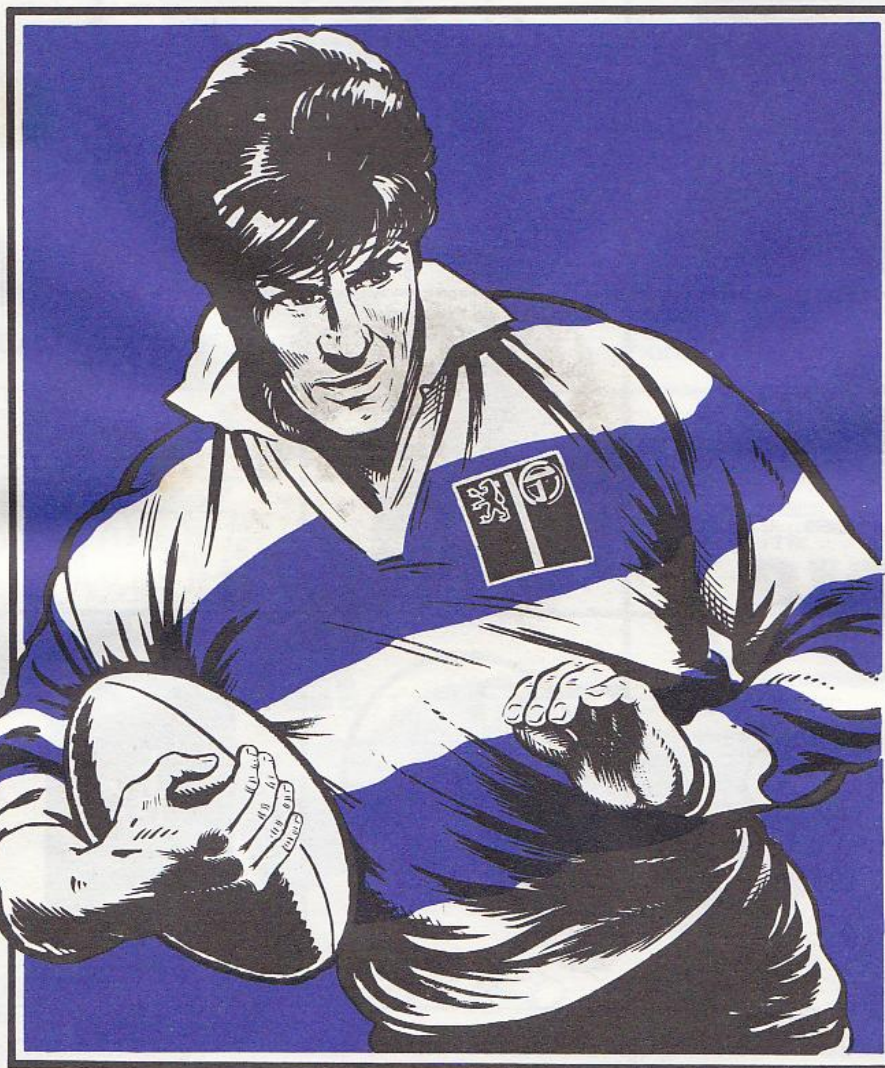


COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB



PROGRAMME 30^P



Teams

Coventry

No.	Name	
15	M. Fairn	Full Back
14	E. Saunders	Right Wing
13	J. Minchull	Right Centre
12	C. Medford	Left Centre
11	S. Hall	Left Wing
10	G. Owen	Stand Off
9	D. Clark	Scrum Half
1	L. Johnson (Capt.)	Forwards
2	A. Farrington	
3	S. Wilkes	
4	A. Gulliver	
5	B. Kidner	
6	R. Travers	
8	G. Robbins	
7	M. Trumper	

Replacements:

A. N. Other
K. Ferdinand

Referee

Mr. F. Howard
(Liverpool)

Gloucester

Name	No.
S. Lazenby T. SMITH	15
D. Morgan	14
P. Taylor	13
R. McLean	12
J. Breeze	11
D. Poynton	10
M. Hannaford (M. SMITH)	9
M. Preedy (Capt.)	1
K. White	2
R. Pascall	3
N. Scrivens	4
J. Brain ETHERIDGE	5
J. Gadd	6
M. Teague CUMMINS	8
R. Longstaff I. SMITH	7

Replacements:

J. Davis
G. Mann

SATURDAY
13th SEPTEMBER 1986
Kick-off 3pm



They seek him here, they seek him there: Coventry winger Eddie Saunders, the top try-scorer in English rugby last season, demonstrates his Pimpernel talents as three Walsall men grope in his slipstream during the match at Coundon Road last week.

(Photograph by courtesy of the Coventry Evening Telegraph)

Good afternoon and welcome to Gloucester

This afternoon's "John Smith's" Merit Table A match sees us extend a warm welcome to our old friends Gloucester, traditional rivals over many years, who come here today as the reigning "John Smith's" champions. Along with our Hon. General Secretary, Peter Jackson, yours truly was delighted to represent our club at the presentations in Gloucester during May and we know just how much the honour of becoming "John Smith's" champions of 1985/86 meant to our visitors.

Last Saturday, Gloucester met stiff opposition in taking on Swansea at Kingsholm, before losing narrowly by 4pts - 6 in what by all accounts was a rather disappointing match. No. 8, Mike Teague scored the "Cherry & Whites" only try from the back of a line out, Teague it will be recalled returned to Gloucester last season after a brief spell with Cardiff. Our visitors are skippered this season by prop forward Malcolm Preedy, who has taken over the position from England back John Orwin, now with Bedford. Of the side which performed last weekend, eight of them played here in our meeting last December, Derrick Morgan, Paul Taylor, Rory MacLean and Jim Breeze amongst the backs, Nigel Scrivens, John

Brain, John Gadd and Mike Longstaff in the forwards. Marcus Hannaford at scrum half, Keith White (hooker) and Richard Pascall (prop) are other names well known to us, players who have all performed here regularly before. White has of course taken over the position held for so long by former club skipper, Steve Mills.

Last season, we achieved a notable double over Gloucester, winning the corresponding encounter at Kingsholm in September by 18pts - 14, and the return here in December by 17pts - 13. On each of the previous two seasons however, it was our visitors who gained the double, in short, our victory here last December was our first in the fixture at home since September 1982, a season when it was also our turn to gain the double.

We are also delighted today that "John Smith's" have generously offered to sponsor the match and thank them sincerely for the support they are giving, not only today, but also over the season as a whole. There can be little doubt that this afternoon's meeting will be as hard fought as ever, "Cov/ Gloucester" clashes always are. Will the trend over recent seasons begin again today? Certainly, as we indicated earlier, the side winning the first meeting has tended to complete the double later.