

SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY—SEASON 1948/49

This was the 35th Annual Report of the Southampton Football Association (S.F.A.) was presented by Mr H J Mathieson, Hon. Secretary who reported that “we can confidently claim to have recovered our pre-war status”. The Junior teams distinguished themselves in the County Cup Competitions and it was recorded that the S.F.A. was represented in the finals of the Hampshire Junior Cup ‘A’ by A.S.T. (Hamble), in Junior Cup ‘B’ by Marchwood United, and in the Midweek Cup by Southampton Post Office. The Senior teams also did well in the Hampshire Intermediate Cup.

Ninety five teams took part in League Competitions last year and that number rose to 108 and Division V of the Junior League was revived to accommodate the newcomers—making six Junior Divisions in all. Nearly 3,500 players were registered with the S.F.A. during the course of the season. The enthusiasm of the participating teams was reflected in the fact that only seven fixtures were not played.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (EAST)—SEASON 1948/49

Constitution Changes—Summer 1948:

IN: Junior 1 champions Harland & Wolff and runners-up Austin Sports were elected to this division. Old Tauntonians Reserves (also from Junior 1) were elected to replace their reserve team who moved to the Hampshire League. Old Edwardians were elected from Junior 3.

OUT: Old Tauntonians (first team) and Winchester City Reserves were elected into the Hampshire League. Cunliffe-Owen found it impossible to raise a team due to company difficulties.

NAME CHANGE: St. Faiith’s became Bitterne Park Sports

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	Austin Sports	22	16	4	2	63	24	36	
2	Pirelli-General Sports Res	22	14	4	4	63	43	32	First— Hampshire League
3	Old Tauntonians Res	22	13	4	5	56	21	30	First— Hampshire League
4	Harland & Wolff	22	14	2	6	60	34	30	
5	Warsash	22	13	3	6	56	33	29	
6	Bitterne Park Sports	22	9	6	7	48	41	24	
7	Old Edwardians	22	6	9	7	48	50	21	
8	S.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic Res	22	8	2	12	51	61	18	First— Hampshire League Name Change— Div Note 1
9	Supermarine Sports	22	5	4	13	48	60	14	
10	Docks & Marine Sports Res	22	5	2	15	40	82	12	First— Hampshire League
11	Eastleigh Corinthians	22	3	3	16	31	70	9	
12x	Bitterne Nomads Res	22	3	3	16	35	80	8*	First— Hampshire League

Annual Report Comments: To win the Senior League (East) at the first attempt was a particularly creditable performance on the part of Austin Sports, and they had a four point lead over Pirelli-General, who fell away after commencing the season in fine style. Old Tauntonians, Harland & Wolff and Warsash likewise have every reason to be pleased with their performances.

Divisional Note: S.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic changed their name to B.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic (effective from the next season). The initials B.R. stood for British Railways.

The Division extended to 14 teams for 1949/50.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (WEST) —SEASON 1948/49

Constitution Changes—Summer 1948:

IN: Swaythling Athletic were elected from Junior 1. Winsor United were elected from Junior 3. B.O.A.C. (Hythe) were promoted to the Hampshire League, their reserve team replaced them in the Division.

OUT: Nalgo and Agwi United were promoted to the Hampshire League. See note regarding B.O.A.C. (Hythe) above.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	GI For	GI Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Blackfield & Langley	22	18	3	1	80	24	39	To Hampshire League
2	Winsor United	22	17	2	3	103	24	36	
3	St Nicholas Labour	22	15	3	4	87	40	33	Name change-Div.Note 1
4	Swaythling Athletic	22	15	0	7	80	37	30	
5	Southampton Gas Company	22	12	4	6	71	46	28	Name change-Div.Note 2
6	Shirley Warren	22	12	1	9	61	39	25	
7	Romsey Town Res	22	8	4	10	46	54	20	First—Hampshire League
8	N.D.L.C.	22	5	5	12	31	55	15	
9	Hythe & Dibden Res	22	6	3	13	40	85	15	First—Hampshire League
10	Southampton Telephone Area	22	4	3	15	35	93	11	
11	Ordnance Survey	22	4	2	16	35	84	10	
12x	B.O.A.C. (Hythe) Res	22	1	0	21	25	113	2	First—Hampshire League Divisional Note 3

Annual Report Comments: (There are also comments applicable from the Championship play-off section located beneath the Senior (East) Division). Blackfield & Langley were the undisputed Champions of this Division. Winsor United were hot on their heels for most of the season, but three defeats by the odd goal finally settled their hopes. St Nicholas Labour and Swaythling Athletic also had excellent records..

Divisional Note: Notes 1 and 2 relate to name changes that occurred in the summer of 1949—(1) St Nicholas Labour changed to St Nicholas. (2) Southampton Gas Company changed to Southampton Gas Employees. Note (3) The B.O.A.C. (Hythe) first team did not continue in the Hampshire League in summer 1950 and took their reserve team's place in Senior League (West) for 1949/50. Their reserves were not traced in the 1949/50 final tables (assumed disbanded).

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SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF MATCHES—SEASON 1948/49

Two play-off matches took place between the East and West Champions.

It is known that the first match was at the Southampton Sports Centre and finished Austin Sports 0, Blackfield & Langley 2

There is no record of the result of the second leg that was played a week later. However:

Annual Report Comments: In Senior circles Blackfield & Langley proved to be the team of the season, and after winning Senior League (West) defeated Austin Sports (the winners of the Eastern Section) in the “deciders”, thus pulling off the double.

Additional Notes:

(1) The “double” subsequently became the “treble” for Blackfield & Langley as they also won the Senior Cup.

(2) There is no further record of play-off matches taking place in the remaining seasons of two regional Senior Leagues.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION I —SEASON 1948/49

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1PE	A.S.T. (Hamble)	22	19	2	1	103	40	40	See Divisional Note 1
2	Port Wing R.E.	22	19	1	2	153	34	39	
3	Nursling St Boniface	22	15	0	7	78	50	30	
4	St Nicholas Res	22	12	2	8	69	47	26	First - Senior (West)
5	Totton Stars	22	12	2	8	70	51	26	
6	Imperial Sports	22	10	3	9	53	46	23	
7	Swaythling Athletic Res	22	9	4	9	56	68	22	First - Senior (West)
8	Odd Fellows Sports	22	8	1	13	52	83	17	
9	Old Tauntonians Res	22	6	4	12	42	89	16	First - Hants
10PE	Sholing Sports Res	22	4	3	15	57	85	11	F - Hants; see Div Note 2
11	White's Sports Res	22	3	2	17	38	107	8	First - Hants
12R	Nalgo Res	22	2	2	18	25	96	6	First - Hants
	<i>Solent Athletic</i>								withdrew. See Div Note 3

Annual Report Comments: A.S.T. (Hamble) were another team to bring off the “double” (also winning the Southampton Junior Cup, having beaten Port Wing R.E. in the final). It was rather ironical to say they “pipped” Port Wing R.E. on the post and won the Junior I Championship by one point after conceding three points to the R.E.’s. Nursling St Boniface did the Trainees an excellent turn by defeating the Wing, a feat which no other team could emulate.

Divisional Note: ‘PE’ denotes promoted to Senior (East) via an election process. (1) A.S.T. stood for Air Service Training, the club played only friendly games in the previous season. (2) Sholing Sports Res had their record expunged in the previous season. (3) Solent Athletic withdrew from the division, but it is noted that a team of the same name was in Junior V in 49/50.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION II —SEASON 1948/49

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Marchwood United	22	17	3	2	109	24	37	
2P	R.V. Hospital (Netley)	22	18	1	3	105	28	37	
3	S.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic 'A'	22	14	3	5	114	50	31	F - Hants; R - Senior (East)
4	Winsor United Res	22	14	1	7	87	59	29	First - Senior (West)
5	Thornycroft's (Docks)	22	9	5	8	52	60	23	
6x	Millbrook	22	9	4	9	58	62	22	Divisional Note 1
7x	Swestar Sports	22	8	5	9	51	61	21	
8	Thornycroft's (Woolston)	22	7	3	12	60	61	17	
9	Shirley Warren Res	22	6	4	12	44	74	16	First - Senior (W)
10	Mottisfont	22	7	2	13	46	79	16	
11x	Rollasons Sports	22	7	1	14	43	82	15	Returned in 1950
12x	Ordnance Survey Res	22	0	0	22	24	153	0	First - Senior (West). Returned in 1950

Annual Report Comments: Marchwood United and R.V. Hospital had a real ding-dong struggle for honours, both teams registering thirty-seven points from twenty-two games. Decisive wins in their last two fixtures gave United a slightly superior goal average and the championship, a result which appeared to be impossible three weeks from the end of the season.

Divisional Note: (1) Millbrook took over the fixtures of Bitterne Park Sports at the start of the season but they didn't feature in the 1949/50 final tables. They were one of four clubs in this division who weren't in the 1949/50 final tables (x).

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION III — SEASON 1948/49

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Shirley	22	18	3	1	97	20	39	Promoted to Junior 1
2P	Princess Sports	22	15	5	2	80	34	35	
3P	Southampton Co-op Sports	22	16	2	4	106	36	34	Prev. Wednesday League
4P	Bassett Constitutional	22	14	4	4	70	38	32	
5x	Crows Nest	22	13	4	5	70	29	30	
6PE	Blackfield & Langley Res	22	9	3	10	67	76	21	F- Snr (W). See Div.Note 1
7	Old Simmarians	22	9	1	12	66	92	19	
8	R.A.F. Association	22	5	5	12	63	76	15	
9	St. Michaels	22	6	1	15	45	92	13	
10	Cunard White Star	22	4	2	16	38	70	10	
11	Old Edwardians Res	22	4	0	18	41	112	8	First - Senior (East)
12	Austin Sports Res	22	4	0	18	35	103	8	First - Senior (East)

Annual Report Comments: Division III proved to be one of the best so far as keenness was concerned, and at one time, five teams were striving for first place. Princess Sports, Co-Op Sports, Bassett Constitutional and Crows Nest, all good sides, each led in turn but, in the end, Shirley, who only lost one game throughout the season, reached the top of the League and deservedly retained the position.

Divisional Note: (1) Blackfield & Langley's first team were promoted to the Hampshire League and, under League rules that applied, their reserve team as members of the League were allowed to replace them in the Senior League. 'PE' therefore means promoted to Senior (East).

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION IV — SEASON 1948/49

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Sherfield English	26	20	3	3	122	40	43	
2P	Bramtoco	26	17	7	2	88	37	41	Were members in 46/7
3P	Michelmersh	26	18	3	5	86	56	39	
4P	Awbridge	26	16	5	5	103	43	37	
5	Braishfield	26	13	6	7	104	61	32	
6	Shirley Res	26	10	8	8	73	59	28	First - Junior Div.3
7	Romsey Rangers	26	10	5	11	68	64	25	
8	Light & Law	26	10	4	12	58	71	24	
9	Springfield United	26	10	3	13	65	93	23	
10	Braziers Sports	26	7	5	14	50	62	19	
11	Civic Sports	26	6	3	17	52	90	15	
12	C.P.C. Sports	26	6	3	17	51	114	15	
13	Old Bartonians	26	4	4	18	51	103	12	
14R	So'ton Gas Company Res	26	4	3	19	35	113	11	First - Senior (West)

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Junior Division IV continued

Annual Report Comments: Sherfield English and Bramtoco had a neck-and-neck tussle in this division. At one period the “Brams” appeared to have first place within their grasp, but one or two unexpected lapses spoilt their chances and Sherfield English gained the Championship by two points. Michelmersh and Awbridge were other teams well to the fore.

Divisional Note: C.P.C. Sports was a company team (the meaning of the initials has not been traced).

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION V —SEASON 1948/49 (new)

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Stile Sports	20	16	2	2	123	27	34	To Junior Div.3
2x	Regent's Park	20	15	1	4	84	35	31	
3P	Princess Sports Res	20	13	2	5	78	39	28	First - Junior Div.3
4P	Wesley	20	13	2	5	87	45	28	
5P	Howards Athletic	20	11	3	6	79	30	25	
6	Burts	20	11	2	7	56	39	24	
7	Co-op Youth	20	9	3	8	50	54	21	
8	Hants and Dorset	20	4	2	14	25	67	10	
9	Bramtoco Res	20	3	2	15	35	100	8	First - Junior Div.4
10	Jukes Sports	20	2	3	15	39	106	7	
11	Northlands	20	2	0	18	16	130	4	

Annual Report Comments: Division V more or less catered for “unknown quantities”, and congratulations are due to Stile Sports who proved worthy winners. They were closely followed by Regents Park, with Princess Sports and Wesley third and fourth respectively.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: EASTERN DIVISION—SEASON 1948/49

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Netley Sports Res	22	21	0	1	103	19	42	Up to Junior 2. F- Hants
2x	White's Sports 'A'	22	18	2	2	122	22	38	F-Hants; R-Jr.2. Left.
3P	Weston Sports	22	16	1	5	83	44	33	Up to Jr 2. Division Note 1
4	Manorians	22	14	3	5	97	40	31	
5x	Elephant & Castle	22	12	4	6	89	37	28	
6	Bitterne Athletic	22	10	2	10	78	76	22	
7	Warsash Res	22	9	1	12	68	63	19	First— Senior (East)
8	Fairey Aviation	22	7	2	13	43	67	16	Move to Jr.6. Div. Note 1
9P	Harland & Wolff Res	22	5	2	15	38	74	12	Up to Jr.2. F— Senior (East)
10	Follands	22	4	2	16	32	128	9*	
11	Supermarine Sports Res	22	2	3	17	34	90	7	First— Senior (East)
12	St Marks (Woolston)	22	3	0	19	24	151	6	

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Southampton Junior League—Eastern Division (continued)

Annual Report Comments: After a grand season, Netley Sports carried off the honours in the Eastern Division, and lost only two points throughout the season. White's Sports, Weston Sports and Manoronians set a good pace, but Netley always appeared to have a little in hand and had four points to spare in the end.

Divisional Note: * denotes points adjustment. (1) Both Weston Sports and Fairey Aviation had played pre-war

SOUTHAMPTON WEDNESDAY LEAGUE— SEASON 1948/49

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	R.V. Hospital	20	18	1	1	119	30	37	
2	Port Wing R.E.	20	16	2	2	130	31	34	Also had team in Junior 1
3	Southampton Post Office	20	13	3	4	63	35	29	
4	Southampton Police	20	10	2	8	65	43	22	
5x	Green Jackets	20	9	3	8	76	71	21	
6	R.A.F. Beaulieu	20	9	1	10	62	67	19	
7	Woolston Wednesday	20	7	1	12	51	75	15	
8	Corporation Transport	20	7	0	13	32	54	14	
9x	R.A.S.C.	20	5	1	14	36	138	11	
10x	Hants & Dorset	20	4	2	14	28	69	10	Also had team in Junior 5
11	H.M. Customs	20	4	0	16	26	75	8	
	61 Transit Camp								Withdrew eve of season

Annual Report Comments: The Wednesday Championship produced a great struggle between R.V. Hospital and Port Wing R.E., and for the third time the Wing fell at the last hurdle, R.V. Hospital finishing as winners by one point. Southampton Post Office were the only other team seriously to challenge the losers.





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 though.

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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