

A zest for living

MUM HAS THE largest appetite and often the dirtiest knees in the Porter family, because she's such a keen sports enthusiast. Mrs. Kath Porter of 8 Johnson Road, Birstall has found her own formula for keeping young and retaining a tremendous zest for life.

"It isn't money that makes you enjoy yourself, it's doing something worthwhile and interesting that matters".

Kath, with her husband and 13-year-old son, Timothy, is a member of a local cycling club and weekends are given over entirely to the sport.

"I started cycling as a child" says Kath, "when my older brother, who happened to be the Leicester champion, took me along on his cycle trips to Skegness. He'd go on ahead on his racing bike leaving me miles behind with all the luggage packed on my cycle. I never gave up though, and I got there in the end".

Kath won't hear a word against lady cyclists. "It's rubbish to

say we all get big bottoms. I take weight off because of the exercise, and that's in spite of the fact that I have the biggest appetite in the house".

Even after a long cycle tour with the Club Kath still manages to have energy left — and that led her by accident into another, even more taxing sport.

"After the races, a few of us would kick a ball around in a field, and we started playing mixed football. I had to be on the front row, as centre forward, of course.

"One day a man watched us and he asked if I'd be willing to join a ladies football team. I've been playing football ever since, and loving every minute of it".

Kath has attained some distinction at football and has played in several international matches. She takes the bumps and knocks without noticeably flinching, and comes back for more.

She is social secretary of Leicester Forest Cycling Club, and this is by no means a quiet, sit-down sort of job. Kath is chief caterer when the Club is doing competitive rallies and races, when the cyclists have to be given food as they race past.

"You spend the entire day running" says Kath, "last year my husband helped me but this year he has entered for the 12-hour race, he says it's easier".

Women's soccer trial here

A TRIAL football match will be held on September 17 to help selection for the first England women's football international planned for this autumn.

The match will be at Leicester City's training ground, Belvoir Drive (3.0). The women's Football Association have formed a squad of 25 girls for the international and they will form a Probables v. Possibles match.

The game will climax a weekend of coaching by the England women's team manager, Eric Worthington, at Loughborough University, and the organisers hope for considerable support for the match.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Wednesday 06 September 1972

Sport in brief

EMGALS OPEN WITH EASY VICTORY

EMGALS "B," the winners of the ladies' football Second Division last season, made a bright start to this year's campaign with a 5-0 home win against GEC-AEI.

But the highest score of the weekend came from Bedworth Juniors, who thrashed Rainbow Danzlers B 9-1, in the League's first Division III match. Kath Brown and Chris Boyle did the damage, with Brown scoring five goals and Boyle getting a hat-trick.

Other results: Division I: Stoke-on-Trent 2, Bedworth Ladies 0. Division II: Rye Piece 3, Hem Heath 5; Hillmorton Hunters 4, Nuneaton Town Ladies 0; Rainbow Danzlers A 4, Western Athletic 0.

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THE Inter-counties team championship, organised by the Warwickshire Fencing Union, will be held tomorrow at Henley

College (1.0). Surrey are the defending champions.

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FIVE racing cyclists from Coventry and district are competing in the Veterans Time Trial Association's national 25-mile championship tomorrow.

They are Rex Webber and Joe Anderson, of Coventry Road Club, and Bill Massie, Alec Westum and Bob Page, of Solihull C.C.

The minimum age for competitors is 40. Rex Webber, at 61, is the oldest local contender. The oldest is H. Callis, of the Eilian Vannin Club. The start sheet gives his age as 87.

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TEN Test stars from three countries are included in a 13-man cricket team to make a 10-day

three-match tour of Rhodesia later this month. Rhodesian cricket officials said yesterday that the Test players to make the tour are:

From England: Brian Close (Capt.), John Edrich, Basil d'Oliveira, John Jameson, Jim Parks, Tony Greig and Norman Gifford.

From Australia: Graham McKenzie and Bruce Francis.

From New Zealand: Glen Turner. Making up the team will be English County batsman David Green and Mike Kitchen and Australian wick-keeper John McLean.

★ ★ ★
ENGLAND, represented by Tony Jacklin and Peter Townsend, open their campaign in the Marlboro European Nations Golf tournament in Cannes today with a match against Belgium.

England were to have played West Germany yesterday, but their opponents withdrew. Scotland, Wales and Ireland all notched up victories.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 08 September 1972

Women's soccer at Loughborough

A SQUAD of 25 of the top women footballers in England will spend this coming weekend at Loughborough University as guests of the Women's Football Association.

The women, between 15-28, will be training under the watchful eye of England women's team trainer Eric Worthington. The course is the second stage of the build up to the first women's international against Scotland later in the year. Four regional trials were held earlier in the summer.

The highlight of the weekend will be a practice match at Leicester City's Aylestone practice ground on Sunday (3.0). It will be the final opportunity to stake a claim for one of the 15 places in the final squad from which the team to play Scotland will be selected.

Bedworth at home in Ladies' Cup

THE first round of the Midland Ladies' Football League's Cup competition takes place on Sunday. The draw is:

Kays v. Leicester City Sup-porters "A"; Swindon Spitfires v. Luton Ladies; Luton Daytells v. Emgals "A"; Devises Moonrakers v. Stoke City Ladies; County Canaries v. Forest Ladies; Bedworth Ladies v. Podens; Notts County v. Wanderers; Watney Mann Ladies v. Rainbow Dazzlers "A"; City Angels v. Bedworth Juniors; Hillmorton Hunters v.

Western Athletic; Nuneaton Town Ladies v. A.E.I./G.E.C.; Rainbow Dazzlers "B" v. Leicester City Supporters "B"; Nuneaton Rangers v. Rye Piece Ladies; Hen Heath v. Emgals "B."

It's Stoke City Ladies v. Bedworth Ladies in the semi-final of the Stan Hawes Cup later this month. Stoke beat Wanderers in the replay at Attleborough to move into the last four.

In Division I, Bedworth Ladies travelled to Worcester but found Kays in a determined mood and were beaten 5-3. In a Division II derby, G.E.C./A.E.I. and Hillmorton Hunters drew 1-1 at Rugby.

Heart of England League beat current champions the Three Counties League 3-2.

Heart of England included six Coventry Bantams, Anne Smith, Ann McDermott, Janet Oram, Margaret Mika, Janet Timms and Val McDermott.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 07 October 1972

Hem Heath stay unbeaten

Hem Heath maintained their unbeaten record this season when they beat Emgals (Leicester) 6-1 in the first round of the Midland Ladies' Football Cup yesterday.

Scorers were P. Boughey (4), P. Mainwood and D. Gillen.

Hem Heath are at home to Rainbow Dazzlers (Burton) in the Midland League at the week-end.

Staffordshire Sentinel - Monday 09 October 1972

Bedworth ladies face Dutch team

BEDWORTH RANGERS tonight meet the Danish touring side, Sunby Boldklub, in a ladies' soccer match under lights at The Oval (7.0).

Bedworth, new members of the Heart of England League, also meet the Danish girls on Saturday. The tourists are staying with members of the Bedworth club for a few days, during which they are inspecting the Highfield Road ground and paying sightseeing visits to Warwick and Stratford.

Boldklub are second in the Danish women's first division and have brought 33 players in a two-team party. Two of the players were in the Denmark team which won the women's World Cup in Mexico last year.

In the Midland Ladies' League, Emgals got back into form after a series of defeats with a 15-0 romp against Nuneaton Town Ladies. Poor Town — this was the second week they have conceded 15 goals!

Bedworth Juniors scored their first goal since September 3. But they lost 12-1 against Leicester City "B."

Now Wanderers play Cup match on Sunday

A ROAD accident caused the postponement of Wanderers' Midland Cup women's soccer match with Luton Ladies, and the game will now be staged at the Attleborough Sports Club, Nuneaton, on Sunday (2.15).

The mini-bus due to bring the Luton team to Nuneaton was involved in an accident prior to picking up the team and alternative transport could not be arranged in time.

G.E.C./A.E.I. crashed 6-1 to Rainbow Dazzlers 'A'.

Second Division leaders in the Midland Ladies League — Ham Heath — progressed to the quarter-finals with a 4-1 away win over Hillmorton Hunters.

And City Angels became the second Division III club to get to the last eight with a 3-1 victory over Bedworth side Rye Piece.

In the League, Emgals 'A' moved up with the leaders after their 2-0 home success over Bedworth Ladies.

Top League match this weekend is at Worcester where Kays receive Stoke City.

Bobby-dazzlers of the new soccer world

ALL the other men dashed off to look, but Eric Worthington carried on to the clubhouse and his lunch-time sandwich. Women footballers didn't interest him and the reports of his friends when they finally reached the clubhouse, didn't impress. It was all a bit of a giggle.

That was his attitude until the spring of this year when Mr. Worthington, who is senior lecturer at Loughborough College of Physical Education, met the women's international team committee and was asked to select the England team himself. And in June he accepted the post of team manager to the then unformed England international women's team.

"They were so serious about it, I was impressed," he said. "I felt they deserved help."

Women's football isn't new, an athletic off-shoot of the upsurge in Women's Lib. They were playing way back in the Twenties, but it seems that since 1966 and World Cup fever, women's football has really started finding fans and scoring goals.

By 1969, a number of teams had been founded and the Women's Football Association was formed and persuaded the FA to drop the 1870 ruling that "no women shall play football" and grant them official recognition.

Tomorrow the first women's home international under FA rules will be played at Greenock between England and Scotland. Eric Worthington will be there to



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over.

see how his chosen side fares.

"They ask no favours, no compromises," he said. "They use the same size ball, the same size pitch and play for the same amount of time as men."

The only difference between men playing football and women doing ditto is that the latter lack power.

"They are just that bit slower," he said, "but they have equal finesse, equal delicacy in controlling the ball; the best equal the best of men."

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to meet any of the players but I was assured by Mr. Worthington that none of them is cartoon-like characters, hefty, hard-swearing and hard muscled Amazons.

"They come in all sizes and shapes, just like male footballers," he insisted, "but they are all feminine. We have typists, teachers, nurses — even a former nun."

With unisex flourishing in the boutiques, not surprising, even so, that it isn't always easy to distinguish the men from the girls — on the field.

"Both have long hair, for one thing," pointed out Mr. Worthington, "and running in football gear the form is pretty much the same."

Lord knows what Angela Brazil would say, but it seems that football is supplanting hockey in girls' schools — which is another reason for this surge of interest in soccer.



Eric Worthington's soccer girls in a training stint at Belvoir Drive.

"The hockey ball is small, the end of the stick is small and in bad weather it can be a hateful game to play, there is a much greater satisfaction in soccer," said Mr. Worthington.

In this country women footballers are all amateurs, but on the Continent there are professional teams and English girls have been made offers by European clubs.

"Whether there will ever be professional women's football in this country depends on whether the game can take enough at the gate," said Mr. Worthington. "It is a question of money."

Not a question of dedication any more. Women have been their own worse enemies — as they so often are — in football. Playing for laughs, emphasising bosoms and generally giving the game an air of carnival grotesquerie.

But not the English international team playing Scotland tomorrow. "They enjoy the game because they want to play it better, not because they play it for a giggle."

Eric Worthington is only to be team manager on a short-term arrangement. A new one will soon be appointed. Who knows, maybe it will be a woman.

SOCCER GIRLS' CUP DRAW

THE Midland Ladies Football League's Cystic Fibrosis Cup first round games take place on Sunday (2.15) with First Division teams exempt until the second round. The draw is:

Nuneaton Rangers v. Bedworth Juniors (at Pingles); Hem Heath v. Engals "B" (Stoke-on-Trent); City Angels v. Rye Piece Ladies (Lichfield) Watney Mann v. Rainbow Dazzlers "B" (Northampton); Rainbow Dazzlers "B" v. Nuneaton Town Ladies (Moirs); Leicester City Supporters "B" v. Notts County Ladies (Western Park, Leicester); G.E.C. / A.E.I. v. Hillmorton Hunters (at A.E.I. / G.E.C., Rugby).

The Wanderers-Luton Ladies Midland Cup game seems fated. It was postponed the previous week because the Luton team's mini-bus was involved in an accident before picking up the players. This time the Luton team's bus broke down on the way to the game, was two hours being repaired and the game had to be put off again!

In Division II, G.E.C. / A.E.I. stay among the leaders with a 7-1 home win over Rye Piece Ladies.

The first official Scotland-Eng-

land game at Greenock ended in a 3-2 win for the English girls.

Coventry Bantams and Birmingham City Ladies — top teams in the Heart of England League — meet at Kirby Corner on Sunday.

Both teams are unbeaten this season. When they last met the score was 2-2.

Bantams Reserves played bottom of the table Polesworth and won 7-2. Bronya Rollason hit four.

Coventry Evening Telegraph — Friday 24 November 1972

Wanderers make it third time lucky

GOALS from Jane Spooner and Lorraine Bullock saw Wanderers safely through their Midland Cup game against Luton Ladies — which went on after two previous unsuccessful attempts to get it started.

Among the teams to get through the Cystic Fibrosis Cup first round ties were City Angels who beat Rye Piece Ladies 2-1, and Nuneaton Rangers who walloped Bedworth Juniors 8-0.

On Sunday, the second round games in the national competition—the W.F.A. Mitre Challenge Trophy — are being played off (2.0).

Coventry Bantams have an attractive home tie against Aston Villa Ladies at Kirby Corner. But Watney Mann Ladies, currently top of the Midland Ladies League's Division III, have a hard game against Birmingham City Ladies at Northampton.

And Nuneaton Wanderers face Leicester City Supporters "A".

Coventry Evening Telegraph — Friday 01 December 1972

Wanderers through in cup

WANDERERS, from Nuneaton, are the only local side to reach the semi-finals of the Women's Midland Cup soccer competition.

A Wendy Pitt goal gave them victory over Rainbow Dazzlers. The other three semi-finalists are Luton Daytels, Fodens and Forest Ladies.

G.E.C./A.E.I. went into the second round of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup with a 3-0 success over Hillmorton Hunters in a replay.

In the League, Bedworth Ladies edged out Leicester City Supporters "A" 3-2.

Wanderers and Bedworth Ladies join six other English clubs next month in a trip to Majorca to take part in an international tournament.

The Midland Ladies' League's five-a-side competition is being staged at Loughborough College on Saturday, March 31.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 15 December 1972

Tough tie for Nuneaton Ladies

The women footballers swing back into action after the holiday break with second-round matches in the Cystic Fibrosis Cup, on Sunday.

Nuneaton Town Ladies have an outstanding first-round game against Rainbow Dazzlers "A,"

Bedworth Ladies v. Kays (at Bedworth); Argyle Ladies v. Emgals "A" (at Nottingham); Nuneaton Rangers v. Wanderers (at Pingles, Nuneaton); Notts County Ladies v. Watney Mann (at Nottingham); Stoke City Ladies v. G.E.C./A.E.I. (at Stoke-on-Trent); City Angels v. Swindon Spitfires (at Lichfield).

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 29 December 1972

Emgals show way in Mitre Cup

THE Midland Ladies' Football League's sole survivor in the W.F.A. Mitre is the Leicester side Emgals "A."

Bantams and Wanderers went out at the weekend. At Sandbach, Fodens beat Wanderers 4-0, while at Elmdon, Birmingham City Ladies produced their best display of the season to whip Bantams 3-0.

Emgals, however, hit five against the Canaries, and now face Fodens away next month.

On Monday, Wanderers, and two Bedworth teams—Ladies and Rangers—fly to Majorca to take part in the Traveleux tournament at Palma. Up-to-date League tables at the halfway mark in the season:

DIVISION I							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Soko	7	5	2	0	20	9	12
Wanderers	5	4	1	0	14	1	9
Emgals "A"	5	4	1	1	23	7	9
FCSS	0	0	0	0	4	34	23
Bedworth L.	2	2	3	3	12	20	8
Leicester Supp. "A" ..	7	0	2	5	9	18	3
Luton	4	0	1	3	4	28	1
DIVISION II							
Home Heath	8	6	2	0	40	11	14
Emgals "B"	9	5	1	3	40	14	11
Rainbow "A"	5	4	0	1	16	7	9
Notix County	8	4	0	4	28	12	8
CBC/AEB	8	3	2	3	21	24	8
Hilmerston Hudders ..	8	3	7	4	22	16	7
Eye Piece Ladies ...	7	2	0	5	25	32	4
Newston Town ...	8	0	0	8	0	50	0
DIVISION III							
Water Mann	5	4	1	0	22	2	9
City Angels	6	4	1	1	23	5	9
Leicester "B"	6	4	0	2	22	12	9
Worcester H.	6	3	0	4	14	5	4
Bedworth J.	8	1	0	7	11	48	2
Rainbow "B"	5	1	0	4	5	37	2

PAT GWYNNE CUP

1st ROUND DRAW

THE women soccer players of the Midlands get down to their Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup first-round matches on Sunday.

Five teams get a bye—Mansfield Ladies, Nuneaton Rangers, Kays Ladies, Polesworth Ladies and Emgals "B". The rest of the teams came out of the hat like this:

Leicester City Supporters "A" v. Rainbow Dazzlers "A"; City Angels v. Forest Rangers; Notts United v. Argyle Ladies; Hem Heath v. Notts. County Ladies; Norton Ladies v. Rye Piece Ladies; Bedworth Ladies v. Droitwich St. Andrews; Nuneaton Town Ladies v. Coventry Bantams

Res.: Thame Wdrs. v. Leicester City Supporters "B"; Watney Mann v. Pye Angels; Roadmender Youth Centre v. Ida Darwin Hospital; Hillmorton Hunters v. Towcester Youth Centre.

In the Midland Ladies' League, Nuneaton Town were home to the ever-improving Argyle Ladies and went down 7-0.

Rye Piece found themselves down to nine players because of injury and illness and were hit for 10 by Rainbow Dazzlers.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 19 January 1973

Bedworth Ladies home in cup

BEDWORTH LADIES have been drawn at home to Stoke City Ladies in the quarter-final of the Midland Ladies' League's Cystic Fibrosis Cup.

The other three games are as follows: Emgals "A" v. Notts County Ladies; Leicester City Supporters "A" v. Swindon Spitfires; Hem Heath v. Rainbow Dazzlers "A" (second round replay).

Bedworth are also making progress in the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup. They had a 2-0 home victory over Droitwich St. Andrews, Eileen Burrell and Sue Morson scoring the goals.

Rye Piece ended a lean spell by whipping Watney Mann 6-0 at Bedworth, while Wanderers got back into League action on Sunday and gained two valuable Division I points against Leicester City Supporters "A" with a 3-1 success.

The final of the W.F.A. Mitre Cup this season will be staged on Bedford Town's ground on April 29. Among the teams in the quarter-finals are Birmingham City Ladies, Fodens, Ashford and Amersham.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 09 February 1973

Wanderers in Cup last four

WANDERERS of Nuneaton are in the semi-finals of the Midland Ladies' League's Cystic Fibrosis Cup. Goals from Lorraine Bullock (2) and Pam Belcher saw them safely through against Rainbow Dazzlers "A."

There are two important fixtures on Sunday. The Stan Haines Cup Final is staged between Emgals "A" and Stoke City Ladies, and the Rose Cup Final takes place between Rainbow Dazzlers "A" and Hem Heath.

Also on Sunday, Holbrooks Athletic's first match since their reformation takes place. They face Neme Valley Ladies from Northampton in the Memorial Park, Coventry, in a friendly (3.0).

In the League, Watney Mann, favourites to take the Division III title, play Bedworth Ladies Juniors.

In the Heart of England League, Coventry Bantams are now four points clear at the top after beating Polesworth 6-0. Goals came from Val McDermott (2), Janet Timms (2), Margaret Miks and Gaynor Jones. Bantams are unbeaten in the league this season

and with only two games left are favourites for the title.

On Sunday, they tackle Queens Park Rangers at Kirby Corner in the semi-final of the Heart of

England Knock-out Cup.

New date for the League Cup Final between Bantams and Birmingham City is April 15, venue to be decided.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 09 March 1973

Ladies' Soccer

Stoke City Ladies beat Emgals (Leicester) 2-0 in the First Division of the Midland Ladies Soccer League. Janet Hilton and Rebecca Tyldesley scored.

Staffordshire Sentinel - Tuesday 13 March 1973

Wanderers keep up championship chase

WHAT PRICE the Nuneaton club Wanderers for the Midland Ladies Football League championship?

They kept their title hopes alive with a 2-0 win away from home over Leicester City Supporters "A". But their remaining programme — home to Emgals "A" and Kays Ladies and away to Emgals and Stoke City Ladies — is a tough one.

Stoke are the new holders of the Stan Haines Cup. They won the final by defeating Emgals "A" 2-0. And, in the Rose Cup Final, Rainbow Dazzlers beat current Division II leaders Hem Heath 4-2 to win the trophy.

In Division III, Bedworth Juniors put up stubborn resist-

ance to hold leaders Watney Mann for long spells but, in the last 10 minutes, the Northampton team scored two goals. They need one point from their last game against Nuneaton Rangers on March 25 to finish top.

Goalkeeper Sheila McGowan, of Holbrooks Athletic, was beaten 12 times by shots from Neme Valley — but Sheila received an ovation from the crowd for her bravery, and also saved a penalty!

In the semi-finals of the W.F.A. Mitre Cup, Birmingham City Ladies meet Southampton on Nuneaton Borough's ground, and Amersham Angels face Westhorpe United at either Sheffield or Leeds.

The League's six-a-side tournament is at Leicester on May 13 this year.

Wanderers slip in title race

WANDERERS lost ground in the race for the First Division championship in the Midland Ladies' Football League, when they went down 1-0 to Emgals "A".

The defeat drops Wanderers to third place in the table behind Stoke City Ladies and Emgals, and the title lies between these three clubs.

It was a good day for Emgals, as their "B" team scored a 2-1 win over Forest Rangers to go through to the next round of the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup. But Holbrooks Athletic lost 4-0 to Argyle Ladies.

Attleborough Sports Club, Nuneaton, is the venue for tomorrow's trial to pick a League XI to take part in the Inter-League tournament and the England trials in May.

On Sunday, the semi-finals of the Midlands Cup will be held at the Emgals ground, Leicester. Forest Ladies meet Wanderers in one match and Fodens tackle Luton Daytells in the other.

Rye Piece Ladies are also in action on Sunday and they play Barrow-in-Furness Ladies at the Memorial Park.

DIVISION I							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Stoke City Ladies ...	9	6	3	0	23	9	15
Emgals 'A'	8	5	2	1	24	7	12
Wanderers	7	5	1	1	15	4	11
Kay's Ladies	8	2	1	5	17	34	5
Bedworth Ladies ...	10	2	1	7	13	28	5
Leicester City S. 'A'	10	1	2	7	15	28	4

DIVISION II							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Nem Heath	10	8	2	0	56	11	18
Emgals 'B'	12	8	1	3	57	15	17
GEC/AEI	12	5	2	5	46	38	13
Rainbow Dazzlers 'A'	6	5	0	1	26	7	10
Hillmorion Hunters	11	4	1	6	30	21	9
Uott County Ladies	8	4	0	4	28	13	8
Rye Piece Ladies ...	11	3	0	8	23	45	8
Nuneaton Town ...	10	0	0	10	0	134	0

DIVISION III							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Watney Mann	7	5	1	0	27	2	13
City Angels	7	5	1	1	32	5	11
Nuneaton Rangers ...	8	4	0	4	24	6	8
Leicester City 'B' ...	8	4	0	4	23	34	8
Bedworth Juniors ...	8	1	0	7	11	52	2
Rainbow Dazzlers 'B'	6	1	0	5	6	43	2

Soccer girls power to Cup final again

WANDERERS, members of the Midland Ladies' Football League, have reached the final of the Midland Cup for the sixth successive season.

In the semi-final, goals from Lorraine Bullock, Carol Button and Pearl Anderson gave them a comfortable 3-0 win over Forest Ladies.

They will now meet Podens, who reached the final with a 5-0 success over Luton Daytels. The final is at Stretton-on-Dunsmore next month.

The Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup is also reaching its closing stages, and Bedworth Ladies reached the semi-finals with a 4-2 win over Notts United. Now they will meet Kays Ladies, who had a 10-0 quarter-final success over Norton Ladies.

Coventry Bantams have reached the quarter-finals of the Cup

following a 2-0 win over Pye Angels and now play Hem Heath for a place in the semi-finals against Emgals "B."

Rye Piece Ladies were in top form in their friendly match with Barrow-in-Furness Ladies at the Memorial Park, and goals by Karen Dean, Jane Fitzpatrick and Christine Thompson gave them a 3-0 half-time lead. Barrow hit back after the break, but managed only two goals.

The League five-a-side tournament will be held at Loughborough College tomorrow and there are two important matches in Nuneaton on Sunday.

At the Nuneaton Borough ground, Birmingham City Ladies face Southampton in the semi-finals of the Women's

Football Association Cup. Southampton are the holders and Birmingham are members of the Heart of England League.

Also in Nuneaton, at Attleborough, is the vital First Division League match between Wanderers and Emgals "A."

DAZZLERS HELD TO A DRAW BY EMGALS

Rainbow Dazzlers 1
Emgals "B" 1

After the glamour of the Rose cup final Dazzlers returned to the mundane affairs of the league, when they entertained Emgals "B" on the Overseal recreation ground.

Both teams started at a great pace each ball being contested strongly resulting in an interesting and very competitive opening 15 minutes.

When Dazzlers forced a corner, M. Harrison took the kick and Emgals found great difficulty in clearing their lines, the ball bobbing about in the penalty box, before eventually falling to J. Scattergood who turned neatly and scored with a well placed shot.

Play continued to be pretty even with the Dazzlers' defence playing extremely well against a very lively Emgals attack.

A free kick taken by M. Harrison was well struck and dealt with capably by the Emgals' 'goalie.

LACKED POWER

From a throw-in P. Perkins collected the ball and found space but her shot lacked power.

The second half started with Emgals showing great determination, their pressure being rewarded when they made a goal out of virtually nothing.

Dazzlers' defence was now under constant pressure and S. Fox, having a particularly good game, made one clearance when a goal seemed certain.

Dazzlers gradually crept back into the game and were unlucky when a cross from M. Coates found P. Perkins who hit a brilliant shot but the Emgals' keeper was covering the angle and made a very good save.

The match was destined to be a draw but not before the Dazzlers' defence had suffered a real fright when the ball ran loose across the empty goal.

Burton Daily Mail - Saturday 31 March 1973

Wanderers and Emgals in soccer girls' final

WANDERERS and Emgals "A," from the Midland Ladies' Football League, have qualified for the final of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup.

In the semi-finals, both at the Pingles, Nuneaton, Wanderers beat Stoke City Ladies 2-1, and Emgals "A" beat Leicester City Supporters by the same score.

Watney-Mann Ladies, from Northampton, have won the Third Division title following their 2-0 away win over Nuneaton Rangers. Holbrooks Athletic, Coventry's newest team, recorded a 3-2 win over Gratton United at the Memorial Park. Annette Riley hit two goals and Kim White the third.

This Sunday, the final of the Midland Cup will be played at Stretton-on-Dunsmere, with Wanderers and Podens in opposition.

Coventry Bantams won the Heart of England League K.O. Cup with a 3-1 success over Birmingham City. Janet Tanms (2) and Margaret Mils scored the goals.

Bantams and Birmingham meet again this Sunday in the final of the League Cup at Sutton Coldfield. So far, Bantams have lost only one game since August, and need just one point from their last game — home to Bedworth Rangers — to clinch the League title.

And Bantams also go to France on April 20 for a series of three friendly matches.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 13 April 1973

THAME LADIES IN FIVE-A-SIDE WIN

THAME Ladies are the new holders of the Midland Ladies' Football League Five-a-side Cup.

They beat Bantams in the final at Loughborough College, and Emgals beat Luton Daytelles in the play-off for third and fourth places.

In the First Division of the league, Wanderers beat Emgals 1-0 with a goal from Lorraine Bullock, and now the Stoke City Ladies-Wanderers clash at Stoke on April 22 could decide the title.

Stoke and Wanderers clash tomorrow in the semi-final of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup and the other semi-final is between Emgals and Leicester City Supporters. Both matches are at the Pingles, Nuneaton.

Rainbow Dazzlers maintained their championship challenge in Division II with a 5-1 away success over GEC/AEI, but Hem Heath stay on top after a 2-1 win over Rye Piece Ladies.

In Division III, City Angels com-

pleted their League programme with a 4-0 victory over Bedworth Juniors, but Watney Mann now need one point to take the title.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 07 April 1973

SOCCER GIRLS' ZONE TRIUMPH

THE Heart of England Ladies Football League won the Northern Zone of the Inter-League tournament at the Coventry Amateurs ground, Kirby Corner.

Six players from Coventry Bantams were included in the Heart of England team who drew 1-1 in the final with the Three Counties League.

Then the Heart of England won a penalty decider 4-3 to clinch their place in the final at Evesham on June 3 against the Southern Zone winners, who will be decided on Sunday.

Coventry Bantams have just returned from a successful tour of France, where they won all four matches, scoring 11 goals and conceding only two.

Hem Heath have won the Second

Division championship of the Midland Ladies' League despite losing 3-1 to Rainbow Dazzlers in their last match. But that win should ensure Rainbow of the runners-up spot.

The League six-a-side tournament is being played on Sunday at Aylestone Road, Leicester, and the two semi-finals of the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup will also be decided, both on the Emgals ground.

Bedworth Ladies meet Kay's Ladies in the first, and Emgals "B" clash with Hem Heath in the second.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 11 May 1973

BANTAMS IN CUP DEFEAT

STOKE CITY are the first holders of the Midland Ladies' Football League six-a-side competition cup. They beat Coventry Bantams in the final.

A total of 28 teams took part in the competition, played at Leicester.

Bedworth Ladies will meet Emgals "B" in the final of the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup. In the semi-finals, Bedworth scored an easy 7-1 win over Kays Ladies, and Emgals beat Hem Heath 2-1 after extra time. The final will be played on Sunday.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 18 May 1973

Bedworth soccer girls triumph

Bedworth Ladies, from the Midland Football League, have won the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup for the fourth time in six seasons.

First-half goals from Eileen Burrell and June Oldham gave them a 2-0 win over Emgals "B" in the final at Stanton, near Burton-on-Trent.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Tuesday 29 May 1973

NOW STOKE WAIT FOR LEAGUE TITLE

STOKE CITY virtually assured themselves of lifting the Midland Ladies' Football League title when they hammered Wanderers 5-0 at Stoke-on-Trent.

Stoke have now finished their League programme, while Wanderers have one more game to play, against Kays.

The final of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup between Wanderers and Emgals is being played on Sunday at Nottingham. And another match on Sunday is the Lilywhites Inter-League final between Heart of England the Home Counties League on Evesham Town's ground.

A match at St. Finbarr's ground, Holbrooks Lane, between Holbrooks Athletic and Nottingham Argyle kicks-off on Sunday at 3.30.

The annual meeting of the Heart of England League takes place at Attleborough Sports Club, Nuneaton, on June 11, and any women's teams wishing to join the League must apply prior to the meeting to Mrs. P. Lockley, 53, The Crescent, Moira, Stoke-on-Trent.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 01 June 1973

STOKE ARE CHAMPIONS!

STOKE CITY LADIES are the new Division I champions of the Midland Ladies' Football League, but the runners-up spot has still to be settled.

If Wanderers beat Kays in their final match of the season, they will finish in the No. 2 position. But if Kays take full points, it will allow Emgals to finish second.

Emgals have already won the Cystic Cup. They beat Wanderers 5-1 after extra time in the final at Nottingham. The scores were level 1-1 at the end of normal time, but Emgals controlled the game in extra time.

The annual meeting of the Midland League will be held on Monday at Attleborough Sports Club and several new clubs have applied to join the league including Holbrooks Athletic and Nottingham Argyle Ladies.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 08 June 1973

Holbrooks in Midland womens soccer

HOLBROOKS Athletic have become the only Coventry team in the Midland Ladies Football League.

They are one of four new teams confirmed as members of the League for next season. The other three are Argyle Ladies, Braunstone United and Bedworth Rangers.

Holbrooks will play all their home matches at Wheelwright Lane next season and any girls interested in joining the club should contact: Reg Berry, 27, Nunts Lane, Holbrooks, Coventry.

Bedworth Ladies won the Coventry Freeman's Guild six-a-side tournament at Coundon Park.

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