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HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENIOR CUP Season XXVI - 1912/13

HOLDERS:
COWES F.C.

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

Basingstoke (formed in 1896 from a merger between two local teams) had a perfect Played 10, Won 10 record in the Hampshire League - North Division and moved up to the County Division for this season. Their ground, Mr Cannon's Meadow, had already staged H.S.C. semi-finals ... **Portsmouth Amateurs** were newly formed in the summer, with the old Portsmouth 'B' team (who'd previously represented Pompey in the H.S.C.) providing the nucleus of the side although now operating independently ... from the Aldershot military, **4th Royal Fusiliers** and **1st Grenadier Guards**.

Not competing in this season having taken part in 1911/12 were:

Financial problems at **Ryde**, which almost caused the club to fold, meant they slipped back from the Hampshire League to playing Isle of Wight League football (meaning Cowes were the only entry from the Island) ... three consecutive seasons without winning a H.S.C. game might have influenced the absence of the **Southsea St. Simon's** entry ... as usual, there were military changes - **2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment** (Gosport-based, who did enter the Portsmouth League, but were due to move to Gibraltar in 1912), and from Aldershot, two clubs that had both appeared in semi-finals in the past, the **Army Service Corps** (four times) and **1st Leicestershire Regiment** (twice, who were due to be relocated to Ireland) also didn't take part.

Note:

Club name changes didn't occur much back then but, from this season **Bitterne Guild** became known as **Woolston**. **Holders Cowes** moved to their Westwood ground and its official opening occurred for their H.S.C. first round game. Note - **R.M.L.I.** = Royal Marine Light Infantry; **R.A.M.C.** = Royal Army Medical Corps; **R.M.A.** = Royal Marine Artillery.

FIRST ROUND

Of the four 'newbees' only Basingstoke progress (against another of them). Three matches needed replays.

26/10/1912; Fratton Park, Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH RES	6
Gosport United	0

26/10/1912; Eastney

R.M.A.	4
Portsmouth Amateurs	1

26/10/1912; Shirley Cricket Ground (unconfirmed)

Southampton Cambridge	2
WINCHESTER CITY	3

19/10/1912; The Dell, Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON RES	2
Woolston	0

26/10/1912; Park Road, South Farnborough (no x-t?)
Replay: 02/11/1912; Royal Engineers Enclosure

South Farnborough Athletic	2, 2
ROYAL ENGINEERS (ALDERSHOT)	2, 4

30/10/1912; Rushmoor Green Ground, Aldershot
(no extra time - light); Replay: 04/11/12; RAMC Gd.

4th Royal Fusiliers (Aldershot)	2, 0
R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	2, 3

26/10/1912; Mr Cannon's Meadow, Basingstoke

BASINGSTOKE	3
1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards (Aldershot)	0

1ST KING'S ROYAL RIFLES	BYE
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26/10/1912; Westwood, Cowes (ground opener)

COWES	5
R.M.L.I. (GOSPORT)	0

26/10/1912; Dutton Lane (extra time started but abandoned); Replay: 09/11/1912; Victoria Park

Eastleigh Athletic	1*	0
BOURNEMOUTH	1*	3

26/10/1912; Dean Court, Boscombe

Boscombe	1
BOURNEMOUTH WANDERERS	3

SECOND ROUND

Pompey net six for the second successive round, whilst the Saints bow out at Winchester. The military and Bournemouth derby games produce close outcomes.

09/11/1912; Fratton Park, Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH RES	6
R.M.A.	0

Portsmouth Evening News: Pompey led by 2-0 at half-time (no further details traced).

09/11/1912; Roebuck Ground, Winchester

WINCHESTER CITY	3
Southampton Res	0

Hampshire Observer: Potheary scored twice for City in the first half. Saints pressed after the resumption without success. Saints keeper Knight saved a penalty but Sullivan bundled home a third City goal.

09/11/1912; Royal Engineers Ground, Aldershot

Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	1
R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	2

Aldershot News: The first half was goalless, the Medicals hitting the bar from a penalty. Pope shot into the roof of the net to put the Sappers ahead early in the second period. They held this lead until three minutes from the end when Prince levelled. There was time for a second penalty, scored by Couchman, to win the game.

09/11/1912; Mr Cannon's Meadow, Basingstoke

Basingstoke	1
1ST KING'S ROYAL RIFLES (ALDERSHOT)	3

Hampshire & Berkshire Gazette: It was 0-0 at half-time. The Rifles went ahead with a disputed penalty scored by Collins who also added a second goal. Pollard pulled a goal back but Merrell netted a third for King's.

COWES	BYE
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16/11/1912; Victoria Park, Winton, Bournemouth

BOURNEMOUTH	1
Bournemouth Wanderers	0

Bournemouth Guardian: Two local rivals fought out a close game. The 'Wonders' were beaten by a late 'Reds' penalty following a handling offence which was netted by Simms.

THIRD ROUND

Only two matches were necessary at this stage. Bournemouth produced a surprise result on the Island.

PORTSMOUTH RES	BYE
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WINCHESTER CITY	BYE
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01/02/1913; R.A.M.C. Ground, Aldershot

R.A.M.C. (ALDERSHOT)	2
1st King's Royal Rifles (Aldershot)	0

Aldershot News: In slippery conditions the Medicals won the game with two second half goals through Couchman and Osborne. The second goal came late in the game to secure a deserved win.

18/01/1913; Westwood, Cowes

Cowes	2
BOURNEMOUTH	3

Isle of Wight County Press: Waterman and Wheeler put Bournemouth into a 2-0 lead at half-time. Waterman netted again to add a third in the second half. Wapshott and Tilbury reduced the arrears. The cup holders thought they'd levelled near the end but it was ruled out for offside and Bournemouth entered the semi-final.

SEMI-FINAL

Pompey reach the final without conceding a goal. Bournemouth, in their third semi-final (and first since 1892) make it past this stage for the first time.

01/03/1913; Westwood, Cowes (neutral)

PORTSMOUTH RES	2
Winchester City	0

Hampshire Independent: For the first time in Isle of Wight football two mainland teams met. The new Cowes ground was the venue. Portsmouth had the better of a scoreless first half. Two Greenwell goals settled the match during a 'strenuous' second half.

01/03/1913; Dean Court, Boscombe (neutral)

R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)	0*
BOURNEMOUTH	1*

Bournemouth Guardian: This was a brave performance by the 'Reds' who played the end of the first half and the remainder of the match with ten players due to an injury to Smith. The R.A.M.C. brought a fair number of the 3,000 gate to Dean Court. The match went to extra time and Waterman, left unmarked, drove the ball into the net. Bournemouth defended their goal stubbornly thereon.

FINAL

Bournemouth F.C. (the only club to have entered the H.S.C. in every season of the competition's 26-year history) play in their first final. However, the Portsmouth professionals proved too strong on the day and win the cup for a second time.

29/03/1913; at The Dell, Southampton (neutral)

PORTSMOUTH RES	4
Bournemouth	1

Southern Echo/ Bournemouth Guardian: It was a wretched afternoon and most of the 500 people on the ground were Bournemouth supporters. Portsmouth kicked towards the Milton-road goal and took the lead within a minute. Greenwell tapping a Gibson centre home. Goalkeepers were called upon but there was no further goals in the half. The crowd had doubled on the resumption. Taylor, Rollinson and Greenwell scored for Pompey to put the issue beyond doubt, Lane later scored for the 'Reds'. Mr. G. H. Muir (president of the Hants F.A.) presented the cup and medals after the game.

OTHER HAMPSHIRE F.A. COMPETITION WINNERS - SEASON 1912/13
JUNIOR CUP FINAL: LYMINGTON 2-1 ANDOVER at Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh on 8th March 1913. Lymington, from the New Forest League, caused an upset by defeating Andover, who were a Hampshire League North Division side. Andover lodged a protest which was not upheld. The Lymington Town Band gave the team a grand reception when they returned by steam train to Lymington.
MINOR CUP FINAL: BOY ARTIFICERS (PORTSMOUTH) 3-0 WESTON at Dutton Lane Ground, Eastleigh on 5th April 1913. The Weston team came from the eastern side of Southampton.

SEASONAL TRIVIA - 1912/13

There was an interesting change to the laws of the game from the start of this season as a goalkeeper could now only handle the ball in his own penalty area (instead of within his own half!) ... In the Hampshire League, the 'League Proper' was renamed the County Division and Southampton Reserves won the title. The regional division winners were also all H.S.C. entrants - Royal Engineers (North), Portsmouth Reserves (South) and Boscombe (West) ... Southampton Reserves defeated Cowes in the Southampton Senior Cup final ... The R.M.L.I. beat the 1st Heavy Brigade by a convincing margin in the final of the Portsmouth Senior Cup ... Boscombe won the Page-Croft Cup (the most senior cup competition in the Bournemouth area), defeating holders Christchurch in the final ... As well as reaching the semi-final of the county competition, the R.A.M.C. went one stage further in local competitions, making it to the finals of both the Aldershot Senior and Charity Cups but were defeated on each occasion, the latter to the Royal Engineers ... There was one unusual Hampshire Representative game late in the season when they played against a French touring team, labelled the 'Paris League' at Victoria Park, Bournemouth. The Paris team included eight internationals and Hampshire won 5-0!! ... The county team met Somerset at the semi-final stage of the Southern Counties Amateur Championship (having defeated them twice at that stage before) but this time experienced their first defeat against the 'Cidermen' who then went on to beat Middlesex 4-1 in the final at Yeovil. Hampshire, despite having built the reputation of being a strong footballing county, had still not won that premier southern area county representative competition.

NOTES
* after extra time.
1* = match abandoned (* during extra time) see panel above the game.

THE CUP FINAL LINE-UPS

Portsmouth Res
Bradley
Hamilton
Dexter
Jackson
Walls
Martin
Mouncher
Taylor
Greenwell
Rollinson
Gibson

Bournemouth
Copeland
Simms
Belbin
Hart
Lane
Smith
Lawson
Ireland
Griffith
Wheeler
Waterman

Referee
Mr. H. W. Hull

Linesmen
Messrs. C. Smith and
C. Reed