



SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

THE CUP COMPETITION FINALS

PERIOD COVERED: FROM: SEASON 1945/46 TO: SEASON 1949/50

SEASON 1945/46

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 2nd March 1946. At The Dell, Southampton

Southampton 'B' 4-1 White's Sports

Referee: Mr R H Ryder

Annual Report Comments: In the Senior Cup, for which twelve teams competed, Southampton 'B' were opposed in the final by White's Sports, and a rousing game ended with the 'B' team winning convincingly by 4-1, both sides putting up a grand show. This was a vacant Saturday in the 'Saints' fixture list, and this, coupled with the fact that the finalists were two popular local sides, led to a most satisfactory gate.

Additional Cup Note: The attendance (or 'gate') was 2,631 and receipts amounted to £151.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Easter Monday 22nd April 1946. At The Dell, Southampton

Southampton Telephone Area 2-1 Blackfield & Langley

Referee: Mr H V Dunford

Annual Report Comments: Eighteen teams entered the Junior Cup Competition and the final, played at the "Dell" prior to the Hampshire Senior Cup final on Easter Monday, was equally entertaining, Southampton Telephone Area surprising Blackfield & Langley by winning, and deservedly so, by the odd goal in three. No less than three penalty kicks went astray in this game.

SEASON 1946/47

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 12th April 1947. At The Dell, Southampton

Totton Res 7-2 Docks & Marine Sports

Referee: Mr J A Cave

Annual Report Comments: Totton, who last won the trophy in 1930, found Docks & Marine Sports below their usual standard. Playing at the top of their form the Totton side readily seized their opportunities and ran out good winners by seven goals to two.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 12th April 1947. At The Dell, Southampton (played before Senior Cup Final)

Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft 3-2 Odd Fellows Sports

Referee: Mr W E Rigden

Annual Report Comments: The Junior Cup Final was a grand game throughout, and Odd Fellows Sports, who played the whole of the second half a man short through injury, were rather unfortunate to be beaten in the closing minutes by Cunliffe-Owen Aircraft, two goals in the last ten minutes giving the winners a narrow victory by the odd goal in five.

Additional Cup Note: A chart showing the full results of this competition can be found on this website.

SEASON 1947/48

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Monday 26th April 1948. At The Dell, Southampton

N.D.L.C. 2-1 Blackfield & Langley

Referee: Mr R L Rogers

Annual Report Comments: In the Senior Cup Final, played on a Monday evening, Blackfield & Langley, with youth in their favour, started off in great style and quickly went ahead, but the more experienced N.D.L.C. team gradually settled down and grand team work enabled them to run out winners of one of the best local Final Ties seen for many years by the narrow margin of the odd goal in three. The "gate", particularly in view of the fact that it was an evening game, was most encouraging, and an interested spectator was Mr Bernard Mortimer, whose trophy was presented to the winning team by Alderman P W Blanchard, MBE, the Sheriff of Southampton, who, incidentally is a valued member of our association.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 17th April 1948. At Pirelli-General Sports Ground, Dew Lane, Eastleigh

Eastleigh Spartans Res 3-0 R.V. Hospital (Netley)

Referee: Mr F C Gradidge

Annual Report Comments: After an interval of eighteen years, the Junior Cup found a resting place at Eastleigh, the Spartans well deserving their three-nil victory over R.V. Hospital, Netley, who, unfortunately, did not reach their usual standard. This final was played at Eastleigh, and the thanks of the Association are extended to the Pirelli-General Sports & Social Club for the loan of their ground and welcome co-operation.

Additional Cup Note: (1) The second team of the Eastleigh Spartans played in the Eastleigh & District Football League, their first team playing in Hampshire League Division 2 at that time. (2) A chart showing the full results of this competition, complete with a match report and team line-ups, can be found on this website.

"TRIVERS" CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 28th April 1948. At The Dell, Southampton

R.V. Hospital (Netley) 2-0 Southampton Corporation Transport

Referee: Mr H Wright

Annual Report Comments: The "Travers" Cup final was staged at the "Dell", prior to the Hampshire Midweek Cup Final and R.V. Hospital made up for their defeat in the Junior Competition by getting the better of Southampton Corporation Transport by two goals to nil. There was little to choose between the two sides, and with a little luck the Transport could have opened their account on at least one occasion.

Additional Cup Note: The "Travers" Cup was a resumed Wednesday League competition having previously been competed for prior to the hostilities. The Hampshire Midweek Cup, mentioned above, was another Wednesday competition which was administered by the Hampshire FA.

Match Notes:

The Transport defence kept the Hospital score to two—Transport did not reply. The first half was a ding-dong battle with a good work by stalwart Transport backs keeping the keen lively Army forwards out. Transport were, however occasionally very dangerous when they broke away.

After ten minutes in the second half a melee in the Transport's goalmouth resulted in Davis, Hospital centre-forward, scoring from an almost horizontal position. In the last minute of the game, Davis again scored. Transport were unlucky when, on three occasions, they packed the hospital goalmouth and fired in rapidly from point-blank range, only to see the ball rebound from defenders.

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SEASON 1948/49

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Thursday 28th April 1949. At The Dell, Southampton

Blackfield & Langley 2-1 Eastleigh Spartans

Referee: Mr F S Carter

Annual Report Comments: In the Southampton Senior Cup Final, played at The Dell on Thursday evening, 28th April, before an encouraging "gate," Blackfield & Langley and Eastleigh Spartans gave a first-class performance, and the match was one which neither team deserved to lose. The Spartans deservedly took the lead in the first half, after both teams had struck the woodwork and were still ahead at half time, but they failed to take advantage of one or two good chances early after the interval and from a breakaway, Blackfield & Langley equalized. Spurred on by their supporters, Blackfield took control of the game from this point and following sustained pressure, netted the winning goal five minutes from time.

Defeated in the 1947/48 final by the odd goal in three, the winners were delighted to "lift" the trophy at the second attempt by the same margin, but their Hampshire League opponents were grand losers and hope for better luck next time.

In the absence of Mr. Bernard Mortimer, the donor of the trophy, the Cup was presented by Mrs. Blanchard, wife of Alderman P.W. Blanchard, M.B.E. who was then occupying the position of Sheriff of Southampton. Mr. Blanchard, who has served on our Council for many years, has since become the Mayor of the Town, and we extend to him and to the Mayoress our hearty congratulations and good wishes for a happy and successful year of office.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

The date has not been traced. At "the former" Bitterne Sports Ground, Southampton

A.S.T. (Hamble) 2-1 Port Wing R.E.

Referee: Mr P Board

Annual Report Comments: The Junior Cup Final between A.S.T. (Hamble) and Port Wing R.E., produced an interesting game, but once again the team scoring first were the eventual losers. In the opening half, the R.E.'s were on top, but were unable to finish off several golden opportunities. After the interval, they took the lead, but A.S.T. scored a brilliant equalizer, and before the Wing had recovered, netted what proved to be the winning goal. The R.E.'s were rather unfortunate to find A.S.T.'s goalkeeper at the top of his form.

Additional Cup Note: (1) The 'former' Bitterne Sports Ground was most likely to be in Hatley Road, Southampton, although this was not confirmed for sure; (2) The reference to 'once again' in the Annual Report Comments referred to what also occurred in the Senior Cup Final (which is shown above).

"TRIVERS" CUP

FINAL

The date has not been traced. At Bitterne, Southampton

Port Wing R.E. 3-1 Woolston Wednesday

Referee: Mr J N C Green

Annual Report Comments: In the "Travers" Cup Final, Port Wing R.E. atoned for their disappointment in the Junior Cup by defeating Woolston Wednesday 3-1. They were worthy winners, but the Wednesday gave a good account of themselves and were by no means disgraced.

Additional Cup Note: Chances are the reference to "Bitterne" for the venue may be the ground in Hatley Road, but like the Junior Cup Final, this is unconfirmed.

SEASON 1949/50

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 26th April 1950. At The Dell, Southampton

Winchester City Res 4-1 Austin Sports

Referee: Mr T Cansdale

Annual Report Comments: In the Senior Cup Final, played at The Dell on Wednesday evening, 26th April, the weather let us down rather badly, with the result that the gate was appreciably less than in the past four seasons. Nevertheless, over 1,200 ardent supporters of local football braved the elements and were rewarded with a game worthy of the occasion.

Winchester City and Austin Sports were the contestants and although defeated 4-1 the Sports were by no means disgraced and, in fact, the three goal deficit did not do them justice. With more punch in the forward line, however, Winchester City were more dangerous near goal and snapped up the chances which came their way, whilst Austins failed to round off their attacks.

For the first time in their long history, Winchester City had the pleasure of taking the Senior Cup back to their Headquarters, and we heartily congratulate them on this initial success.

In the absence of Mr. Bernard Mortimer, the donor of the Trophy, the Cup was presented by Alderman R.J. Stranger, C.B.E., who took the opportunity of congratulating both teams on a good display under the worse possible conditions.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

The date has not been traced. At Testwood Park, Totton

Port Wing R.E. 6-0 Marchwood United

Referee: Mr H J Wright

Annual Report Comments: The Junior Cup Final between Port Wing R.E. and Marchwood United ended in a surprisingly easy 6-0 win for the former. Played at Testwood Park on a grand evening, the R.Es. Went into the attack from the outset and a brilliant hat-trick by their outside-left in the first thirty minutes practically sealed their success.

Three more goals put the issue beyond doubt well before the end, and the Wing are to be congratulated on winning the Cup at the second attempt, having been narrowly beaten in the final in the previous season.

Over a thousand spectators saw the game and Marchwood were well beaten on the day's play.

Additional Cup Note: The high number of spectators present was likely to be because the match had a local flavour as the Port Wing R.E. club were based in Marchwood. The venue was also at nearby Totton would have probably also contributed to the size of the attendance on the day.

"TRIVERS" CUP

FINAL

The date has not been traced. At Testwood Park, Totton

R.A.F. Beaulieu 2-1 R.A.F. Calshot

Referee: Mr W G Bartlett

Annual Report Comments: In the "Travers" Cup Final, played on the same ground (*as the Junior Cup Final*), R.A.F. Beaulieu, who had previously won the Hampshire Midweek Cup, completed the "double" by defeating R.A.F. Calshot by the odd goal in three. Both teams missed a number of good scoring chances, and Calshot were rather unlucky not to draw level when they threw everything into the attack in the closing minutes of the game.

Additional Cup Note: Once again, Totton was a very good choice of venue for this final between neighbouring service teams.