

GRFC Season Record 2016-17

<p>Season Record</p>	<p>Played 35 Won 16 Lost 16 Drawn 3 For 939 Against 793</p> <p>League: Played 22 Won 7 Lost 13 Drawn 2 For 533 Against 537</p> <p>Position: 9th</p> <p>A dreadfully frustrating season. The pattern was set from the first game against Leicester when a 24 point lead was squandered. Time and again Gloucester lost from winning positions, and a disastrous defeat to Harlequins in March led to the resignation of head coach Laurie Fisher. The European Challenge Cup offered a chance to turn the season round, following a brilliant win away to La Rochelle in the semi-final, but the final was lost to the superior Stade Francais team. In the league, there were only seven wins, the fewest by Gloucester since the start of the Premiership, and the team finished ninth for the third time in four seasons.</p>	
<p>Captain</p>	<p>Greg Laidlaw</p>	
<p>Most Appearances</p>	<p>Most appearances: T.Savage 31 (28 starts + 3 rep), R.Hibbard 30 (27+3), C.Sharples 29 (25+4), B.Twelvetrees 28 (19+9), B.Burns 27 (26+1), J.Rowan 27 (22+5)</p>	
<p>Leading Scorers</p>	<p>Most tries: M.Scott 13, J.May 12, C.Sharples 9, H.Purdy 7 Most conversions: G.Laidlaw 28, B.Burns 27, J.Hook 16, B.Twelvetrees 13 Most penalties: B.Burns 26, G.Laidlaw 23 Most points: B.Burns 147, G.Laidlaw 125, J.Hook 74</p>	
<p>Sep 2</p>	<p>Gloucester 31 Leicester 38 (League)</p>	<p>Tries: M.Scott (2), C.Sharples, H.Purdy Conversions: G.Laidlaw (4) Penalty: G.Laidlaw Leading 31-7 early in the second-half, Gloucester conceded an amazing 31 points to lose. Matt Scott scored two tries in his first competitive game for the club.</p>
<p>Sep 9</p>	<p>Worcester 23 Gloucester 23 (League)</p>	<p>Tries: M.Scott, H.Purdy Conversions: G.Laidlaw (2) Penalties: G.Laidlaw (3) Cameron Orr came off the bench to make his first appearance for the club.</p>
<p>Sep 16</p>	<p>Sale 13 Gloucester 26 (League)</p>	<p>Tries: J.Afoa, C.Sharples Conversions: G.Laidlaw (2) Penalties: G.Laidlaw (4) For the second season running Gloucester won at</p>

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Sep 24	Gloucester 13 (League)	Newcastle 18 Try: R.Moriarty Conversion: B.Burns Penalties: B.Burns, G.Laidlaw This was Newcastle's first away win in the league since October 2014.
Oct 1	Gloucester 6 (League)	Bath 15 Penalties: G.Laidlaw, J.Hook For the fourth season in a row, Gloucester lost at home to Bath. Billy Twelvetrees made his 100 th appearance.
Oct 8	Exeter 27 (League)	Gloucester 27 Tries: M.Scott, C.Sharples, B.Morgan Conversions: G.Laidlaw (3) Penalties: G.Laidlaw, B.Twelvetrees Again Gloucester were leading 27-13 with ten minutes to go. Charlie Sharples scored a try in his 200 th competitive appearance for the club, and Motu Matu'u came off the bench to make his first appearance.
Oct 15	Bayonne 27 (European Challenge Cup)	Gloucester 47 Tries: M.Atkinson (2), M.Scott, B.Twelvetrees, J.May, T.Savage Conversions: J.Hook (4) Penalties: J.Hook (3) Jonny May made his first appearance since December 2015.
Oct 22	Gloucester 37 (European Challenge Cup)	Treviso 8 Tries: L.Ludlow, J.May, M.Scott, C.Braley Conversions: G.Laidlaw (3), J.Hook Penalties: G.Laidlaw (3) Freddie Clarke and Salesi Ma'afu came off the bench for their first appearances.
Oct 28	Northampton 23 (League)	Gloucester 20 Tries: J.Rowan, C.Sharples Conversions: G.Laidlaw (2) Penalties: G.Laidlaw (2)
Nov 5	Gloucester 36 (Anglo-Welsh Cup)	Saracens 32 Tries: D.Halaifanoua (2), J.Mullis, D.Thomas, H.Purdy + penalty try Conversions: L.Evans (3)

		5-25 down at half-time, Gloucester made a thrilling come-back to win with a try in the last move of the game. Joe Mullis scored a try on his debut. Also playing their first games were Matt Protheroe, and Charlie Beckett. Henry Walker, Ciaran Knight, Harry Wilson, Will Safe, Ben Vellacott, Tom Hudson and Harry Robinson all came off the bench to make their first appearances for the firsts.
Nov 12	Northampton 19 Gloucester 13 (Anglo-Welsh Cup)	Tries: O.Thorley, D.Thomas Penalty: B.Burns Josh Hohneck made his first appearance for the club off the bench.
Nov 19	Gloucester 36 Wasps 18 (League)	Tries: R.Hibbard, M.Atkinson, M.Scott, C.Sharples, H.Purdy Conversions: J.Hook (4) Penalty: J.Hook The first league home win of the season was accomplished with some style, two tries being scored in the last three minutes. It was also the club's 3,000 th win. Mark Atkinson scored his first league try for Gloucester.
Nov 27	Saracens 24 Gloucester 20 (League)	Tries: B.Morgan, B.Burns Conversions: J.Hook (2) Penalties: J.Hook (2)
Dec 3	Gloucester 26 Bristol 18 (League)	Tries: M.Scott, W.Heinz, H.Purdy + penalty try Conversions: J.Hook (3) Gloucester retained the Rifles Cup. Willi Heinz scored his first try for the club.
Dec 8	Gloucester 35 La Rochelle 14 (European Challenge Cup)	Tries: M.Atkinson, J.Hohneck, O.Thorley, M.Scott Conversions: G.Laidlaw (3) Penalties: G.Laidlaw (3) Josh Hohneck scored his first try for the club in his first

		full start. Tom Denton came off the bench to make his debut.
Dec 17	La Rochelle 42 Gloucester 13 (European Challenge Cup)	Try: J.Afoa Conversion: B.Burns Penalties: B.Burns (2) Jeremy Thrush made his first appearance of the season following injury.
Dec 27	Harlequins 28 Gloucester 24 (League) (Played at Twickenham)	Tries: G.Evans, J.Hook, M.Matu'u Conversions: G.Laidlaw (2), B.Burns Penalty: G.Laidlaw A thrilling come-back in the second half from 10-28 down just failed. Tom Savage made his 100 th Premiership appearance. Motu Matu'u scored his first try for the club, and Gareth Evans his first league try. Andy Symons came off the bench for his first appearance.
Jan 1	Gloucester 12 Northampton 13 (League)	Penalties: B.Burns (4) Yet again Gloucester lost in the last few minutes, this time to a penalty try
Jan 7	Gloucester 55 Worcester 19 (League)	Tries: M.Scott (2), J.May, J.Rowan, J.Afoa, J.Hohneck, C.Sharple Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (4), G.Laidlaw (3) Penalty: G.Laidlaw, B.Burns
Jan 14	Benneton Treviso 0 Gloucester 41 (European Challenge Cup)	Tries: R.Hibbard (2), J.Hook, M.Scott, D.Halaifonua, B.Twelvetrees Conversions: G.Laidlaw (2), B.Burns (2) Penalty: G.Laidlaw The game was nearly called off due to a frozen pitch, but was re-located to Treviso's training ground.
Jan 21	Gloucester 64 Bayonne 19 (European Challenge Cup)	Tries: W.Heinz (3), L.Ludlow, J.May, D.Dawidiuk, A.Symonds, H.Purdy, J.Hohneck, C.Braley Conversions: B.Burns (6), B.Twelvetrees

		Andy Symonds scored his first try for Gloucester
Jan 27	Bath 17 Gloucester 17 (Anglo-Welsh Cup)	Tries: D.Dawidiuk, B.Vellacott Conversions: J.Hook (2) Penalty: J.Hook Ben Vellacott scored his first try for the club.
Feb 4	Gloucester 24 Newport Gwent Dragons 13 (Anglo-Welsh Cup)	Tries: C.Orr, H.Trinder, B.Vellacott Conversions: L.Evans (3) Penalty: L.Evans Cameron Orr scored his first try for Gloucester. Joe Latta came off the bench to make his final appearance for the club. Starters Dan Thomas and Matt Protheroe's played their last games.
Feb 11	Leicester 34 Gloucester 9 (League)	Penalties: B.Burns (3) Matt Kvesic came off the bench to make his final appearance for the club.
Feb 17	Gloucester 31 Saracens 23 (League)	Tries: T.Marshall, J.Thrush, R.Hibbard Conversions: B.Burns (2) Penalties: B.Burns (3), B.Twelvetrees Tom Marshall scored his first try for the club.
Feb 26	Wasps 35 Gloucester 22 (League)	Tries: J.Hook, D.Halaifonua, M.Scott Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2) Penalty: B.Twelvetrees
Mar 4	Gloucester 27 Harlequins 30 (League)	Tries: C.Sharples (2), D.Halaifonua Conversions: B.Burns (3) Penalties: B.Burns (2) With nine minutes to go Gloucester led 27-15. A sin-binning for Richard Hibbard signalled a complete collapse.
Mar 24	Bristol 14 Gloucester 32 (League)	Tries: C.Sharples, B.Burns, L.Ludlow, J.May Conversions: B.Burns (3) Penalties: B.Burns (2) Gloucester gained the bonus point try with the last move

		of the game, running the ball from behind their own try line. Tim Denton came off the bench to make his Premiership debut. Paul Doran-Jones came off the bench to make, what turned out to be, his final appearance for the club.
1 Apr	Gloucester 46 Cardiff Blues 26 (European Challenge Cup Quarter-final)	Tries: T.Marshall (2), J.May, R.Moriarty, H.Purdy, M.Atkinson Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (4), B.Burns Penalties: B.Twelvetrees, B.Burns Gloucester were 26-20 behind early in the second half.
Apr 7	Newcastle 16 Gloucester 14 (League)	Tries: T.Marshall, J.May Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2) Yet another game was lost to a penalty with the last kick of the game. Lloyd Evans came off the bench to make his first Premiership appearance. Sione Kalamafoni made his last appearance for the club.
Apr 15	Gloucester 39 Sale 30 (League)	Tries: T.Marshall (2), R.Hibbard, H.Trinder, B.Twelvetrees Conversions: B.Burns (4) Penalties: B.Burns (2) Freddie Clarke made his Premiership debut.
Apr 22	La Rochelle 14 Gloucester 16 (European Challenge Cup Semi-Final)	Try: B.Burns Conversion: B.Burns Penalties: B.Burns (3) In a result which must rate with the best ever in the club's long history, La Rochelle, who were currently nine points clear at the top of the French League, were beaten at home for the first time in the season. A magnificent defensive display against a huge pack,

		and an interception try from his own 22 by Billy Burns saw Gloucester home.
April 30	Bath 44 Gloucester 20 (League)	Tries: J.May (2), D.Halaifonua Conversion: G.Laidlaw Penalty: J.Hook
May 6	Gloucester 20 Exeter 34 (League)	Tries: J.May (2), L.Ludlow Conversion: G.Laidlaw Penalty: G.Laidlaw James Hook played his final game for the club.
May 12	Stade Francais 25 Gloucester 17 (European Challenge Cup Final) Played at Murrayfield	Tries: J.May, R.Moriarty Conversions: B.Burns (2) Penalty: B.Burns Gloucester never really got going, and although leading 10-0 never looked convincing, and Stade Francais were in the end, comfortable winners. Greg Laidlaw, Darren Dawidiuk and Yann Thomas all came off the bench to play their final games for the club.
Gloucester United		
Season Record	Played 8 Won 6 Lost 2 For 199 Against 191 The United had a good season and reached the final of the 'A' League competition.	
Most appearances	Tom Hudson 8, Charlie Beckett 8 (7+1), Ben Vellacott 8 (5+3)	
Leading Scorers	Most tries: Ollie Thorley (3) Most points: Lloyd Evans 43	
Sep 12	Gloucester United 22 Saracens Storm 19 ('A' League)	Tries: G.Jackson (2), D.Halaifonua Conversions: L.Evans (2) Penalty: L.Evans
Sep 19	Harlequin Wanderers 22 Gloucester United 8 ('A' League)	Try: E.Creed Penalty: L.Evans
Oct 2	Bristol United 29 Gloucester United 31 ('A' League)	Tries: H.Robinson (2), M.Protheroe, J.Batley, B.Vellacott Conversions: M.Protheroe(3)
Nov 8	Oxford University 14 Gloucester United 24 (Friendly)	Tries: W.Haly (2), H.Randall Conversions: C.Penny (3) Penalty: C.Penny
Dec 19	Gloucester United 26 Bath United 22	Tries: H.Purdy, D.Thomas, J.McNulty, D.Halaifonua

	('A' League)	Conversions: M.Protheroe(3)
Apr 10	Gloucester United 33 Exeter Braves 20 ('A' League)	Tries: O.Thorley (2), D.Thomas, M.Protheroe, C.Penny Conversions: L.Evans (4)
Apr 24	Gloucester United 40 Wasps 'A' 29 ('A' League Semi-Final)	Tries: L.Evans, D.Dawidiuk, C.Orr, H.Randall Conversions: L.Evans (4) Penalties: L.Evans (4)
May 1	Northampton Wanderers 36 Gloucester United 15 ('A' League Final)	Tries: C.Penny, O.Thorley Conversion: L.Evans Penalty: L.Evans