

# COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB



**PROGRAMME 40<sup>P</sup>**





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**TEAMS**

**Coventry**

No.	Name	
15	<b>Martin Fairn</b>	<i>Full Back</i>
14	<b>Andy Parton</b>	<i>Right Wing</i>
13	<b>Jason Minshull</b>	<i>Right Centre</i>
12	<b>Chris Millerchip</b>	<i>Left Centre</i>
11	<b>Stu Hall</b>	<i>Left Wing</i>
10	<b>Mark Lakey</b>	<i>Stand Off</i>
9	<b>Steve Thomas</b>	<i>Scrum Half</i>
1	<b>Gareth Tregilgas</b>	<i>Forwards</i>
2	<b>Andy Farrington</b>	
3	<b>Steve Wilkes</b>	
4	<b>Rob Heggett</b>	
5	<b>Tony Gulliver</b>	
6	<b>Peter Rowland</b>	
8	<b>Dick Travers</b>	
7	<b>Steve Wright</b>	

*Replacements:*  
**Andy Savage**  
**Gary Colleran**

*Referee*  
**Mr. Paul Russell**  
(London Society)

**Gloucester**

Name	No.
<b>Tim Smith</b>	15
<b>Jim Breeze</b>	14
<b>Clive Dyke</b>	13
<b>Damian Cummins</b>	12
<b>Nick Price</b>	11
<b>John Roberts</b>	10
<b>Neil Baytell</b>	9
<b>Peter Jones</b>	1
<b>Kevin White</b>	2
<b>Bob Phillips</b>	3
<b>Nigel Scrivens</b>	4
<b>John Etheridge</b>	5
<b>Dave Stanley</b>	6
<b>Jeremy Bennett (C)</b>	8
<b>David Spencer</b>	7

*Replacements:*  
**Andy Brady**  
**Paul Ashmead**

**SATURDAY, 19th DECEMBER 1987** Kick-off 3pm

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## **Good afternoon and welcome to Gloucester**

The first of four consecutive home matches for our 1st XV sees us extend a very warm welcome this afternoon to our very old friends and rivals Gloucester. Sadly, because of the "Toshiba" Inter-Divisional Championship commitments, neither side will be at full strength.

Gloucester are skippered this season by their scrum half, Marcus Hannaford, who however has been required recently on the reserve's bench for the South West in the Divisional Championship. Other Gloucester players actually selected in the South West side have been fly half Mike Hamlin, prop Richard Pascall and lock John Brain. In addition, centre threequarter Ruari MacLean recently represented Scotland "B" in their victory over Italy "B". At full back, Tim Smith, son of former flanker Dick, has just regained the full back berth. Several others we expected to be named in the Cherry & Whites side are well known to us already, Jim Breeze, Richard Mogg and Nick Price in the backs, Jeremy Bennett at No. 8, who played a significant part in our defeat by Gloucester in September, plus hooker Kevin White.

Last Saturday, Gloucester were also on their travels, defeating Plymouth Albion at Beacon Park by 10pts-4. Following that win, their record overall read W14, D1, L7. Two weeks ago, our visitors were also in the Midlands, when they lost by 12pts-19 to Leicester at Welford Road. In terms of the "Courage" National Division One, Gloucester have accumulated 16pts and lie 5th, with 3 wins, a draw and 2 defeats from their 6 matches.

We mentioned earlier Gloucester won our earlier meeting in the league at Kingsholm conclusively by 39pts-3 and we are certain our lads will not have forgotten that experience. Last season it was "even-stein". A Cov win here in the September by 19pts-11, whilst Gloucester won the corresponding return on their own ground by 33pts-6. Two years ago, we achieved the double; however, Gloucester had achieved that feat during the previous two seasons, their last win at Coundon Road being in September 1984 by 6pts-10. Over the past decade, including "Cup" meetings, we have met a total of 22 times, Cov winning 7,

Gloucester 14, with one match drawn.

Our side will clearly have revenge in mind this afternoon, it points to a most interesting encounter in the true Coventry/Gloucester tradition.

## **Exhall Plating**

We are most indebted once again to Exhall Plating for their support of this afternoon's match and trust the company and their guests will enjoy their visit.

## **From around Coundon Road**

First things first, albeit 6 days early, may we wish you all, locals and visitors, a very warm and happy Christmas, coupled with a most prosperous New Year.

The past week or two has certainly seen an upturn in fortunes for both our 1st and 2nd XV's. Prior to last Saturday, the 1st XV went five matches without defeat, their best spell in terms of results since the 1985/86 season. London Irish, looking a much better side than their overall record suggests, certainly took us all the way in our last home match, which was followed by the excellent win three days later at Richmond. Unfortunately, this run came to an end last week in the narrow defeat at Liverpool St. Helens; a side who are currently going very well in National Division 2.

The Extra First XV in the meantime have also been going very well, they have remained unbeaten in their last five matches and have won five out of the last seven. They too today are seeking revenge for a big defeat in September by Gloucester and after a string of heavy defeats at Kingsholm, are seeking their first win in over a decade.

Back at 1st XV level, since we last went to print, it has been announced Jason Minshall will be spending time in New Zealand from next February. We wish him well, although his loss to our ranks will be considerable.

Weather permitting, today sees the beginning of a particularly heavy spell of 1st XV fixtures here. MOSELEY are the eagerly awaited visitors here next Saturday (Boxing Day 3pm), followed by the first ever visit here of the successful SOUTH WALES POLICE on Wednesday week, 30th December (3pm). NEATH complete the spell with their scheduled bi-annual visit on Saturday 2nd January 1988 (3pm).