



# SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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

The Hon Secretary of the Southampton Football Association (SFA) Mr H J Mathieson produced its 33rd (and his second) Annual Report. The weather was abnormal in the early part of 1947, when week after week very little football was played owing to the condition of the grounds. Snow, severe frosts, thaws and heavy rains in turn rendered the majority of pitches unfit. However a full programme was duly completed with a number of midweek games being played at the end of the season.

Forty-eight teams competed in the league season, an increase of thirty over the 1945/46 season. Referees were urgently required by the SFA.

Thanks were afforded to Mr Eric Ryder and the staff at the Sports Centre and to the groundsmen on the Common and other public lands. The SFA had the use of seven pitches on Southampton Common on that part familiarly known as 'The Flats' which were allocated accordingly.

## SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE—SEASON 1946/47

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Docks &amp; Marine Sports</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	To Hampshire League
2e	Eastleigh Corinthians	22	17	2	3	80	30	36	
3w	Shirley Warren	22	14	2	6	82	32	30	
4w	Blackfield & Langley	22	14	1	7	81	53	29	
5w	Agwi United	22	10	2	10	46	51	22	
<b>6P</b>	<b>Hythe and Power United</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>21</b>	To Hampshire League
7e	Pirelli-General Res	22	8	2	12	50	73	18	First: Hampshire Lg
8w	B.O.A.C.	22	8	0	14	53	73	16	
9w	Romsey Town Res	22	6	3	13	39	55	14*	First: Hampshire Lg
10e	Supermarine	22	5	4	13	33	62	14	
11w	Southampton Telephone Area	22	5	3	14	42	59	13	
<b>12R</b>	<b>Pear Tree Sports</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>12</b>	

**Annual Report Comments:** Docks and Marine and Eastleigh Corinthians ran neck and neck throughout the season, and it was only in the last week or so that the Mariners, smarting from their disappointing display in the Senior Cup final, gained a lead of two points which they did well to retain. The Corries, in their first season in Senior football, gave an excellent account of themselves. Shirley Warren and Blackfield & Langley, the latter being the winners of the Junior League last year, did extremely well.

**Divisional Notes:** There are additional letters shown against each position. A decision was made to form two senior divisions for the 1947/48 season and these were to be regional and known as 'Senior (West)' and 'Senior (East)'. Where 'w' is shown next to the position, that club moved to Senior (West) and where 'e' is shown they moved to Senior (East) for the following season.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION I — SEASON 1946/47

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>St Nicholas' Labour</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40</b>	Up to Senior (West)
<b>2P</b>	<b>Warsash</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	Up to Senior (East)
<b>3P</b>	<b>Old Tauntonians</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Up to Senior (East)
4	P.O.T.T. Wing R.E.	22	13	3	6	65	50	29	
5	Austin Sports	22	12	3	7	83	37	27	
6	Swaythling Athletic	22	12	2	8	80	49	26	
7	J.I.T. Welders	22	10	3	9	45	58	23	
8	Shirley Warren Res	22	6	4	12	45	70	16	First—Senior League
9	Woolston Boys	22	3	6	13	30	58	12	
<b>10P</b>	<b>Docks &amp; Marine Sports Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>10</b>	F—Snr League; Up Snr(W)
<b>11R</b>	<b>Folland Aircraft</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>12R</b>	<b>Supermarine Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>4</b>	First—Senior League

**Annual Report Comments:** In Division I of the Junior League, the championship was not decided until the last two games of the season, both of which St Nicholas' Labour won by a single goal. These four points enabled them to keep ahead of Warsash who, but for a bad patch three parts through the season, would surely have gained the honours. Old Tauntonians, P.O.T.T. Wing R.E., Austin Sports and Swaythling Athletic were other teams well pleased with their efforts.

**Divisional Note:** The Senior League formed two regional sections for the 1947/48 season, having previously been a single division. What appeared to be an unusual promotion was Docks & Marine Sports Res who finished 10th but the rules allowed a team who were promoted to the Hampshire League, as was the case of their first team, to take their place in a higher division.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION II —SEASON 1946/47

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>	Up to Senior (East)
<b>2P</b>	<b>N.D.L.C.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	Up to Senior (West)
<b>3P</b>	<b>Nalگو</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	Up to Senior (West)
<b>4P</b>	<b>Harland &amp; Wolff</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	
<b>5P</b>	<b>Nursling St Boniface</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23*</b>	
6	Swaythling Athletic Res	22	8	3	11	54	94	19	First— Junior 1
7x	Netley Central	22	9	2	11	59	61	18*	
<b>8P</b>	<b>Millbrook</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>15</b>	
9x	So'ton Telephone Area Res	22	5	1	16	39	110	11	F—Senior Lg. Disband?
10	Mottisfont	22	5	1	16	33	94	11	
<b>11R</b>	<b>Old Issonians</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>10</b>	
12	St Nicholas' Labour Res	22	2	4	16	44	117	8	First— Junior 1

### Junior League: Division II (continued).

**Annual Report Comments:** The struggle for supremacy in Division II was a triangular affair with Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft, National Dock Labour Corporation, and Nalgo each holding the advantage in turn. After a terrific climax, the COA's, who had to beat Nalgo in their last game, secured the first position as a result of superior goal average over N.D.L.C., with Nalgo qualifying for third place. Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft thus scored the 'double' an accomplishment which calls for special congratulations to a very good team. Harland & Wolff and Nursling St. Boniface were two other sides which were well to the fore, but they were unable to keep up the pace and eventually fell behind.

**Divisional Note:** Nalgo was an abbreviation but was consistently shown in lower case in the annual reports. It stood for 'National and Local Government Officers'. The meaning of N.D.L.B. is shown in the Annual Report Comments above.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION III —SEASON 1946/47

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	St. Faith's	22	21	0	1	204	13	42	To Senior (East)
2P	Imperial	22	17	0	5	94	38	34	To Junior 1
3P	Solent Athletic	22	15	0	7	117	56	30	To Junior 1
4P	Odd Fellows' Sports	22	15	0	7	94	60	30	To Junior 1
5P	Totton Stars	22	14	1	7	100	53	29	
6P	Hendy Sports	22	11	1	10	106	77	23	
7x	J.I.T. Apprentices	22	11	0	11	82	60	22	
8P	Thornycroft's (Docks)	22	10	2	10	75	90	22	
9P	Hythe & Power United Res	22	5	1	16	61	169	11	First— Senior League
10	Harland & Wolff Res	22	5	1	16	38	138	11	First— Junior 2
11x	Bramtoco	22	2	3	17	29	107	7	NB: Returned in 48/49
12x	Howards Athletic	22	1	1	20	35	174	3	NB: Returned in 48/49

**Annual Report Comments:** After a wonderful season, during which they only lost one League game, St Faiths gained the championship of Division III with a goal average of 204 against 13—a great performance. Early in the season it appeared that Solent Athletic would be their most serious challengers, but the Athletic gradually declined and had to be content with third position. Imperial Sports and Odd Fellows Sports, two more than useful teams, gained the second and fourth positions, with Totton Stars in close attendance. To Hendy Sports fell the honour of being the only team to beat St Faiths. A word of praise is due to Howards Athletic who, although they won only one game, proved a very sporting side. Their experience in the post season should stand them in good stead if they have another try.

**Divisional Note:** Harland & Wolff Reserves were the only club from those shown above to finish in this division at the end of the next season.





## 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. 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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