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HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XV - 1901/02

**HOLDERS:
SOUTHAMPTON RES**

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

The entry increased by one in this season but there were still only nine entrants. There was one familiar name of the three 'newbees' and that was Freemantle, the 1893 winners, who resumed after one season playing in Southampton junior football, albeit on strictly amateur lines. Two Portsmouth area service teams took part - 4th Lancashire Fusiliers and 11th Provisional Battalion Gordon Highlanders - the latter having recently relocated from Aldershot.

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1900/01 were:

Two teams. Royal Artillery (Portsmouth) - the 1896 winners, whose team had not resumed following a brief (one season) return. The Royal Naval Depot who, despite being Hampshire League champions in 1901, decided to play more locally in Portsmouth and United Services League football, but will be back in this competition in 1904/05.

FIRST ROUND

Convincing wins for Portsmouth Res and Bournemouth

Southampton Reserves got the bye and as no team are expected to get more than one bye in the competition in a season, knew they would be taking part in the single game to be played in the Second Round.

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Bournemouth Guardian: These familiar opponents first met on Boxing Day in 1893 and in 21 meetings this was the 'Redshirts' twelfth victory to their younger opponents four (five drawn). The Bournemouth FC team was weaker than normal and they achieved a surprisingly convincing result.

02/11/1901; Meyrick Park, Bournemouth

Bournemouth Wanderers	1
BOURNEMOUTH	4

The Highlanders had been drawn at home but the game was reversed to Fratton Park. Portsmouth Evening News: The teams had met a fortnight earlier in a Hampshire League game and the reserves won 5-1. They dominated this match, Lockyer and McAulay scoring in the first half. Lockyer added five further goals and Corrin three in the second half.

02/11/1901; Fratton Park, Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH RES	10
11th Provisional Battalion (Gordon Highlanders, Portsmouth)	0

The Fusiliers were originally drawn at home but reversed the game to Ryde. Isle of Wight County Press: These teams met for the second successive week having drawn a Portsmouth League game previously. Haighney scored after five minutes for the soldiers but Sothcott equalised for Ryde with an excellent shot. Henley put Ryde in front, but Haighney scored again to level it. Stubbington scored the decisive goal to put the red shirts through.

02/11/1901; Partlands Ground, Ryde

RYDE	3
4th Lancashire Fusiliers (Portsmouth)	2

Portsmouth Evening News: Goodwin scored for Freemantle from a Phipps pass in the first half. Following the restart the home side showed improved form and after about half-an-hour they equalised through Weston from a scrum in front of goal. Bishop then netted for Eastleigh with a fast shot.

02/11/1901; Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh

EASTLEIGH	2
Freemantle	1

SECOND ROUND

Just the one tie to reduce the numbers to four. Bournemouth drew the 'short straw' and faced Saints!

23/11/1901; The Dell, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON RES	7
Bournemouth	1

Southern Football Echo: Bournemouth had been the only team to beat Saints so far in the season but the professionals fielded a strong reserve team. Small scored the only goal in the first half. Norris, Small (4) and George added second half goals. Bournemouth scored from a late penalty kick.

PORTSMOUTH RES
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RYDE
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EASTLEIGH
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SEMI-FINAL

A weakened Saints side were successful whilst a weakened Eastleigh team were defeated.

01/02/1902; Shirley Road Ground, Freemantle (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON RES	1
Portsmouth Res	0

Hampshire Independent: The Saints side was weakened by a number of first team calls and their prospects didn't look at all hopeful. Portsmouth Reserves had a slight advantage in the first half. The only goal was scored late in the game by Cavendish after the ball had rebounded off the cross bar from Small. It was a well earned victory for the Saints.

08/02/1902; Partlands Ground, Ryde (by agreement)

RYDE	3
Eastleigh	0

Eastleigh Weekly News/ Isle of Wight County Press: The visitors had to face great odds, several players being indisposed and had tried to postpone the match but the HFA refused their request. Five minutes from the start Henley scored from a pass by Sothcott, while a little later the same player made a dash on his own and put Ryde two up. The homesters continued to monopolize play. During the second half the Railwaymen were seen to better advantage, and Pocock was called upon several times to save. Gallop scored a third Ryde goal near to the end.

FINAL

Saints meet Ryde in the final for the third time in four seasons and all proved to be Saints wins and ironically they were by a 2-0 score (one having gone to a replay)!

01/03/1902; Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON RES	2
Ryde	0

Isle of Wight County Press/ Southern Football Echo/ Portsmouth Evening News: In fine weather, about 1000 spectators were present. Neither side was at full strength, Ryde without Flux, Purnell, Williams, Simmonds and Holbrooke and the Saints were minus Paddington, Small and Harrison. In the fast early exchanges that were end to end, Sothcott skimmed the bar for Ryde. Temple obtained possession and opened the score for Southampton after eight minutes. Temple for Saints and Ryde's Gallop missed decent chances. Resuming for the second half, following three unproductive corners, Jarvis 'put in a second point' for Saints with a capital shot. Saints continued to hold the upper hand and the Ryde goal had some narrow escapes but the Islanders defence was sound. Norris, the Saints' inside-right, was injured with the ball and had to be carried off the field; his injury was serious and he was removed to Landport Hospital in a cab. Captain Cavendish worked hard for Saints and George was the hero of the game and when will he get an opportunity of displaying his undoubted abilities in the first team? The cup and medals were presented by Mr. A.H. Wood, president of the Hampshire Football Association.

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS

- Southampton Res**
Moger
Hoare
Triggs
Whiting
Smith
Pike
George
Norris
Cavendish (Capt.)
Temple
Jarvis
- Ryde**
Alcock
Fry
Walker
Williams
Dyer
Pook
Cooper
Sims
Henley
Gallop
Sothcott
- Referee**
Mr. C.H. Parr (Portsmouth)
- Linesmen**
Not stated

SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1901/02

The 11th Provisional Battalion (Gordon Highlanders) didn't complete the season in the Hampshire League. They lost players who were drafted to southern Africa in late 1901 and withdrew early in 1902 ... The Lancashire Fusiliers were defeated by the Black Watch (then based at Edinburgh) in the Army F.A. Cup final ... Southampton reach the English (F.A.) Cup final for the second time in three years but, like in 1899/00, they were unsuccessful. The Saints had been Southern League First Division champions for the fourth time in five seasons in 1900/01, but this time it was Portsmouth who claimed the top spot, winning 20 of their 30 league matches. Pompey also retained the Western League championship ... Southampton Reserves won the Hampshire League title, having been unbeaten in the season, taking 19 of the 20 points available (10 matches in total).

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1901/02

JUNIOR CUP FINAL: POKESDOWN 2-0 GOSPORT ATHLETIC
Played on Saturday 1st March 1902. At The Dell, Southampton. Pokesdown were known as 'The Lilywhites' and their home ground was at Castlemain Road, Bournemouth.

MINOR CUP FINAL: SOUTHAMPTON CAMBRIDGE 7-0 PEAR TREE
Played on Saturday 5th April 1902. At The Dell, Southampton.