

GRFC Season Record 2017-18

<p>Season Record</p>	<p>Played 35 Won 19 Lost 15 Drawn 1 For 972 Against 891</p> <p>League: Played 22 Won 11 Lost 10 Drawn 1 For 490 Against 597</p> <p>Position: 7th</p> <p>Under the new leadership of Johan Ackermann Gloucester seemed to have a new flair and determination. Seven out of the first ten Premiership games were wins, and the team was sitting third. Unfortunately, only four of the remaining 12 games were won, and seventh was the final position. This was the highest finishing position since 2013. The final of the European Challenge Cup was lost to a 78th minute penalty, but Gloucester qualified for the Champions Cup by playing in the final. New players included Jason Woodward, Ruan Ackermann, Ed Slater, Fraser Balmain, Gareth Denman, Owen Williams, James Hanson and Val Rapava-Ruskin.</p>	
<p>Captain</p>	<p>Willi Heinz</p>	
<p>Most Appearances</p>	<p>B.Twelvetrees 32 (22 starts + 10 as rep.), L.Ludlow 31 (24 starts + 7 as rep.), J.Hohneck 31 (20 + 11), B.Burns 29 (24 +5), T.Savage 29 (19 + 10), J.Afoa 28 (23 + 5)</p>	
<p>Leading Scorers</p>	<p>Most tries: 11 H.Trinder, 10 O.Thorley, 7 B.Vellacott, 6 J.Woodward, 6 M.Atkinson, 6 H.Purdy, 6 C.Braleay Most conversions: 48 B.Twelvetrees, 26 O.Williams, 23 B.Burns Most penalties: 26 B.Twelvetrees</p>	
<p>Sep 1</p>	<p>Gloucester 28 Exeter 21 (League)</p>	<p>Tries: J.Thrush (2), B.Morgan, J.Woodward Conversions: B.Burns (3), B.Twelvetrees A hugely encouraging start to the season saw the champions beaten. Tom Savage made his 150th appearance. Jason Woodward (try) and Fraser Balmain made their first starts for the club and Gareth Denman, Ed Slater and Ruan Ackerman came off the bench for theirs.</p>
<p>Sep 9</p>	<p>Harlequins 28 Gloucester 17 (League)</p>	<p>Tries: F.Clarke, J.Rowan Conversions: B.Burns, B.Twelvetrees Penalty: B.Burns Freddie Clarke scored his first try for the club. Ruan Ackerman made his first</p>

			start. Val Rapava-Ruskin came off the bench for his first appearance.
Sep 16	Leicester 24 (League)	Gloucester 10	Try: J.Hohneck Conversion: B.Twelvetrees Penalty: B.Twelvetrees Ed Slater made his first start for the club.
Sep 22	Gloucester 24 (League)	Worcester 19	Tries: O.Thorley (2), B.Twelvetrees Conversions: B.Burns (3) Penalty: B.Burns By the 41 st minute Gloucester had scored three tries and led 24-6, but by the end were pinned on their own line and struggling to win.
Sep 29	Sale 57 (League)	Gloucester 10	Try: J.Afoa Conversion: B.Burns Penalty: B.Burns Owen Williams came off the bench to make his first competitive appearance for the club. Gareth Denman made his first start. This was Gloucester's biggest ever loss to Sale.
Oct 7	Gloucester 29 (League)	Northampton 24	Tries: H.Trinder (2), B.Twelvetrees, J.Woodward, W.Heinz Conversions: O.Williams (2) Following the humiliation of the previous week, this was a magnificent win. Owen Williams scored his first points, in his first start. Jake Polledri came off the bench to make his first appearance.
Oct 12	Pau 27 (European Challenge Cup)	Gloucester 21	Tries: H.Purdy, R.Ackerman, B.Vellacott Conversions: O.Williams (3) A last minute try and conversion secured a valuable losing bonus point. James Hanson came off the bench to make his first appearance, and Jake Polledri made his first start.
Oct 19	Gloucester 61	Agen 16	Tries: B.Vellacott (2),

	(European Challenge Cup)	H.Purdy, H.Trinder, O.Williams, T.Savage, J.Polledri, B.Morgan, RHibbard Conversions: B.Burns (6), O.Williams (2) James Hanson made his first start. After 12 appearances as a replacement Ben Vellacott made his first start. Owen Williams and Jake Polledri scored their first tries for the club.
Oct 29	Bath 21 Gloucester 22 (League)	Tries: W.Heinz (2), E.Slater Conversions: O.Williams (2) Penalty: O.Williams For the second time in the season, Gloucester won with a try and conversion, with the clock well past 80 minutes. Ed Slater scored the try, his first for the club.
Nov 4	Leicester 26 Gloucester 24 (Anglo/Welsh Cup)	Tries: P.McAllister, B.Vellacott, T.Hudson Conversions: L.Evans (3) Penalty: L.Evans Carwyn Penny, Tom Seabrook made their first appearances, whilst Reece Dunn and Callum Allen made their first appearances off the bench. Tom Hudson scored his first try.
Nov 11	Gloucester 47 London Irish 7 (Anglo/Welsh Cup)	Tries: W.Heinz, V.Rapava-Ruskin, T.Hudson, J.Thrush, H.Trinder, C.Brale, J.Polledri Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (4), B.Burns (2) Val Rapava-Ruskin scored his first try for the club.
Nov 17	Gloucester 23 Saracens 17 (League)	Tries: O.Thorley, T.Hudson Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2) Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (3) A thrilling win after turning around 3-9 down, without much possession or territory. Tom Hudson scored a try on his first Premiership

		appearance. James Hanson came off the bench for his first Premiership appearance.
Nov 24	Newcastle 7 (League) Gloucester 29	Tries: A.Symons, J.Thrush, H.Purday, G.Denman Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (3) Penalty: B.Twelvetrees Gareth Denman scored his first try for the club. Andy Symons scored his first Premiership try for the Cherry & Whites. James Hanson and Jake Polledri made their first Premiership starts.
Dec 2	Gloucester 39 (League) London Irish 15	Tries: B.Burns (2), L.Ludlow, J.Polledri, H.Purdy Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (4) Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (2) Billy Twelvetrees made his 100 th Premiership appearance for Gloucester. Jake Polledri scored his first Premiership try. Will Safe came off the bench to make his Premiership debut.
Dec 9	Zebre 26 (European Challenge Cup) Gloucester 33	Tries: O.Thorley (2), R.Ackermann, O.Williams, R.Hibbard Conversions: O.Williams (4)
Dec16	Gloucester 69 (European Challenge Cup) Zebre 12	Tries: O.Thorley (4), D.Halaifonua (2), F.Clarke, W.Safe, C.Sharples, C.Orr, M.Tatu'u Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (6), O.Williams Ollie Thorley was the first player to score four tries in a game since December 2012 (Shane Monahan). Will Safe scored a try in his first start.
Dec 23	Wasps 49 (League) Gloucester 24	Tries: W.Heinz, M.Atkinson, T.Marshall, F.Clarke Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2)
Dec 30	Gloucester 20 (League) Sale 16	Tries: D.Halaifonua, B.Vellacott

		<p>Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2) Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (2) Ben Vellacott scored a try on his first Premiership start.</p>
Jan 6	Northampton 22 Gloucester 19 (League)	<p>Tries: J.Hanson, J.Afoa + penalty try Conversion: O.Williams Well into the second half Gloucester were leading 19-8, but lost to a penalty try in the last minute. James Hanson scored his first try for the club.</p>
Jan 12	Agen 24 Gloucester 45 (European Challenge Cup)	<p>Tries: H.Purdy (2), C.Braley, J.Woodward, M.Atkinson, E.Slater Conversions: O.Williams (6) Penalty: O.Williams</p>
Jan 19	Gloucester 24 Pau 34 (European Challenge Cup)	<p>Tries: J.Thrush, C.Braley, J.Polledri Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (3) Penalty: B.Twelvetrees Ben Morgan made his 100th appearance for the club.</p>
Jan 26	Gloucester 43 Ospreys 20 (Anglo/Welsh Cup)	<p>Tries: R.Hibbard, M.Atkinson, C.Braley, O.Thorley, H.Trinder, B.Morgan, M.Scott Conversions: B.Burns (4) For the third game in a row, Calum Braley scored a try</p>
Feb 3	Newcastle 31 Gloucester 19 (Anglo/Welsh Cup)	<p>Tries: B.Vellacott, G.Evans, M.Scott Conversions: O.Williams (2) Ciaran Knight and Aaron Hinkley both came off the bench to make their first appearances. Tom Denton came off the bench to make his final appearance for the club.</p>
Feb 10	Gloucester 24 Leicester 17 (League)	<p>Tries: H.Trinder (2), M.Scott Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (3) Penalty: B.Twelvetrees</p>
Feb 17	Worcester 25 Gloucester 15 (League)	<p>Tries: H.Trinder, M.Scott Conversion: B.Burns Penalty: B.Twelvetrees</p>

			Matt Scott scored a try for the fourth game in a row. Cameron Orr came off the bench for his final appearance.
Feb 24	Gloucester 25 (League)	Wasps 25	Tries: R.Hibbard, C.Sharples, H.Trinder Henry Trinder scored a try for the third game in a row Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2) Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (2)
Mar 3	Gloucester 20 (League)	Newcastle 21	Tries: J.Woodward, D.Halaifonua, M.Atkinson, L.Ludlow First Premiership defeat at home this season. Matt Scott played his final game for Gloucester.
Mar 24	London Irish 29 (League)	Gloucester 33	Tries: T.Marshall (2), J.Hanson, M.Atkinson, L.Ludlow Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2), B.Burns (2) A fine come-back after trailing 17-0.
Mar 31	Connacht 28 (European Challenge Cup Quarter-Final)	Gloucester 33	Tries J.Afoa, H.Trinder, J.Hanson, T.Marshall Conversions: O.Williams (2) Penalties: O.Williams (2), B.Twelvetrees
Apr 8	Exeter 46 (League)	Gloucester 10	Try: C.Braleay Conversion: O.Williams Penalty: O.Williams John Afoa made his 100 th appearance.
Apr 14	Gloucester 37 (League)	Harlequins 9	Tries: C.Braleay, J.Polledri, J.Woodward, R.Ackermann Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (4) Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (3) Gloucester scored three tries in the last nine minutes to secure a try bonus point. Ruan Ackermann scored his first Premiership try.
Apr 20	Gloucester 33 (European Challenge Cup Semi-Final)	Newcastle 12	Tries: T.Marshall, M.Matu'u, B.Burna, B.Vellacott Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2)

		Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (3)
Apr 28	Gloucester 20 (League)	Bath 43 Tries: E.Slater, J.Woodward Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (2) Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (2) Henry Trinder made his 100 th league appearance.
May 5	Saracens 62 (League)	Gloucester 12 Tries: T.Seabrook, D.Halaifonua Conversion: B.Twelvetrees This was Gloucester's biggest ever Premiership defeat. Tom Seabrook scored a try on his Premiership debut. Richard Hibbard came off the bench to make his 100 th and final appearance. Ross Moriarty made his first Premiership appearance of the season, which was also his final game for the club. David Halaifonua made his final appearance.
May 11	Cardiff Blues 31 (European Challenge Cup Final – Bilbao)	Gloucester 30 Tries: H.Trinder, M.Atkinson, J.Hanson Conversions: B.Twelvetrees (3) Penalties: B.Twelvetrees (3) Leading 20-6 at half-time, Gloucester lost to a 78 th minute penalty. John Afoa played his final game. Motu Matu'u, Jeremy Thrush and Andy Symons all came off the bench to make their final appearances. Billy Burns made his 100 th appearance.
Gloucester United		
Season Record	Played 8 Won 3 Lost 5 For 172 Against 274	
Most appearances	Played 8 Won 3 Lost 5 For 172 Against 274 Most appearances: 8 C.Beckett, H.Walker, A.Hinkley (7 + 1)	
Leading Scorers	Most tries: 4 J.Mullis, A.Hinkley Most conversions: 12 C.Penny	
Captain	Charlie Beckett	
Sep 4	London Irish 19 Gloucester United 38	Tries: C.Chapman, T.Hudson, W.Safe, C.Penny, H.Trinder, A.Smith

		Conversions: C.Penny (4)
Sep 10	Gloucester United 36 Bath United 20	Tries: J.Mullis (2), D.Halaifonua, A.Hinkley, C.Chapman, A.Ducker Conversions: C.Penny (3)
Sep 24	Saracens Storm 64 Gloucester United 14	Tries: J.Polledri, H.Walker Conversions: C.Penny (2)
Oct 23	Gloucester United 26 Harlequin Wanderers 36	Tries: J.Mullis (2), T.Hudson, T.Stanton Conversions: C.Penny (3)
Nov 18	Bristol United 33 Gloucester United 36	Tries: C.Orr (2), A.Morgan, A.Hinkley, W.Safe, + penalty try Conversions: L.Evans (2)
Dec 18	Gloucester United 0 Exeter Braves 62	
Jan 21	Exeter Braves 19 Gloucester United 15	Tries: D.Halaifonua, C.Orr, A.Hinkley
Apr 9	Gloucester United 7 Bath United 15	Try: A.Hinkley Conversions: C.Chapman