



SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY—SEASON 1946/47

The Annual Report of the Southampton Football Association (SFA) for season 1945/46 was produced by H J Mathieson, Hon Secretary. It was his first and the 32nd Annual Report of the Association where he'd stated 'it has been my privilege and good fortune to play a part in the resuscitation of the activities of the Association which were suspended shortly after the outbreak of War'.

The activities of the Association throughout the season were not comparable with those in pre-war years, but the SFA was able to resume the Senior and Junior Leagues, albeit below strength numerically. Only two divisions were operated.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE—SEASON 1945/46

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1x	Southampton 'B'	12	11	0	1	68	13	22	Club's <u>third</u> team
2	Hythe and Power United	12	8	1	3	48	20	17	
3x	Royal Engineers (Marchwood)	12	7	0	5	41	32	14	
4x	R.A.F. Beaulieu	12	6	1	5	35	34	13	
5	Pear Tree Sports	12	3	3	6	30	39	9	
6x	Charondon	12	1	3	8	23	67	5	
7x	Itchen Athletic	12	1	2	9	12	52	4	
8x	Pirelli Sports	0						0	Withdrawn mid-season

Annual Report Comments: R.E.s Marchwood and Hythe and Power United in turn challenged Southampton 'B', but after losing their first league game the 'B' team kept a tight grip on the leadership and never faltered. Several of their players showed distinct promise and should make their name in higher class football.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE—SEASON 1945/46

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Blackfield & Langley	18	17	0	1	122	24	34	
2	J.I.T. Welders	18	12	4	2	95	25	28	J.I.T. = J.I. Thornycroft
3P	Southampton Telephone Area	18	11	3	4	76	31	25	
4	Woolston Boys	18	10	1	7	49	44	21	
5P	Pirelli Sports	18	7	5	6	49	46	19	See Divisional Note 1
6x	Weir Sports	18	7	3	8	50	70	17	
7x	Butlocks Heath Sports	18	7	2	9	48	63	16	
8x	Charondon Res	18	3	1	14	28	93	7	First: Senior League
9x	A.S.W.A.S.	18	3	1	14	19	79	7	See Divisional Note 2
10x	Thornycrofts (Northam)	18	2	2	14	28	89	6	

Annual Report Comments: Blackfield & Langley, a young side from the Agwi district¹, gave a very good account of themselves throughout the season and, with a strong goal scoring and defensive record, were worthy winners. J.I.T. Welders and Southampton Telephone Area did well and finished second and third respectively.

Divisional Note: (1) Pirelli Sports started the season as a reserve team but became the main side when the firsts withdrew from the Senior League; (2) Testwood FC started the season but left in January 1946 having fulfilled 8 matches. A.S.W.A.S. took on their remaining fixtures to complete the season [the meaning of the abbreviation is not known]



STANDARD NOTES—ALL TABLES (AS APPLICABLE)

POS (POSITION) COLUMN

A number and no other symbol denotes the team remained in the same division for the next season

P (next to position number) denotes promoted (or elected) to the next division up (an upward move of more than one division will be shown in the notes column on the far right). That team will also be shown in **BOLD** type.

R denotes relegated to the next division down (a move down of more than one division will be shown in the notes column on the far right). That team will also be shown in **BOLD ITALIC** type.

X denotes the team did not complete the following season in the league. It is possible the team either withdrew in pre-season or started and withdrew in the next season as they didn't appear in the final table. If it is known what occurred to the team then the far column will show, or a relevant Divisional Note. If no note is shown then further details are unknown.

A team in italic print and shown at the end of the table without a league record denotes it is known that the team was included in that season's constitution but did not complete the season (again, the notes column may reveal what occurred, if this is known).

TEAM COLUMN

Where a team is not the club's first XI the following suffix will be shown: Res for the club's reserve team and 'A' for the club's third team. This may continue with 'B' and 'C' etc.

A comment can be seen in the note column (far right) showing the status of the team's more senior sides. Often space is restricted so F: would denote firsts; R: would denote reserves; Sr denotes Senior and Jr Junior. An example of this in the note column would be F: Sr.1; R: Jr.5 means this is the club's third team and the firsts are in Senior League 1 and Reserves are in Junior Division 5.

A team shown in **red type** are a team that is new to the Southampton Football League at the start of the season (note this does NOT apply to 1945/46 where many teams had not yet reformed following the war years). The notes column may add further information, where it is known. It is not necessarily a newly formed team.

A team shown in **pink type** has undergone a name change either during this or at the end of this season. The notes column will add further detail.

There are seasons where the goals for and against totals for divisions do not balance. Whilst these are not technically correct the tables are as published and no attempt has been made to correct them (unless otherwise stated).

PTS (POINTS) COLUMN

* denotes points adjustment. Two points were awarded for a win and one each for a drawn game.



NOTES SPECIFIC TO THE CURRENT SEASON

DIVISIONAL NOTES

There will be occasions where notes applicable to various divisions as applicable at that particular season apply. These notes will be shown separately at the foot of that table.

GENERAL NOTES

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