



SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY—SEASON 1951/52

In presenting my seventh annual report, it affords me considerable pleasure to record that season 1951/52 was one of our most successful, despite the fact that on occasions the weather was atrocious and ultimately led to the playing of many evening games in the last weeks of the season.

One hundred and twenty-six teams entered our League Competitions—three less than in the previous campaign—but during the course of the season five withdrew for various reasons.

The number of Registered Players topped the 5,000 mark, and, as an item of interest, 7,861 goals were scored in the 1,358 League games. When Cup Ties are taken into account the number of goals was well over 8,000.

We continued to remain in a very satisfactory financial position ... a position due, in the main, to the receipts from our Cup Finals, and to the economy exercised on the expenditure side.

Through the kindness of the Directors of the Southampton Football Club, our Senior Final was played at the "Dell" and we are likewise indebted to the Management Committee of Briggs Social F.C., who placed their ground at Swaythling at the disposal of the Association for the Junior and Travers Cup Finals.

A summary of the Cup Finals and Leagues followed. The League summaries are found at the foot of each table below. The Cup summaries can be found in a separate page relevant to that season.

The report concluded as follows:

My report would not be complete without reference to the splendid co-operation we have received from the Referees and the Appointment Secretaries—Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Wright. In fair weather and foul—and I think we are all agreed we had a full share of the latter—the Referees did a grand job, and their continued interest and enthusiasm for the game helped us to overcome the difficulties which we encountered.



Various individuals / organisations were thanked—including:

the Southampton Corporation,

the Borough Engineer,

the Public Lands' Superintendent and his staff,

Mr. Eric Ryder and the staff at the Sports Centre,

Officers and Members of the Council of the Association for all they do in the interests of the game,

Mr. R. A. Mathieson (S.F.A. President),

Mr. G. J. Eden (ex-President, for valuable guidance),

Mr. C. J. Wheeler (Hon. Treasurer) and

Mr. N. W. Stride (Assistant Hon. Secretary).

H. J. MATHIESON, *Hon Secretary.*

THE FINAL LEAGUE TABLES FOLLOW

SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES —SEASON 1951/52

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (EAST) —SEASON 1951/52

Constitution changes—Summer 1951:

IN: N.D.L.C. moved laterally from the West Division.

OUT: Bottom placed Docks & Marine Sports Reserves. They didn't appear in any of the League's final tables although their first team continued playing in the Hampshire League.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Bitterne Nomads no longer had their home venue of the Bitterne Sports Ground available to them and moved to Mayfield Park.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	GI For	GI Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Briggs Social	26	19	3	4	92	33	41	Elected to Hampshire Lg
2	Harland & Wolff	26	20	0	6	85	37	40	
3	Austin Sports	26	18	3	5	91	41	39	
4	Bitterne Park Sports	26	12	7	7	71	49	31	
5P	Pirelli-General Res	26	13	5	8	73	57	31	See Divisional Note (1)
6	Sholing Sports Res	26	12	2	12	64	53	26	First—Hampshire League
7	N.D.L.C.	26	8	9	9	40	51	25	
8	Bitterne Nomads	26	10	4	12	50	61	24	
9	B.R. (Eastleigh) Athletic Res	26	11	2	13	49	88	24	First—Hampshire League
10	Warsash	26	6	7	13	40	61	19	
11	Old Tauntonians Res	26	7	4	15	42	73	18	First—Hampshire League
12	Old Edwardians	26	7	2	17	42	68	16	
13	Netley Sports	26	6	4	16	48	80	16	
14x	Supermarine Sports	26	6	2	18	43	78	12*	

Annual Report Comments: Romsey Town (*in the West Division*) and Briggs Social took the honours in the Senior League and both teams are to be congratulated on their success. Briggs Social, Harland & Wolff and Austin Sports made the running, and Austins had the satisfaction of completing their programme by defeating the Social and the Wolves in successive games. A one point lead over Harland & Wolff gave Briggs Social the Championship, an honour which they well deserved.

Divisional Notes: * denotes points adjustment.

(1) The Pirelli General first team were members of the Hampshire League in this season. The Club's Reserve team was elected into the Hampshire League in the summer of 1952.

See also 'Divisional Note—Applicable to Both Senior Divisions' following the West Division table which details how the both Senior Divisions are due to change from the next season.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR LEAGUE (WEST) —SEASON 1951/52

Constitution Changes—Summer 1951:

IN: Bramtoco who were runners-up in Junior Division I, and possessed an excellent sports ground at Redbridge. They appeared to add 'Sports' to their monicker around this period.

OUT: N.D.L.C. moved laterally to the East section.

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	GI For	GI Agst	Points	Notes
1	Romsey Town Res	26	23	3	0	121	33	49	First-Hampshire League
2	Swaythling Athletic Res	26	17	6	3	113	44	40	First-Hampshire League
3	Winsor United	26	18	2	6	89	43	38	
4	Southampton Gas Employees	26	15	5	6	87	55	35	
5	St. Nicholas	26	14	4	8	93	51	32	
6	Ordnance Survey	26	14	2	10	63	65	30	
7	Bramtoco Sports	26	13	3	10	85	47	29	Previously Bramtoco
8	Shirley Warren	26	12	3	11	97	74	27	
9	Marchwood United	26	11	2	13	83	71	24	
10	Port Wing R.E.	26	9	5	12	65	69	23	
11	Blackfield & Langley Res	26	5	2	19	47	108	12	First- Hampshire League
12x	Southampton Telephone Area	26	4	3	19	37	88	11	Left the League
13R	Hythe & Dibden Res	26	3	2	21	36	146	8	First-Hampshire League
14x	Esso (Fawley) Res	26	3	0	23	52	174	4*	First-Hampshire League

Annual Report Comments: Romsey Town and Briggs Social (*in the East section*) took the honours in the Senior League and both teams are to be congratulated on their success. The final league table for this Section shows that Romsey had several points to spare over Swaythling Athletic and Winsor United, but the margin would have been much closer had the United retained their early season form.

Divisional Note: * denotes points adjustment. See also 'Divisional Note—Applicable to Both Senior Divisions' below which details how both the Senior Divisions are due to change from the next season.

ADDITIONAL NOTE—APPLICABLE TO BOTH SENIOR DIVISIONS

(*This paragraph is included in the Annual Report*) During the coming season the East and West Divisions of the Senior League will be replaced by Divisions 1 and 2, the top seven clubs from the East and West Divisions being placed in Division 1. Promotion from Division 2, and Relegation from Division 1, will be introduced, and it is hoped that the alteration will bring about the anticipated improvement in the standard of play in both sections. *How this actually occurred in practice can be viewed by looking at the constitution changes in the following season.*

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION I — SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	St. Nicholas Res	22	19	2	1	113	24	39*	First- Senior (West)
2P	Harefield	22	17	3	2	91	25	37	Promoted to Senior Div.2
3	Netley Sports Res	22	18	0	4	91	21	36	First - Senior (East)
4	Thornycrofts (Woolston)	22	12	4	6	70	48	28	
5	Winsor United Res	22	12	2	8	51	34	26	First - Senior (West)
6	Nursling St Boniface	22	9	3	10	65	79	21	
7	Stile Sports	22	8	4	10	57	55	20	
8	Princess Sports	22	7	4	11	56	76	18	
9	Fairey Aviation	22	5	1	16	32	110	11	
10x	Imperial Sports	22	4	2	16	32	74	10	
11	Old Tauntonians Res	22	5	0	17	42	102	10	First - Senior (East)
12R	Shirley	22	3	1	18	35	87	7	Relegated to Junior Div.3

Annual Report Comments: After being in second and third place for the major part of the season, St. Nicholas overtook Harefield and Netley Sports in the closing weeks to become Champions of the Junior League. All three teams played well and the "Saints" reached their goal with a two point advantage over Harefield.

Divisional Note: * denotes points adjustment. The Champions were not promoted into the Senior Divisions.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION II —SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Old Bartonians	18	18	0	0	119	17	36	Promoted to Senior Div.2
2P	Awbridge	18	14	0	4	90	35	28	
3	Netley Sports 'A'	18	13	0	5	87	31	26	First-Snr (East); Res-Jnr.1
4	600 Social Club	18	11	1	6	83	38	23	
5	Mottisfont	18	9	0	9	37	61	18	
6	Totton Stars	18	8	1	9	56	58	17	
7	R.V. Hospital	18	8	0	10	64	52	16	
8	Civic Sports	18	5	2	11	32	72	12	
9R	Sherfield English	18	1	0	17	23	119	2	Relegated to Junior Div.4
10x	Howards Athletic	18	1	0	17	14	122	2	Didn't finish next season

Annual Report Comments: Two withdrawals during the course of the season reduced the number of teams competing in Division 2 to ten, which was rather unfortunate. The incidence of Cup Ties threw Old Bartonians behind with their League fixtures, but they always appeared to have the Championship within their grasp and finally reached the top place with maximum points. Such an excellent record speaks for itself, and the fact that they also won the Junior Cup is evidence they were one of the outstanding teams in the area.

Divisional Note: The two teams that are stated as withdrawing have not been traced to date.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION III — SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Millbrook Rangers	20	17	1	2	106	41	35	Promoted to Junior Div.1
2P	St. Denys Old Boys	20	16	1	3	95	32	33	
3P	Southampton Electricity	20	16	1	3	106	39	33	
4P	St. Michaels	20	15	0	5	104	24	30	
5	Maybush Community	20	9	2	9	51	59	20	
6	RAF Association	20	7	2	11	49	57	16	
7x	Old Simmarians	20	8	0	12	50	79	16	
8	Austin Sports Res	20	6	2	12	34	67	14	First - Senior (East)
9x	Bitterne Park Sports Res	20	4	3	13	41	66	11	First—Senior (East)
10	Michelmersh	20	5	0	15	23	77	10	
11x	Thornycrofts (Docks)	20	1	0	19	17	135	2	

Annual Report Comments: In Division III the struggle for honours was probably more interesting and sustained than in any other Section. Southampton Electricity, who were leading the way for many weeks, were finally displaced by Millbrook Rangers and St. Denys Old Boys and St. Michaels finished a good fourth. The last month of the season was particularly hectic, the Championship was not decided until practically the last game.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: EASTERN DIVISION — SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Grove Celtic	22	17	2	3	97	37	36	Promoted to Senior Div.2
2P	Thornhill Deacons	22	16	1	5	85	35	33	Promoted to Junior Div.1
3P	Old Issonians	22	14	2	6	88	49	30	Promoted to Junior Div.2
4P	Follands	22	14	2	6	77	45	30	Promoted to Junior Div.2
5	Bitterne Athletic	22	14	1	7	87	50	29	
6	Harefield Res	22	12	2	8	59	44	26	
7	Elephant & Castle	22	9	3	10	41	47	21	
8	Warsash Res	22	8	4	10	55	56	20	First - Senior (East)
9	Old Netley Boys	22	7	2	13	67	82	16	
10	Supermarine Sports Res	22	3	5	14	31	80	11	
11	St. Marks (Woolston)	22	4	1	17	31	105	9	
12	Thornycrofts (Woolston) Res	22	0	3	19	17	105	3	First—Junior 1

Annual Report Comments: Grove Celtic proved worthy winners of the Eastern Division with Thornhill Deacons, a younger side, their most serious challengers. Old Issonians, Follands and Bitterne Athletic proved keen opposition, and each in turn had hopes of winning the League.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION IV—SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Chandlers Ford	22	20	1	1	103	25	41	
2P	Golding & Ansell	22	13	4	5	63	41	30	
3P	Totton 'A'	22	13	3	6	85	32	29	First & Res- Hampshire Lg
4P	Briggs Social Res	22	11	4	7	60	50	26	See Divisional Note (1)
5P	Royal Mail Lines	22	10	4	8	76	48	24	
6	Lockerley	22	9	5	8	57	58	23	
7	Co-Op Youth	22	9	5	8	50	52	23	
8	Lyndhurst	22	6	6	10	49	79	18	
9	Braishfield	22	7	3	12	50	68	17	
10	Newtown Rovers	22	4	6	12	33	84	12*	
11	Southampton Gas Employees Res	22	4	3	15	30	78	11	First - Senior (West)
12x	Burts Social	22	1	6	15	31	72	8	

Annual Report Comments: Chandlers Ford walked away with Division IV and the loss of only three points gave them a handsome lead over Golding & Ansell, who were runners-up. Totton and Briggs Social were other teams who did well.

Divisional Note: * denotes points adjustment. All promoted clubs moved to Junior Division III (except Briggs Social Res). (1) Briggs Social's first team were in Senior (East). That team was elected into the Hampshire League in the summer of 1952 and the club's reserve team replaced them in the Senior League in accordance with the Rule, joining the newly formed Division I.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION V —SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Wellow	20	17	2	1	155	21	36	Promoted to Junior Div.3
2P	Dockland Settlement	20	18	0	2	138	21	36	Promoted to Junior Div.3
3P	Gateway	20	15	1	4	98	28	31	
4P	Bramtoco Res	20	11	3	6	70	67	25	First - Senior (West)
5P	Terminus Athletic	20	9	1	10	59	63	19	
6	Clarks C.O.S.A.	20	8	2	10	60	70	18	
7	Ordnance Survey Res	20	8	1	11	45	78	17	First - Senior (West)
8	Wadhams	20	7	1	12	46	77	15	
9	Shirley Res	20	5	1	14	46	113	11	First - Junior Div.1
10R	Jukes Sports	20	3	2	15	34	103	8	
11x	University Coll W.A.G.S.	20	2	0	18	26	136	4	

Annual Report Comments: Wellow and Dockland Settlement were the outstanding sides in Division V—a superior goal average gave Wellow first place—and both teams obviously deserve promotion. Gateway, who finished third, are another promising side.

SOUTHAMPTON JUNIOR LEAGUE: DIVISION VI —SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1P	Marchwood United Res	24	19	3	2	116	44	41	F-Snr (West); Up to Jnr 4
2P	Awbridge Res	24	15	4	5	101	41	34	First - Junior Div.2
3P	Weir Sports	24	15	2	7	90	41	32	
4P	Walls Sports	24	13	3	8	69	56	29	Didn't finish the nxt seas
5P	Follands Res	24	12	3	9	74	78	27	First - Eastern Div
6	Old Edwardians Res	24	11	4	9	80	57	26	First - Senior (West)
7	Allom Sports	24	11	4	9	67	65	26	
8x	600 Social Club Res	24	12	2	10	81	84	26	First- Junior Div.2
9x	Generating Station	24	10	2	12	71	65	22	NB: were Wednesday Lg.
10x	Southampton Electricity Res	24	7	6	11	44	82	20	First- Junior Div.3
11	Shirley Social	24	3	6	15	47	87	12	
12	Newtown Rovers Res	24	5	2	17	34	98	12	First - Junior Div.4
13	Nutfield United	24	2	1	21	45	121	5	

Annual Report Comments: Marchwood United completed a good season by winning Division VI in excellent style, followed by Awbridge, Weir Sports and Walls Sports. For a long time it seemed either Awbridge or Weir Sports would gain the honours, but the United were not to be denied and fully deserved their success.

SOUTHAMPTON WEDNESDAY LEAGUE—SEASON 1951/52

Pos	Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Gl For	Gl Agst	Points	Notes
1	R.A.F., Calshot	22	19	1	2	134	24	39	
2	Southampton Fire Brigade	22	18	2	2	101	39	38	
3x	Southampton Police	22	13	2	7	74	45	28	
4	Port Wing R.E.	22	13	2	7	76	53	28	
5	H.M. Customs	22	12	1	9	75	52	25	
6	Southampton Post Office	22	11	2	9	79	66	24	
7	Woolston Wednesday	22	8	4	10	63	77	18*	
8	Green Jackets	22	7	3	12	68	75	17	
9	Embarkation Establishment	22	6	4	12	38	78	16	
10	49 Coy. R.A.S.C.	22	7	2	13	50	104	16	Previously Fortyniners??
11	Corporation Transport	22	2	3	17	36	106	7	
12	R.A.F. Movements	22	0	6	16	35	110	6	

Annual Report Comments: In the Southampton Wednesday League, R.A.F., Calshot won the Championship for the second successive season—a good performance, but they were hard pressed by Southampton Fire Brigade, only one point in arrears. For the first time for some years the midweek teams had a full programme, but the weather played havoc with their fixtures in the weeks immediately after Christmas.

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.

GENERAL NOTES

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