

# COVENTRY FOOTBALL CLUB



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





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## TEAMS

### Coventry

| No. | Name                    |                     |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 15  | <b>Martin Fairn (C)</b> | <i>Full Back</i>    |
| 14  | <b>Andy Parton</b>      | <i>Right Wing</i>   |
| 13  | <b>David Jones</b>      | <i>Right Centre</i> |
| 12  | <b>Clive Medford</b>    | <i>Left Centre</i>  |
| 11  | <b>Leroy McKenzie</b>   | <i>Left Wing</i>    |
| 10  | <b>Mark Lakey</b>       | <i>Stand Off</i>    |
| 9   | <b>Andy Savage</b>      | <i>Scrum Half</i>   |
| 1   | <b>Gareth Tregilgas</b> | <i>Forwards</i>     |
| 2   | <b>Gary Sharp</b>       |                     |
| 3   | <b>Steve Wilkes</b>     |                     |
| 4   | <b>Colin Hall</b>       |                     |
| 5   | <b>Steve Smith</b>      |                     |
| 6   | <b>Paul Thomas</b>      |                     |
| 8   | <b>Peter Rowland</b>    |                     |
| 7   | <b>Kevin Hickey</b>     |                     |

*Replacements:*

**Mark Wood**  
**Simon Wright**

*Referee*

**Mr. George Seddon To Be**  
**(Lancashire Society) Announced**

### Gloucester

| Name                    | No. |
|-------------------------|-----|
| <b>Jim Smith</b>        | 15  |
| <b>Derek Morgan</b>     | 14  |
| <b>Demi Prestayeski</b> | 13  |
| <b>Richard Mogg</b>     | 12  |
| <b>Jim Breeze</b>       | 11  |
| <b>Mike Hamlin</b>      | 10  |
| <b>Marcus Hannaford</b> | 9   |
| <b>Pete Jones</b>       | 1   |
| <b>Kevin White</b>      | 2   |
| <b>Bob Phillips</b>     | 3   |
| <b>Nigel Scrivens</b>   | 4   |
| <b>John Brain</b>       | 5   |
| <b>Paul Ashmead</b>     | 6   |
| <b>Barry Clark</b>      | 8   |
| <b>David Spencer</b>    | 7   |

*Replacements:*

**SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER 1988 Kick-off 3pm**

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## **Good Afternoon and welcome to Gloucester**

In every sense relegation to National Division Two at the end of last season was never going to be good news. What it also meant was that the number of Division One clubs we would meet this season would also be reduced, 7 to be precise. It is therefore a particular pleasure to be able to welcome one of them, Gloucester, old rivals and friends, here this afternoon. Their players, officials and supporters are most welcome. Another factor directly related to relegation was a fixture imbalance, indeed today's match should originally have been at Kingsholm and we are most indebted to the Gloucester club for kindly agreeing to the switch when we approached them last May.

Today of course sees the third and decisive round of Toshiba Inter-Divisional matches, with the consequence neither side will be completely at full strength. Four of Gloucester's famed pack have been involved in the South West Division side, the front row trio of Malcolm Preedy, Kevin Dunn and Richard Pascall, plus No. 8, Mike Teague. Dunn in fact did not play in last week's beaten side. The overall Gloucester squad however is very strong and already they are being tipped as possible runners up to Bath in this season's National Division One. Overall, the Cherry and Whites have won 14, drawn 1 and lost 5 matches this season, in the league wins coming over Moseley, Wasps, Liverpool St. Helens, Rosslyn Park, and a draw at Waterloo, plus two defeats by Bath and Bristol. Last Saturday, they defeated Plymouth Albion in a club match at Kingsholm by 28pts-22.

Full back Tim Smith, nephew of their former flanker Dick is Gloucester's top points scorer, overall he has amassed nearly 1300pts in some 160 club matches, winger Jim Breeze, not a 1st XV regular recently, is top try scorer this season with six. Of the remainder of the squad, centre Rhuari McLean has played for Scotland 'B' and the Anglo Scots, indeed McLean and his fellow back Damian Cummins are both playing for the Anglos today. Other names particularly well known from previous visits to Coundon Road being Richard Mogg, Mike Hamlin and skipper Marcus Hannaford in the backs, Nigel Scrivens, John Etheridge, John Gadd and Ian Smith amongst the forwards.

This of course is our only meeting this season, whereas in 1987/88, Gloucester emphatically won the league encounter 3pts-39 at Kingsholm in September, we gained some revenge by winning the club match here in December by 17pts-6. Gloucester's last win here at Coundon Road was in September 1984 by 6pts-10, whilst overall taking

the last decade, we have met a total of 23 times, Cov winning 8, Gloucester 14, one match being drawn.

Bearing in mind our recent indifferent results, the big question is, can our lads pull off their first win this season over Division One opposition? One thing is certain, this afternoon's meeting poses a very major challenge for our side in what should be a most interesting clash.

## **Today's Match Sponsor - Exhall Plating Ltd.**

We are again most indebted to today's match sponsor EXHALL PLATING LTD., Brindley Road South, Bayton Road, Exhall, Coventry CV7 9EP, for their generous support to the Club. We do hope the Company and their guests will enjoy their latest visit to Coundon Road.

## **From around Coundon Road**

With both the 1st and Extra First XV's losing, the Colts were again our solitary winners last weekend, more on their exploits later.

Just one win in their last seven matches does not make for particularly happy reading for the 1st XV. Certainly, we can have no complaints that Wanderers returned home with 'smiling Irish eyes'. Arguably, it was the best Wanderers side to have come here, certainly the best organised and most committed and in reality we never looked as if we were going to turn matters our way. Last Saturday and a visit to picturesque Pontypool Park; pretty it may be, but in terms of winning there, not the easiest of places! The match was hard and as committed as always, the word from the Welsh end also being they were flattered by their victory margin. Yet again, we were not able to field anything like a full strength side and with all that in mind, the performance had a lot to commend it.

The Extra First XV who also lost last Saturday again found 1st XV calls too much. They had however won their previous two matches, including the double over Nuneaton. Last Saturday, late withdrawals to 1st team duty stretched resources to put it mildly, a useful London Scottish side deserving their win. The Extras face a daunting trip to Gloucester today, attempting to reverse their September defeat here, in the first of four consecutive away matches.

The happy note was sounded last weekend by the Colts, a fine away win against Crewe and Alsager 2nds, who fielded 4 of their 1st XV. In fairness, our three South African arrivals strengthened the side, nevertheless, it was still a fine win. The Colts 10th of the season, prior to their visit to Wolverhampton today. They too are in the middle of a 4 match away run.