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# HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XXIV - 1910/11

HOLDERS: SOUTHAMPTON F.C. RESERVES

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

All new teams in this season were from the military, namely 4th Middlesex Regiment, 1st Leicestershire Regiment (nicknamed 'The Tigers'), 2nd Inniskilling Fusiliers and 2nd Grenadier Guards (see note below) were all from Aldershot. The 1st Royal West Kent Regiment were from Bordon. There were two service teams entering from the Portsmouth area, the 1st King's Royal Rifles (from Gosport) and the Royal Garrison Artillery (Inner Defences). Both the Rifles and the R.G.A. had entered teams in the competition previously and are therefore likely to be linked.

Not competing in this season having taken part in 190/10 were:

The Andover club didn't take part and also three military teams 16th Company Royal Garrison Artillery, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and the 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade.

Note:

The 2nd Grenadier Guards had appeared in the competition before. In their last entry, in 1906/07 they were joint holders of this trophy. Portsmouth put out a stronger team than they had in recent seasons and entered officially as their reserves. Abbreviations: R.A.M.C. = Royal Army Medical Corps, R.M.L.I. = Royal Marine Light Infantry, R.G.A. = Royal Garrison Artillery, Rgt. = Regiment and Bge. = Brigade. Unfortunately, some results have not been found.

## FIRST ROUND

It is stated that the Leicesters goalkeeper was that busy he was smoking during their match!

29/10/1910; Dutton Lane, Eastleigh (reversed, B/m originally drawn at home)

EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	7
Bournemouth Wanderers	0

15/10/1910; Veracity Ground, Bitterne

BITTERNE GUILD	2
Bournemouth	1

22/10/1910; Park Road Ground, Farnborough

South Farnborough Athletic	0
R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	2

28/10/1910; venue not traced

ROYAL ENGINEERS (ALDERSHOT)	4
Army Service Corps (Aldershot)	0

2nd GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)

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24/10/1910; venue not traced

4th Middlesex Rgt. (Aldershot)	1
1st LEICESTERSHIRE RGT. (Aldershot)	6

22/10/1910; venue not traced

2nd Inniskilling Fusiliers (Aldershot)	0
1st ROYAL WEST KENT RGT. (Bordon)	10

16/11/10; King's Park, Boscombe; Replay: 03/12/10: The Dell

Boscombe	1*, 0
SOUTHAMPTON RES	1*, 2

WINCHESTER CITY

BYE	
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08/10/1910; Partlands Ground, Ryde

Ryde	1
EAST COWES VICTORIAS	2

02/11/1910; Fratton Park, Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH RES	5
Inner Defences, R.G.A. (Portsmouth)	1

Match scheduled for 05/11/1910. No result known

R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	[X]
Southsea St. Simon's	[X]

Match scheduled for 15/10/1910. No result known

1st KING'S ROYAL RIFLES (Gosport)	[X]
1st Heavy Artillery Bge, (Fareham)	[X]

05/11/1910; New Barracks Ground, Gosport

Gosport United	1
COWES	3

## SECOND ROUND

Five military teams survive to the last eight. There will be no Isle of Wight team in the last eight for the first time since 1905.

19/11/1910; Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh

EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	2
Bitterne Guild	0

A goal in each half, first by Stapleton followed by Woods saw Athletic through.

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

03/12/1910; 1st Brigade Ground (tie reversed)

Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	2
2nd GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)	3

The Guards recovered from a two goal deficit. The ball burst due to the impact of a strong challenge!

2nd GRENADIER GUARDS (Aldershot)	1*, 3*
1st LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (Aldershot)	1*, 4*

26/11/1910; 6th Brigade Ground, Aldershot

1st LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (Aldershot)	7
1st Royal West Kent Regiment (Bordon)	2

On a greasy surface it was 3-2 at half-time but the 'Tigers' took charge in the second half.

1st LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (Aldershot)	7
1st Royal West Kent Regiment (Bordon)	2

14/01/1911; The Dell, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON RES	4
Winchester City	1

Note: Winchester City were drawn at home, the tie was reversed and the Saints progressed

SOUTHAMPTON RES	3
Portsmouth Res	1

19/11/1910; Norris Ground, East Cowes

East Cowes Victorias	2
PORTSMOUTH RES	3

The Vics put up a plucky performance but the visitors edged the game.

PORTSMOUTH RES	3
R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	
BYE	

19/11/1910; New Barracks Ground, Gosport

1st KING'S ROYAL RIFLES (Gosport)	3
COWES	1

The Island team encountered a strong service side and didn't recover from a 2-0 interval deficit.

## THIRD ROUND

Goals aplenty in the three ties that the results are known. The Aldershot military tie needs extra time in the replay.

21/01/1911; Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh

EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	5
R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)	3

Aldershot News: This was a remarkable game. RAMC started well but Athletic then bombarded the soldiers' citadel and netted through Wake. RAMC came back, Prince and Ball (pen) giving them a half-time lead. Eastleigh equalised due to a melee but Gilham put the soldiers ahead. Later Athletic's Wake scored twice and Woods to put them through.

21/01/1911; 1st Brigade Ground, Aldershot; Replay: 07/02/1911; Ground behind 'All Saints Church', Aldershot

2nd Grenadier Guards (Aldershot)	1*, 3*
1st LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (Aldershot)	1*, 4*

Aldershot News: No better game had been taken place on the 1st Brigade Ground in the first match, the Guards having the run of the two hours' play. The replay took another two hours to decide. The Tigers led 3-1 with twenty minutes to go but the Guards fought back to force extra time (although the Leicester's had been unsuccessful from a late penalty). The winning goal was scored in the second period of extra time.

23/01/1911; The Dell, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON RES	3
Portsmouth Res	1

Hampshire Independent: All the goals were scored in the second half. The Saints' forwards finished poorly and Turner scored to give the visitors the lead. McKeer headed an equaliser and late on the same player added two more, completing his hat-trick with the final kick of the game.

Match date or result not traced

R.M.L.I. (Gosport)	[X]
1st KING'S ROYAL RIFLES (ALDERSHOT)	[X]

Research ongoing!

R.M.L.I. (Gosport)	[X]
1st KING'S ROYAL RIFLES (ALDERSHOT)	[X]

## SEMI-FINAL

Eastleigh edge through to the final against the Tigers but the military are represented at the last stage due to the King's surprisingly convincing result against the Saints.

04/03/1911; Mr Cannon's Meadow, Basingstoke (neutral)

EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	1
1st Leicestershire Regiment (Aldershot)	0

Southern Echo: A big crowd assembled on the Basingstoke ground, which included a couple of hundred from the railway town. Following a sharp attack by the Railwaymen, Wiggins scored for Eastleigh, beating the goalkeeper with a tricky shot. In the second half, Eastleigh continued to attack with Frost, Wiggins and Woods each testing the Leicester's goalkeeper Sergt. Harriman but the one goal proved sufficient to put Eastleigh into the final.

04/03/1911; Gordon Park, Gosport (neutral)

Southampton Res	1
1st KING'S ROYAL RIFLES (GOSPORT)	4

Southern Echo: The Rifles seemed more at home on the ground (it was located close to them and therefore hardly neutral - Ed). Clarkson scored early for the Rifles whilst Stanley Smith levelled for Saints and it was 1-1 at half-time (Wheeler just failing to get a touch before it crossed the line). Rowe put the 'homesters' ahead and Saints fought strenuously for an equaliser but instead Clarkson increased his side's lead from a corner. Merritt scored a penalty for the Rifles to put them into the final.

## FINAL

Eastleigh Athletic win the cup for the third (and last) time. They had previously won the trophy in 1898 and 1909 and defeated Army opposition on each occasion.

22/04/1911; Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	4
1st King's Royal Rifles (Gosport)	2

The match was played on the same day as the English (F.A.) Cup final - a 0-0 draw between the holders Newcastle United and Bradford City at Crystal Palace - City winning the replay. Eastleigh Weekly News: Fully 3,000 people witnessed this final. Shergold smartly opened the Rifles' score and Rowe made it two just after. Athletic stormed back, Wiggins netting and Woods equalised from a penalty. The crowd 'waxed enthusiastic' and just before half-time Coates, with a splendid long shot, gave Eastleigh the lead (3-2). The second half was stoutly contested by both teams who played excellent football. Eastleigh were the better side however and Wiggins put the issue beyond doubt, although the Rifles tried hard to increase their score. The team received an enthusiastic reception on their return to Eastleigh.

**OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1910/11**  
**JUNIOR CUP FINAL:** BITTERNE GUILD RESERVES 2-1 ANDOVER. Played at Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh on 1st April 1911. Andover, who'd returned to the Junior competition this season following a brief foray into the Senior Cup had a mascot, which was a 'large lamb decked in the red and black colours of the club'. This was the first time the Hampshire Junior Cup had found a resting place in Southampton since 1894.  
**MINOR CUP FINAL:** BOY ARTIFICERS (PORTSMOUTH) 3-0 BITTERNE PARK. The losing team were from the Southampton area, the match being played on 11th March 1911 at the Cricket Field, Fareham which was the home of Fareham F.C.

**SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1910/11**  
Eastleigh Athletic, having won the H.S.C., had a second final to play two days later, a replay of the Southampton Senior Cup final but Bitterne Guild were the winners ... this proved to be a poor season for the county's two professional clubs as Portsmouth finished bottom of the Southern League and were relegated to the Second Division whilst Southampton did little better, a poor start and finish meant they ended the season just one point above the second relegated team ... the Hampshire League changed its constitution, moving from solely regional divisions to hold a division known as 'League Proper' which became county-wide, which was won by Southampton Reserves ... 2nd Sherwood Foresters, one time H.S.C. entrants when stationed at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight and later Aldershot but now from Devonport, won the Army F.A. Cup ... An Aldershot-based Army team, 2nd Coldstream Guards, who played their football outside of the Hampshire area in the Spartan League, reached the semi-final of the F.A. Amateur Cup and also won the Aldershot Senior Cup ... former H.S.C. entrant R.N. Barracks defeated the Royal Garrison Artillery (Inner Defences) to win the Portsmouth Senior Cup ... Boscombe F.C. opened their new ground at Dean Court (December).

## NOTES

\* after extra time

W-O and scr 'walk over' and scratched.  
[X] bracketed score is unknown, if the scheduled match date is known it is shown in the white panel above the game

## THE CONFIRMED CUP FINAL LINE-UPS HAVE NOT BEEN TRACED.

Eastleigh Athletic  
[This is a regular line-up at that time but unconfirmed for final]

- Lawson
- Brooks
- Holloway
- Richardson
- Burton
- Coates
- Frost
- Woods
- Wiggins
- Wake
- Morgan

1st King's Royal Rifles  
[No cup final line-up confirmed this was their semi-final team]

- Corporal Mitchell
- Rifleman Perks
- Merrell
- Conson
- Lance.-Corpl. Shergold
- Rifleman Webb
- Lance.-Corpl Kemp
- Rifleman Clarkson
- Rowe
- Littler
- Seabrook

Referee  
Mr. G.H. Muir (Southampton)

Linesmen  
Not stated