



HOLDERS: RYDE

Club changes since the previous competition

New HSC entrants in this season are:

In a further reduced field which included no teams from the Aldershot district (all deployed for the Second Boer War), an old entrant - Royal Artillery (Portsmouth) - make a comeback. At last, a Royal Navy team from Portsmouth entered in the Senior Cup with an entry from the previous season's Junior Cup winners Royal Naval Depot.

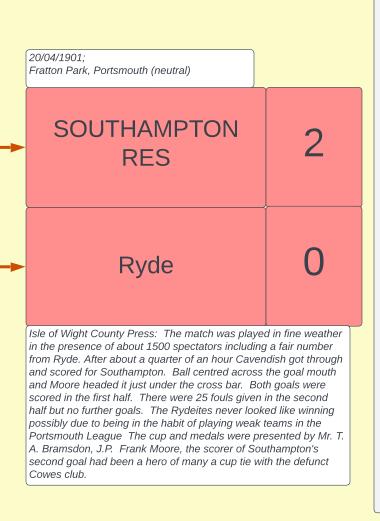
Not competing in this season having taken part in 1899/00 were:

Only Ryde, the cup holders, entered from the Isle of Wight as Cowes and Sandown Bay had folded. Ryde too had financial problems and had left the Hampshire League and played in the Portsmouth League. Banister Court, who had been involved in the cup in every season so far, didn't enter although they still played friendly matches. Freemantle didn't enter (playing only junior football, but would return for the next season) whilst the 2nd Black Watch, who were in the previous season's draw but didn't take part, unsurprisingly didn't enter.

Southampton's Archers Ground was now becoming better known as The Dell. With the absence of Banister Court, Bournemouth FC remained the last club to enter every HSC competition since it began in 1887. As only eight teams entered, the first round winners progressed straight into the semi-final stage (the first time this has happened since 1891/92).

FINAL

This was the first HSC final to be played at Fratton Park. Ryde, finalists for the third successive season, are beaten as Southampton win the trophy for the fifth time. The final and the score was the same as the 1899 final (which was decided by a replay).



THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS

Southampton Res Moger Triggs Crabb Paddington French (Capt.) Martin Moore Small Cavendish Travers Ball

> Ryde Pocock Chambers Walker King Flux Pook Cooper Henley Maidment Mellanby Williams

Referee Mr. S.R. Carr (London) Linesmen Messrs. Parr and C. Barnes

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1900/01

JUNIOR CUP FINAL: This went to two matches: ROMSEY 1-1 H.M.S. EXCELLENT Saturday 20th April 1901. Played at Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh. The Excellent team was from Portsmouth.

Replay

ROMSEY 3-0 H.M.S. EXCELLENT Saturday 27th April 1901. Played at The Dell, Southampton. Romsey were appearing in their third successive final. This was their first success Although always considered to be the 'town team' Romsey added Town to their title shortly after their reformation following the Great War. This appeared to be formally adopted in 1924.

MINOR CUP FINAL:

EASTLEIGH GUILD 2-1 WINCHESTER Saturday 23rd March 1901. Played at Whitenap Park, Romsey

NOTES:

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

SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1900/01

Portsmouth teams dominated the Hampshire League as the Royal Naval Depot took the title, closely followed by the Royal Artillery. Neither club reappeared for the next season. The Depot would be back later but the Gunners, who were the 1896 HSC winners and injected great impetus to football in the area, had completed their last campaign ... Portsmouth Reserves took the Portsmouth Cup, gaining revenge over Ryde from the previous season, although they needed a replay on the Island to do so.