

# SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY—SEASON 1947/48

The number of teams taking part in League Competitions increased from 48 teams a year previously to 95 and there were signs that more new teams are applying and the Association will soon be approaching its pre-war strength.

For the first time in the history of the Association, the Senior League was run in two divisions, East and West, whilst the Junior League was played in five divisions. The Wednesday League was also revived, in which ten teams competed.

### SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (EAST) —SEASON 1947/48

The regional division was newly-formed division following a single Senior League in the previous season. Of it's members:

Previously played in the Senior League—Eastleigh Corinthians, Supermarine and Pirelli-General Res

Previously played in Junior Division 1—Old Tauntonians, Warsash and Docks & Marine Sports Res

Previously played in Junior Division 3—St Faith's

Five of the seven reserve teams —Winchester City Res, S.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic Res, Bitterne Nomads Res, Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft Res and Sholing Sports Res— appeared to be newly formed (or reformed) following the War.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	<b>Old Tauntonians</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	To Hampshire League
2P	<b>Winchester City Res</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33</b>	To Hampshire League
3	St Faith's	20	12	2	6	63	31	26	Became Bitterne Park Sports from summer 48
4	Eastleigh Corinthians	20	10	5	5	49	43	25	
5	Supermarine	20	9	1	10	49	51	19	
6	Docks & Marine Sports Res	20	6	5	9	36	52	17	First– Hampshire League
7	S.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic Res	20	5	5	10	54	62	15	First– Hampshire League
8	Bitterne Nomads Res	20	6	5	9	36	48	15*	First– Hampshire League
9	Pirelli-General Res	20	4	6	10	35	55	14	First– Hampshire League
10	Warsash	20	3	3	14	23	74	9	
11x	Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft Res	20	1	5	14	33	81	7	First– Hampshire League Club disbanded.
12x	Sholing Sports Res	0						0	Withdrawn

**Annual Report Comments:** Of the twenty three teams that took part in the Senior League, eleven took part in the East Division. Unfortunately Sholing Sports were obliged to withdraw due to ground difficulties.

For three parts of the season, Old Tauntonians and Winchester City Reserves had a grand struggle for supremacy, but the defeat of the City at Winchester by the OT's gave the old boys a clear margin and they eventually gained a five point lead at the head of the table and retained an unbeaten certificate, a fine record of consistency.

**Divisional Note:** \* denotes points adjustment. The abbreviation 'S.R.' stood for Southern Railway. Sholing Sports did operate a first team in the Hampshire League and completed their season at that level.

## SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (WEST)—SEASON 1947/48

This regional division was newly-formed following a single Senior League in the previous season. Of it's members:

Previously played in the Senior League— Shirley Warren, Blackfield & Langley, Southampton Telephone Area, Romsey Town Res, B.O.A.C. (Hythe), Agwi United

Previously played in Junior Division 1— St Nicholas Labour

Previously played in Junior Division 2— Nalگو, N.D.L.C.

Previously played in Junior Division 3—St Faith's

The two other members were Southampton Gas Company, were thought to be newly formed whilst Ordnance Survey (who were often referred to as O.S.O in final tables, which stood for Ordnance Survey Office) were a reformed club following the war.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Nalگو</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	To Hampshire League
2	Shirley Warren	22	18	2	2	71	26	38	
3	Blackfield & Langley	22	16	1	5	76	23	33	
4	St Nicholas Labour	22	15	1	6	61	36	31	
5	N.D.L.C.	22	11	3	8	50	34	25	
6	Southampton Telephone Area	22	9	4	9	56	46	22	
7	Ordnance Survey	22	9	3	10	38	51	21	
8	Romsey Town Res	22	7	2	13	42	51	16	First– Hampshire League
9	Southampton Gas Company	22	6	3	13	49	65	15	
10	Hythe and Power United Res	22	6	0	16	35	67	12	First– Hampshire League Renamed Hythe & Dibden wef summer 48
<b>11P</b>	<b>B.O.A.C. (Hythe)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>10</b>	To Hampshire League
<b>12P</b>	<b>Agwi United</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3</b>	To Hampshire League

**Annual Report Comments:** Shirley Warren appeared to be booked for honours in this division, but in their last game they went down to Blackfield & Langley, enabling Nalگو, level on points with a superior goal average, to pip them on the post. Interest in the League was thus maintained until the final fixtures, and whilst congratulating Nalگو on their success, a word of praise is also due to the Warren for the great show they put up.

## SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF MATCHES—SEASON 1947/48

A two-legged play-off was arranged between the West and East Division champions to determine the overall Senior League championship. The results have not been traced however, but what is known is both teams won one game by the odd goal.

The **Annual Report** suggested each team won their home game. Old Tauntonians and Nalگو therefore shared the trophy.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION I — SEASON 1947/48

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Harland &amp; Wolff</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	To Senior (East)
<b>2P</b>	<b>Austin Sports</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	To Senior (East)
3	Port Wing R.E.	20	13	0	7	77	44	26	
4	Nursling St Boniface	20	9	4	7	46	37	22	
<b>5P</b>	<b>Old Tauntonians Res</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>22</b>	First– Senior (West).
<b>6P</b>	<b>Swaythling Athletic</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>17</b>	To Senior (West)
<b>7R</b>	<b>Millbrook</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16</b>	
8	Imperial Sports	20	7	1	12	33	55	15	
9	Odd Fellows Sports	20	6	2	12	33	60	14	
10x	Solent Athletic	20	6	1	13	50	76	13	Left the League
<b>11R</b>	<b>Shirley Warren Res</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>8</b>	First– Senior (West)

**Annual Report Comments:** Division I of the Junior League provided some very good football with Harland & Wolff and Austin Sports setting the pace from the outset. Success in the Hampshire Junior Cup, in which they reached the semi-final, meant that Austin Sports fell behind with their League fixtures, and in the closing weeks of the season they lost some vital points in mid-week games. The Wolves ultimately ran out winners of the Division by three points, and with a change in one or two positions, they should more than hold their own in Senior circles. It is good to see Harland & Wolff recovering some of their former glory in local football. Port Wing R.E., Nursling St Boniface and Old Tauntonians Juniors, were the other sides with good records in Division I.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION II — SEASON 1947/48

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Swaythling Athletic Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	First– Junior 1
<b>2P</b>	<b>St Nicholas Labour Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32*</b>	First– Senior (West)
<b>3P</b>	<b>Totton Stars</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	
4	Mottisfont	22	13	5	4	77	36	31	
5	S.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic 'A'	22	13	2	7	102	44	28	F-Hants; R-Senior (East)
6	Thornycrofts (Docks)	22	10	6	6	71	44	26	
7	Bassett Constitutional	22	11	1	10	73	57	23	
8x	St Faith's Res	22	9	1	12	72	64	19	F: Snr (East). See Div.note
9	R.E.M.E. (Totton)	22	8	2	12	81	78	18	
10	Ordnance Survey Res	22	3	2	17	40	93	8	First– Senior (West)
<b>11R</b>	<b>Braziers Sports</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>8</b>	To Junior 4. See Div note
12	Southampton Gas Company Res	22	2	0	20	17	185	4	First– Senior (West)

**Annual Report Comments:** Swaythling Athletic, St Nicholas Labour, Totton Stars and Mottisfont were the 'stars' of Division II, and there was little to choose between the four teams. A series of draws at the end of the season threatened to upset the hopes of the Athletic but they managed to hold onto their lead of two points over St Nicholas Labour, with Totton Stars and Mottisfont filling the third and fourth positions, both one point further in arrears.

**Divisional Note:** \* denotes points adjustment. St Faith's Reserves became Bitterne Park Res but Millbrook took their fixtures for the start of the next season. It is possible that Braziers Sports took on the fixtures of Hendy Sports during the season. R.E. M.E. stood for Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION III —SEASON 1947/48 (new)

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	<b>Winsor United</b>	22	20	2	0	97	14	42	To Senior (West)
2P	<b>Rollasons Sports</b>	22	17	2	3	82	24	36	
3P	<b>Swestar Sports</b>	22	16	0	6	69	24	32	
4P	<b>Old Edwardians</b>	22	12	1	9	58	44	25	To Senior (East)
5x	<b>R.A.F. Association</b>	22	10	4	8	73	39	24	
6	<b>Austin Sports Res</b>	22	9	6	7	47	51	24	First– Junior 1
7x	<b>General Motors</b>	22	7	4	11	49	69	18	
8	<b>Cunard White Star</b>	22	7	4	11	42	58	18	
9x	<b>H.M.S. Hawke</b>	22	5	3	14	48	63	13	
10	<b>Harland &amp; Wolff Res</b>	22	5	2	15	41	98	12	F– Junior 1. See Div note.
11	<b>St Michaels</b>	22	5	2	15	39	94	12	
12R	<b>Sherfield English</b>	22	3	2	17	29	96	8	

**Annual Report Comments:** Winsor United did extremely well and were worthy winners of the League Championship being unbeaten and losing only two points. Rollasons Sports, their near neighbours, who led the Division for a long time, fell away in the last few weeks, but finished a good second, four points ahead of Swestar Sports, who also did well. Old Edwardians and R.A.F. Association, teams new to Junior League football, should be well satisfied with their initial efforts, and are likely to be challengers for the leading position next season.

**Divisional Note:** Note the number of teams in red type, which meant they were new entrants into the Southampton Football Association. Harland & Wolff Res moved to the 'Eastern Division' for the next season, due to the late withdrawal of Pear Tree Sports. This move ensured that St Michael's retained their place in Division 3. R.A.F. denotes Royal Air Force, whilst H.M.S. stood for His/Her Majesty's Ship (as applicable at that time).

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION IV —SEASON 1947/48 (new)

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	<b>Marchwood United</b>	20	16	3	1	98	28	35	To Junior 2.
2P	<b>Shirley</b>	20	16	2	2	103	27	34	
3x	<b>Totton Youth</b>	20	14	1	5	99	33	29	
4x	<b>Dibden Purlieu</b>	20	11	3	6	71	46	25	
5P	<b>Blackfield &amp; Langley Res</b>	20	11	3	6	76	36	23*	First– Senior (West)
6P	<b>Princess Sports</b>	20	8	4	8	58	61	20	
7	<b>Civic Sports</b>	20	6	5	9	55	60	17	
8	<b>Springfield United</b>	20	6	3	11	47	89	15	
9x	<b>Weir Sports</b>	20	5	2	13	28	76	12	
10x	<b>Pages Athletic</b>	20	1	2	17	15	91	4	
11R	<b>Hants &amp; Dorset</b>	20	1	2	17	14	117	4	To Junior 5 (new division)

**Annual Report Comments:** Marchwood United and Shirley, two good teams, had a ding-dong struggle in Division IV, and the United only got home by a single point margin. Shirley, however, have gained much useful experience and hope to capture the title in 1948/49.

**Divisional Note:** \* denotes points adjustment.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: EASTERN DIVISION — SEASON 1947/48 (new)

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	R.V. Hospital	20	17	1	2	120	22	35	Up to Junior 2
2	Netley Sports Res	20	15	1	4	68	26	31	First– Hampshire
3x	Pear Tree Sports	20	14	1	5	77	33	29	Disband. See Div. note
4	Follands	20	13	2	5	102	36	28	
5P	White's Sports Club Res	20	12	3	5	61	57	27	First– Hants Lg. To Jnr.1
6	Manorians	20	12	2	6	55	29	26	
7x	Old Issonians	20	7	2	11	41	65	16	
8	Supermarine Res	20	4	4	12	30	65	12	First– Senior (East)
9	Elephant & Castle	20	3	2	15	28	86	8	
10	Bitterne Athletic	20	2	1	17	20	99	5	
11	Warsash Res	20	0	3	17	23	107	3	First– Senior (East)

**Annual Report Comments:** The Eastern Division provided some excellent games and at one time R.V. Hospital, Netley Sports and Pear Tree Sports were running neck and neck. A falling away by Pear Tree left the field clear for the Netley teams, and the R.V.'s put paid to the hopes of the villagers when they defeated them in the last game but one.

**Divisional Note:** Pear Tree Sports were noted as being one of the oldest teams in the area but folded on the eve of the start of the next season. They were replaced in the division by the Harland & Wolff Reserve team. R.V. stood for Royal Victoria, which was a hospital at Netley (hence the comment in the Annual Report referring to the 'Netley teams'). It was often referred to 'R.V. Hospital (Netley)' as was the case for the Wednesday League below.

## SOUTHAMPTON WEDNESDAY LEAGUE — SEASON 1947/48 (League revived)

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	R.V. Hospital (Netley)	18	13	4	1	93	30	30	
2	R.A.F. (Beaulieu)	18	10	6	2	86	28	26	
3	Southampton Post Office†	18	11	4	3	84	31	26	
4	Green Jackets I.T.C.	18	12	0	6	79	35	24	
5	So'ton Corporation Transport†	18	10	1	7	56	40	21	
6	Southampton Co-op Sports†	18	8	3	7	69	56	19	Moved to Junior Div.3
7	R.A.M.C. (Netley)†	18	9	1	8	59	51	18*	
8	Woolston Wednesday†	18	3	1	14	35	89	7	
9	R.A.F. Southampton†	18	1	3	14	35	130	5	
10	Eastleigh Co-op Sports	18	1	1	16	17	123	3	

**Annual Report Comments:** Winners of the "Travers Cup" and leaders of the Eastern Division, R.V. Hospital rounded off a capital season by winning the Championship of the Wednesday League. They did not have matters all their own way, however, and were hard pressed by R.A.F. Beaulieu and Southampton Post Office, who finished in second and third positions. Only ten teams played in the Wednesday competition, and at least two more are required to provide a reasonably full programme.

**Divisional Note:** † denotes clubs who played in the last Wednesday League in 1938/39. I.T.C. stood for Infantry Training Centre. The "Travers Cup" (referred to in the Annual Report Comments) was the title of the Wednesday League Cup.



## 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.

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