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HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XX - 1906/07

HOLDERS: COWES F.C.

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

2nd Lincolnshire Regiment known as the 'Greens', this regiment was based at the recently fully constructed Tidworth Barracks. There were three new military entrants from Aldershot - 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 49th Royal Field Artillery Brigade and, returning to the competition for the first time since 1904 (when they reached the semi-final stage), the 2nd Grenadier Guards. Two other teams were returnees, namely South Farnborough (following a two season absence) and Sandown and Lake United (who'd missed the previous one).

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1905/06 were:
Civilian clubs Southsea Rovers and Southampton Cambridge, both after just one season of entry. The others were service teams: 2nd Sherwood Foresters, RGA (Portsmouth), King's Royal Rifles, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers (who'd located to Tidworth but didn't enter) and, perhaps surprisingly, the previous season's finalists HMS Excellent.

Note:
Portsmouth entered their reserve team, as they had in all previous H.S.C. competitions. But having a tough first team game on the same day as their first round match, they opted to put on the pitch their "B" side, who were amateurs and played in the Portsmouth League.

FIRST ROUND

The Portsmouth "B" side are defeated on the Island.

27/10/1906; 3rd Brigade Ground, Aldershot

1ST ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS (Aldershot)	2
Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	1

SOUTH FARNBOROUGH	BYE
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27/10/1906; Wellington Lines Ground, Aldershot; Replay: 06/11/1906; venue not traced

49th Field Artillery Brigade (Aldershot)	0*, 0
2ND GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)	0*, 2

03/11/1906; Gordon Park, Gosport

Gosport United	1
RYDE	3

27/10/1906; "Sandown"

SANDOWN and LAKE UNITED	3
Portsmouth "B"	2

Date and venue not traced

R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	1
Royal Naval Barracks	0

10/11/1906; Roebuck Ground, Winchester

Winchester	2
2ND LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT (Tidworth)	3

27/10/1906; Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh

EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	3
Bournemouth	1

27/10/1906; Stamshaw, Portsmouth

East Southsea	2
COWES	3

27/10/1906; Meyrick Park, Bournemouth

Bournemouth Wanderers	3
SOUTHAMPTON RES	4

SECOND ROUND

South Farnborough's professional players had just been 'retired' and a heavy defeat ensued! Holders bow out.

1ST ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS (Aldershot)	BYE
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24/11/1906; venue not traced (Park Road?)

South Farnborough	0
2ND GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)	7

RYDE	BYE
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SANDOWN and LAKE UNITED	BYE
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R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	BYE
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2ND LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT (Tidworth)	BYE
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EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	BYE
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24/11/1906; Brooklyn Ground, Cowes

Cowes	1*
SOUTHAMPTON RES	2*

THIRD ROUND

Two civilian and two Military teams progress into the Semi-Final stage.

02/02/1907; 3rd Brigade Ground, Aldershot

1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers (Aldershot)	0
2ND GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)	1

26/01/1907; Partlands, Ryde

RYDE	4
Sandown and Lake United	0

30/01/1907; Gordon Park, Gosport
Replay: 05/02/1907; 'New Ground', Tidworth

R.M.L.I (Gosport)	0*, 1
2nd LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT (Tidworth)	0*, 4

26/01/1907; Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh

Eastleigh Athletic	2
SOUTHAMPTON RES	3

SEMI-FINAL

The draw separated the civilian and military teams and one of each went through to enter the final round. The Ryde v 2nd Grenadier Guards game was a repeat of the 1904 semi-final.

09/03/1907; The Dell, Southampton (neutral)

2ND GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)	6
Ryde	1

20/02/1907; Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

2nd Lincolnshire Regiment (Tidworth)	0
SOUTHAMPTON RES	2

FINAL

Two matches could not divide the teams so, for the first time in H.S.C. history, the trophy was shared.

27/04/1907; Replay: 30/04/1907
Both matches at Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

2nd GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)	1, 1*
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SOUTHAMPTON RES	1, 1*
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TROPHY SHARED
and held at **Blenheim Barracks and The Dell** for six months each.

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

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS

2nd Grenadier Guards
Drabble
Griffiths
Smith
Shepley
Godfrey
Shelton
Chance
King
Kelly
Boydson
Chapman

Southampton Res
Burrows
McConachie
Hoare
Harris
Whiting
Angel
Toomer
Dyer
Hoskins [Radford in replay]
Harris
Everest

Referee
Mr. Gillett (London)
Referee - Replay
Mr. J. Dommett (Portsmouth)

Linesmen
Not stated

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1906/07
JUNIOR CUP FINAL: Won by 23RD COMPANY, ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY (FORT GRANGE) who defeated SHIRLEY WARREN 1-0 in the final on 9th March 1907. The game was played at Gordon Park, Gosport and close to the locality of the winning side. This competition was growing in popularity as 44 clubs from around the county had entered in this season.
MINOR CUP FINAL: In start contrast to the Junior competition, only four teams entered the tourney on this occasion. BISHOPSTOKE beat SOUTHAMPTON OXFORD 4-2 in the final at Veracity Ground, Bitterne, Southampton (the home of Bitterne Guild F.C.) on 16th March 1907.

SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1906/07
The military teams fared well in the F.A. Amateur Cup competition. The 2nd Grenadier Guards reached the Second Round (the last sixteen) but lost to Clapton F.C., at The Old Spotted Dog Ground, Forest Gate. The 2nd Lincolnshire Regiment went a round better before also being defeated in London, losing to Civil Service F.C. in a match played at Stamford Bridge. The highly regarded Lincoln's badge farewell to Tidworth by winning the Ian Hamilton Cup (a competition for service teams based on Salisbury Plain) before a move to Aldershot. The Grenadier Guards won both the Aldershot Senior and Charity Cup competitions ... Portsmouth Reserves won the Hampshire League South Division whilst the improving Boscombe club (who'd not yet made a Senior Cup entry) took the West Division title ... on the Island, Cowes had another successful season winning the Island Challenge Cup and the Brooklyn Charity Cup beating Newport 13-0 in the latter contest (it was stated that Newport selected three players 'picked up on the ground'!). The Yachtsmen were also successful on the mainland, taking the Portsmouth Senior Cup beating the Royal Marine Artillery 1-0 at the Royal Naval Barracks Ground, Pitt Street.