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# HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XXII - 1908/09

HOLDERS: SOUTHAMPTON RES.

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

All the civilian clubs that took part in 1907/08 competed in this season. As usual, there were changes to the military entrants. New in this time were from Bordon, **1st Cheshire Regiment**, from Tidworth, **2nd Cameron Highlanders**, whilst **27th Brigade**, **Royal Field Artillery** were from Aldershot. From the Portsmouth area, **16th Company, Royal Garrison Artillery** were Fareham based.

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1907/08 were:  
Again, all were military based teams. **49th Field Artillery Brigade** and **2nd Royal Irish Rifles**<sup>[1]</sup> were stationed at Aldershot, also both Tidworth entrants - **Royal Scots Greys** and **2nd Lincolnshire Regiment**. The **United Services Officers** were from Portsmouth. The 49th had entered for the previous two seasons whilst the others only appeared in the 1907/08 competition. N.B. <sup>[1]</sup> See 'Seasonal Trivia' below regarding 2nd Royal Irish Rifles in this season.

Note:  
It appeared that the Winchester club became known as **Winchester City** in this season. Acronym meanings - 'R.M.L.I.' means Royal Marine Light Infantry, 'R.G.A.' is Royal Garrison Artillery, 'Regt.' Regiment and 'Bge.' stands for Brigade

## FIRST ROUND

There were two 'walk-overs', Winchester had fixture congestion and refused to postpone their league game on 31/10/1908 and it was awarded to their opponents. In the other 'W-O tie' there were difficulties in finding a ground and the tie was eventually awarded to 16th Company.

## SECOND ROUND

Home teams dominated at this stage, although the 'Railwaymen' needed a home replay to progress.

## THIRD ROUND

The 16th Company play for the first time and qualify for the semi-final stage. The military are also represented by the Cameron's who won convincingly in their all-service replay.

## SEMI-FINAL

Cowes are beaten at this stage for the second successive season, despite having the advantage of playing on the Island whilst the Railwaymen win by the same score, and in regulation time.

## FINAL

Eastleigh Athletic win the cup for the second time having previously defeated military opposition in 1898 (when known as Eastleigh F.C.)

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

- THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS**
- Eastleigh Athletic**  
Hannam  
Riley  
Ithell  
Stapleton  
Burton  
Coates  
Frost  
Dyer  
Knox  
Bundy  
Thompson
- 2nd Cameron Highlanders**  
Anderson  
Esplin  
Nicholl  
Scott  
McInnes(?)  
Fraser  
McIntyre  
Archibald  
McInnes(?)  
McIntosh  
Ogg
- Referee**  
Mr. R. Pook (Southsea)
- Linesmen**  
Mr. E. H. Lansley (Whitchurch) and  
Mr. F. O. Phillips (Southampton)

**OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1908/09**  
**JUNIOR CUP FINAL:** SOUTHSEA ST. SIMON'S 4-0 R.A.M.C. (NETLEY). The game was initially scheduled to be played at Bitterne on 6th March but was postponed due to wretched weather on that day. It was played a week later at Gordon Park, Gosport when the Portsmouth side had built up a three-goal lead by half-time.  
**MINOR CUP FINAL:** ST. HELENS BLUE STAR 1-0 EASTLEIGH LOCO. This game was also played on 13th March 1909 and took place at Fareham. The goal came in the first half for the Island team who were entering the competition for the very first time.

## SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1908/09

The Southampton Football Association was formed and Eastleigh Athletic became the first winners of the Southampton Senior Cup, beating Bitterne Guild 2-0 in the final ... although still based at Aldershot, the 2nd Irish Rifles didn't enter the county senior cup. However, they were successful in winning the prestigious Army F.A. Cup, a single goal victory against Royal Artillery, Shoeburyness saw them through at the Army Athletic Ground, Aldershot on Easter Monday. It was the first time an Irish regiment had won the competition. The Rifles then won the Aldershot Charity Cup, beating the 1st Grenadier Guards in the final. The Rifles didn't stop there as they went on to win the Aldershot Senior Military League title to cap a tremendous season (shame they didn't have another punt at the H.S.C. too!) ... on the Isle of Wight, Cowes won the Island Challenge Cup, defeating Sandown and Lake United ... meanwhile, the Portsmouth League Division 1 title was retained by R.M.L.I. (Gosport).

BOURNEMOUTH WANDERERS	W-O
Winchester City	SCR

24/10/1908; Bitterne	
Bitterne Guild	2
EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	3

31/10/1908; Gordon Park, Gosport	
GOSPORT UNITED	3
Ryde	1

24/10/1908; Forton, Gosport	
R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	2
1st Dorset Regt. (Portsmouth)	1

16TH COMPANY, R.G.A.	W-O
Portsmouth 'B'	SCR

04/11/1905; Brooklyn Ground???	
COWES	4
Sandown and Lake United	1

BOURNEMOUTH	
BYE	

21/11/1908 (unconfirmed); venue??	
Boscombe	0
SOUTHAMPTON RES	2

31/10/1908; venue??	
2nd West Yorkshire Regt (Aldershot)	0
R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	2

24/10/1908; venue??	
1st Cheshire Regt. (Bordon)	0
2ND CAMERON HIGHLANDERS (Tidworth)	1

21/10/1908; Deepcut	
27th Bge. Royal Field Artillery (Aldershot)	0
SOUTH FARNBOROUGH ATHLETIC	2

21/11/1908; Meyrick Park, Bournemouth; Replay: 28/11/1908; Dutton Lane, Eastleigh	
Bournemouth Wanderers	1*, 0
EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	1*, 2

05/12/1908; Gordon Park (venue unconfirmed)	
GOSPORT UNITED	1
R.M.L.I. (Gosport)	0

16TH COMPANY, R.G.A.	
BYE	

COWES	
BYE	

21/11/1908 (unconfirmed); Moordown	
BOURNEMOUTH	2
Southampton Res	1

R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	
BYE	

25/11/1908; Bullford??	
2ND CAMERON HIGHLANDERS (Tidworth)	5
South Farnborough Athletic	1

EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	
BYE	

23/01/1909; Gordon Park, Gosport	
Gosport United	0
16TH COMPANY, R.G.A.	1

23/01/1909; Brooklyn Ground, Cowes	
COWES	3
Bournemouth	0

23/01/1909; Corps Ground, Aldershot; Replay: 30/01/1909; Tidworth	
R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	1*, 1
2ND CAMERON HIGHLANDERS (Tidworth)	1*, 4

13/02/1909; Gordon Park, Gosport (neutral)	
EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	2
16th Company, R.G.A.	1

13/02/1909; Partlands Ground, Ryde (neutral)	
Cowes	1*
2ND CAMERON HIGHLANDERS (Tidworth)	2*

10/04/1909; The Dell, Southampton (neutral)	
EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	2
2nd Cameron Highlanders (Tidworth)	0

*Southern Echo:* The Camerons were at full strength whilst Eastleigh made two enforced changes. Eastleigh had the better of the first half exchanges and took a deserved lead after 20 minutes when Thompson struck a fast ground shot which went through players and went in the corner of the net. The Camerons put up a better effort in the second half only to find the railwaymen defence impregnable. Eastleigh's second goal came within five minutes of the finish, Frost broke away with a fine sprint, and centred to Thompson who netted a fast ground shot that Anderson had little chance of saving. The cup was presented to Eastleigh captain Burton by Sir George Hussey.