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HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XXV - 1911/12

HOLDERS:
EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC F.C.

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

Southampton Cambridge returned, having appeared once before in the competition (in season 1905/06). The R.M.A. (Royal Marine Artillery) were from the Portsmouth area. Cup rule 5c (relating to the qualification of players residency) had to be waived to allow 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment to compete as they didn't arrive at Gosport until the end of September 1911.

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1910/11 were:

East Cowes Victorias had ground problems having lost the use of the Norris Ground and played this season at the local recreation ground. The other non-competing teams were from the services: 2nd Grenadier Guards, 4th Middlesex Regiment, 2nd Inniskilling Fusiliers, 1st Royal West Kent Regiment, Inner Defences (Royal Garrison Artillery) and 1st Heavy Brigade.

Note:

Like their neighbours across the River Medina, Cowes also had ground issues as the owners needed the Brooklyn Ground for building purposes. The club did manage to negotiate their stay at the ground for one more season though. A further abbreviation (to the one shown above) R.M.L.I. = Royal Marine Light Infantry.

NOTES

* after extra time

W-O and scr 'walk over' and scratched.

2* Match abandoned in extra time, see white panel above the game for details

FIRST ROUND

All the ties were settled at the first attempt, three of them decided by a single goal between the teams

28/10/1911; Brooklyn Ground, Cowes

COWES	5
Gosport United	1

28/10/1911; Forton, Gosport

R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	3
Ryde	2

28/10/1911; Fratton Park, Portsmouth

Portsmouth Res	0
R.M.A. (Portsmouth)	2

11/11/1911; probably at Dean Court

BOSCOMBE	3
Bournemouth Wanderers	0

21/10/1911; Veracity Ground, Bitterne

BITTERNE GUILD	5
Southampton Cambridge	0

Provisional Date 28/10/1911; venue unknown

2ND BATT, WILTSHIRE REGIMENT (Gosport)	5
Southsea St Simon's	1

21/10/1911; Park Road (venue unconfirmed)

South Farnborough Athletic	0
ROYAL ENGINEERS (ALDRSHOT)	2

21/10/1911; 6th Brigade Ground, Aldershot

1ST LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (ALDRSHOT)	2
1st King's Royal Rifles (Aldershot)	1

21/10/1911; Army Service Corps Ground, Aldershot

ARMY SERVICE CORPS (Aldershot)	3
R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)	0

21/10/1911; The Dell, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON RES	6
Bournemouth	0

21/10/1911; venue known (Roebuck Ground?)

Winchester City	1
EASTLEIGH ATHLETIC	2

SECOND ROUND

Boscombe get the edge against the RMA that took three attempts to settle

25/11/1911; Brooklyn Ground (extra time not played - light). Replay: 09/12/1911; Forton

COWES	2, 2
R.M.L.I. (Gosport)	2, 1

Southern Echo: Cowes recovered from 2-0 down in the first game. The Cowes victory was well merited in the replay.

18/11/1911; Eastney (abandoned 105 mins - light); Replay: 29/11/1911; Dean Court, Boscombe; Second Replay: 09/12/1911; Eastney

R.M.A. (Portsmouth)	2*, 2*
BOSCOMBE	1*, 2*, 3

Bournemouth Echo: The Marines drew level in the last minute of the replay. In the second replay, Boscombe led 2-0 but were pegged back until a late winning goal put them through.

16/11/1911; Veracity Ground, Bitterne

BITTERNE GUILD	1
2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment (Gosport)	0

Hampshire Independent: The Guild had a poor record vs military teams, having lost three times in cups so far in the season. Aldridge scored a second half goal for Guild in a 'glorious game'.

18/11/1911; Aldershot

Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	0
1ST LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (ALDRSHOT)	4

No match details sourced.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS (Aldershot)

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09/12/1911; The Dell, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON RES	4
Eastleigh Athletic	3

Hampshire Independent: Wiggins put Eastleigh in front but Small equalised. In the second half, Slade put Saints ahead, which was added to by Penton and Small. Sullivan pulled one back for Eastleigh and Wiggins netted his second goal with the final kick.

THIRD ROUND

Only two matches needed. The Saints cruised through whilst the Guild progress after a replay

COWES

BYE

20/01/1912; Dean Court, Boscombe; Replay: 27/01/1912; Veracity Ground, Bitterne

Boscombe	1*, 2
BITTERNE GUILD	1*, 3

Hampshire Independent: The Guild led 1-0 at half-time in the first game through an own goal. They held the lead for 30 minutes into the second half when Tarrant steered a New corner into the net through several players legs. Gay, Wilkins and Aldridge scored for the Guild in the replay who deserved their win, Manns scored for Boscombe and they got a second when the 'goalie was surprised and charged through his own goal'. Bitterne deserved the replay verdict.

1ST LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT (ALDRSHOT)

BYE

20/01/1912; Aldershot

Army Service Corps (Aldershot)	0
SOUTHAMPTON RES	5

Hampshire Independent: A convincing win for the Saints, who included Southern League players. Hamilton scored a hat-trick for Saints, Sheeran another and one other scorer was not sourced.

SEMI-FINAL

The Tigers play in the semi-final for the second successive season but this time the Saints prove too strong. Cowes edge the verdict over the Guild

17/02/1912; The Dell, Southampton (neutral)

COWES	1
Bitterne Guild	0

Southern Echo: This game was settled by a disputed penalty but the referee adhered firmly to his verdict that Oatley was illegally tackled by Dominy. Oatley himself took the kick and landed the ball in the Guild net. The finish came instantly after. The game was quite even but Guild were down to ten players during the second half when Aldridge, their inside-left, was hurt and was assisted to the dressing room. The exchanges then proved in favour of Cowes.

21/02/1912; Dean Court, Boscombe (neutral)

1st Leicestershire Regiment (Aldershot)	0
SOUTHAMPTON RES	2

Bournemouth Guardian: This was a thoroughly merited win by Southampton Reserves as it was soon evident that the military regiment were up against a better side. Good play by Blake and Christmas and Small rushed in before a defender could clear to score. Small added a second goal early in the second half and although the Leicester's play improved they didn't trouble Saints.

FINAL

The final needed a replay and it was played in May for the very first time. Football seasons ran strictly from the start of September until the end of April back then. This season, by special permission from the Football Association, was extended to raise funds for the Titanic disaster which occurred in April and affected many living in this area (particularly in Southampton). This was Cowes' first final appearance since 1906.

20/04/1912; replay: 04/05/1912 Both matches at Fratton Park, Portsmouth (neutral)

COWES	1, 1
Southampton Res	1, 0

Sporting Mail: The Saints scored first from a breakaway, Sheeran was clear and scored with a fine shot. Cowes had the better of it as the first half progressed and a foul by Gray resulted in a penalty for the Islanders and Attrill equalised. Cowes continued to be the smarter team in the second half but there was no further scoring. In the replay, the Saints made several changes, particularly in the forward line, whilst Cowes made just one (Gray was injured). Neither goalkeeper was severely tested in a goalless first half. Cowes defended stubbornly in the second half and scored the winning goal through Tilbury.

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS

- Cowes**
H.A. Drudge
A.S. Gray
J. Attrill
A.E. Mabbett
W. Wapshott
A. Bignell
H.J. Read
W. Morey
E. Oatley
A. Jones
W. Tilbury

Southampton Res

- A.C. Brown
Grayer
Smith
A.E. Toomer [Capt.]
Curry
E.E. Salway
Wilcox
C.F. Sheeran
D. Slade
Clarke
Handley

Referee

Mr. H.W.C. Norris (Southampton)

Linesmen

Messrs. C. Barnes (Southsea) and G.W. Hart (Portsmouth)

Changes for Replay:

- Cowes**
F. Dennis replaced Gray
Southampton Res
S. Ireland replaced Smith;
S.H. Fry replaced Curry;
A. Small replaced Salway;
P. Prince replaced Clarke;
J.J. Blake replaced Handley
Ref and Line unconfirmed

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1911/12

JUNIOR CUP FINAL: CHRISTCHURCH 3-0 NEWPORT UNITED at The Dell, Southampton on 20th April 1912. Christchurch won five trophies in this very successful season (this included a big win over senior club Bournemouth F.C. in the Page-Coft Cup final). The losing side was the Newport F.C. club that exists today, this being their only season with this name, having amalgamated with the defunct Newport West End F.C. in the pre-season.

MINOR CUP FINAL: FAREHAM RES 2-1 CHARMINSTER-ROAD CONGREGATIONAL on 13th April 1912 at Shirley Cricket Ground (the home of Southampton Cambridge F.C.). Fareham recovered from a goal down at half-time to beat their Bournemouth-based opponents.

SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1911/12

In the Hampshire League - Southampton Res won the County Division, whilst the regional sections went to the emerging Basingstoke (North), Southampton Res (South - yes they won two divisions!) and Boscombe (West). The 1st King's Royal Rifles won the Aldershot Military League. Moving on to cup winners, those of note were: Southampton Res (Southampton Senior Cup), 1st Leicestershire Regiment (Aldershot Senior Cup) and 1st Heavy Brigade, R.G.A. (Portsmouth Senior Cup, but they hadn't entered the H.S.C. in this season). The Royal Engineers had a remarkable season. Locally they won the North Hants May Cup and the Aldershot Charity Cup. Nationally, they reached the semi-final stage in the F.A. Amateur Cup, losing narrowly to eventual cup winners Stockton at the Old Spotted Dog Ground, Clapton. Whilst on the subject of the F.A. Amateur Cup, Hampshire League side Branksome Gasworks Athletic, who are later to make a mark in the H.S.C. (when renamed Bournemouth Gasworks) reached the last 16 of the competition. They did win the Dorset Senior Cup, defeating Blandford 2-0 at Sterte, which was the Poole F.C. ground and, as the H.S.C. became 25-years old, there's a reminder of a couple of old neighbouring clubs from the former Hants & Dorset competition days!! The Hampshire County representative team reached the final of the Southern Counties Amateur Championship and, despite having home advantage (Dean Court, Boscombe), were again unsuccessful, having been surprisingly defeated by Bedfordshire.