



HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE FINAL TABLES AND RESULTS SUMMARY 1979-80

(includes changes to constitution in the summer of 1980)

Swaythling result F:A		DIVISION ONE										
Home	Away	Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	Gls For	Gls Agt	Points	Notes	
2-1	1-2	1	Newport (I W)	30	24	4	2	87	22	52		
0-2	0-1	2	Brockenhurst	30	22	4	4	62	26	48		
1-0	1-4	3	Sholing Sports	30	13	12	5	47	24	38		
1-1	1-2	4	Romsey Town	30	14	9	7	51	44	37		
3-1	0-1	5	Pirelli General	30	14	8	8	37	32	36		
2-1	1-0	6	Netley Central Sports	30	10	13	7	35	30	33		
2-0	1-3	7	Southampton 'A'	30	10	12	8	54	44	32		
1-2	1-2	8	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	30	11	5	14	44	45	27		
		9	Swaythling	30	11	5	14	39	41	27		
2-1	0-1	10	Brading Town	30	11	5	14	41	46	27		
5-0	1-3	11	Waterlooville Res	30	8	9	13	33	53	25		
2-2	2-1	12	Bournemouth	30	6	10	14	34	43	22		
0-0	1-2	13	Gosport Borough Res	30	8	6	16	30	55	22		
3-0	1-1	14	Fareham Town Res	30	8	5	17	28	54	21		
1-1	0-1	15	Moneyfield Sports	30	6	5	19	25	60	17	Not relegated	
1-4	2-1	16	B.A.T.	30	4	8	18	41	69	16	Not relegated	

SWAYTHLING— HOME AND AWAY LEAGUE SUMMARY							
Home matches	15	8	4	3	26	16	20
Away matches	15	3	1	11	13	25	7



Division 1 constitution changes (summer 1980)

In normal circumstances, the two bottom sides finished in a relegation position but they remained in the division as its numbers were increased to twenty teams. See Division 2 for details of the promoted teams. Swaythling changed their name to Eastleigh.



Swaythling result F:A				DIVISION TWO								
Home	Away	Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	Gls For	Gls Agt	Points	Notes	
0-3	2-6	1	Horndean	30	19	9	2	55	23	47	Promoted	
0-1	0-2	2	AFC Totton	30	15	11	4	50	22	41	Promoted	
2-1	0-1	3	Downton	30	16	8	6	63	40	40	Promoted	
0-1	3-1	4	Havant Town	30	14	10	6	52	35	38	Promoted	
4-1	1-0	5	Portsmouth Royal Navy	30	17	4	9	55	39	38		
0-0	2-2	6	Cowes	30	12	9	9	40	35	33		
2-2	1-0	7	New Street	30	14	4	12	45	40	32		
0-1	0-1	8	Portals Athletic	30	12	7	11	42	36	31		
3-0	1-1	9	Sholing Sports Res	30	11	9	10	40	38	31		
1-2	1-2	10	Ringwood Town	30	13	3	14	33	38	29		
1-4	0-0	11	Pegasus	30	10	7	13	37	35	27		
		12	Swaythling Res	30	9	8	13	34	40	26		
1-1	2-3	13	Overton United	30	7	8	15	41	56	22		
0-0	2-0	14	Warsash	30	4	11	15	25	56	19		
2-0	1-4	15	Cove	30	6	6	18	37	59	18	Not relegated	
2-0	0-0	16	Pirelli General Res	30	3	2	25	20	77	8	Not relegated	
SWAYTHLING RESERVES—HOME AND AWAY LEAGUE SUMMARY												
Home matches				15	5	4	6	18	17	14		
Away matches				15	4	4	7	16	23	12		



Division 2 constitution changes (summer 1980)

The top four teams were promoted to Division 1, as that division's numbers increased from 16 to 20 clubs. The bottom two sides were not relegated. See Division 3 table for the promoted teams into this division. The Swaythling club changed their name to Eastleigh.



DIVISION THREE									
Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	Gls For	Gls Agt	Points	Notes
1	Basingstoke Town Res	28	17	7	4	60	28	41	Promoted
2	Winchester City	28	17	6	5	52	36	40	Promoted
3	Petersfield United	28	15	8	5	57	28	38	Promoted
4	Liss Athletic	28	14	6	8	57	46	34	Promoted
5	Christchurch	28	14	5	9	64	37	33	Promoted
6	Netley Central Sports Res	28	12	9	7	52	46	33	Promoted
7	AFC Totton Res	28	12	7	9	66	43	31	Promoted
8	Sway	28	10	9	9	60	41	29	Promoted
9	Winchester Castle	28	12	4	12	44	41	28	
10	A.C. Delco	28	9	8	11	41	40	26	
11	New Milton	28	8	9	11	44	45	25	
12	Ryde Sports	28	10	3	15	53	64	23	
13	Moneyfield Sports Res	28	5	5	18	33	68	15	
14	Whitchurch United	28	4	4	20	45	84	12	Not relegated
15	Lymington	28	3	6	19	32	93	12	Not relegated

Division 3 constitution changes (summer 1980)

The top eight teams made the 'cut' to be promoted to Division 2 which extended its numbers from 16 to 20 clubs. The remaining seven teams continued in a revamped Division 3 which included eleven of the twelve clubs in the discontinued Division 4. This meant Division 3 then became the lowest county league division. No new teams joined from the local associations.



DIVISION FOUR									
Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	Gls For	Gls Agt	Points	Notes
1	Folland Sports	22	19	1	2	76	21	39	DIVISION FOUR WAS DISBANDED THE FIRST ELEVEN CLUBS PLAYED IN DIVISION 3 FOR THE 1980/81 SEASON. THIS BECAME THE LEAGUE'S LOWEST TIER.
2	Awbridge	22	13	3	6	60	39	29	
3	Malshanger	22	10	6	6	40	23	26	
4	Enham Alamein	22	11	4	7	47	41	26	
5	Brockenhurst Res	22	11	3	8	48	40	25	
6	Andover Res	22	10	3	9	44	48	23	
7	Blackfield & Langley	22	10	2	10	42	50	22	
8	McMurdo	22	8	3	11	31	40	19	
9	R.A.P.C. (Worthy Down)	22	6	3	13	46	57	15	
10	B.T.C. (Southampton)	22	6	3	13	29	49	15	
11	Bass (Alton)	22	4	6	12	24	35	14	
12	Botley	22	3	5	14	21	65	11	Not re-elected

Division 4 constitution changes (summer 1980)

This was the final Division 4 table as it was disbanded and eleven of the twelve teams joined the seven who finished in the bottom section of this season's Division 3.

There were a couple of interesting points to raise.

Under normal circumstances, the top two teams (in this case Folland Sports and Awbridge) would have been promoted. There was a possible argument that this should have been to Division 2 as their next season would include meeting almost all the teams they had played in this season. The flip side of this argument would be they would be playing in a division higher than those other clubs that remained in the newly constituted Division 3. Despite that, it seemed a bit harsh on the two top sides to be meeting those they'd justifiably finished above in this season when playing their league encounters in 1980/81.

Botley FC was an interesting case. Having not been re-elected the club found there was 'no room at the inn' in the Southampton League's three senior divisions and they returned to junior football, playing in Junior Division 1. A similar fate occurred to the Hythe & Dibden club when they lost their county league place in 1962. They ended up playing in Junior Division 5!! Fortunately, this type of situation can't happen to clubs now.

Incidentally, some records show the Bass (Alton) and Botley records to be the same (including the goals for and against). This is incorrect and the published final record, issued by the Hampshire Football Association, is as shown above with Botley clearly the lowest finishing team.