

HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XII - 1898/99



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**HOLDERS:
EASTLEIGH**

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

From the Isle of Wight: Sandown Bay (Hampshire Junior Cup winners). The Rifle Depot (Gosport) and 1st East Lancashire Regiment came from the Portsmouth area. Note the latter appeared to be the '1st' East Lincs as the '2nd' team, and previous entrants, had now been posted to India. Aldershot provided 2nd Black Watch (who were Irish Cup finalists in 1892, Army F.A. Cup winners in 1894 and then finalists a year later), 1st Lancashire Fusiliers and also Royal Engineers, who returned following a season's absence. From the Bournemouth area: the established Bournemouth F.C. were now accompanied by Bournemouth Wanderers (who were Minor Cup winners in 1892 and Junior Cup finalists a year later, and were affectionately known as the 'Wonders!').

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1897/98 were:

2nd Gordon Highlanders (who were posted to India in September 1898), Medical Staff Corps, 1st South Staffordshire Regiment, King's Own Scottish Borderers and 2nd Devon Regiment who were all from Aldershot. Another service team not entering, but from the Portsmouth area, were 15th Company, Royal Artillery.

Note:

Southampton appeared to enter as 'Southampton A', basically fielding their Hampshire League side which had also been described as a team of 'professionals and players of a national note'. It was basically a strong reserve team. There is a reference to the 'Archer's Ground' which was later renamed The Dell.

FIRST ROUND

Bizarre situation at the Archer's Ground whilst Ryde hit double figures

First match: 02/11/1898; Replay: 09/11/1898
Both at Archer's Ground, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON 'A'	5	7
Cowes	1	0

Southern Echo: The game started on the scheduled date (2nd Nov) but the ground conditions were poor and the referee decided at half-time it should be a friendly instead (the score was 3-0 at that time)! Saints led practically from the start in the replayed game.

05/11/1898; Freemantle

FREEMANTLE	1	0
Bournemouth Wanderers	0	

Bournemouth Guardian: The 'Wonders' failed with a first half penalty and Boyce decided it for the Magpies with a goal near to half-time.

05/11/1898; Aldershot

Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	0	
2ND BLACK WATCH (Aldershot)	1	

Aldershot News: The powerful Highlanders side eventually broke down the sappers defence, McKay scoring in the second half.

BANISTER COURT (Southampton)

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Court are 'excused' from this stage for the second successive season.

05/11/1898; County Ground, Shanklin

SANDOWN BAY	3	0
1st East Lancashire Regiment (Portsmouth)	0	

Isle of Wight County Press: Sandown Bay's debut in the competition was a successful one as Yelf netted all three goals. It was a convincing victory for the 'Bay Boys' who showed their followers a development that would hardly be dreamt of a couple of seasons ago.

05/11/1898; Army Service Corps Ground, Aldershot

ARMY SERVICE CORPS (Aldershot)	1*	0*
2nd Scottish Rifles (Aldershot)	0*	

Aldershot News: This was a fine and very close game and one of the best seen in the area this season. There was a large crowd, four to five deep at the pavilion end. The winning goal came in the first period of extra time, a header by Wheeler.

1ST LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS (Aldershot)

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05/11/1898; Ryde

RYDE	10	0
Rifle Depot (Gosport)	0	

Isle of Wight County Press: Ryde picked their former goalkeeper and current Hon. Secretary (and also twice HSC final referee) C.D. Crisp in goal and he performed well. The red shirts won most convincingly with five goals scored in each half. Woodhouse and Maidment both netted four.

05/11/1898; Dean Park, Bournemouth

Bournemouth	0	2
EASTLEIGH	2	

Bournemouth Guardian: These teams met at this stage for the second successive season and, although not thought to be as strong as last season, Eastleigh were again the victors. Two second half goals by Cook settled it.

SECOND ROUND

All outcomes at this stage proved convincing enough.

26/11/1898; Archer's Ground, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON 'A'	3	1
Freemantle	1	

Southern Echo: Stevens scored all three goals for the Saints who led 2-0 at half-time. Small netted the Magpies goal.

2ND BLACK WATCH (Aldershot)

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26/11/1898; Freemantle

Banister Court (Southampton)	2	5
SANDOWN BAY	5	

Bournemouth Guardian: Played in front of a couple of dozen spectators, most associated with the school. Isle of Wight County Press: E Simmonds put Bay ahead, but Frank Ellaby levelled for Court. Yelf added the visitors second goal. After half-time Ellaby levelled the scores again but Southcott, Flux and E Simmonds ensured that Bay ran out convincing winners.

26/11/1898; Aldershot

ARMY SERVICE CORPS (Aldershot)	3	0
1st Lancashire Fusiliers (Aldershot)	0	

Aldershot News: Wheeler put the Corps in front but steady work by full-backs Bellringer and Lambert as well as goalkeeper Manning kept the Fusiliers at bay. Wheeler added another in the first half and Taylor added a third goal midway through the second half.

26/11/1898; Partlands Ground, Ryde

RYDE	5	0
Eastleigh	0	

Isle of Wight County Press: Ryde led by 3-0 at half-time and went on to complete a convincing win against the cup holders, who are a shadow of their former selves. Eastleigh finished the game with ten players as their captain used improper language to the 'whistle holder' and was sent off.

EXTRA ROUND

As the first two rounds were drawn in two regions (South and Aldershot) this was an extra match to reduce the remaining clubs to four.

28/01/1899; Archer's Ground, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON 'A'	6	0
2nd Black Watch (Aldershot)	0	

Southern Echo: The Saints led 1-0 at half-time and fully deserved their win, although the Black Watch played better than the final score suggested.

SANDOWN BAY

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ARMY SERVICE CORPS (Aldershot)

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SEMI-FINAL

Both semi-finals are completed with emphatic victories. Saints reach their fifth final whilst Ryde make it for the first time, as the Army Service Corps fall at this stage once more.

18/02/1899; United Services (Officers') Ground, Portsmouth (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON 'A'	7	2
Sandown Bay	2	

Isle of Wight County Press: After an early goal (player not identified), the Saints went on to add six further goals through Dewar, Keay, Cavendish 2, and Buchanan, whilst Waldie netted for the green shirts, all in the first half. With six goals in hand play in the second half was more even with B Simmonds netting for the Island side. Southampton missed a late penalty but this had no bearing on the final result.

04/02/1899; Archer's Ground, Southampton (neutral)

Army Service Corps (Aldershot)	1	8
RYDE	8	

These two teams met in the final of the 1895 Junior Cup which the Corps won. This was also the Army Service Corps' third successive HSC semi-final appearance.

Isle of Wight County Press: Ryde were at full strength whilst the Corps had a couple of regulars missing. Ryde won convincingly with four goals in each half (Christie 3, Woodhouse, Maidment 2, Pook and an own goal). The Corps goal came from a second half penalty by Godsmart.

FINAL

The first final not to be played at Southampton becomes the second to go to a replay.

First match: 04/03/1899; Replay: 01/04/1899
Both matches played at: United Services (Officers') Ground, Portsmouth (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON 'A'	2, 2	2, 0
Ryde	2, 0	

First match: Isle of Wight County Press: Ryde had a chance from a penalty but Jones' kick was turned round the post by Joyce. Cavendish then gave Southampton a first half lead. Maidment and Jones turned the score around in the second half but Stevens levelled for the Saints. Hammett, previously a winner with Cowes, had a fine game between the Ryde posts.

Replay: Isle of Wight County Press: Southampton won it with two goals in the first half. The first came from a Nichol free kick where the scrimmage was 'rushed in' (player not identified). The second goal came from Fairgrieve from close up just before half-time.

Southern Echo: The second half was full of incidents but no goals. The cup and medals were presented by Mr. C.D. Crisp, Hon Secretary of the Hampshire Football Association.

Note: Mr. C.D. Crisp appeared in goal for Ryde in the first round!

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS (first game)

Southampton 'A'

- Joyce
- Thomas
- Englefield
- McLean
- Chadwick
- Dewar
- Cust
- Stevens
- Buchanan
- Cavendish
- Sealey

Ryde

- Hammett
- Lieut. Clark
- Ponting
- King
- Halliday
- Mellanby
- Beazley
- Christie
- Jones
- Maidment
- Judge

Referee

Q.M.S. Barrow (both games)

Linesmen

Not stated

Changes for the replay: Southampton A

Nichol, Haynes and Fairgrieve replaced Thomas, Chadwick and Stevens.

Ryde

Walker, Pook, Woodhouse and D Saunders replaced Lieut Clark, Beazley, Judge and Jones. The latter had sadly received fatal injuries whilst playing in the first ever Island Challenge Cup final.

Note there were also positional changes made for the replay

NOTES:

* after extra time

◇ match ruled a 'friendly' and replayed

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1898/99

JUNIOR CUP FINAL: ANDOVER RED STAR 2-1 ROMSEY
Played on Saturday 4th March 1899. At Archer's Ground, Southampton (later known as The Dell).

MINOR CUP FINAL: SOUTHAMPTON OXFORD 5-0 PEAR TREE GREEN
Played on Saturday 18th March 1899. At Freemantle FC, Shirley Road, Southampton.

SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1898/99

Southampton won the Southern League Division 1 title for the third successive season. Their 'A' team also won the Hampshire League, the third time the competition had been played and the winners had also won the HSC on each occasion ... Although they didn't appear in this HSC competition, the Royal Artillery (Portsmouth) team caused a sensation by being removed from the F.A. Amateur Cup at the Third Round (quarter-final) stage. They went away to Suffolk for a week's training before the game and by this action they were deemed to be professionals in a strictly amateur competition. They finished their Southern League season by fielding their reserves for the promotion/ relegation 'Test Match' and a defeat to Cowes as the Gunners team was broken up. Meanwhile, a potentially bigger club from the area had formed a few months earlier (in 1898) and named Portsmouth F.C. This team had purchased their own ground, on the site of a market garden (Fratton Park) and took the R.A.'s place in Southern League Div. 1 ... Cowes won the Southern League Second Division, South West Section (100% record) but lose the overall play-off for the championship to Metropolitan Section winners Thames Ironworks. As already noted, they won their Test Match and they too joined Southampton, Portsmouth as well as other familiar clubs of today, in Division 1. ... Ryde won the Portsmouth Senior Cup (when their opponents Cowes were unable to agree to a replay date) ... The Army Service Corps reach the Army F.A. Cup final ... The 2nd Black Watch won both the Aldershot Senior League (Military) and Senior Cup ... To finish with the Royal Artillery (Portsmouth) team, they briefly reappeared in 1900/01, including entry into the HSC competition.