



# SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY—SEASON 1949/50

Mr H J Mathieson, Hon. Secretary, presented his fifth annual report and the 36th of the Southampton Football Association. He reported that season 1949/50 was successful in every way from a playing point of view and financially it remained in a sound position.

From only 17 teams when activities League activities resumed after the war, there had been no less than 122 entries in this season—a record for the Association (*at that time*).

It was reported of the absence of playing pitches and more were urgently required, particularly on Southampton Common where only seven are available compared to over twenty in pre-war days. It was earnestly hoped that at least three or four more pitches will be made available on the Common.

### SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (EAST) —SEASON 1949/50

**Constitution Changes—Summer 1949:**

Like the West section, this division was extended from twelve to fourteen teams for this season.

**IN:** Champions A.S.T. (Hamble) and Sholing Sports Reserves were both elected from Junior 1, whilst Netley Sports had joined from the Hampshire League.

**OUT:** There had been one club withdrawal from the previous season—Bitterne Nomads Reserves—this club didn't take part in any competitions in this season but did recommence in summer 1950.

**NAME CHANGE:** S.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic became B.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	Harland & Wolff	26	19	2	5	94	43	40	
2	Austin Sports	26	17	5	4	93	41	39	
3	Sholing Sports Res	26	17	5	4	66	42	39	First– Hampshire League
4	Netley Sports	26	14	4	8	65	47	32	From Hampshire League
5	Bitterne Park Sports	26	14	3	9	60	40	31	
6	Pirelli General Sports Res	26	11	9	6	84	71	31	First– Hampshire League
7x	A.S.T. (Hamble)	26	10	4	12	50	64	24	
8	Old Tauntonians Res	26	9	5	12	58	66	23	First– Hampshire League
9	Old Edwardians	26	9	4	13	48	70	22	
10	Warsash	26	7	5	14	52	61	19	
11	Supermarine Sports	26	8	1	17	54	88	17	
12	Docks & Marine Sports Res	26	6	5	15	52	89	17	First– Hampshire League
13	B.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic Res	26	6	4	16	43	69	16	First– Hampshire League
14x	Eastleigh Corinthians	26	6	2	18	33	61	14	Divisional Note 1

**Annual Report Comments:** Champions Harland & Wolff enjoyed a grand season although only one point separated the first three teams in the East Division, with Austin Sports and Sholing Sports finishing in second and third positions respectively. It was a great struggle and a case of “So near yet so far” can be written regarding Austin Sports who had the bad luck to be runners-up in the League and Cup. Harland & Wolff fully merited their success as winners and it is pleasing to record that Austins were the first to offer congratulations.

**Divisional Note:** Note (1) Eastleigh Corinthians didn't feature in the Southampton League from here but it is **possible** they formed a merger with Causton's (a local printing company) to become 'Caustons Corinthians' for the 1950/51 season and playing in the Eastleigh & District Football League.

## SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (WEST) —SEASON 1949/50

Constitution Changes—Summer 1949:

The numbers in both regional divisions increased from 12 to 14 for this season.

**IN:** Of the three new clubs shown in red in the table —B.O.A.C. had been in the Hampshire League in 1948/49, replacing their reserve team in this Division whilst Eastleigh Spartans Reserves were elected, despite having only a modest record in the Eastleigh & District League. Esso (Fawley) Res were a new team, to supplement their Hampshire League side who had up to the start of season been known as AGWI United. The Blackfield & Langley first team went to the Hampshire League and their reserves were elected in their place for this season.

**OUT:** No clubs left the Division (but note changes to the B.O.A.C. and Blackfield & Langley teams, detailed above).

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	GI For	GI Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Swaythling Athletic</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>49</b>	Up to Hampshire League
2	Winsor United	26	22	1	3	116	21	45	
3	St. Nicholas	26	21	4	1	86	19	45*	
4	Shirley Warren	26	17	2	7	106	53	36	
5	Southampton Gas Employees	26	16	1	9	88	48	33	
6	Romsey Town Res	26	16	0	10	78	38	32	First– Hampshire League
7	N.D.L.C.	26	14	4	8	78	53	32	
8	Southampton Telephone Area	26	11	0	15	66	57	22	
9	Hythe & Dibden Res	26	8	3	15	53	83	19	First– Hampshire League
10	Blackfield & Langley Res	26	6	2	18	40	89	14	First– Hampshire League
11x	<b>B.O.A.C. (Hythe)</b>	26	6	1	19	40	111	13	See Divisional Note 1
12	Ordnance Survey	26	5	1	20	42	109	9*	
13x	<b>Eastleigh Spartans Res</b>	26	3	2	21	44	141	7*	First– Hampshire League See Divisional Note 2
14	<b>Esso (Fawley) Res</b>	26	2	0	24	18	144	4	First– Hampshire League

**Annual Report Comments:** Swaythling Athletic completed their programme with a four-point margin after Winsor United and St. Nicholas had led the way for the major part of the season. It was early apparent that one of these teams would win the League, and the Athletic are to be warmly congratulated on their excellent record.

Winsor United and St. Nicholas for the second successive season finished second and third respectively, and both teams now hope that third time may prove lucky.

**Divisional Note:** \* denotes points adjustment. Note (1) - B.O.A.C. (Hythe) was their first team, they'd replaced their reserves in the division from the previous season. The club did not feature in Southampton League final tables from here. Note (2) Eastleigh Spartans continued with just their Hampshire League team for 1950/51.

There were no longer play-off matches between the Champions of the East and West Divisions

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION I — SEASON 1949/50

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	<b>Marchwood United</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	To Senior (West)
2P	<b>Port Wing R.E.</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	To Senior (West)
3	Nursling St Boniface	22	12	2	8	56	42	26	
4	Shirley	22	12	1	9	62	50	25	
5	St Nicholas Res	22	11	2	9	54	42	24	First– Senior (West)
6	Totton Stars	22	10	2	10	67	51	22	
7R	R.V. Hospital, Netley	22	10	1	11	74	70	20	
8	Imperial Sports	22	8	4	10	59	57	20	Moved to 'Eastern Div.'
9x	<b>White's Sports</b>	22	6	3	13	57	61	15	From Hampshire League
10P	Swaythling Athletic Res	22	6	2	14	47	74	14	First– Senior (West)
11	Old Tauntonians 'A'	22	6	2	14	35	80	14	First– Hants; Res– Snr (W)
12x	Odd Fellows Sports	22	0	1	21	11	182	1	

**Annual Report Comments:** Junior League, Division I, provided the tit-bit of the season with Marchwood United and Port Wing R.E. neck and neck throughout. Although scoring more goals than their near neighbours, the Wing failed to keep their goal intact to the same extent, with the result that the United pipped them on the post with a superior goal average.

Without question, these teams are two of the best Juniors in the area, having been consistently prominent in past seasons, and if promoted to the Senior League they should be capable of fully holding their own.

Although outshone by the two leading teams, Nursling St. Boniface, Shirley and St. Nicholas can look back on an enjoyable season, but Odd Fellows Spors had no luck at all and captured only one point during the campaign.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION II — SEASON 1949/50

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	<b>Winsor United Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	First– Senior (West)
2P	<b>Princess Sports</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	
3P	<b>Thornycroft's (Woolston)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	
4P	<b>Bassett Constitutional</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>26</b>	
5P	<b>Shirley Warren Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>	First– Senior (West)
6	Netley Sports Res	22	10	5	7	46	48	25	First– Senior (East)
7	Weston Sports	22	10	4	8	50	41	24	
8	Mottisfont	22	7	6	9	41	55	20	
9	Thornycroft's (Docks)	22	7	3	12	48	59	17	
10x	Co-Op Sports	22	6	4	12	36	52	16	
11	Harland & Wolff Res	22	5	4	13	46	59	14	First– Senior (East)
12x	Nalگو Res	22	0	3	19	29	96	3	F– Hants; See Div. Note

**Annual Report Comments:** In Division II, Winsor United went one better than their Seniors by out-pointing Princess Sports. At one time, Thornycroft's (Woolston) and Bassett Constitutional, in turn, seemed to have a good chance of the championship, but by dropping valuable points in vital games towards the end of the season, they fell into arrears and were unable to make up the leeway. **Divisional Note:** It appears that the Nalگو club (aka N.A.L.G.O. Southampton) disbanded in the summer of 1950.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION III —SEASON 1949/50

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Bramtoco</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43</b>	Up to Junior Div.1
<b>2P</b>	<b>Awbridge</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	
<b>3P</b>	<b>Stile Sports</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>4P</b>	<b>Sherfield English</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	
5	Cunard White Star	22	11	1	10	58	60	23	
6	R.A.F. Association	22	9	3	10	45	62	21	
7	Old Simmarians	22	9	1	12	54	83	19	
8	Michelmersh	22	8	2	12	60	57	18	
9	Austin Sports Res	22	9	0	13	65	70	18	First– Senior (East)
10	<b>Bitterne Park Sports Res</b>	22	7	0	15	44	90	14	First– Senior (East)
11	St. Michael's	22	5	1	16	61	79	11	
<b>12R</b>	<b>Old Edwardians Res</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>0</b>	F– Snr (E); Down to Jnr.5

**Annual Report Comments:** After a grand season, Bramtoco, who were rather unfortunate to be beaten 2-1 in the final of the Hampshire Junior Cup 'A', captured the championship of Division III, but Awbridge were always challenging and held second place over Stile Sports, who thoroughly justified their promotion from Division V. During the run of the season, Bramtoco lost one point, an excellent record,.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION IV—SEASON 1949/50

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
<b>1P</b>	<b>Howards Athletic</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>	Up to Junior 2
2x	CPC Sports	22	15	1	6	93	47	31	Returned in 1953
3x	Springfield United	22	14	3	5	60	33	31	
<b>4P</b>	<b>Romsey Rangers</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>5P</b>	<b>Civic Sports</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>	
6	Braishfield	22	6	7	9	61	59	19	
7	Shirley Res	22	8	1	13	41	80	17	First– Junior 1
8	Old Bartonians	22	6	4	12	48	59	16	
9	Braziers Sports	22	6	4	12	39	62	16	
10x	Light & Law	22	6	2	14	54	86	14	
11	Princess Sports Res	22	4	4	14	38	81	12	First– Junior 2
<b>12R</b>	<b>Wesley</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>9</b>	

**Annual Report Comments:** Bramtoco lost only one point in Junior III, which was an excellent record, but in Division IV, Howards Athletic excelled by capturing maximum points from their twenty-two games. So well did they play week after week that the Athletic ultimately gained a lead of thirteen points, and it was impossible for C.P.C. Sports and Springfield United, both good sides, to get within striking distance.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION V —SEASON 1949/50

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	<b>600 Club</b>	22	20	1	1	138	28	41	Up to Junior 2
2P	<b>Burts</b>	22	15	2	5	75	28	32	N/C to Burts Social
3P	<b>Chandlers Ford</b>	22	13	2	7	68	56	28	
4P	<b>Southampton Gas Employees Res</b>	22	13	1	8	72	48	27	First– Senior (West)
5P	<b>Co-Op Youth</b>	22	13	0	9	71	65	26	
6x	<b>Dibden Purlieu</b>	22	11	1	10	56	60	23	
7x	<b>Reed &amp; Malik</b>	22	8	3	11	67	62	19	
8	Jukes Sports	22	7	2	13	41	71	16	
9	Bramtoco Res	22	7	1	14	41	64	15	First– Junior 3
10x	Hants & Dorset	22	6	2	14	33	80	14	
11	Solent Athletic	22	6	1	15	56	117	13	
12R	<b>Lockerley</b>	22	4	2	16	47	86	10	

**Annual Report Comments:** In Division V, “600 Club” forged ahead early on and deservedly kept their lead by dropping only three points. Burts, Chandlers Ford and Southampton Gas Employees also did well.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION VI —SEASON 1949/50 (new)

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	<b>Harefield</b>	22	21	1	0	153	21	43	Up to Junior 3
2P	<b>St Denys Old Boys</b>	22	18	1	3	156	25	37	Up to Junior 4
3P	<b>Maybush Co-Op</b>	22	16	3	3	110	32	35	Up to Junior 4
4x	<b>Marchwood United Res</b>	22	12	3	7	75	43	27	First– Junior 1
5P	<b>Golding &amp; Ansell</b>	22	11	3	8	66	62	25	
6P	<b>Lyndhurst</b>	22	11	2	9	67	77	24	
7P	<b>Newtown Rovers</b>	22	9	3	10	54	52	21	
8	<b>Alloms Sports</b>	22	8	2	12	49	80	18	
9	<b>Clarks C.O.S.A.</b>	22	6	3	13	43	112	15	Divisional Note 1
10	<b>Hythe &amp; Dibden 'A'</b>	22	4	0	18	33	118	8	F– Hants; R– Senior (W)
11	<b>Fairey Aviation</b>	22	2	2	18	38	124	6	Divisional note 2
12	<b>Lankester Sports</b>	22	2	1	19	26	124	5	

**Annual Report Comments:** Two vital games at the end of the season assured Harefield of a well-earned success in Division VI. Neck and neck with St. Denys, the championship was decided when Harefield won the points at stake, and both teams have every reason to be more than satisfied with their first season in Junior football, a remark equally fitting in the case of Maybush Co-Op, who finished a good third.

**Divisional Notes:** Note (1): C.O.S.A. stood for College Old Students’ Association. Note (2): Fairey Aviation operated two teams and went to Junior Division 1 for the next season. It is more likely to be the performance of their Eastern Division team that justified the big upward move. In this season, but not all, the Eastern Division table is shown beneath Junior Division 6.

## SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: EASTERN DIVISION—SEASON 1949/50

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Fairey Aviation	22	16	2	4	75	30	34	Up to Junior 1
2P	Follands	22	14	2	6	65	38	30	Up to Junior 6
3	Bitterne Athletic	22	13	3	6	59	51	29	
4x	Manorians	22	12	3	7	76	42	27	
5	Grove Celtic	22	12	2	8	63	40	26	
6	Thornycroft's (Woolston) Res	22	11	4	7	66	51	26	First– Junior 2
7	Warsash Res	22	11	4	7	52	44	26	First– Senior (East)
8	Netley Sports 'A'	22	9	3	10	52	42	21	F– Senior (E); Res– Jr 2
9x	Woolston Sports	22	7	4	11	53	53	18	
10	Supermarine Sports Res	22	5	3	14	29	51	13	First– Senior (East)
11x	Botley	22	4	4	14	33	69	12	
12	St Marks	22	1	0	21	21	133	2	

**Annual Report Comments:** The Eastern Division was interesting throughout, with first one team and then another taking over the leading position. Follands, Bitterne Athletic and Manorians all reached top place and then fell away, and Fairey Aviation came along in good style in the last few weeks to deservedly win the honours.

## SOUTHAMPTON WEDNESDAY LEAGUE—SEASON 1949/50

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	Port Wing R.E.	18	16	2	0	112	28	34	
2x	R.A.F. Beaulieu	18	11	4	3	60	40	26	
3	Southampton Post Office	18	12	1	5	55	33	25	
4	R.A.F. Calshot	18	8	0	10	69	60	16	
5	Southampton Police	18	6	3	9	42	44	15	
6	Corporation Transport	18	6	4	8	38	45	15*	
7	R.V. Hospital	18	7	0	11	59	84	14	
8	Woolston Wednesday	18	4	5	9	40	63	13	
9	Fortyniners	18	6	1	11	32	65	12*	
10	H.M. Customs	18	2	4	12	27	72	8	

**Annual Report Comments:** R.V. Hospital, last year's winners, could not get going and finished well down the table, with the result that Port Wing R.E. took control and finished eight points ahead of R.A.F. Beaulieu, with Southampton Post Office a further point in arrears.

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



## 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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