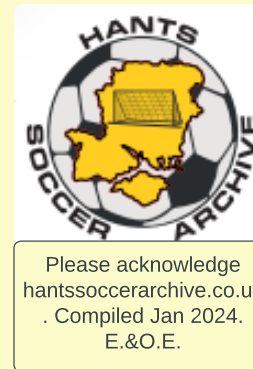


# HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season IX - 1895/96



## HOLDERS: SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S

Club changes since the previous competition  
New HSC entrants in this season are:

Mainly regimental teams. The following were Aldershot based - 1st Seaforth Highlanders (who joined the division in January 1895), 2nd East Lancashire Regiment (also new to the area and the holders of the 'Governor's Cup' of Gibraltar, beating the Cameron Highlanders in the final on the 'Rock'), Army Service Corps (the Hampshire Junior Cup holders) and 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers. Portsmouth based - 1st Battalion Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1894/95 were:

Again regimental teams - 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 1st Wiltshire Regiment (both based at Aldershot) and from Portsmouth, last season's semi-finalists King's Own Lancaster Regiment.

Note:

The holders, an established Southern League club, now entered their reserve team in the competition.

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

Normally, a cup competition featuring sixteen teams would not need a single game at this stage. However, the early rounds of the cup were drawn in areas - Aldershot, Southampton and Portsmouth - but there were an uneven number of entrants from each area thus meaning an extra game at Aldershot.

02/11/1895; Aldershot

Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	2
1ST SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS (Aldershot)	3

No match report traced. The Seaforths, with a good reputation, defeated the three times cup winners in this first ever Preliminary Round game in the competition.

### FIRST ROUND

No surprises at this stage. The demise of one of the tourney's original entrants.

ROYAL ARTILLERY (PORTSMOUTH)	
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02/11/1895; Grange Field, Fareham

15th COMPANY, R.A. (Fareham)	5
1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers (Portsmouth)	0

Portsmouth Evening News: Jackson and Phinn put the previous season's finalists two goals ahead. Haxton and Fitzsimmons added goals in quick succession for the 15th. Right on time Black scored a fifth goal to put the Artillery side comfortably into the second round. Hants Soccer Archive note: This proved to be the first and last game in the cup for the Dublins.

COWES	W-O
Portsmouth F.A.	SCR

The game was reversed from Portsmouth but the F.A. side scratched due to a lack of players. The Isle of Wight County Press later reported (December 1895) that the club was 'on its last legs' and therefore leaving the best football in the area to be played by the military teams that are stationed in the naval town.

09/11/1895; Dean Court, Boscombe

Bournemouth	0
FREEMANTLE	2

Bournemouth Guardian: In front of approximately 600 spectators, the 'Magpies' scored a first half goal through Simms and thought they'd scored again but a Hawkins free kick was considered to have 'touched one of the crowd' before going into goal!! Nineham scored an 'easy goal' in the second half.

13/11/1895; Antelope Ground, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S RES	7
Banister Court (Southampton)	0

Southern Echo: A midweek date with the Antelope described as 'marshy' due to pre-match rain. It was completely dominated by the 'Cherry Squares'. The Saints led 3-0 at half-time with goals for H. Muir, E. Taylor (penalty) and J Rogers. The same three players each notched a brace in the second half with E. Nicholls also scoring.

09/11/1895; Queen's Parade, Aldershot

2ND EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT (Aldershot)	2
1st Royal Scots Fusiliers (Aldershot)	0

Aldershot News: There was a late venue switch as the Aldershot F.A. ground was not ready in time, which was also the case for the 1st Brigade Ground. Posts had been in place at the Royal Engineers ground and the teams agreed no protest would be made. Two first half goals settled it in front of 3,000 spectators. The Lilywhites had a player ordered off for rough play in the second half but they completed the win.

09/11/1895; Recreation Ground, Christchurch

Christchurch	1
EASTLEIGH	2

Bournemouth Guardian: Eastleigh had slightly the better of matters in the first half and took the lead through Jeffcott. A misunderstanding in the Christchurch ranks allowed Freeth to score and increase the Eastleigh lead in the second half. Finney pulled a goal back for the home side leading to an exciting finish.

09/11/1895; Army Service Corps Ground, Aldershot

Army Service Corps (Aldershot)	2
1ST SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS (Aldershot)	3

Aldershot News: The Service Corps were leading 2-1 at half-time and the Highlanders levelled when, following an appeal for hands, a whistle blew from the crowd and a Corps player caught the ball, a penalty was then awarded. It was scored and the Highlanders netted again as they finished the game strongly.

### SECOND ROUND

Extra time featured prominently, being necessary in three of the four ties.

30/11/1895; United Services (Men's) Recreation Ground, Portsmouth

ROYAL ARTILLERY (PORTSMOUTH)	5*
15th Company, R.A. (Fareham)	1*

Book - Glory Gunners (by Kevin Smith): In a game littered with ill feeling, Portsmouth's Patterson was sent off in the closing moments for kicking an opponent; he had earlier scored their goal. Maggs netted two penalties in extra time. Hannah also scored twice.

First match: 30/11/1895; Cowes; Replay: 07/12/1895; Freemantle

COWES	1*, 0
FREEMANTLE	1*, 2

Isle of Wight County Press: The Magpies took the lead after half-an-hour, Whyte levelled for the Islanders in the second half. Extra time was played but only 15 minutes. Cowes protested that they should stage the replay as the whole match wasn't played. This was refused. Replay Hampshire Independent: Freemantle went through, a goal in each half by Nineham and Furby.

30/11/1895; Antelope Ground, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S RES	4*
2nd East Lancashire Regiment (Aldershot)	1*

Hampshire Independent: Thomson gave the soldiers a first half lead but a Hamer header in the second half levelled and took the game to extra time. Muir scored in the first period and then in the second part he then added a second goal, after Nicholls had netted too.

30/11/1895; Railway Recreation Ground, (Dutton Lane) Eastleigh

EASTLEIGH	5
1st Seaforth Highlanders (Aldershot)	1

Eastleigh Weekly News: The Highlanders scored first but the works side took charge. Eastleigh deserved to win the tie but it wasn't as one sided as the score suggested.

### SEMI-FINAL

26/02/1896; County Ground, Southampton (neutral)

ROYAL ARTILLERY (PORTSMOUTH)	1
Freemantle	0

Southern Echo: It was an exceedingly cold day at the County Ground and it was the Gunners who won by a narrow margin. The goal was scored in the first half by Walsh who took Jutton, the Magpies goalkeeper unawares with an oblique shot. From the report it appeared to look as though the best team won the game and therefore appear in their first HSC final.

19/02/1896; County Ground, Southampton (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S RES	3
Eastleigh	1

Hampshire Independent: In glorious weather, Richardson shot the Saints into the lead, and Cox was performing well in the Saints' goal. Freeth levelled for Eastleigh before half-time. Hamer and Nicholls scored second half goals for Saints. The match was described as being 'stubbornly contested'.

### FINAL

07/03/1896; County Ground, Southampton (neutral)

ROYAL ARTILLERY (PORTSMOUTH)	3
Southampton St. Mary's Res	1

Southern Echo and Hampshire Independent: The spectators had to brave the elements. The Saints ought to have scored in the first half but they took the lead in the second period when a Hayter shot glanced off the post and into goal. The R.A. strove valiantly to equalise for a while but following a melee the ball and goalkeeper were forced through (no scorer given). The cheers of the Portsmouth contingent were the like of which had rarely been heard at the County Ground. Later the ball was 'rushed through' amidst cheers and Cook completed the scoring. The presentation was by Mr. C. G. Ellaby, H.F.A. President. Gunner Reilly, the R.A. goalkeeper received a fine reception when he collected his winners medal. A popular figure in the county he was described as a 'prince amongst custodians'.

#### THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS

##### Royal Artillery (Portsmouth)

Reilly  
Harmes  
Phillips  
Patterson  
Hogg  
Kinman  
Maggs  
Welsh  
Cook  
Hanns  
Jardine

##### Southampton St. Mary's Res

Res  
Cox  
V. Smith  
Hamer  
M. Marshall  
G. Marshall  
Frampton  
Kiddle  
Rogers  
Nicholls  
Hayter  
Richardson

##### Referee

Mr C. D. Crisp (Ryde)

##### Linesmen

Messrs. Digby Scammell and McLoughlan

#### OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1895/96

**JUNIOR CUP FINAL:** 9TH (QUEENS ROYAL) LANCERS 2-1 ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY (PORTSMOUTH)  
Played on Saturday 11th April 1896 at Partlands, Ryde, Isle of Wight. The cup therefore remained in Aldershot.

**MINOR CUP FINAL:** GORDON AVENUE 2-1 SOUTHAMPTON CLIFTON  
Played on Saturday 28th March 1896 at County Ground, Southampton. Gordon Avenue were also from Southampton. Clifton claimed their opponents had won the cup due to a very doubtful penalty!

#### SEASONAL TRIVIA 1895/96

After their cup final victory the Royal Artillery lost in the Army Cup semi-final to the 1st Royal Scots (and their first defeat in 18 cup ties). They went on to win their semi-final games in both the F.A. Amateur Cup and Portsmouth Senior Cup but failed to win in the finals of both competitions. They lost both finals by 1-0, the Amateur Cup to Bishop Auckland at Leicester Fosse and the local cup to rivals 15th Company. ... It was farewell to the Antelope Ground in the St. Mary's area of Southampton, and the scene of many entertaining H.S.C. matches. It was sold by the owners for building work ... The 1st Royal Scots were the winners of both the Army F.A. and Aldershot Senior Cups.

#### NOTES:

W-O and scr = 'walk-over' and 'scratched'  
\* after extra time