Season 1953–54 during which they won 31 of their 42 games was a record one for Gloucester and their only drawn game was at the Memorial Ground last January. Early in the season Bristol were beaten at Kingsholm by 11 points to 3. Our visitors have lost the services of some of the players who contributed to their success, including J. E. Taylor, J. A. Gwilliam, W. Cartmell and T. Halls. Taylor who was Captain and top scorer is now assisting Leicester, and we are informed by the Playfair Rugby Football Annual that Gwilliam has retired from first-class Rugby and will devote his energies to coaching at his school. He played 23 times for Wales and captained the sides which won the Triple Crown in 1950 and 1952. The loss of three members of the back division meant that Gloucester have had to concentrate upon finding their best combination and it would appear by the Cestrians decisive defeat of Moseley last week that they are succeeding in this respect.

The Bristol and District Rugby Football Combination Handbook is on sale this afternoon, price 1/6. This handy publication contains much useful information including the Laws of the Game, and as we are all anxious to acquaint ourselves with the new Laws there should be a great demand for the book.

The Supporters’ Club hope all old members will renew their subscriptions and that many new ones will enrol this season.

INTERNATIONAL TICKETS. Applications for tickets can now be received for England v. France, 26th February, 1955; England v. Scotland, 19th March, 1955; both games at Twickenham. Applications must be made on the special form obtainable at the Programme Hut, and you are asked to read carefully the necessary instructions. There will be a booking fee of 1/- for each match. Closing date for receiving applications, Monday, 25th October. Please note, we cannot obtain tickets for any International match played outside of England.

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