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HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XIII - 1899/00

HOLDERS:
SOUTHAMPTON 'A'

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

Portsmouth F.C. were the only new entrant. Having been admitted straight into the first division of the Southern League, this new club decided to enter their reserve team (with the exception of the final replay, see chart narrative).

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1897/98 were:

This was a very different competition as the military clubs, who had played such a fine part over the years, from Aldershot and Portsmouth in particular, had a much different battle to play, by going to southern Africa to fight in the Second Boer War. The 2nd Black Watch entered the cup though but, as can be seen, they didn't actually play. Southampton entered as 'Reserves' whilst 1897 winners Cowes, now in Southern League Division 1, didn't enter.

Note:

Southampton's ground, later known as The Dell, still appeared to be called 'Archer's Ground' ... This was a most unusual competition, with the H.F.A. having to adjudicate in both the semi-final and final rounds!

FIRST ROUND

Only ten clubs entered so just two matches were necessary at this stage, just one being played.

SECOND ROUND

Only two of the four ties were settled on the pitch itself.

SEMI-FINAL

The holders are out on a technicality whilst Portsmouth completely overrun the 1898 cup winners.

FINAL

Portsmouth thought they'd won but a another breach of the cup rules occurs and it has to be replayed

FINAL REPLAY

Ryde scored 17 goals in the H.S.C. in the previous (1898/99) season and lose in the final. In this season they score a grand total of ONE GOAL and win the tournament!!

BANISTER COURT (Southampton)
Bye

The Scholars received a bye at this stage for the third successive season.

RYDE
Bye

SOUTHAMPTON RES
Bye

FREEMANTLE
Bye

04/11/1899; Dean Park, Bournemouth
Bournemouth Wanderers 1
EASTLEIGH 6

Bournemouth Guardian: Eastleigh led 2-0 at half-time and added three goals early in the second half and went on to complete a resounding win.

SANDOWN BAY
Bye

BOURNEMOUTH W-O
2nd Black Watch (Aldershot) SCR

PORTSMOUTH RES
Bye

Banister Court (Southampton) SCR
RYDE W-O

Banister Court, an original cup entrant, wave a sad goodbye to the competition by scratching. They had struggled for a number of years, having won only two matches whilst actually taking the field in the competition's thirteen year history.

First match: 25/11/1899; Replay: 23/12/1899
Both games at Archer's Ground; Southampton
SOUTHAMPTON RES 0, 5
Freemantle 0, 0

Hampshire Independent: First match: Freemantle were drawn first but reversed the tie to The Archers ground. It was a hard stubborn game which ended honours even.

Replay: Southampton, scored all five goals in the second half. They had two players called Joyce, one an outfield player and the other a goalkeeper and each scored the Saints' opening goals, the goalkeeper from a penalty (apparently needed a kick!). Freemantle had Morgan sent off and McLeod 2 and Paddington added further goals.

EASTLEIGH W-O
Sandown Bay SCR

The Bay Boys had lost a Hampshire League game at home to Eastleigh by 8-1 in early October. This might have had an influence on the team scratching this match.

25/11/1899; Dean Park, Bournemouth
Bournemouth 0
PORTSMOUTH RES 3

Bournemouth Guardian: The new Portsmouth club's first ever H.S.C. game is held at Bournemouth before a moderate attendance. Brown scored all three of the visitors goals, all in the first half. Portsmouth were the smarter and more dashing team.

03/03/1900;
United Services Recreation Ground,
Portsmouth (neutral)
RYDE 0
Southampton Res 0

Hampshire Independent: A good crowd turned out for this game. It was characterised by a number of fouls, which occurred far too frequently. The referee had to caution a number of players for fouls, Greenlees of Southampton being one of them and he was ordered off in the second half (for misconduct). Ryde then assumed aggressive tactics but Southampton defended stoutly. Extra time was ordered by the referee but Southampton refused to line out and Ryde claimed the tie.

The Hampshire Football Association decreed that extra time should have been played and awarded the match to Ryde.

03/03/1900,
Archer's Ground, Southampton (neutral)
Eastleigh 2
PORTSMOUTH RES 6

Hampshire Independent: Portsmouth included some first teamers in their line up. They surged into a 4-1 lead at half-time, Barnes putting them in front and Brown added three more. McDonald replied for Eastleigh just before the interval. Pompey went on to complete a comfortable win. Barnes scored a further goal and, after Worsley had reduced the arrears for the Railwaymen, Thomas completed the scoring and a resounding victory. This win put the club, in their first full playing season, into the county senior cup final.

24/03/1900;
Archer's Ground, Southampton (neutral)
RYDE 0
PORTSMOUTH RES 1

Hampshire Independent: The 'Salmon backs' won through a second half goal by Moore, but it was Ryde who dominated the game. Their work was prettier, their attacks more methodical and their defence sounder than Pompey. The 'winners' goalkeeper Harms was much more busier and made some good saves and had the benefit of luck too. The cup and medals were presented. HOWEVER, the Ryde club handed in a protest five minutes before the end of the game, regarding the eligibility of one of the Portsmouth players and a breach of the cup rules was confirmed and a replay ordered.

Between the original final and replay, Ryde beat Portsmouth Reserves 3-1 in the Portsmouth Senior Cup final and were also crowned Hampshire League champions.

18/04/1900;
United Services (Mens') Ground,
Portsmouth (neutral)
RYDE 1
Portsmouth (first team) 0

Isle of Wight County Press: The Islanders were pitted against practically the full Pomey Southern League team and playing in Portsmouth and were at a disadvantage in both team and ground. Ryde were sound in defence in the first half. Second half, Henley beat Wilkie and shot past Reilly with a grand shot from short range. Portsmouth made desperate attempts to pull the game out of the fire but to no avail. The Mayor of Portsmouth (Mr. H. R. Pink) presented the cup and medals and the team were given an enthusiastic reception on their return to Ryde being carried around the town in a brake, followed by their cheering supporters.

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS (the replayed game)

Ryde
Hammett
Gould
Ponting
King
Flux
Pook
Henley
Christie
Maidment
Mellanby
Hounsell

Portsmouth
Reilly
Turner
Wilkie
Struthers
Stringfellow
Hunter
Marshall
Cunliffe
Clarke
Smith
Barnes

Referee
Mr. J.W. Builey (London) for first match; unknown for replay

Linesmen
Unknown

Changes from the first match:
Ryde
Hamilton played instead of Maidment

Portsmouth Res (full team)
Harms, H. Turner, Struthers, Halliday, Digweed, Hill, H.M. Turner, Hunter, Brown, Thomas, Moore.

Only Stuthers and Hunter played for Portsmouth in both final matches

NOTES:

W-O and scr = 'walk-over' and 'scratched'
◊ = replay ordered

SEASONAL TRIVA - 1899/00

Southampton reach the English (F.A.) Cup final, losing heavily (4-0) to Bury at Crystal Palace ... Ryde added the Hampshire League title to complete a treble (the H.S.C. and also the Portsmouth Senior Cup). Their 24-0 win at home to Andover in the league was the biggest recorded in county senior football at the time. There were concerns regarding the club finances at the end of this season but Ryde continued although withdrawing from the county league ... Cowes also suffered financial difficulties but these occurred in mid-season. They resigned from the Southern League in December 1899 and folded (the club name resumed in 1903, and Cowes F.C. returned to the H.S.C. in 1905) ... Still on the Isle of Wight, Sandown Bay folded, having struggled to complete their matches at the end of the season.

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1898/99

JUNIOR CUP FINAL: ROYAL NAVAL DEPOT (PORTSMOUTH) 5-1 ROMSEY
Played on Saturday 10th March 1900. At Archer's Ground, Southampton (Romsey are beaten finalists for second successive season).

MINOR CUP FINAL: SOUTHAMPTON CAMBRIDGE 2-0 SOUTHSEA ALBION
Played on Saturday 17th March 1900. At Parlands Ground, Ryde.