

**HANTS & DORSET FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
(previously South Hants & Dorset Football Association)

**SENIOR CUP COMPETITION - SEASON 1885/86**

(Holders: Bournemouth Rovers FC)



FIRST ROUND	
Date not traced	
BLANDFORD	NR
Portland	NR
05/12/1885; Portsmouth	
Portsmouth FA	1*
WIMBORNE	2*
28/11/1885; The Verne	
ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (PORTLAND)	5
Ringwood Hornets	1
14/11/1885; Andover	
ANDOVER	3
Bournemouth Rovers	2

**SEMI-FINAL**

23/01/1886; Blandford	
Blandford	0
WIMBORNE	2
30/01/1886; Carver's, Ringwood (see notes below)	
ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (PORTLAND)	4
Andover	1

**FINAL**

Saturday 6th March 1886; Eastbrook Ground, Wimborne	
Wimborne	0
ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS (PORTLAND)	1

**NOTES:**

Club with choice of ground shown first although Andover had difficulty making the journey to Portland for the semi-final tie and the Association decided the match would be staged at Ringwood.  
\* = after extra time  
NR - Round 1 game denotes no result traced, Blandford progressed. The initial draw showed Blandford v Fordingbridge Turks who didn't take part in the cup. Portland were initially given a bye but were then rescheduled to meet Blandford

**FIRST ROUND**

**HANTS & DORSET FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION - SEASON 1885/86**  
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**SECOND ROUND**

BOURNEMOUTH EAST	Bye
Scheduled on 18/11/1885	
Blandford Res	NR
ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS RES	NR
21/11/1885; Reversed to Dean Park	
Branksome Ramblers	0
BOURNEMOUTH ROVERS RES	3
07/11/1885; Rush Corner	
Bournemouth Arabs	2
POOLE ROVERS	4
07/11/1885; Rush Corner Replay: 05/12/1885; Wimborne	
Bournemouth Premier	2, 1
WIMBORNE RES	2, 3
28/11/1885; Recreation Ground	
CHRISTCHURCH	5
Melcombe Regis	0

BOURNEMOUTH EAST	W-O
Royal Scots Fusiliers Res	scr
02/01/1886; Reversed to Wimborne Road Replay: 23/01/1886; Christchurch (Rec). See notes for details.	
Bournemouh Rovers Res	0, 1
POOLE ROVERS	2, 2
19/12/1885; Eastbrook	
WIMBORNE RES	2
Christchurch	1

**SEMI-FINAL**

27/02/1886; Rush Corner	
BOURNEMOUTH EAST	3
Poole Rovers	2
WIMBORNE RES	Bye

**FINAL**

Saturday 20/03/1886. At Rush Corner, Bournemouth	
BOURNEMOUTH EAST	6
Wimborne Res	0

**NOTES:**

Club with choice of ground shown first although the second round tie was played at the ground of Poole Rovers.

◊ and the result within - denotes replay ordered due to a disputed goal and ground inadequacies. The replay was played at a venue directed by the League Committee.

NR - Round 1 game denotes no result traced, it was possibly not played, the Royal Scots Fusiliers Reserves progressed.

**ASSOCIATION NAME CHANGE**

The Association changed its name from the South Hants & Dorset Football Association to the Hants & Dorset FA in August 1885, apparently to defeat a threatened formation of a North Hants Association.



**NOTES - SENIOR CUP**

The entry was extended to eight clubs (previously six) with Fordingbridge Turks, who had been included in the initial draw, opting not to enter.

There were three new entrants:

Royal Scots Fusiliers - Arrived at Portland in April 1885, replacing the rugby playing Cheshire Regiment. They entered both the Senior and Junior competitions.

Portsmouth Football Association - was formed in 1884 (further details in the Portsmouth section of this website - 19th Century Soccer).

Andover FC - formed in October 1883 and were the first representatives from north Hampshire to play in the competition.

**Round 1 Summary:** Andover caused a shock result by defeating the cup holders. Ringwood Hornets suffered a heavy defeat to the Fusiliers. Wimborne made the long trip to Portsmouth and needed extra time to progress.

**Semi-Final Summary:** Wimborne won at Blandford whilst the Association Committee allowed Andover to cut their travel needing only to journey to Ringwood as there were difficulties in making a trip as far as Portland back then.

**Final** - match report in next column.

**MATCH REPORT - SENIOR FINAL**

The following is a summary of the match report as shown in the Bournemouth Guardian paper on 13th March 1886.

The Scottish team had not lost a match this season whilst Wimborne had lost just once.

Snow had been cleared from the ground and in spite of the unsettled weather 800 spectators assembled. After about three minutes play Henderson centred and headed the first and what proved to be the only goal obtained, a pretty piece of play which was heartily applauded. Parr made a splendid dribble for Wimborne but was stopped by Reid and immediately after the ball rolled to his feet and he shot it between the posts but was ruled offside on appeal. From a centre by Budden, the ball dropped at the feet of D.C. Stewart, who had an easy chance for Wimborne but lifted it over the bar.

On the change of ends the 'Scotchmen' favoured by the wind which the younger Seymour was tested, saving a grand shot by Henderson, who later grazed the corner of the bar. The home team began to work better together and the battle raged around the Fusiliers goal for some minutes with Sargent saving well from Parr. A rattling shot by D.C. Stewart nearly took effect and for seven or eight minutes till the call of time Wimborne kept up the attack. The excitement was intense as Reid and Campbell kept out shot after shot. Wimborne secured a corner which Miller kicked behind, as the ball was being placed for the goal kick the whistle blew and the game came to an end.

Team line-ups - see next column

Referee: Mr Boait of the Portland club.  
Umpires: F.E. Keynes (Wimborne) and Colour Sergeant Gallagher (Fusiliers).

**Senior Cup Final Teams:**

**Wimborne**  
Goal, S.E. Wallingford; backs, H.J. Seymour and - Seymour (jnr?); half backs, E.G. Farquharson (capt), W. Bennett and Miller; forwards, Budden and J.R. Stewart (right), P.C. Parr (centre), D.C. Stewart and Nicholson (left).

**Royal Scots Fusiliers**  
Goal, Sargent; backs, Reid and Campbell; half backs Osborne, Corporal Gallagher and Thompson; forwards, Lyons and Sutherland (right), Shanklands (centre), Walker and Henderson (left).



**NOTES - JUNIOR CUP**

**First Round Summary:** Like in the Senior Cup competition, the holders went out at the first stage as cup debutants Poole Rovers beat them on their own Rush Corner ground. Melcombe Regis, the previously beaten finalists, dropped the 'School' from their title but were well beaten by the Christchurch club who were newly formed in 1885. Another new entrant was Branksome Ramblers, who were formed in late 1884 and had been drawn to play at their Bourne Valley ground but it was moved to that of their opponents, which was Dean Park. Wimborne entered their reserves and needed a replay to overcome Premier, whilst the Fusiliers seconds progressed against the Blandford 'Res' but unfortunately no result details have been traced for this match.  
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**NOTES - JUNIOR CUP**  
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**Second Round Summary:** Bournemouth East, having received a First Round bye, went straight through to the Semi-Final stage due to the late in the day scratching of the Fusiliers Second XI. Wimborne Reserves weren't expected to beat Christchurch but upset the odds. The third match was controversial as Poole Rovers defeated the Bournemouth Rovers seconds in a 'reversed' tie. However, the Bournemouth side disputed their opponents' second goal due to the ball having struck a spectator who had stood in front of the goal. They had initially refused to restart the game from the centre, but eventually did so. A replay was ordered at Christchurch and Poole won again.

**Semi-Final Summary:** Only one game was needed with Wimborne Res receiving a bye. The East had to be involved having not played so far and they unexpectedly defeated the Poole Rovers.

**Final Summary:** Wimborne, with home advantage, played most of the first half with nine men, two of their side missing the train. Pratt, Caddey 3 and Wilson 2 all scored in the first half to build up a 6-0 advantage. Wimborne had been up to ten players late in the first half and East also had to play with ten for the second half due to an injury. E.C. Duchesne, who captained the Arabs in the previous season's final, was the referee. Harry Wells was given the cup by the Association president, Mr T J Hankinson.