## **HOLDERS SOUTHAMPTON F.C. (Reserves)**

## Club changes since the previous competition

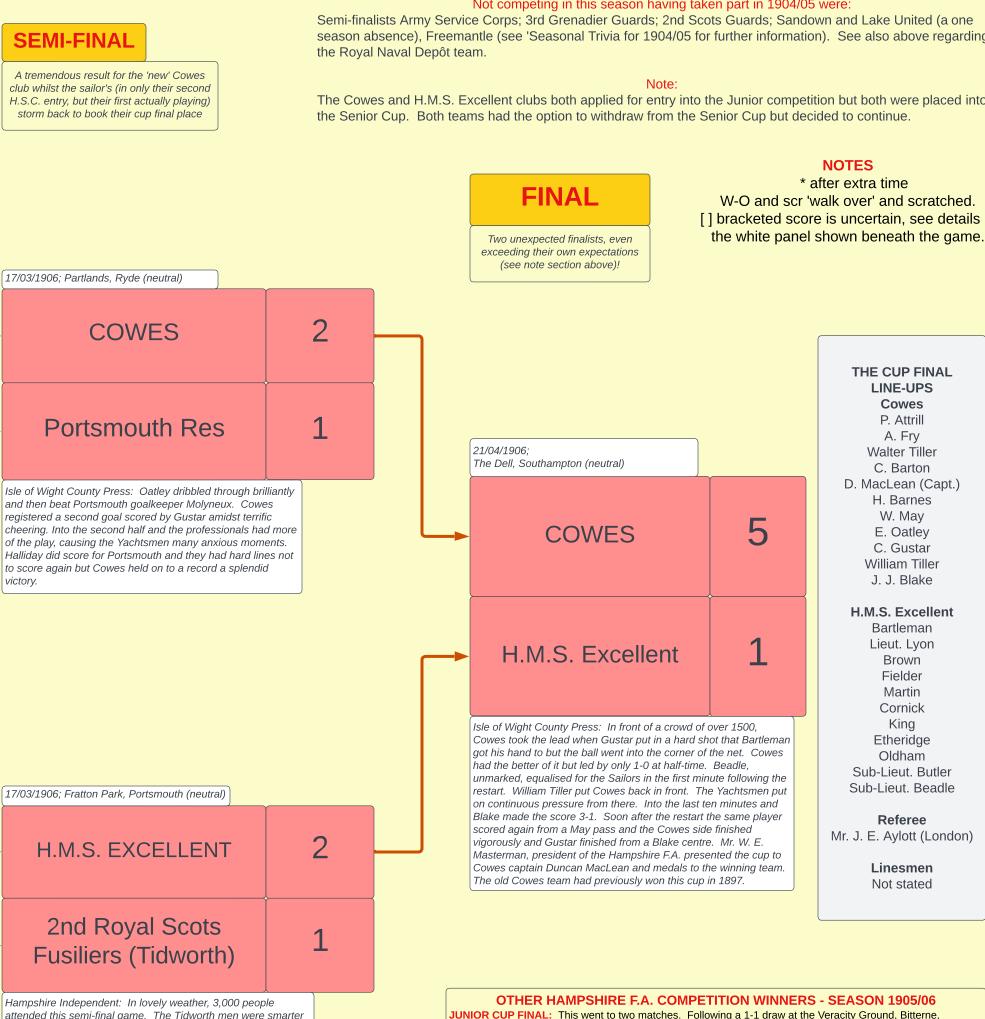
New HSC entrants in this season are

Cowes was an old name back in the competition, but this was a 'new' club. The former side folded in 1899 and this carnation was out of the Cowes White Star club, who changed their name to Cowes in the summer. Another familiar name was 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers at Tidworth. This was the same brigade that won the Hants & Dorset Senior Cup back in 1886 when they were based at Portland. Southampton Cambridge had been a Junior Cup entrant and were using the ground formerly occupied by Freemantle (and now referred to regularly as Shirley Cricket Ground). The King's Royal Rifles were at Aldershot when they reached the 1890 final, but were now from Portsmouth and making their first entry since then. The 2nd Sherwood Foresters had been built up a fine reputation on the Isle of Wight until a move to Aldershot in November 1904 and made their county senior cup debut. East Southsea first appeared in the Portsmouth League in 1898, were Division 2 champions in 1903 and were now competing in Division 1. The Royal Naval Barracks team appears to be a name change from last season's Royal Naval Depôt.

## Not competing in this season having taken part in 1904/05 were:

Semi-finalists Army Service Corps; 3rd Grenadier Guards; 2nd Scots Guards; Sandown and Lake United (a one season absence), Freemantle (see 'Seasonal Trivia for 1904/05 for further information). See also above regarding

The Cowes and H.M.S. Excellent clubs both applied for entry into the Junior competition but both were placed into



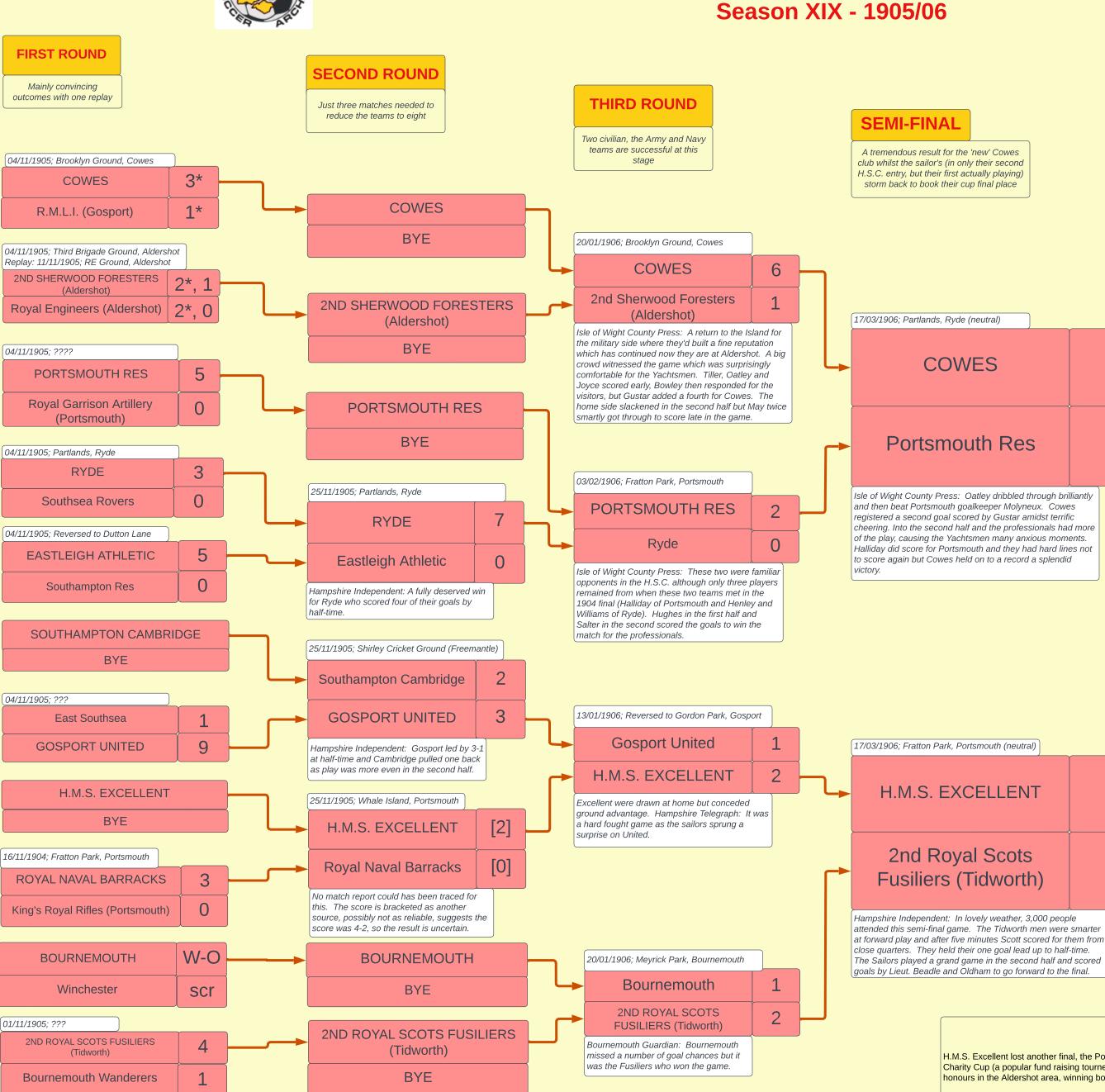
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JUNIOR CUP FINAL: This went to two matches. Following a 1-1 draw at the Veracity Ground, Bitterne, Southampton on 17th March 1906, BOSCOMBE defeated SHIRLEY WARREN 1-0 in the replay at the Pokesdown F.C. ground, Iford, Bournemouth, which took place a fortnight later.

MINOR CUP FINAL: SOUTHAMPTON OXFORD 6-0 CHRISTCURCH ALBION on 31st March 1906, played at

## **SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1905/06**

H.M.S. Excellent lost another final, the Portsmouth Senior Cup, being defeated by Ryde in a replay ... Cowes won two further cups on the Island, the Challenge Cup and the Brooklyn Charity Cup (a popular fund raising tourney). They needed a replay for the former but netted six goals in each of the decisive matches ... The 2nd Sherwood Foresters took the major honours in the Aldershot area, winning both the Senior and Charity competitions (defeating the Royal Engineers in the latter).



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**SENIOR CUP**