

GRFC SEASON RECORD 1953-54 [Archive Catalogue Ref: D10800/3/1/52]			
Season Record	Played 42, Won 31, Lost 10, Drawn 1, Points for 430, against 280. Captain: John Taylor		
Most Appearances	40 players appeared for Gloucester during the season – most appearances: T Halls 38, D Ibbotson 36, P Ford 35, E Turner 34, G Hastings 34		
Leading scorers	J Taylor 13 tries, E Turner 12 tries, D Ibbotson 9 tries, P Ford 9 tries, M Baker 5 tries, 12 conversions, 8 penalties (63 points)		
Sep 12	Gloucester 24	Lydney 0	Tries: Wells, Hobbs, Hastings, Ford, Turner; Conversions: Hall (3)
Sep 17	Stroud 0	Gloucester 15	Tries: Turner, Taylor, Ford, Baimbridge; Drop Goal: Morgan
Sep 19	Gloucester 13	Moseley 0	Tries: Turner, Ibbotson, Ford; Conversions: T Halls (2)
Sep 23	Cheltenham 9	Gloucester 11	Try: Turner; Conversion: Halls; Penalties: Halls (2)
Sep 26	Gloucester 11	Bristol 3	Tries: Hastings, Troughton; Conversion: Halls; Penalty: Halls
Oct 3	Bedford 6	Gloucester 13	Tries: Turner, Baker; Conversions: Halls (2); Penalty: Halls
Oct 10	Gloucester 11	Old Blues 6	Tries: Hodge, Troughton, Meadows; Conversion: Halls
Oct 17	Gloucester 8	Newport 3	Try: E Turner; Conversion: Halls; Penalty: Halls "Perfect day; Great crowd 12,000; Gate £640." "Troughton gathered grandly near the halfway mark and cross-punted. Turner gathered neatly, got into his stride and with a breakneck dash down the touchline ran round the fullback to score wide out."
Oct 24	Coventry 9	Gloucester 6	Penalties: Halls (2) "Gloucester's first defeat, but 5 players in County Match, Gloucestershire v Cornwall"
Oct 31	Gloucester 9	Oxford University 8	Tries: J Taylor (2); Penalty: T Halls

Nov 7	Leicester 13 Gloucester 8	Tries: Troughton, Meadows; Conversion: Halls "Clashed with the County Match, Gloucestershire v Devon, at Bristol"
Nov 14	Moseley 0 Gloucester 3	Drop Goal: R Sutton "Clashed with Gloucestershire & Somerset v New Zealand match at Bristol"
Nov 21	Gloucester 13 Blackheath 5	Tries: Taylor, Ford, Ibbotson; Conversions: Halls(2)
Nov 28	Gloucester 3 Cardiff 19	Drop Goal: W Cartmell "Clashed with Somerset v Gloucestershire at Bath" so Gloucester were without 6 of their star players.
Dec 5	Neath 20 Gloucester 3	Try: Sutton
Dec 12	Bath 6 Gloucester 9	Tries: J Taylor, C Thomas, M Baker
Dec 19	Gloucester 14 Coventry 3	Tries: Ibbotson, Sutton, Hudson; Conversion: Baker; Drop Goal: Hobbs; "R Hodge playing for Probables v Possibles English Trial. John Gwilliam playing for Wales v New Zealand."
Dec 26	Gloucester 9 Old Merchant Taylors 6	Tries: Baker, Thomas, Wells
Dec 28	Gloucester 12 Universities Athletic Union 8	Try: Hastings; Penalties: Halls (3)
Jan 2	London Scottish 0 Gloucester 10 Played at Richmond	Tries: Hastings, Taylor; Conversions: Halls (2)
Jan 7	Gloucester v Army	Cancelled – frost
Jan 9	Gloucester 19 Leicester 0	Tries: Turner (2), Taylor, Hastings, Ford; Conversions: Halls, Baker
Jan 16	Gloucester 14 Wasps 8	Try: Thomas; Conversion: Baker; Penalties: Halls (2), Baker "John Gwilliam playing for Wales v England at Twickenham"
Jan 23	Bristol 3 Gloucester 3	Penalty: M Baker
Jan 30 –	Gloucester v Neath	Cancelled – snow covered ground and frost

Feb 6 –	United Services v Gloucester at Portsmouth		“Agreed to play Royal Navy at request by phone, but match cancelled owing to snow covered ground and frost.” County Championship quarter-final, Gloucestershire v Herts, played at Kingsholm.
Feb 13	Gloucester 14	Bath 5	Tries: Sutton, Ibbotson; Conversion: M Baker; Penalties: M Baker (2)
Feb 20	Gloucester 8	Swansea 0	Tries: J Taylor (2); Conversion: M Baker
Feb 27	Cardiff 17	Gloucester 5	Try: Ibbotson; Conversion: Halls “Referee weak & unsatisfactory”
Mar 6	Gloucester 15	Llanelly 13	Tries: Ibbotson, Turner, Ford; Conversions: Halls (3) “Really grand game”
Mar 13	Gloucester 6	RAF 14	Try: Redman; Penalty: M Baker “Gloucester played 8 reserves owing to County semi-final at Twickenham, Gloucestershire v Middlesex
Mar 20	Guys Hospital 14	Gloucester 8	Tries: J Taylor, M Burford; Conversion: T Halls
Mar 27	Newport 6	Gloucester 0	“Depleted for nearly half the game, Gloucester put up great fight”
Apr 3	Gloucester 5	Northampton 3	Try: R Sutton; Conversion: M Baker
Apr 8	Gloucester 6	Cheltenham 9	Try: P Ford; Drop Goal: L Morgan “ A snip try, scored less than two minutes from the end of yesterday evening’s game, Brought Cheltenham Rugby Club their first victory at Kingsholm for 24 years. Gloucester played 3 reserves in ¾ line due to many injuries.”
Apr 10	Gloucester 12	Harlequins 8	Tries: R Amos, G Hastings, D Jones; Penalty: L Morgan
Apr 15	Gloucester 6	Stroud 3	Try: P Ford; Drop Goal: L Morgan

Apr 17	Gloucester 15 Park 5	Birkenhead	Tries: Thomas (2), Ibbotson; Conversions: Morgan (3)
Apr 19	Gloucester 3	Bradford 8	Penalty: L Morgan
Apr 20	Lydney 3	Gloucester 12	Tries: Ford, Taylor, Hales; Penalty: Baker
Apr 24	Exeter 9	Gloucester 13	Tries: R Perks (2), G Hudson; Conversions: M Baker (2)
Apr 26	Torquay Athletic 13 Gloucester 19		Tries: M Baker (2), Gwilliam, D Jones, D Ibbotson; Conversions: M Baker (2)
Apr 27	Teignmouth 0	Gloucester 8	Tries: J Taylor, J Hobbs; Conversion: M Baker
Apr 29	Gloucester 8	Neath 0	Tries: G Hudson, D Ibbotson; Conversion: M Baker
May 1	Gloucester 26 Devonport Services 18		Tries: L Morgan (2), J Taylor, E Turner, D Jones; Conversion: M Baker; Penalties: M Baker (2); Drop Goal: L Morgan
Gloucester United			
Season Record	There are four games where the results are unknown. Where results are known: Played 28 Won 19 Lost 8 Drawn 1 For 362 Against 217		
Captain	Ivor Jones		
Sep 12	Bream 5	Gloucester United 34	Tries: S.Troughton (2), D.Meadows (2), R.Beamish, P.Lewis, D.Perks Conversions: T.Jones (5) Penalty: T.Jones
Sep 17	Stroud Nomads 0 Gloucester United 19		Tries: D.Meadows (2), F.Edwards (2), S.Troughton Conversions: T.Jones (2)
Sep 19	Drybrook 0 Gloucester United 40		Tries: M.Baker (4), R.Sutton (2), F.Edwards (2), R.Beamish, D.Meadows Conversions: M.Baker (4), W.Smith
Sep 26	Bristol United v Gloucester United		Result unknown
Oct 1	Gloucester United 0 North Gloucester Combination 12		
Oct 3	Gloucester United 20 Old Bristolians 6		Tries: P.Lewis (2), D.Meadows (2), F.Edwards Conversion: T.Jones Penalty: T.Jones
Oct 10	Worcester v Gloucester United		Result unknown

Oct 17	Newport United 12 Gloucester United 6	Try: M.Baker Drop goal: L.Morgan
Oct 24	Gloucester United 14 Coventry Extra Firsts 3	Tries: A.Baimbridge, D.Solomon, W.Nield Conversion: T.Jones Penalty: T.Jones
Oct 31	Bristol Aero v Gloucester United	Result unknown
Nov 14	Gloucester United 14 Cheltenham United 3	Tries: P.Lewis (2), Conversion: T.Jones Drop goals: D.Perks, L.Morgan
Nov 21	Newport High School Old Boys 3 Gloucester United 3	Try: R.Beamish
Nov 28	Cardiff Athletic 30 Gloucester United 0	
Dec 5	Gloucester United 8 Bath United 0	Try: P.Ford Conversion: T.Jones Penalty: T.Jones
Dec 12	Gloucester United 27 Malvern 0	Tries: D.Jones (2), G.Hudson, R.Beamish, D.Perks Conversions: L.Morgan (2), T.Jones Penalties: L.Morgan, T.Jones
Dec 19	Coventry Extra Firsts 14 Gloucester United 19	Tries: P.Lewis (2), D.Jones, J.Green Conversions: T.Jones, L.Morgan Drop goal: L.Morgan
Dec 26	Hereford 11 Gloucester United 12	Try: D.Jones Penalties: G.Hudson (2), L.Morgan
Jan 2	Gloucester United 13 Newport High School Old Boys 3	Tries: M.Baker, L.Morgan, D.Meadows Conversions: T.Jones (2)
Jan 9	Leicester 'A' v Gloucester United	Cancelled due to frost
Jan 16	Cardiff University 27 Gloucester United 3	Try: J.Varney
Jan 23	Gloucester United 19 Bristol United 13	Tries: D.Perks, D.Jones Conversions: T.Jones (2) Penalties: T.Jones (3)
Jan 30	Old Luctonians v Gloucester United	Cancelled due to frost
Feb 6	Gloucester United v Worcester	Cancelled due to Kingsholm being used for a county game

Feb 13	Bath United 9 Gloucester United 3	Try: D.Jones
Feb 20	Old Bristolians v Gloucester United	Result unknown
Feb 27	Gloucester United 8 Cardiff Athletic 3	Tries: I.Jones, F.House Conversion: D.Jones
Mar 6	Chepstow 8 Gloucester United 21	Tries: N.Crabtree, S.Troughton, D.Jones Conversions: D.Jones (2), T.Jones Drop goals: L.Morgan (2)
Mar 13	Cleeve 9 Gloucester United 3	Try: P.Lewis
Mar 20	Gloucester United 6 Cardiff University 9	Try: G.Counsell Drop goal: L.Morgan
Mar 27	Gloucester United 3 Newport United 5	Drop goal: L.Morgan
Apr 3	Stourbridge 6 Gloucester United 9	Try: B.Green Penalties: T.Jones (2)
Apr 7	Gloucester United 12 Worcester 6	Tries: R.Amos, G.Hudson Penalty: T.Jones Drop goal: D.Jones
Apr 10	Gloucester United 24 Hereford 8 Played on Gordon League's ground	Tries: D.Perks, D.Solomon, R.Long, G.Cumming, Banks, J.Varney Conversions: T.Jones (3)
Apr 15	Stroud Nomads 0 Gloucester United 6	Tries: H.Terrington, A.Spiers
Apr 17	Berry Hill 12 Gloucester United 16	Tries: D.Perks, R.Perks, P.Lewis, R.Amos Conversions: T.Jones (2)
Gloucestershire		
Oct 17	Gloucestershire 0 Glamorgan 0 (Friendly, played at Cheltenham)	Gloucester players: M.Baker, G.Hastings, P.Ford, R.Hodge, D.Ibbotson This was Peter Ford's first game for the county
Oct 24	Cornwall 6 Gloucestershire 6 (County Championship, played at Redruth)	Tries: C.G.Woodruff, J.Gregory Gloucester players: J.Taylor, G.Hastings, P.Ford, R.Hodge, D.Ibbotson
Nov 7	Gloucestershire 8 Devon 6 (County Championship, played at Gloucester)	Try: D.Ibbotson Conversion: R.Whyte Penalty: R.Whyte Gloucester players: J.Taylor, G.Hastings, P.Ford, R.Hodge, D.Ibbotson

Nov 28	Somerset 3 Gloucestershire 5 (County Championship, played at Bath)	Try: J.Gregory Conversion: I.Pearce Gloucester players: J.Taylor, G.Hastings, P.Ford, R.Hodge
Feb 25	Gloucestershire 9 Hertfordshire 8 (Championship Quarter-Final, played at Gloucester)	Tries: I.Pearce, R.A.Whyte Penalty: M.Baker Gloucester players: T.Halls, J.Taylor, M.Baker, G.Hastings, P.Ford, R.Hodge, D.Ibbotson
Mar 13	Middlesex 9 Gloucestershire 6 (Championship Semi-Final, played at Twickenham)	Try: P.Ford Penalty: I.Pearce Gloucester players: T.Halls, J.Taylor, G.Hastings, P.Ford, R.Hodge, D.Ibbotson
Other		
Nov 14	Western Counties 0 New Zealand 11 (Played at Bristol)	Gloucester players: J.Taylor, G.Hastings, R.Hodge, D.Ibbotson
Dec 19	Probables 22 Possibles 8 (Played at Nottingham)	R.Hodge played for Probables