



SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

THE CUP COMPETITION FINALS

PERIOD COVERED: FROM: SEASON 1950/51 TO: SEASON 1954/55

SEASON 1950/51

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 2nd May 1951. At The Dell, Southampton

Harland & Wolff 2-1 Austin Sports

Referee: Mr G E Coldicott

Annual Report Comments: In the Senior Final ... Harland & Wolff beat Austin Sports by the odd goal in three and so, for the second year running—they were beaten 4-1 by Winchester City the previous season—the Sports had the disappointment of failing at the last hurdle.

On the run of play, the Wolves just about deserved their narrow win—the winning goal was scored two minutes from time—and for the first time for twenty-five years, Harland & Wolff's name will again appear on the trophy, which they received from the hands of Alderman R. J. Stranger, C.B.E., who congratulated both teams on an excellent display. Mr. Bernard Mortimer, the donor of the Cup, was present at the game.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 7th April 1951. At Pirelli-General Sports Ground, Dew Lane, Eastleigh

Bramtoco 4-2 Colden Common

Referee: No information available

Annual Report Comments: After a grand struggle, Bramtoco defeated Colden Common 4-2 ... The game started in sensational fashion, both teams scoring in the first two minutes, but in the second half, the Brams were on top and fully deserved to win as a result of more sustained combination and skill.

"TRIVERS" CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 2nd May 1951. At The Dell, Southampton (played before the Senior Cup Final)

R.A.F., Calshot 5-0 Southampton Police

Referee: No information available

Annual Report Comments: R.A.F., Calshot brought off the "double", having already won the Wednesday League ... by five clear goals. A fortnight later they completed the "treble" by winning the Hampshire Midweek Cup and all midweek clubs will join in congratulating the Airmen on a brilliant record.

SEASON 1951/52

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 2nd April 1952. At The Dell, Southampton

Winchester City Res 5-2 Austin Sports (after extra time)

Referee: Mr. H. Bates

Annual Report Comments: In the Senior Final ... Winchester City defeated Austin Sports 5-2 after extra time, the third successive year the Sports had the misfortune to fall at the last hurdle. Both teams gave a display worthy of the occasion, and it must be placed on record that this was our first Cup Final played under floodlights.

A splendid goal after fifteen minutes gave Austins the lead, but the Hampshire League side gradually took the initiative and led 2-1 at the interval. Although having most of the game in the second half, the Citizens were unable to add to their lead, and in an all-out last minute effort Austins equalized amid considerable excitement.

During extra time, Winchester City were well on top, despite great efforts by the Sports' defenders and three further goals from their lively forward line gave them the Cup for the second time in three years.

The trophy was presented by Mr. Walter Toomer, Director of Southampton F.C., who heartily congratulated both teams on their excellent display.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 23rd April 1952. At Briggs Social F.C., Swaythling, Southampton

Old Bartonians 4-1 St. Michael's

Referee: Mr. A. Vetcher

Annual Report Comments: Old Bartonians completed a grand season ... and it cannot be disputed that the Eastleigh team fully justified their success. At the same time, St. Michael's played extremely well and were by no means disgraced.

"TRAVERS" CUP

FINAL

Dates unknown. Both matches at Biggs Social F.C., Swaythling, Southampton

Southampton Fire Brigade / Southampton Police (joint-holders, 0-0 and 2-2, both after extra time)

Referee: Mr. H. Thomas

Annual Report Comments: The Travers Cup Final between Southampton Police and Fire Brigade ended all square after four hours of football. In the first game neither side could find the net, and in the replay, again after extra time, the score was two each. As a further replay was not possible, the teams became joint holders, and by the toss of a coin, the Fire Brigade won the right to hold the Cup for the first six months. Medals were awarded to both teams.

SEASON 1952/53

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 22nd April 1953. At The Dell, Southampton

Old Bartonians 1-0 Southampton Gas Employees

Referee: Mr P. V. Board

Annual Report Comments: Old Bartonians narrowly defeated Southampton Gas Employees by the only goal of the match, but they failed to display their best form and it was generally agreed they were rather fortunate to win. The "Lights" had only themselves to blame for their defeat, for several good chances were thrown away by poor shooting, and they sadly missed centre-forward Hopper, who was prevented from playing in the Final by an injury sustained in a League match four days earlier.

By winning the Junior and Senior Cups in successive seasons, Old Bartonians set up a local record which will take a lot of beating. They are very proud of their achievement, and quite rightly so.

Tributes were paid them by the President of the Association and Mr. C. J. Cosgrove, a Director of the "Saints", who warmly congratulated both teams on the excellent spirit in which the game was played. Mr. Bernard Mortimer, the donor of the Cup in 1909, was an interested spectator.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 25th April 1953. At Briggs Social F.C., Swaythling, Southampton

Sarisbury Green 4-2 Princess Sports

Referee: Mr. M. E. Green

Annual Report Comments: The teams had a grand struggle for the Junior Cup. Twice the Sports gained the lead, but the Green fought back strongly on each occasion and, after getting the second equalizer, swept on to an excellent 4-2 win in a game which did credit to both teams.

"TRIVERS" CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 22nd April 1953. At The Dell, Southampton (played before the Senior Cup Final)

H.M. Customs 2-1 R.A.F., Calshot

Referee: Mr. C. V. Davis

Annual Report Comments: H.M. Customs brought off a surprise by defeating R.A.F. Calshot by the odd goal in three in the final of the "Travers" Cup. They fully deserved to win, and this success compensated for their defeat by the Airmen in the Hampshire Midweek Cup a week earlier.

SEASON 1953/54

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 31st March 1954. At The Dell, Southampton

Harland & Wolff 2-0 Winchester City Res

Referee: Mr A. E. Vetcher

Annual Report Comments: The Final of our Senior Cup was played at the "Dell" under floodlights. Harland & Wolff defeated Winchester City 2-0, and I do not think it can be denied they deserved to do so. A goal in the first few seconds gave them a splendid sent-off, and when they increased their lead midway through the first half they were well on the way to success. Despite the score, the City continued to play good football, but they were unable to make their mark on the Wolves' defence who, particularly after the interval, when the weather deteriorated badly, kept their lines intact in splendid style.

The Cup and Medals were presented by Mr. C. J. Cosgrove, one of the "Saints" directors, who was introduced by our President, and he congratulated most heartily both teams on a good display. Unfortunately, Mr. Bernard Mortimer, the donor of the trophy, was unable to be present due to indisposition.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Monday 19th April 1954. At Briggs Social F.C., Swaythling, Southampton

A.C. Delco 1-1 Old Issonians (after extra time)

Replay: Monday 26th April 1954 (unconfirmed). At Briggs Social F.C., Swaythling, Southampton

Replay: A.C. Delco 1-0 Old Issonians

Referee: Mr. J. V. Godwin

Annual Report Comments: Two games were necessary to decide the destination of the Junior Cup. The first ended in a one-all draw, after extra time, and in the replay A.C. Delco proved their worth by defeating Old Issonians by the only goal of the match. The Issonians were unfortunate to lose their goalkeeper, through injury, during the second half of ordinary time in the first game, and everybody on the ground, including the supporters of Delco, were glad the "Old Boys" managed to hold out under this handicap. It would have been bad luck had they not been able to do so.

In the replay, A.C. Delco were the more impressive side, and it came as no surprise when they scored after the interval. Old Issonians, a much younger team, never gave up and were always trying to play football, but they found themselves up against a team with more experience in their ranks.

"TRAVERS" CUP

FINAL

Date not traced. At Briggs Social F.C., Swaythling, Southampton

Southampton Post Office 1-0 Southampton Police

Referee: Mr. C. V. Davis

Annual Report Comments: At long last Southampton Post Office have won the "Travers" Cup, and no one was more delighted than Mr. Jim Shepherd, who has been keeping them going with only a restricted number of players to call upon. The P.O. defeated Southampton Police 1-0 in a very sporting game and this success should do them a lot of good.

SEASON 1954/55

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 2nd April 1955. At The Dell, Southampton

Bitterne Nomads 2-1 Winsor United (after extra time)

Referee: Mr. R. M. Champion

Annual Report Comments: In view of the records of the Clubs, it was expected the Senior game between Winsor United and Bitterne Nomads would be the high-light of the season, but unfortunately this did not prove to be the case as neither team were at their best. After a goal-less first half Winsor went ahead fifteen minutes after the interval, but in a late rally the Nomads equalized seven minutes from time, took the lead in the first half of extra time, and finally ran out winners by the odd goal in three. Both the Senior and Junior trophies were presented to the winners by Mr. C. J. Cosgrove, a member of the 'Saints' board of Directors, who congratulated the four teams on their sporting displays.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR CUP

FINAL

Saturday 2nd April 1955. At The Dell, Southampton (followed the Senior Cup final)

A.C. Delco 1-0 Netley Sports

Referee: Mr. H. E. Glue

Annual Report Comments: The Junior final produced a great struggle between A.C. Delco and Netley Sports. A goal in the first two minutes put Delco immediately on top, but having recovered from this early setback Netley fought desperately and it was not until 10 minutes from time that the winners were able to make the issue safe, when their centre-forward scored an excellent goal.

By winning the Junior Cup two years in succession, A.C. Delco equalled the record of Pear Tree Green (1910 and 1911) and Docks and Marine (1926 and 1927), and it is interesting to note that in their finals A.C. Delco defeated Old Issonians and Netley Sports, both of whom went on to win the Championship of Division I of the Junior League.

[See the Senior Cup section for presentation and comments which related to both Senior and Junior finals]

"TRIVERS" CUP

FINAL

Wednesday 27th April 1955. At B.T.C. Sports Ground, Stoneham Lane, Swaythling, Southampton

Southampton Post Office 3-2 Flowerdown

Referee: Mr. V. R. Bell

Annual Report Comments: Having won the "Travers" Cup for the first time in 1954, Southampton Post Office were determined to retain it. As things turned out they succeeded in doing so, thus giving added pleasure to their old stalwart—Mr. Jim Shepherd. In the final Post Office narrowly defeated Flowerdown 3-2, but the result was in doubt until the final whistle, and there was little to choose between the teams.

Additional Note: It was customary for the Hon. Secretary to thank the clubs allowing their grounds to be used for the S.F.A. Finals but B.T.C.'s officers were thanked for "placing their new and well equipped ground at the disposal of the Association".