

Emgals hit five goals

The Midland Ladies' football league's new season is under way, and in the top clash of the day Emgals played Wanderers at Leicester.

Wanderers, of Nuneaton, led 1-0 at half-time, but after the restart, Emgals got right on top and hammered in five goals.

Nuneaton Rangers also visited Leicester, and found Leicester City supporters in a goal-hungry mood, and were beaten 7-2.

First Division newcomers Kays (Worcester) started off well with a crushing 11-0 win over British Rail, and the tussle between Bedworth Ladies and Rainbow Dazzlers ended in a 1-1 draw.

In the second division, Keresley ladies lost 2-0 at home to Rye Pieces, and G.E.C./A.E.I. beat Conners 3-0 at Rugby.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 11 September 1970

Emgals go nap at Worcester

Emgals followed up their victory over Wanderers in the Midland Ladies football league, by visiting Kays of Worcester and coming away with a 5-1 win.

Rainbow Dazzlers remained top of the table by beating Leicester City Supporters 6-0 while Wanderers and Miners Welfare Park both chalked up their first wins.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 18 September 1970

Emgals go further ahead

LEICESTER EMGALS increased their lead at the top of the Midland Ladies' Football League with a 4-0 victory over Nuneaton Rangers.

They are three points clear at the top following the 3-3 draw between Kays and Nuneaton at Worcester. Kays were 3-0 down at half-time.

Leicester City Supporters and British Rail completed a happy day for Leicester by both winning. Supporters beat Bedworth 1-0 and British Rail won 2-1 against Rainbow Dazzlers.

Keresley managed their first win in Division II, beating Bedworth 2-0, thanks to goals from Margaret Hunter.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Thursday 12 November 1970

Emgals soccer girls are tops

EMGALS are three points clear at the top of Division I of the Midland Ladies' Football League, and look firm favourites to lift the title after two years as runners-up.

Wanderers and Kays of Worcester are battling it out for second place, but Nuneaton Rangers are struggling at the foot of the table and are still without a point.

In Division II, it's neck-and-neck, with only four points separating leaders GEC/AEI and fourth-placed Connors.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 01 January 1971

Emgals to play in regional final

EMGALS, the Leicester women's soccer team, have won their way through to the group 2 regional final of the women's F.A. Mitre challenge trophy competition.

They visit Hull ladies on Sunday in a bid to gain a place in the quarter finals which will be played at Watford on April 25. Several other Midland teams are still in the tournament.

Wanderers of Nuneaton are at home to Bantams (Coventry) in the group 3 final also on Sunday and in the group 4 semi finals, Kays (Worcester) play Badsey and Elkington play Aston Villa Ladies.

The final will be played on May 9 at Crystal Palace.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Wednesday 06 January 1971

Soccer girls stay top

EMGALS consolidated their position at the top of the Midland Ladies' Football League with a crushing 6-0 defeat of British Rail.

Second-placed Wanderers also made sure of both points with a 5-0 victory over Leicester City Supporters. In Division II, Rye Pieces snatched a 2-1 home win over newcomers Hogg Robinson.

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Emgals	10	9	1	0	56	3	19
Wanderers	10	7	2	1	32	10	16
Kay's	8	5	1	2	44	14	11
Bedworth Ladies	8	3	1	4	7	13	7
British Rail	10	3	1	6	16	40	7
Rainbow Dazzlers	8	2	1	5	18	25	5
Leicester City Supp.	9	2	1	6	9	45	5
Nuneaton Rangers	7	0	0	7	6	38	0

DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
G.E.C./A.E.I.	6	4	2	0	28	5	10
Conners	8	2	5	1	19	13	9
Wandering Angels ..	6	3	2	1	13	7	8
Rye Pieces	8	2	4	2	8	12	8
Keresley Ladies	6	1	1	4	5	12	3
Hogg Robinson	3	0	0	3	2	26	0

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 09 January 1971

Emgals through to last eight

EMGALS, the local women's soccer team, have won their way through to the quarter finals of the Women's F.A. Mitre Trophy, due to be played at Watford on April 25. They overcame Hull LFC 5-3 in the regional final to reach the last eight in the country.

By half-time Emgals had established a 2-1 advantage with goals from Sheila Copley and Joan Briggs, who was suffering from a strained calf muscle. Sheila was then on the mark again in the second half in which she scored twice to complete her hat-trick.

Sally Clay had put Emgals 3-1 up before Copley first headed one home and then ran fully 50 yards to notch her third and her side's fifth.

Hull were not demoralised, however for in between Copley's two efforts they had scored to reduce the arrears and a penalty in the last five minutes brought them to within two goals of their rivals.

The Leicester girls held out well, however, and deservedly go through.

Wanderers grab Ladies Cup win

THE Midland Ladies' Football League finally got back in business after missing a couple of weeks because of the weather when playing the two zone finals of the W.F.A. Cup.

This is the ladies' equivalent of the FA Cup and the final will be played at Crystal Palace on the day after the Cup Final at Wembley.

Local contestants were Bantams and Wanderers and they fought it out at the Memorial Park with Wanderers winning 6-3 after a very exciting game.

This puts Wanderers through to the quarter-finals at Watford on April 25 when the eight zone winners will play off with the two winning and two losing semi-finalists going through to Crystal Palace.

Another team to reach Watford

is Emgals who travelled to Hull and won 5-3.

In the League, Nuneaton Rangers gained their first points when scoring a 4-0 victory over Rainbow Dazzlers. Another team to chalk up a 4-0 win was Bedworth Ladies who met British Rail.

In the Second Division newcomers Hogg Robinson travelled to Keresley and gained their first point of the season when they held Keresley Ladies to 1-1.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 16 January 1971

Emgals move nearer title

Emgals moved nearer the Division I championship of the Midland Ladies' Football League with an easy 4-0 win over Leicester City Supporters.

They now have a three-point lead over Wanderers, their closest rivals, who maintained their challenge by beating British Rail 7-1.

At the bottom of the table, Nuneaton Rangers were beaten 3-1 by Bedworth Ladies and look certain to be relegated to the Second Division.

In the zone final of the W.F.A. Cup, Kays beat Aston Villa Ladies 5-2 to join Emgals and Wanderers in the quarter-finals of the competition.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Wednesday 10 February 1971

Emgals land title

EMGALS clinched the First Division championship of the Midland Ladies' Football League by beating Rainbow Dazzlers, but the runners-up position has yet to be decided.

Wanderers and Kays are the rivals for the No. 2 spot, and Wanderers are also through to the semi-finals of the Heart of England Cup after beating Beau Belles 5-1.

But Kays were beaten 3-2 at home by Swindon Spitfires in a quarter-final replay of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup. Swindon now meet Wanderers in the semi-finals.

Kays and Wanderers will clash in the quarter-finals of the National Women's Football Association Cup at Watford on April 25. In another quarter-final, Emgals play either Chiltern Valley or Amesham Angels.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Thursday 25 February 1971

Eight plucky Angels no match for Rail girls

LICHFIELD Wandering Angels could muster only eight players for their game against British Rail (Leicester) on Sunday, and, not surprisingly, they went down by thirteen goals to one.

Dinah Hargreaves in goal for the Angels, although letting in thirteen goals, made some very good saves. At times the defence was often caught up field and in few numbers, but despite this some fine tackling was shown from Alison Spinks and Jessie Hickman.

During the match Alison received an ankle injury, and as she lay on the ground Jessie Hickman caught the ball to stop the game; but the

referee had not blown his whistle, and British Rail were awarded a penalty!

Alison retired for a while but was soon back on the field.

The Angels next game is at Leicester when they hope to field a full team.

Some of the Lichfield players seem to be losing interest and it is left to the faithful few to keep the team going financially and otherwise. The Angels have a good team and would do well if given more encouragement and support. They are hoping to get more girls to join, and to hold regular training sessions to get them on top form.

Litchfield Mercury - 5 March 1971

Emgals reach semi-finals

Emgals beat Kays 6-0 to move into the semi-finals of the Midland Ladies' Football League Vice-President's Cup. They will meet Bantams, who qualified with a crushing 8-0 win over Bedworth Ladies.

In the other semi-final, Forrest Ladies, who beat Leicester City Supporters 2-1, will play either Wanderers or Thame Ladies. The Midland League is to play a representative match against the Oxford League at the Emgals ground, Leicester, on March 21.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 06 March 1971

Ladies football

Wanderers hit back for semi-final place

WANDERERS, from the Midland Ladies' Football League, fought back from 2-1 down to win their Vice-President's Cup quarter-final against Thame Ladies at Nuneaton.

They led 1-0, but trailed midway through the second half before they managed to equalise. Then centre forward Cook headed the winning goal four minutes from the end.

In the semi-finals, Wanderers will meet Forrest Ladies. The date for this match has yet to be arranged but Wanderers will meet Swindon Spitfires in the semi-final of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup at Southam on March 28. The two teams will also clash in the final of the Heart of England Open Cup.

The Midland League team to play the Oxfordshire League at the Engals ground, Aylestone Road, Leicester, on Sunday, is:

Everitt (Wanderers); Belcher (Wanderers), Knowles (Wanderers), Darlston (Bedworth Ladies), Ballard (Kays), Gunnell (Kays), Whetton (Rainbow Dazzlers), Riddle (Wandering Angels), Briggs (Engals), Brownson (Bedworth Ladies), Campbell (Kays).

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Soccer ladies land

PAT BROWNSON and **Jean Briggs** scored two goals each to help the **Midland Ladies' Football League** team to a comfortable **6-0** win over an **Oxford League XI**.

The **Midland League** dominated the match, at **Wigston Magna**, with **Chris Riddle** and an own goal completing their scoring.

On **Sunday**, **Bantams** meet **Emgals** on the **GEC/AEI** ground at **Rugby** in the semi-final of the **Vice-President's Cup**. Also on **Sunday**, **Wanderers** play **Swindon Spitfires** in the semi-final of the **Cystic Fibrosis Cup**.

Manchester Corinthians, favourites to win the **National Women's Football Association**

6-0 win

Cup, are out of the competition. They were beaten **5-3** by **Stewartson Thistle** in the **Northern zone final**.

Amersham Angels are through from the **Home Counties final** and now play **Emgals** in the quarter-finals at **Watford** on **April 25**. **Wanderers** meet **Kays** in another quarter-final tie.

The final is at **Crystal Palace** on **May 9**, and the play-off for third and fourth places will also be held there on the same date.

Angels soar through

Amersham Angels 1
Chiltern Valley 0

AMERSHAM's battling ladies soared into the Women's Football Association Mitre Challenge Trophy Quarter Finals on Sunday. Before a crowd of over 200 at Harefield United Football Club, Angels defeated the more experienced Chiltern Valley in the national regional final.

In the quarter-finals Angels meet Emgals, Leicester, at Watford's Woodside Stadium on April 25th.

Chiltern Valley were lucky to escape during the first half—for Angels broke through numerous times. Fine goalkeeping from McCaffery kept Angels at bay.

Despite these chances Chiltern Valley were dangerous on the break. Good covering from Angels prevented any score.

At half-time, with both sides fighting hard for results, there were still no goals.

It was 15 minutes from the end that Norris scored Angels' goal in a scrambled attack. Chiltern Valley slumped and remained on the defensive until the final whistle.

Amersham Angels: Bullock, Boyle, Ellicott, Gould, Rogers, Coe, Bullock, Carter, Debenham, Norris, Bugby. Subs., Hunt, White.

BANTAMS SHOCK EMGALS IN CUP

COVENTRY BANTAMS did what no other team has achieved this season in league or cup games — they beat Emgals to win a place in the final of the Midland Ladies' League's Vice-President's Cup.

A hat-trick by Valerie McDermott was largely responsible for Emgal's 4-0 defeat at the AEI-GEC ground at Rugby. Yvonne Blade-way hit the fourth.

Bantams must now wait until after Easter to find out their final opponents. Wanderers and Forest Ladies meet in the other semi-final.

Wanderers are in the final of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup with a 4-1 win over Swindon Spitfires at Southam. Two goals each from Lorraine Bullock and Bernadette Cook saw them through safely.

They are in Belgium over Easter — taking part in an international tournament at Gossilees.

One of the top games on Sunday will be the Midland Cup semi-final between Emgals and Forest Ladies at Donnithorpe.

Club competitions

Lockheed: £5, 15333; £3, 17622; £2, 16503; £1, 11111; 16396; 13935; 14064.

Aston Villa: 51, 25, 48, 15, 71, 28, 83, 7, 27, 77, 1, 68. Daily Draw: £5, 16002; 28044; 12323; 22676.

Coventry City: 4, 90, 82, 81, 74, 71, 7, 84, 87, 77, 8, 68, £5 10909. Dip: 09396. Easter Cash: 00462, 01220.

Nuneaton Borough: 60, 46, 74, 83, 23, 22, 63, 6, 86, 13, 2. Daily Draw: £5, 14350; £3, 19456; £2, 01430.

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COVENTRY and North Warwickshire, convincing 2-0 winners over Shifnal

Angels out

AMERSHAM ANGELS are out of the Women's Football Association Mitre Challenge Trophy. On Sunday in the quarter-finals at Watford's Woodside Stadium they lost 2-1 to Emgals of Leicester.

Emgals opened the scoring, but Angels hit back, and June Debenham equalised. The older, heavier Leicester side took the lead again and were still ahead at half-time.

After the interval Angels fought gallantly for the equaliser, but Emgals were able to keep them at bay until the final whistle.

On Sunday, Angels travel to Eastbourne for the day where they meet a Sussex League representative side.

Buckinghamshire Examiner - Friday 30 April 1971

Midland girls play-off clash

MIDLAND Ladies' Football League teams Wanderers and Emgals play-off at Crystal Palace on May 9 as beaten semi-finalists in the 1971 W.F.A. Mitre Challenge Trophy.

The final is between Southampton and Stewartson Thistle from Scotland. Wanderers beat Kays in the quarter-final, but lost 9-2 to Stewartson.

In the other semi-final, Southampton thrashed Emgals 11-0.

Wanderers are hit by injuries

and there is a struggle to get their players fit for the match against Swindon Spitfires at Cheltenham on Sunday in the Heart of England Open Cup.

May will be a busy month for several of the league's sides winding up the programme, which includes cup-ties and inter-league games.

Any clubs wishing to join the league for next season are asked to contact Mr. R. A. Berry at 27, Nunts Lane, Holbrooks, Coventry.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 01 May 1971

WANDERERS CLINCH OPEN CUP

WANDERERS are the first winners of the Heart of England Open Cup with a 5-2 victory at Cheltenham over Swindon Spitfires.

The Wanderers ladies face a May marathon of fixtures. This is their imposing list:

May 9, v. Emgals, W.F.A. Cup play-off for third and fourth places at Crystal Palace; 12, v. Nuneaton Rangers, League; 15, v. Rainbow Dazzlers or Leicester City Supporters Stan Haines Cup quarter-finals; 16, v. Kays, League; 19, Stan Haines Cup semi-finals; 21, Vice-President's Cup Final; 23, Notts League v. Midland League at Long Eaton; 28, Cystic Fibrosis Cup Final; 29, Stan Haines Cup Final.

The Midland Ladies League are asking for private grounds where they can stage some of their finals and are asked to contact Mr. Reg Berry, 27, Nunts Lane, Holbrooks, Coventry.

Wanderers will finish runners-up to Emgals in Division I as a result of Rainbow Dazzlers' shock 3-2 win over Kays, thanks to an Alice Johnson hat-trick.

Nuneaton Rangers or British Rail will face Leicester City Supporters in the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup Final on May 14.

Gas girls can really turn it on at soccer

ARSENAL may have scooped the honours this season but there cannot be many teams with a record like Engals, the women's football team from the East Midlands Gas Board in Leicester.

"We win so many cups I can't even remember whom we played to get to the finals", said club secretary Mrs. Angela Miles, who is also right-back for the team.

The Engals already have the Midlands Ladies Football League championship and cup under their lady-like belts but, with true killer instinct, they are not yet satisfied.

Next weekend they face an end-of-season fixture glut, with the Stan Haines cup final at Bishops Itchington on Saturday evening and the Cystic Fibrosis Charity Cup on Sunday at Overseal. In both games their opponents are Nuneaton Wanderers, whom they beat in the Midlands Cup.

As with all the best champions, the secret of success lies in careful management. Frank Renshaw, a former derical training officer with the Gas Board, keeps a careful eye on his team and results show that it is not just their looks he is interested in.

And there's no question of being over the hill at 30 with the Engals. Two of them are over 30 and four of them are married.

Emgals lift Ladies Cup

A goal mid-day through the second half was enough to give Emgals victory over the Wanderers in the Midlands Ladies Football League Cup Final.

The only goal of the game was scored by winger J. Freadley and the two teams meet each other twice more before the end of the season. Tomorrow, they contest the final of the Stan Haines Cup and the following day meet in the final of Cystic Fibrosis Cup.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 28 May 1971

Wanderers round off in style

WANDERERS, members of the Midland Ladies' Football League, finished the season in style, winning two cups and sharing a third.

In the Vice-President's Cup, they beat Coventry Bantams 3-2, then a 2-1 win over Emgals gave them the Stan Haines Cup.

The Cystic Fibrosis Cup Final, also against Emgals, ended in a 1-1 draw after extra time, and each team will hold the trophy for six months.

Against the Bantams, a last-minute save by goalkeeper Anne

Stretton saved the match going into extra time, and then goals by Belcher and Bullock gave them the Stan Haines trophy.

This is the second season in succession Wanderers have shared the Cystic Fibrosis Cup. Last year they ended all square with Swindon Spitfires after a replay and extra time.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Thursday 03 June 1971



THE MIDLAND LADIES' FOOTBALL LEAGUE held a presentation dance at Overseal Village Hall last Friday evening and this picture shows the trophy winners. Mr. J. Humble (extreme left) presented some of the awards.

Burton Observer and Chronicle - Thursday 17 June 1971

INQUIRY DESK

I AM mad about football, but I'm having difficulty in finding a team to join because I am a female. Could you please tell me of any girls' football teams around Leicestershire who would welcome new players and would also hold training sessions?

There are several girl football teams around the country, but perhaps the best known in Leicester is the Emgals football team, who play home and away matches several times a season and also have training sessions.

Jackie Freakley in the Public Relations Department of the East Midlands Gas Board is the person to contact if you want to join. Jackie can also tell you of other teams you might like to join.

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Leicester Daily Mercury - 1 July 1971

Emgals entertain Rotterdam side

WOMEN'S soccer in Leicester, which over the past few years has grown in stature with the advent of the Midland Ladies' League, goes a step further soon when the Emgals entertain a leading Rotterdam team, from August 6 to 15.

They will play three or four matches during their stay and the highlight is expected to be a match against a Midland Select XI. The Emgals plan a trip to

Leicester Daily Mercury - 13 July 1971