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HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XXIII - 1909/10

HOLDERS:
EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC F.C.

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

There were three returning teams: **Andover** (first entry since 1888/89), **Army Service Corps** (1904/05) and, once again those two-time winners **Royal Engineers** (1906/07). Two new civilian teams were **Southsea St Simon's** (who were Hampshire Junior Cup holders) and also **East Cowes Victoria** (formed in 1885 as St James F.C. and became the Vics in 1888) who were also playing in county football for the first time. The other new teams were military: **1st Heavy Artillery Brigade** (Fareham); **3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade** (Bordon) and **King's Own Yorkshire Regiment** (Aldershot).

Sandown and Lake United revealed financial problems in the summer and dropped their status having been accepted in the Junior Cup competition. They did continue in the South Division of the Hampshire League. The others were military teams: beaten finalists **2nd Cameron Highlanders**, **1st Dorset Regiment**, **2nd West Yorkshire Regiment**, **1st Cheshire Regiment** and **27th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery**.

Note:

It is interesting to note that the three returning club's listed above, had all appeared in the competition during the 19th Century. Ironically, Andover's previous game in the H.S.C. resulted in a heavy defeat to the Royal Engineers! Abbreviations explained: **R.M.L.I.** means Royal Marine Light Infantry, **R.A.M.C.** Royal Army Medical Corps and **R.G.A.** Royal Garrison Artillery. Portsmouth continued to field their Portsmouth League (third) side, with the suffix 'B'.

FIRST ROUND

The holders make a swift exit to the Saints.

23/10/1909; The Dell, Southampton (Eastleigh Ath drawn at home, reversed)

SOUTHAMPTON RES	5
Eastleigh Athletic	1

09/10/1909; Victoria Park, Moordown (Wanderers drawn at home, reversed)

BOURNEMOUTH	3
Bournemouth Wanderers	1

13/11/1909; venue unknown

Boscombe	0
BITTERNE GUILD	1

23/10/1909; venue unknown

WINCHESTER CITY	7
Andover	3

23/10/1909; Brooklyn Ground, Cowes

Cowes	1
EAST COWES VICTORIA	2

23/10/1909; Gordon Park, Gosport

Gosport United	0
PORTSMOUTH B	2

23/10/1909; Fareham

1ST HEAVY ARTILLERY BRIGADE (FAREHAM)	3
Ryde	1

16/10/1909; Forton

R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	2
Southsea St. Simon's	1

16TH COMPANY, R.G.A.	BYE
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16/10/1909; North Camp

R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	4
King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (Aldershot)	1

30/10/1909; Park Road (abandoned 105 mins - bad light); Replay: 03/11/1909; RE at home, venue unknown

SOUTH FARNBOROUGH ATHLETIC	1*(A), 3
Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	1*(A), 1

23/10/1909; venue unknown

Army Service Corps (Aldershot)	0
3RD BATTALION RIFLE BRIGADE (Bordon)	1

SECOND ROUND

R.M.L.I. trail at home but the game is abandoned and make no mistake at the second attempt.

20/11/1909; The Dell, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON RES	2
Bournemouth	0

04/12/1909; Veracity Ground, Bitterne

BITTERNE GUILD	3
Winchester City	1

20/11/1909; Norris Ground, East Cowes

EAST COWES VICTORIA	3
Portsmouth B	0

1ST HEAVY ARTILLERY BRIGADE (FAREHAM)	BYE
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R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	0*(A), 2
16th Company, R.G.A.	1*(A), 1

R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	BYE
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SOUTH FARNBOROUGH ATHLETIC	6
3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade (Bordon)	0

THIRD ROUND

Saints had to replay but win again. Southampton, Aldershot, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth area teams reach the last four.

12/02/1910; The Dell, Southampton. Protest, replay ordered. 19/02/1910; also at The Dell

SOUTHAMPTON RES	3	1
Bitterne Guild	1	0

Southern Echo/ Football Echo: A protest regarding the eligibility of a Saints player was upheld and a replay ordered. In both games the Saints were arrayed in white owing to the Guild sporting their familiar cherry stripes (interesting!). In the replay the only goal came ten minutes from time when Guild goalkeeper Matcham could only push aside a Carter shot to Clark who put the ball into the net off the post in transition as Saints won again.

EAST COWES VICTORIA	BYE
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1st Heavy Artillery Brigade (Fareham)	0
R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	3

No further details traced.

22/01/1910; RAMC Ground, Queens Avenue, Aldershot

R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	4
South Farnborough Athletic	2

No further details traced.

SEMI-FINAL

The Saints put out cup debutants Vics on the Island, whilst the other 'semi' becomes the first at this stage to go to three matches.

05/03/1910; Partlands Ground, Ryde (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON RES	2
East Cowes Victoria	1

Isle of Wight County Press: Shearer of the Saints was in a collision and the referee gave the a harsh penalty but Jordan hit the post with the kick. Shearer put the mainlanders in the lead and an own goal added to their advantage. A handling offence gave Vics a chance to pull back with the second penalty awarded in the first half but this too was unsuccessful as Goodchild saved Bennett's kick. Wheeler scored early in the second half to reduce the deficit and despite a rousing attempt by the Island side the Saints held on to their lead.

05/03/1910; Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral); Replay: 30/03/1910; Eggars Hill, Aldershot (neutral); Second Replay: 06/04/1910; Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

R.M.L.I. (Gosport)	1*, 2*, 2
R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	1*, 2*, 3

Aldershot News: In the first meeting the Medicals were by far the better team but failed to win. A fine game was witnessed in the replay (occurred two days after R.M.L.I. had won the Army F.A. Cup). The third meeting on heavy ground saw the Marines score twice in the opening five minutes. The Medicals settled and McKeer scored just before the interval with a splendid effort. On crossing over, the Medicals maintained their fine standard of play, Ball equalising from a penalty and Yates scoring the winning goal.

FINAL

A second half dismissal appears to be significant as Saints win the cup for the tenth time (including once shared). This is a record that remains standing 114 years later!

18/04/1910; Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

SOUTHAMPTON RES	5
R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)	2

Aldershot News/ Southern Echo: There was no reason why, with the team they had and the form they were in, that the Medicals shouldn't have won the trophy. Jordan put the Saints ahead but Prince levelled. Prince then conceded a penalty resulting in Ball putting the Medicals ahead but a Shearer free kick levelled almost on half-time. The game changed when McCaffery, lost his temper, and was pulled up again and again for fouling and was sent off the field in the middle of the second half. At that time the scores were still level, and it was anyone's game. The dismissal had a depressing effect on the whole Medicals team. Their opponents were quick to take advantage of it, scoring three more goals, two of them by Clarke with Steele netting in between to win 5-2. The cup was presented by W. Pickford. [Note: some interesting players in the Saints' XI, all four scorers having names associated with those in their more recent teams!]

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1909/10

JUNIOR CUP FINAL: This went to a replay with ROMSEY defeating SANDOWN AND LAKE UNITED 1-0 after extra time at The Dell, Southampton on 2nd April 1910. This followed a 0-0 draw at the same venue on 12th March 1910. It was the second time Romsey had won the competition, having previously done so in 1901. Sandown and Lake, down from the senior competition, had proved to be too strong for this competition up to the final stage.

MINOR CUP FINAL: CHRISTCHURCH 2-1 BOY ARTIFICERS at Veracity Ground, Bitterne, Southampton on 5th March 1910. The Minor Cup was last in Christchurch in 1893 when the 'Star' club were the joint holders. The losing team were from the Portsmouth area.

SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1909/10

What a tremendous season for R.M.L.I. (Gosport). They may have been beaten semi-finalists in this competition but they won both the F.A. Amateur Cup (defeating South Bank at Bishop Auckland in the final) and the Army Cup (beating the 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers in the final at Aldershot). For more information, the story is told on the following webpage: <https://www.royalmarinesfootball.com/class-of-1910>. Add to that a further Portsmouth League Division 1 title too. Although the R.M.L.I. were not a Hampshire team, it was some feat for a permanent regiment based in the county. It was the only time the Amateur Cup was kept in Hampshire with only R.A. (Portsmouth) in 1896 and later Bournemouth Gasworks Athletic in 1930, being unsuccessful at the final stage ... in the local association Senior Cups, Southampton Res won the Southampton and the Royal Engineers the Aldershot Charity competitions. The Engineers were also successful in winning the Aldershot Senior Military League.

NOTES

* after extra time

(A) = abandoned and replayed
x = replay ordered

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS

Southampton Res

Goodchild
Grayer
Smith
Toomer
Prince
Bamford
S. Smith
Clark (also spelt Clarke)
Sergeant Steele, R.G.A.
Shearer
Jordan

R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)

Wylie
Ball
Tipping
Yates
Miller
McCaffery
Diamond
McClusky
Gillham
McKeer
Prince

Referee

Mr. H.J. Haskell (Southsea)

Linesmen

Not stated