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HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XIV - 1900/01

**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.

Note:

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).

FIRST ROUND

A former winner's return is spoiled by Island team with a fine recent HSC pedigree.

Bournemouth Guardian: An extension in time was allowed to play the game but several of the Eastleigh men had left the club and they scratched. The game was scheduled for 1st December and the teams played in a friendly game on that day instead which Southampton won by 3-1.

SOUTHAMPTON	W-O
Eastleigh	scr

03/11/1900;
United Services (Mens) Ground,
Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH RES	2
Royal Naval Depot	1

Portsmouth Evening News: Portsmouth had two late withdrawals from their team and had some difficulty getting together an eleven. The Depot held the Portsmouth side to 1-1 at half-time. Fielder opened the scoring for Portsmouth Reserves but Mallett equalised for the Depot. Lewis dodged his way through the Depot defence in clever style to give Portsmouth the lead in the second half which they held until the finish.

03/11/1900;
Dean Park, Bournemouth

Bournemouth	1
BOURNEMOUTH WANDERERS	2

Bournemouth Guardian: This was the first time these rival clubs had been drawn together in the competition and a crowd of around 350 turned out which was considered to be disappointing. The Wanderers scored in the opening minute and then in the closing moments of the game. The home side levelled the scores in the first half. It was a hotly contested match.

03/11/1900;
Partlands Ground, Ryde

RYDE	3
Royal Artillery (Portsmouth)	1

Isle of Wight County Press: The visitors were late arriving meaning a delayed start. Maidment scored from a Henley centre for Ryde and the score remained 1-0 at half time. In the second half play 'ruled rough'. Maidment netted two further goals to score all three for his side and Cook responded with a goal by the Gunners. The red shirts had many of the team that lifted the trophy last season whilst the Gunners exhibited form that was much below that which won them such a name a couple of seasons ago.

SEMI-FINAL

The clash of the 'ressies' goes Saints' way whilst the Wonders first semi-final ends in defeat.

16/02/1901;
Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON RES	2*
Portsmouth Res	1*

Bournemouth Guardian: At the expiration of 90 minutes neither side had scored a goal but the game livened up in the 'extra 30'.

Southern Echo: Hunt put Portsmouth into the lead early into the extra time period but Blackburn equalised and Southampton ended up the stronger team, scoring the winning goal in the final few minutes (scorer not identified).

16/02/1901;
The Dell, Southampton (neutral)

Bournemouth Wanderers	0
RYDE	4

Bournemouth Guardian: The cup holders had the best of the game throughout, scoring two goals in each half. Spanklen, in goal for the losers, saved his side from a much worse defeat.

Isle of Wight County Press: Williams and Maidment scored for the red shirts in the first half, Henley and Maidment in the second half. The Wanderers, though dangerous at times, found the Ryde defence too strong for them.

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).

20/04/1901;
Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON RES	2
Ryde	0

Isle of Wight County Press: The match was played in fine weather in the presence of about 1500 spectators including a fair number from Ryde. After about a quarter of an hour Cavendish got through and scored for Southampton. Ball centred across the goal mouth and Moore headed it just under the cross bar. Both goals were scored in the first half. There were 25 fouls given in the second half but no further goals. The Rydeites never looked like winning possibly due to being in the habit of playing weak teams in the Portsmouth League. The cup and medals were presented by Mr. T. A. Bramsdon, J.P. Frank Moore, the scorer of Southampton's second goal had been a hero of many a cup tie with the defunct Cowes club.

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.