

FIRST ROUND

**HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
SENIOR CUP
Season V - 1891/92**



**HOLDERS:
ST. MARY'S
(Southampton)**

A straight forward passage for the Saints, the Winchester club scratching from the competition for the second successive season.

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| SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S | W-O |
| Winchester | SCR |

SEMI-FINAL

The Mayor of Bournemouth with a hearty kick into the Engineers half started the game at Dean Park. It was 0-0 at half-time. Bournemouth scored first when one of the Engineers outfield players fisted out a certain goal and the 'penalty' kick was scored by W. Pickford. The Engineers relentless pressure eventually paid off with an equaliser. There was insufficient light to play extra time.

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| 21/11/1891; Dean Park, Bournemouth; Replay: 28/11/1891; Aldershot | |
| BOURNEMOUTH | 1, 2 |
| Royal Engineers (Aldershot) | 1, 1 |

Replay:
This was the greatest of Hampshire Senior Cup shocks as the powerful Sappers were defeated on their own ground by the "Green Shirts" who played a sound defence. It was the first time Bournemouth had won a game off their own ground since the Rovers won the Hants & Dorset cup in the spring of 1885.

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| 21/11/1891; County Ground, Southampton | |
| BANISTER COURT (Southampton) | 4 |
| Havant | 1 |

The school were decidedly the better team and nothing but fine goalkeeping by J. Agate saved the visitors from a heavier licking. Every match played in the season by the scholars had been won so far.

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| 10/02/1892; At County Ground, Southampton (neutral) | |
| Banister Court (Southampton) | 2 |
| MEDICAL STAFF CORPS (Aldershot) | 5 |

The Hampshire Junior Cup holders breezed through this match against the Portsmouth side who had only three of their regular players available and consequently suffered a heavy defeat and another disappointing Senior Cup exit. Portsmouth, with a population of 130,000 had yet to respond to football with any great enthusiasm.

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| 21/11/1891; Aldershot | |
| MEDICAL STAFF CORPS (Aldershot) | 6 |
| Portsmouth F.A. | 1 |

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| SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S | 2 |
| Bournemouth | 0 |

FINAL

Saturday 12/03/1892;
at County Ground, Southampton.
Attendance: 'close on 3,000'.

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| SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S | 5 |
| Medical Staff Corps (Aldershot) | 0 |

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS:

St Mary's
R. Ruffell, goal;
G. Marshall and G. Carter, backs;
W. Stride, C. Deacon, and G. Verney, half-backs;
R. S. Kiddle, and A. H. Mulford, right;
E. Nicholls, centre;
F. A. Delamotte, and A. Farwell, left.

Medical Staff Corps
Sergt A. Lunney, goal;
Pte J. Price and Pte. F. Davies, backs;
Pte F. Oliver, Pte J. Chapman, and Pte W. Elvin, half-backs;
Pte W. Barlow, and Pte J. Beard, right;
Pte J. Smith, centre;
Corpl J. Harrison, and Pte F. Whittle, left.

Referee
Captain Williams, Oxford Light Infantry

Linesmen*
Messrs. A. Tebbutt and W. E. Masterman

(* replaced umpires in the F.A. A.G.M. summer 1891)



NOTES:
W-O and scr = 'walk-over' and 'scratched'

THE STORY OF THE HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP - SEASON 1891/92

Changes to Entries

Club entries had reduced from nine to eight for this season. Although a smaller number, it was a symmetrical one, meaning that the awarding of 'byes' was not necessary for the first time. A first round victory would put the club straight into the semi-final round. There were two clubs that didn't take part, having done so in 1890/91. Geneva Cross had lost a lot of players due to service calls. The Netley side did continue playing in club (or friendly) matches. The second team that didn't take part was the Southampton Naval Works, who proved to be a one season existence, although they did reach the semi-final of this competition in that time.

The new entrant in this season was the Aldershot-based **Medical Staff Corps** who were the Junior Cup holders.

Whilst it is highly likely that St. Mary's F.C. had kept the same title, their first entry into the F.A. Cup competition occurred in this season and showed them as **Southampton St Mary's**, a name that will be used from here until their eventual change to Southampton F.C.

First Round Summary

Due to only three rounds being played some notes regarding these matches are found next to the results on the chart.

Semi-Final Summary

Both semi-final ties took place at the County Ground, Southampton in February.

Banister Court v Medical Staff Corps (Aldershot)

Banister Court reached the semi-final in the previous two seasons but this one was different as they had to take part in a match to get there! The Medical team started well and had the best of the first half and built up a 3-0 lead. Although 5-2 adrift in the second half the Courtiers team finished strongly but they were unable to reduce the deficit and the Medical team progressed to the final. The Banister Court team included the headmaster C.G. Ellaby, who went on to become president of the Hampshire F.A. Their goalkeeper W.P. Cole was a renowned county player whilst Charlie Miller was chosen for the famous Corinthians amateur team. Miller later moved to Brazil and is regarded to have been the 'founding father' of football there.

Southampton St. Mary's v Bournemouth

This was St. Mary's first H.S.C. match of the season having received a 'walk-over' in the first round. It was 0-0 at half-time. Following a 'lively scrim' Deacon put the ball beneath the bar amidst an outburst of cheers. The Saints held onto their 1-0 lead despite the efforts of W. Pickford and D.C. Stewart to get back on terms for the 'Green Shirts'. A 'soft goal' just before time, the ball rebounding off the chest of goalkeeper T. Stokes and 'bounded through the goal at a tangent', completed the win for the Saints team.

Final Summary

Southampton St. Mary's v Medical Staff Corps (Aldershot)

A final between the holders of the Senior and Junior Cups. The Medics missed two good chances. From a free kick, Carter opened the scoring for the Saints, goalkeeper Lunney watching it go under the bar having been unaware that the ball had been tipped to him by another player (see 'Additional Feature' section below). Nicholls scored a goal with a 'screw shot' and Farwell raised the score to three at half-time. The Saints attacked repeatedly in the second half, but the fine play of Lunney, and the sturdy defence of Price, added to the awful exhibition of bad shooting. Only two more goals were scored (players not identified) and the 'cherry squares' kept the cup having won 5-0. Mr. C. S. Woodbridge (president of the Hampshire Football Association) presented the cup and medals to the winning team.

Junior Cup Competition

The Junior Cup final was played on 5th March 1892 at the County Ground, Southampton. The contestants were Freemantle and Cowes. The Freemantle team led 2-1 at half-time but Cowes levelled in the second half before securing a late winning goal to complete a 3-2 victory. Cowes, following many attempts (which also included competing in the former Hants & Dorset F.A. competition) were at last victorious in a county junior competition. The scene at the Royal Pier, as the steamboats took in their crowds of exultant Cowes supporters was apparently 'quite animated'!

Minor Cup Competition

The Minor Cup involved another team from the Isle of Wight as Cowes White Star met Bournemouth Wanderers. This one didn't go the way of the Islanders though. The 'Wonders' had an interesting route to the final, needing four games to get past Boscombe Rovers and then had a 'walk-over' in the semi-final when St. Simon's Institute, from Portsmouth, had snown in their area on the day and expected the game to be postponed and didn't travel! The cup final teams met on 19th March at the County Ground, Southampton. The Wanderers were deserving winners by 4-1.

Additional Feature

A kick was introduced in this season to build on the free kick which was adopted by the F.A. in 1872 (to be known as a penalty kick). From 1881/82 the referee had the power to award a goal where 'in his opinion, a score would have been prevented through the wilful handling of the ball by one of the defending side'. However, the clubs thought the referee was given too much power in this regard. So, a penalty kick was proposed by the Irish Football Association to the International Board. It was therefore highly likely that W. Pickford's first round 'penalty kick' goal was the first to be taken in the Hampshire Senior Cup competition. However, the pitch markings were different than today, and the kick could be taken from any point twelve yards from goal. Field markings resembling those in place today didn't come into play until 1902, including the penalty spot.

Some confusion may arise from the opening goal of the Senior Cup final as goal could not be scored direct from a free kick back then. The law was going to change for a goal to be scored directly from a free kick following a 'wilful foul' with effect from the next (1892/93) season.

Southampton St. Mary's first entry into the F.A. Cup proved to be an interesting one. Having won their first tie, they comfortably defeated Reading 7-0 next. But with their share of the gate money, the Berkshire side protested successfully about the qualification of two of the Saints men which proved to be the end of the road for them.

Finally, the small print ...

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