WHO'S THE COUNTY'S BEST? A summary of the first 27 seasons of the Hampshire Senior Cup by performance—1887 to 1914

Rank	Note	**Club** (may include a reserve or third team representing them in the HSC)	Appearances In			Outright Win	Joint Win
			Qtr.Final	Semi-Fnl.	Final		
1	A	Southampton	20	19	16	10	1
2		Royal Engineers (Aldershot)	9	5	5	3	
3	B	Cowes	11	7	3	3	
4	C	Eastleigh Athletic	12	6	3	3	
5		Portsmouth	9	8	5	2	
6		Ryde	11	7	5	2	
7		Freemantle	8	4	1	1	
8		Royal Artillery (Portsmouth)	3	2	1	1	
9		Woolston Works	2	2	1	1	
10		2nd Grenadier Guards	3	2	1	0	1
11		1st King's Royal Rifles	4	2	2	0	
12		2nd Gordon Highlanders	2	2	2	0	
13		Bournemouth	12	4	1	0	
14		Portsmouth F.A.	7	4	1	0	
15		R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)	5	3	1	0	
=16		R.M.L.I .(Gosport)	5	2	1	0	
	B	Winchester City	5	2	1	0	
=18		15th Company, R.A.	2	1	1	0	
	D	Medical Staff Corps	2	1	1	0	
=20		2nd Cameron Highlanders	1	1	1	0	
		H.M.S. Excellent	1	1	1	0	
22		Army Service Corps	5	4	0	0	
23		Banister Court	9	3	0	0	
24		1st Leicestershire Regiment	2	2	0	0	
25	E	Gosport United	4	1	0	0	
26		Bournemouth Wanderers	3	1	0	0	
=27	F	Bitterne Guild	2	1	0	0	
		Royal Naval Depot	2	1	0	0	
		Sandown Bay	2	1	0	0	
=30		1st Loyal North Lancashire Regiment	1	1	0	0	
		2nd Lincolnshire Regiment	1	1	0	0	
		2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers	1	1	0	0	
		16th Company, R.G.A.	1	1	0	0	
		East Cowes Victorias	1	1	0	0	
		King's Own Lancaster Regiment	1	1	0	0	
		Portsmouth Amateurs	1	1	0	0	
		Portsmouth Grammar School	1	1	0	0	
		Southampton Naval Works	1	1	0	0	
=39		2nd East Lancashire Regiment	2	0	0	0	
		Andover	2	0	0	0	
		Boscombe	2	0	0	0	
		Geneva Cross	2	0	0	0	
		Havant	2	0	0	0	
		Sandown and Lake United	2	0	0	0	
		South Farnborough Athletic	2	0	0	0	
=46		1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders	1	0	0	0	
		1st Heavy Brigade, R.G.A.	1	0	0	0	
		1st Lancashire Fusiliers	1	0	0	0	
		1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers	1	0	0	0	
		1st Scots Guards	1	0	0	0	
		1st Seaforth Highlanders	1	0	0	0	
		2nd Devon Regiment	1	0	0	0	
		2nd Scots Guards	1	0	0	0	
		2nd Scottish Rifles	1	0	0	0	
		2nd Sherwood Foresters	1	0	0	0	
		Army Medical Corps	1	0	0	0	
		Thornycroft Athletic	1	0	0	0	
58	G	2nd Black Watch	0	0	0	0	

THE TABLE EXPLAINED …The table shows how many times each team has appeared in the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final stages of the Hampshire Senior Cup. Example—Ryde appeared in the final five times and won it twice.

THE FINAL TWO COLUMNS … these show the times a team has been the cup winners, there was one occasion of joint winners during the featured period.

HOW THE TEAMS ARE RANKED … it's basically like an Olympic medals chart, ranking by cup wins, final appearances and semi-finals etc. Only teams reaching a quarter-final (Third Round in latter years) are shown.

NOTE COLUMN EXPLAINED …

A = includes record as Southampton St. Mary's

B = includes record of the original Cowes and Winchester clubs

C = includes record when known as Eastleigh (not present day club)

D = Includes record of Army Medical Staff team (assumed same team)

E = Includes record as Gosport Athletic

F = subsequently known as Woolston in the final seasons during this period

G = Like Eastleigh Athletic (who do feature in the table) the Black Watch qualified for a 'Last 9' place and were beaten in an 'extra round'. This team didn't feature in the latter stages before or afterwards

A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE TABLE …

Teams do not necessarily appear at the stages shown, for instance they might get a walk-over but this is included in the table … an example of this is Banister Court F.C. who appeared nine times at the Quarter Final stage but played during the early years when there weren't so many entrants. They won only two matches in the competition on the actual field of play. Only ten clubs had won the trophy in the 27 year period and with ten outright cup wins, Southampton dominate the rankings at this point in time.

THE SUMS—27 wins (26 outright wins + 2 joint); 54 finalists; 108 semi-finalists; 216 quarter-finalists (198 in table + 6 when there were insufficient entries and 12 occasions no opponent, necessitating a bye).