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Portsmouth 'B'

HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION **Season XXI - 1907/08**

FIRST ROUND Junior Cup winners in 1906 and joined the two established cup entrants within the Bournemouth area in this season. SECOND ROUND Civilian cup debutants have mixed outcomes as Boscombe Not competing in this season having taken part in 1906/07 were: Two 7-1 scores as Boscombe bow out THIRD ROUND win whilst the Guild score three to seasoned campaigners whilst the but concede nine R.A.M.C. win their replay decisively. **SEMI-FINAL** Just two matches are necessary East Southsea, who'd entered for the previous four seasons, are not traced from here, and possibly folded. at this stage as Cowes win the The Basingstoke F.C. ground is selected Island battle and the Medics **WINCHESTER** take it in the Aldershot area. to stage a semi-final for the first time as the Saints just needed the one goal to book their place. The Marines are BYE 23/11/1907; Roebuck Ground successful on the Island. 'R.M.L.I.' means Royal Marine Light Infantry and semi-finalists 'R.A.M.C.' stands for Royal Army Medical Corps. Also, Portsmouth continued to enter their 'B' side who played in the Portsmouth League. Winchester 26/10/1907; Bitterne (Veracity Ground?) 3 Bitterne Guild FINAL 3 **SOUTHAMPTON RES SOUTHAMPTON RES** 9 SOUTHAMPTON RES Saints retain the cup and do it BYE outright on this occasion! It was a 22/02/1908; SOUTH FARNBOROUGH ATHLETIC Mr Cannon's Meadow, Basingstoke (neutral) close game against the Marines. BYE 23/11/1907; Park Road Ground, Farnborough SOUTHAMPTON RES SOUTH FARNBOROUGH 26/10/1907; venue unknown ATHLETIC THE CUP FINAL 49th Field Artillery Brigade 0 2nd Royal Irish Rifles LINE-UPS (Aldershot) **Southampton Res** (Aldershot) 2ND ROYAL IRISH RIFLES Mead R.A.M.C. (Aldershot) 0 (Aldershot) Dyer 28/03/1908; Smith 30/10/1907; Next to Ailiwal Barracks, Tidworth Fratton Park. Portsmouth (neutral) Toomer 25/01/1908: Park Road Ground, Farnborough Jacques Royal Scots Greys (Tidworth) 23/11/1907; Tidworth Jopp South Farnborough Athletic Replay: 02/12/1907; RAMC Ground, Aldershot SOUTHAMPTON Bell 2ND LINCOLNSHIRE REGT. Hoskins (TIDWORTH) 2nd Lincolnshire RES 2 R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT) Prince Regiment (Tidworth) 26/10/1907; RAMC Ground, Aldershot Beare Blake R.A.M.C. R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT) (ALDERSHOT) R.M.L.I. (Gosport) 2nd West Yorkshire Regt. (Aldershot) Turner Wilkinson R.M.L.I. (Gosport) Hirst 19/10/1907; Meyrick Park, Bournemouth Dow 23/11/1907; Moordown, Bournemouth BOURNEMOUTH 3 Yates Wiseman Bournemouth **Bournemouth Wanderers** Exford Hampshire Independent / Southern Echo: Southampton were A. White without Burrows (their goalkeeper, on first team duty), Hants 25/01/1908; 3 cricketer Mead taking his place. The Marines, who'd lost only E. White COWES COWES Brooklyn Ground, Cowes two of their last 60 matches, were without Hann, A. White Jack partnering Exford. The match was played in ideal weather in 15/02/1908; 3 Hayward **COWES** front of 5,000 spectators. There was nothing between the teams BYE Partlands Ground, Ryde (neutral) in the first half. The Southampton forwards were very persistent. The only goal was scored twenty minutes into the second half by Referee 19/10/1907; Meyrick Park, Bournemouth Ryde Hoskins who headed in a corner kick at close quarters. The Not stated Marines tactics afterwards were 'open to comment'. The match Cowes RYDE 6 was played on the same day that the Saints' first team played 23/11/1907: Partlands Ground Wolverhampton Wanderers in the English (F.A.) Cup Semi-Final Linesmen at Chelsea, a game they lost by 2-0, Ex-Mayor J. E. Pink Not stated **United Services Officers RYDE** presented the cup to Hoskins. 16/11/1907: King's Park Bo R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT) Boscombe BOSCOMBE OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1907/08 Eastleigh Athletic JUNIOR CUP FINAL: POKESDOWN 4-0 PORTSMOUTH CALEDONIANS at The Dell, Southampton on 7th March 1908. The Bournemouth area club also won this cup in 1902 and at this point shared with Southampton St.Mary's and Naval Depot as having won it more than once. 26/10/1907; Sandown MINOR CUP FINAL: Two Southampton area minor teams did battle and the result was PEAR TREE GREEN Sandown and Lake United 3-1 SHIRLEY WARREN. Played at The Dell, Southampton on 28th March 1908. 23/11/1907; venue unknown R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT) 4 R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT) R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT) **SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1907/08** BYE 16/11/1907; Gordon Park, Gosport Some early season confusion was caused as a player could no longer be offside when in his own half of play ... Cup finalists R.M.L.I. were Portsmouth League Division 1 champions 0

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2ND GRENADIER GUARDS (ALDERSHOT) and SOUTHAMPTON RESERVES (JOINT)

Club changes since the previous competition

New HSC entrants in this season are:

As usual, there many military movements. From Tidworth the Royal Scots Greys was the official title of the 2nd (Royal North British) Dragoon Guards. Aldershot introduced 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment and R.A.M.C (affectionately known as the 'Medics') who were going to have a long association with the competiton. The Rifles incidentally had a good reputation having won the Dublin Garrison League in 1904 and 1905 and the Irish Army Cup in 1905 and 1906. From Portsmouth, United Services Officers entered. There were two new civilian teams. First, Bitterne Guild, whose origins may go back as far as 1896 when football was first reported as being played in the area. Bitterne then had its own Parish Council and didn't become part of the Southampton area until 1920. Second, Boscombe who are thought to have originated in 1899, when the Boscombe St John's club (formed from a church organisation in 1890) reformed on a wider basis. They were

The joint-holders of the cup 2nd Grenadier Guards (probably due to relocation) and also from the Aldershot military - 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers and the Royal Engineers (who will make another return later). The Royal Naval Barracks didn't take part and

The South Farnborough club appear to have added the suffix 'Athletic' to their name. Some acronyms are used and are explained as follows: 'Regt' means Regiment (applicable to first round games where the box sizes are smaller). Cup finalists

and also won the Portsmouth Senior Cup. ... The 2nd Royal Irish Rifles won the Aldershot Senior Cup beating former H.S.C. entrants Army Service Corps in the final ... The R.A.M.C. and South Farnborough clubs shared the Aldershot Charity Cup, having drawn both matches 1-1 (the replay was on 30th April, football seasons had both a rigidly followed starting and closing date back then and it didn't extend into May) ... Having been beaten in the final of the inaugural competiton a year before, the Hampshire representative team again reach the final of the Southern Counties Amateur Competition but are beaten by Middlesex F.A. in the final at Victoria Park, Bournemouth ... There was one unusual occurrence in a first round Hampshire Junior Cup match as H.M.S. Berwick had been ordered to carry out firing practice and therefore 'scratched' their game to Fareham F.C.!