



SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY—SEASON 1950/51

In presenting my sixth Annual Report—which, incidentally, is the 37th issued since the Association was formed in 1908—operations having, of course, been suspended during the years of the two Wars. I am pleased to say that our status has been well maintained from a playing point of view and that our financial position continues to be most satisfactory.

The 1950/51 season will long be remembered because of the atrocious weather experienced week after week from mid-December to the end of March, with the result that during the last few weeks of the campaign, League games were played practically every evening to make up the leeway.

No less than 129 teams took part in our League competition—an increase of seven over the previous record—but it is fairly evident we have more or less reached our peak in numbers unless more football pitches become available.

During the course of the season, nearly five thousand players registered with the Association, and for the information of statisticians, it might be recorded that the League programme provided 1,432 games, in which 8,175 goals were scored.

The Statement of Accounts shows a pleasing margin on the right side on the season's working, which is mainly due to receipts from our Cup Finals and to the exercise of economy on the expenditure side.

Once again, we had the good fortune, through the kindness of the Directors of the Southampton Football Club, to have the "Dell" placed at our disposal for the Senior and "Travers" Cup Finals, and we are likewise indebted to the Pirelli-General F.C. for allowing the Junior Cup Final to be played at Dew Lane. The fact that two of the most prominent local teams were in opposition in the Senior game materially increased the "gate" and helped the finances of the Association.

The report then went into specifics of the cup finals and the divisions. The divisional comments are found under the relevant table below and the Cup comments are shown on a new webpage within this section covering a five year period.

The report concluded as follows:

To all Referees, and to the Appointment Secretaries, I extend our warmest thanks. As I have pointed out in previous reports, without their help and co-operation local competitions would find it impossible to function with any degree of satisfaction, and their continued interest and enthusiasm for the game helped us considerably to overcome the difficulties which arose during the course of the season.

Grateful thanks are extended to the Southampton Corporation, the Borough Engineer, the Public Lands Superintendent, Mr. Eric Ryder (Manager of the Sports Centre) and his staff, and to all the groundsmen of the public grounds in the area. Because of the bad weather their job must have been most unenviable on many occasions, and it is no exaggeration to say that without their wonderful help the fixtures of several Divisions of the League would not have been completed.

[The Hon Secretary thanked various officers of the Association—notably Mr. R. A. Mathieson, in his first year as President, Mr. G. J. Eden, an ex-President, Mr. C. J. Wheeler, who kept an eagle eye on the financial affairs, and Mr. N. W. Stride, Assistant Hon. Secretary].

H. J. MATHIESON, *Hon Secretary.*

THE FINAL LEAGUE TABLES FOLLOW

SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Mr Hon Secretary, Mr. H.J. Mathieson presented his sixth annual report and the 37th issued by the Association. He stated the season will long be remembered because of the atrocious weather experienced week after week from mid-December to the end of March, with the result that during the last few weeks of the campaign, League games were played practically every evening to make up the leeway. His brief summary of each division is included beneath the tables below.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (EAST) —SEASON 1950/51

Constitution changes—Summer 1950:

IN: Bitterne Nomads joined. The club appeared to 'sit out' the 1949/50 season completely and were elected into this division. Briggs Social were the other new team. They were newly-formed as the former Cunliffe-Owen factory in Swaythling was purchased as a motor body manufacturing plant and were based at Swaythling and had their own sports ground.

OUT: A.S.T. (Hamble), who would return later and Eastleigh Corinthians.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	Austin Sports	26	20	5	1	91	32	45	
2	Bitterne Nomads	26	21	1	4	89	28	43	
3	Netley Sports	26	18	4	4	76	39	40	
4	Pirelli-General Res	26	12	5	9	76	62	29	First - Hampshire League
5	Bitterne Park Sports	26	12	5	9	73	62	29	
6	Harland & Wolff	26	13	2	11	73	59	28	
7	Briggs Social	26	13	2	11	78	79	28	
8	Old Tauntonians Res	26	11	1	14	66	75	23	First - Hampshire League
9	Supermarine Sports	26	8	4	14	67	98	20	
10	Warsash	26	7	4	15	54	71	18	
11	Sholing Sports Res	26	8	2	16	55	78	18	First - Hampshire League
12	Old Edwardians	26	8	1	17	52	64	17	
13	B.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic Res	26	6	3	17	44	85	15	First - Hampshire League
14x	Docks & Marine Sports Res	26	5	1	20	36	98	11	First-Hampshire League.

Annual Report Comments: Austin Sports had been defeated in the Senior Cup Final, so perhaps it was only poetic justice that they should capture the Championship of the Senior League (East), but Bitterne Nomads and Netley Sports did not share that view and kept plugging away until the end. Eventually, Austins had a two-point winning margin, with the Nomads in second place and Netley a good third.

In their first season in the League, Briggs Social were more than satisfied to reach the half-way mark, especially after a disastrous start in the early days of the season.

NB: See also 'GENERAL NOTE' after this section in the Senior West Division, which also applies to this Division.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (WEST) —SEASON 1950/51

Constitution Changes—Summer 1950:

IN: Swaythling Athletic Res (see details under OUT section), the top finishers in Junior I were both Marchwood based—Marchwood United and Port Wing R.E.

OUT: The 1949/50 division champions Swaythling Athletic left to join the Hampshire League and their reserves were elected in their place. B.O.A.C. (Hythe) and Eastleigh Spartans Reserves also left the League.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	Port Wing R.E.	26	21	2	3	150	42	44	
2	Winsor United	26	19	5	2	123	33	43	
3	St Nicholas	26	16	5	5	93	43	37	
4	Romsey Town Res	26	17	2	7	99	33	36	First - Hampshire League
5	Swaythling Athletic Res	26	17	1	8	81	51	35	First - Hampshire League
6	Southampton Gas Employees	26	16	1	9	91	64	33	
7	Marchwood United	26	12	3	11	73	53	27	
8	Shirley Warren	26	11	4	11	87	71	26	
9	Southampton Telephone Area	26	8	5	13	72	91	21	
10	N.D.L.C.	26	7	6	13	52	63	20	Moved to East Division
11	Hythe & Dibden Res	26	7	2	17	50	134	16	First - Hampshire League
12	Ordnance Survey	26	5	2	19	60	118	12	
13	Esso (Fawley) Res	26	2	3	21	48	184	7	First - Hampshire League
14	Blackfield & Langley Res	26	2	3	21	22	121	7	First - Hampshire League

Annual Report Comments: Honours in the Senior League (West) went to Port Wing R.E., who excelled themselves by winning the Division at the first attempt following promotion from the Junior League. With forty-two points to their credit, they pipped Winsor United by one point, and so for the third term running the United were runners-up. St. Nicholas, Romsey Town and Swaythling Athletic also did well. [Also see the additional note applicable to both Senior Divisions below]

ADDITIONAL NOTE—APPLICABLE TO BOTH SENIOR DIVISIONS

The Hon. Secretary stated: “At the other end of the League tables it is significant to note that four clubs whose first teams play in the Hampshire League met with little success, and it would appear that these clubs are finding the running the running of two Sennior teams a little beyond their playing strength.”

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION I — SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	Winsor United Res	20	18	0	2	88	25	36	First - Senior (West)
2P	Bramtoco	20	13	3	4	38	24	29	N/C to Bramtoco Sports
3	Princess Sports	20	10	5	5	53	35	25	
4	Nursling St Boniface	20	10	4	6	61	52	24	
5	Thornycrofts (Woolston)	20	9	2	9	66	55	20	
6x	Bassett Constitutional	20	9	1	10	39	66	19	
7	St. Nicholas Res	20	6	5	9	35	40	17	First - Senior (West)
8	Fairey Aviation	20	6	2	12	60	67	14	
9	Old Tauntonians 'A'	20	5	4	11	50	66	14	First-Hants; R-Snr (East)
10	Shirley	20	3	5	12	43	72	11	
11R	Totton Stars	20	3	5	12	37	68	11	

Annual Report Comments: In Division I of the Junior League, Winsor United won the Championship in good style, but Bramtoco were hard on their heels for the major part of the season and only faltered in the last few weeks when called upon to pick up arrears of fixtures brought about by their successful cup run in the Hampshire and Southampton competitions. Princess Sports and Nursling St. Boniface also gave a good account of themselves, but there is no doubt that the Winsor lads fully merited success.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION II — SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Netley Sports Res	22	18	2	2	96	20	38	First - Senior (East)
2P	Stile Sports	22	18	2	2	91	40	38	
3	Howards Athletic	22	14	3	5	85	45	31	
4	Awbridge	22	14	1	7	100	51	28*	
5	600 Club	22	12	2	8	77	50	26	
6	R.V. Hospital	22	10	2	10	67	60	22	
7	Mottisfont	22	8	3	11	44	58	19	
8x	Harland & Wolff Res	22	7	1	14	51	80	15	First—Senior (East)
9	Sherfield English	22	6	3	13	46	87	15	
10	Shirley Warren Res	22	5	4	13	43	68	14	First—Senior (West)
11x	Weston Sports	22	3	3	16	31	87	9	
12R	Thornycrofts (Docks)	22	4	0	18	36	121	8	

Annual Report Comments: Division II provided the closest finish, with Netley Sports and Stile Sports level on points. A superior goal average gave Netley the honours and, although naturally disappointed, the Stile have every reason to be proud of their efforts. Howards Athletic were at one time keen challengers, but failed to stay the course as Awbridge and 600 Club did reasonably well.

Divisional Note: * denotes points adjustment.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION III — SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Harefield	20	16	3	1	103	24	35	Promoted to Junior 1
2x	Shirley Social	20	15	3	2	63	25	33	
3	Civic Sports	20	11	5	4	54	46	27	
4	St. Michaels	20	9	5	6	67	41	23	
5	Michelmersh	20	8	4	8	61	44	20	
6	Old Simmarians	20	8	3	9	53	62	17*	
7	Bitterne Park Sports Res	20	6	4	10	44	66	16	First - Senior (East)
8	Austin Sports Res	20	6	4	10	44	61	14*	First - Senior (East)
9	R.A.F. Association	20	5	4	11	41	68	14	
10	Romsey Rangers	20	6	1	13	47	55	13	
11	Cunard White Star	20	2	0	18	24	109	4	

Annual Report Comments: Harefield fully justified promotion from Division IV to Division III and added to their laurels by beating Shirley Social, another good side, by two points. Civic Sports, St. Michaels, Michelmersh and Old Simmarians also met with a fair measure of success, although they did not trouble the League leaders unduly.

Divisional Note: * denotes points adjustment.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: EASTERN DIVISION — SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Netley Sports 'A'	22	14	5	3	82	28	33	F-Snr(E); R-Jnr 2; To Jr.D.2
2	Bitterne Athletic	22	13	4	5	70	42	30	
3P	Imperial Sports	22	12	6	4	63	42	30	Promoted to Junior 1
4	Warsash	22	12	4	6	65	41	28	
5	Thornhill Deacons	22	11	5	6	58	49	27	
6	Grove Celtic	22	9	7	6	67	44	25	
7	Supermarine Res	22	8	8	6	41	31	24	First - Senior (East)
8	Elephant & Castle	22	8	3	11	49	54	19	
9x	Fairey Aviation	22	7	0	15	50	79	14	
10	St. Marks	22	6	2	14	39	77	14	
11	Thornycrofts (Woolston) Res	22	4	5	13	41	65	13	First - Junior Div 1
12	Follands	22	3	1	18	33	106	7	

Annual Report Comments: Netley Sports captured their second Championship with a three-point lead over Bitterne Athletic and Imperial Sports. A week or two before the season ended, no fewer than five teams were in the running, but Netley went merrily on their way and maintained their position as leaders. Warsash, Thornhill Deacons, Grove Celtic and Supermarine can all look back to a fairly successful season, but a little inconsistency at times proved their undoing.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION IV—SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Old Bartonians	24	21	0	3	129	15	40*	Promoted to Junior Div.2
2P	St. Denys Old Boys	24	18	3	3	88	32	39	Promoted to Junior Div.3
3P	Southampton Electricity	24	17	4	3	78	33	38	Promoted to Junior Div.3
4P?	Maybush Co-op	24	17	3	4	83	42	37	See 'Divisional Note' below
5	Briggs Social Res	24	12	2	10	58	63	26	First - Senior (East)
6	Braishfield	24	11	3	10	57	52	25	
7	Chandlersford	24	12	0	12	60	52	24	
8	Southampton Gas Employees	24	9	1	14	54	57	19	
9	Co-Op Youth	24	8	1	15	46	85	17	
10x	Braziers Sports	24	8	0	16	30	102	16	
11	Burts Social	24	3	5	16	49	74	11	Previously Burts
12x	Princess Sports Res	24	4	2	18	31	87	10	First—Junior 1
13R	Shirley Res	24	3	2	19	25	94	8	First - Junior Div 1

Annual Report Comments: One point gave Old Bartonians the Championship of Division IV over St. Denys Old Boys, with Southampton Electricity and Maybush Co-Op in the third and fourth positions. From the commencement of the season it was apparent these clubs would fight out the championship, and the “Barts” are to be congratulated on their success, which would have been more pronounced had they not slipped up by playing an ineligible player in one of their games—an infringement which cost them two points.

Divisional Note: * denotes points adjustment. It is possible that Maybush Co-Op might have changed their name to Maybush Community and took a place in Junior III for season 1950/51, although this cannot be confirmed.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION V —SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Millbrook Rangers	24	22	1	1	160	32	45	Promoted to Junior Div.3
2P	Lyndhurst	24	21	1	2	118	29	43	
3P	Golding & Ansell	24	19	1	4	96	36	39	
4P	Royal Mail Lines	24	14	1	9	80	58	29	
5P	Harefield	24	13	1	10	102	56	27	Promoted to Eastern Div
6x	Wesley	24	12	2	10	76	48	26	
7P	Newtown Rovers	24	13	0	11	55	52	26	
8	So'ton Terminus Athletic	24	9	0	15	46	80	18	
9	Bramtoco Res	24	8	1	15	48	82	17	First - Junior Div.1
10	Jukes Sports	24	8	1	15	37	85	17	
11x	Solent Athletic	24	5	1	18	63	130	11	
12	Ordnance Survey Res	24	4	1	19	36	136	9	First - Senior (West)
13R	Old Edwardians Res	24	2	1	21	27	120	5	First - Senior (East)

Southampton Junior League—Division V (continued)

Annual Report Comments: Miillbrook Rangers and Lyndhurst had a grand tussle in Division V, with the Rangers running out as champions with a lead of two points. They were also winners of the Hampshire Junior Cup “B”, an achievement on which they are to be heartily congratulated, and having well earned promotion it would not be surprising to find them involved in another championship race next season.

Lyndhurst were worthy runners-up, with Golding & Ansell a good third. Royal Mail Lines and Harefield were two other more than useful sides.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION VI —SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Lockerley	26	25	1	0	149	29	51	Promoted to Junior 4
2P	Dockland Settlement	26	22	2	2	144	41	46	
3P	Gateway	26	22	1	3	149	23	45	
4x	Rollasons Sports	26	17	1	8	109	56	35	
5x	Lankester Sports	26	11	3	12	68	77	25	
6P	Clarks C.O.S.A.	26	11	3	12	68	84	25	
7	Awbridge Res	26	10	0	16	68	87	20	First - Junior Div.2
8	Allom Sports	26	9	1	16	63	100	19	
9	600 Club Res	26	7	5	14	75	134	19	First - Junior Div.2
10x	Romsey Old Boys	26	8	2	16	69	109	18	
11x	Romsey Rangers	26	6	6	14	56	118	18	
12	Follands Res	26	7	2	17	60	95	16	First - Eastern
13x	Hythe & Dibden 'A'	26	6	4	16	53	106	16	First-Hants; Res-Snr(West)
14x	Normix	26	4	3	19	59	131	11	

Annual Report Comments: In Division Vi, Lockerley led all the way and by retaining an unbeaten certificate—the only team in either Division to do so—proved beyond doubt that they were the outstanding team in their particular Section. Fifty-one points from a maximum of fifty-two gave them a margin of five points over Dockland Settlement and six over Gateway, two teams who repeatedly gave good accounts of themselves. It is also pleasing to record the record the improvement in the performances of Lankester Sports and Clarks C.O.S.A.



SOUTHAMPTON WEDNESDAY LEAGUE—SEASON 1950/51

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	R.A.F., Calshot	18	16	1	1	151	16	33	
2	Post Office	18	14	0	4	91	19	28	
3	Woolston Wednesday	18	12	1	5	83	37	25	
4	Southampton Police	18	12	1	5	69	35	23*	
5x	R.V. Hospital	18	8	2	8	48	53	18	Team disbanded
6	Port Wing R.E.	18	6	3	9	61	79	15	
7?	Fortyniners	18	6	2	10	43	95	12*	See Divisional Note (2)
8	H.M. Customs	18	4	2	12	28	55	10	
9s	Generating Station	18	2	2	14	26	134	6	See Divisional Note (1)
10	Corporation Transport	18	2	2	14	26	103	6	

Note—written elsewhere in the Annual Report and relevant to the later comments: R.A.F., Calshot brought off the “double”, having already won the Wednesday League, by beating Southampton Police 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.

Annual Report Comments: As already mentioned, R.A.F., Calshot collected the Championship of the Wednesday League in addition to their Cup successes. Southampton Post Office fully deserved the runners-up position, and Woolston Wednesday, one of the stalwarts of the competition, did well to finish in third place.

Divisional Note: (1) The Generating Station appeared in Saturday Junior Division 6 in the next season. (2) The ‘Fortyniners’ possibly became the “49 Coy. R.A.S.C.” in the following Wednesday League competition, although this is not confirmed.



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.

GENERAL NOTES

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