

LEICESTER City's first match being an away fixture, football fans in search of a curtain-raiser to the new season may like to know about an event at the Emgals Sports Ground on Aylestone Road, on Sunday.

From 11 a.m. onwards, they will be able to watch a one-day tournament and each player is certain to have better-staped legs than the average League footballer. That's because all of the players taking part are women.

The teams involved include Manchester Corinthians, Preston Supporters, Emgals A and Emgals B and a visiting team from Holland, F.C. Bavon, in whose honour the competition has been arranged.

The Dutch girls are on a week-long visit to Leicester, returning a trip made by the Emgals teams last year.

To keep the contest within bounds — and not, repeat NOT, say the women as a concession to the "weaker sex" — matches in the preliminary rounds are limited to 15 minutes each way, with

## Dutch girl footballers will take a look at Leicester

20 minutes each way for the play offs.

The tournament is expected to finish at around 7 p.m.

As well as playing other football games, the Dutch girls will be doing some sight-seeing and visiting local places of interest including a tour of the offices of the Leicester Mercury.

We look forward to that pleasure.

### Eventful week at Lutterworth

WOMEN'S Lib manifests itself during Lutterworth's Feast Week which starts tomorrow.

Along with the two rounders competitions for ladies and girls, a grandmother of the year contest and those bastions of female interest, the baby show and fancy dress parade, will be a women's grunt - grapple match.

An eight-round contest on Thursday evening brings one

Gazey meant anything to anybody, a letter was winging its way to Mrs. Beatrice Keith, in Kirkaldy, conveying Iris's address in California. Iris and Beatrice had been friends in the WRAF, but had lost touch, and Beatrice had written to us as a last resort, having in vain tried to contact her by various other means.

So it's thanks, Mrs. Kathleen Gazey, 258 Asquith Boulevard, Leicester, and full marks for spotting my "Friend sought" paragraph. She is Iris's sister-in-law, and says it's no wonder Mrs. Keith lost touch with her as she — Irish that is — has had 12 U.S. addresses, three in the last ten months.

### 'Pub crawl' of city's old inns

WHEN old citizens get talking there's nothing they like better than to talk about the

Leicester of the old days. So it was when Mr. J. T. Hammersley, who is aged 80 and blind, went to stay at the Overstrand Convalescent Home.

There he made the acquaintance of a fellow spirit in a Leicester-born man aged 70, and the two got into the habit of having a daily pub crawl around Leicester in imagination. Their ability to reel off the names of this pub and that and the streets in which each was to be found got quite a joke among the company at the home who jested, "You two will never be sober enough to go home again."

Now home at 61 Donington Street, Mr. Hammersley writes to ask if any reader knows of a book which can be bought or borrowed listing features of Leicester from 1890 to recent times. "We want to be sure we haven't missed calling at one of the city's old inns," he says.

## Women turn on soccer style

WITH the start of the new football season just about upon us it was the ladies who got a chance to show their paces at a one day womens' football tournament in Leicester yesterday.

Nine of the top teams in the country and a Dutch side battled it out in the tournament at the Emgas Sports Ground on Aylestone Road.

The special guests at the tournament were F.C. Bavos of the Netherlands who are on a week-long visit to the city. Their team included Jose Van Hoof who is hailed by the Dutch press as the female 'Cruyff' and another international player, Gerrie van de Akker.

Leicester were represented by the two Emgals teams and other teams taking part were Manchester Corinthians, last year's winners, Thame, Amersham Angels, Fodens, Preston North End Supporters, Coventry Bantams and Birmingham City Supporters.

In the final Thame lifted the trophy with a 4-0 victory over Coventry Bantams.

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# LADIES SOCCER DECIDER

F.C. BAVOS have returned to Holland unbeaten in their three - day match tour of the Midlands.

They beat Emgals "A" and emgals "B" 5-0, and were held to a 1-1 draw by Kays of Worcester. But that was their third game in as many days, and they had also toured Stratford and Warwick.

The Midland Ladies' League begins on September 9, and the divisions are:  
**Division I**—Stoke City, Wanderers, Emgals "A," Hem Heath, Leicester City "A," Bedworth; **Division II**—Hillmorton Hunters, Emgals "B," GEC/AEI, Watney Mann, Kays, Bedworth Town; **Division III** — Holbrooks Athletic, Nuneaton Rangers, Trent Valley Angels, Leicester City "B," Rainbow Dazzlers.



When a woman happens to have the misfortune to head the ball with her face the magic sponge of the trainer is a great source of consolation. Bridie Bostock, the captain of Barlestone Ladies' football team is seen receiving the well-tried treatment from the trainer, John Wyatt, in a needle game against Bagworth Ladies at Barlestone last night.

But as far as the result was concerned it was of no avail. Bagworth won 2-1. It was a 1-1 draw at half time and though Barlestone pressed for most of the second half a break by Bagworth gave them victory.

All the members of the Barlestone team are married and Bagworth included a few single girls, though Barlestone claim this had no bearing on the result.

The match was part of a week of festivities in Barlestone to raise money for a village community centre. The teams had been training for five weeks. About 500 people saw the match and as a result of the effort £38 will go into the fund.

## ANGELS MASTER THE WIND AT LEICESTER

Leicester City Supporters . 1  
Trent Valley Angels ..... 4

After two wins in a row Trent Valley Angels travelled to Weston Park, Leicester, hoping to make it three in a row.

Leicester kicked-off with the wind behind them and were soon in trouble with Mary Smith intercepting a ball deep in her own half and making a run down the left touchline. From this the Angels forced their first corner which was scrambled away, for a second corner.

Sharon Dimmer's hard low corner to Carol MacDonald was pushed back by Karan Grant. She chipped the ball to Lesley Eldridge who scored the Angels' first goal.

The Angels kept up the pressure and after a series of corners they were awarded a penalty for handball. Maureen Cross, the Angels goalkeeper, hit the ball hard and low to give the Leicester goalie no chance, which made it number two.

From a long clearance from the Leicester goalkeeper the Angels were caught square in the back and Leicester's centre-forward ran on to score to make it 2-1.

With about four minutes to go to half-time Carol MacDonald pushed the ball to Sharon Dimmer and with Alison Webb dummying the Leicester defence Sharon hit a 25-yard shot into the top left-hand corner of the net to make it 3-1.

As so often happens when a team has the wind at their backs they fail to capitalise on their advantage and this is what happened to the Angels. The fourth Angels goal came late in the second half from a Sharon Dimmer corner. Lesley Eldridge controlled the ball on the near post before slotting it home.

The Angels' team was: Maureen Cross, Angela Mitchell, Mary Smith, Kim Brindley, Ann Burke, Sharon Dimmer, Elaine Hollingsworth (capt.), Karan Grant, Carol MacDonald, Alison Webb, Lesley Eldridge; subs., Ann Atton, Jill Cox.

## Ladies' Soccer

### CUP-TIE WIN FOR TRENT VALLEY ANGELS

Leicester City Ladies ..... 0

Trent Valley Angels ..... 4

Last Sunday Trent Valley Angels travelled to Weston Park, Leicester, to play in the first round of the Vice-president's Cup. The Angels had already beaten Leicester in the league 4-1 and were confident of another victory.

The Angels were at half-strength in the back four with Mary Smith the captain, and the much improving Angela Mitchell both injured, but Elaine Hollingsworth and Jill Cox did an excellent job in defence.

There was also another change in the formation, Maureen Cross, who usually plays in defence, was moved to centre-forward and the usual centre-forward, Carol Macdonald, went between the posts.

Right from the start the Angels piled on the pressure. Little Ann Atton and Sharon Dimmer made some great through passes into the Leicester defence which caused panic. After 11 minutes of persistent pressure Maureen Cross scored her first goal from a cross from the wing. Then after just 16 minutes Les Eldridge made it two-nil after the Leicester defence was mixed up; she blasted the ball home from close range.

It wasn't until the 20th minute that the Angels' goalie, Carol Macdonald touched the ball and that was from a back pass from Elaine Hollingsworth.

The Angels came close to scoring several times in the later part of the first half with Alison Webb and Ann Atton scraping the bar from 18 yards.

Four minutes from half-time Maureen Cross got her second goal with her head from a cross from Karan Grant from the right.

At half-time it was 3-0. In the second half Maureen Cross completed her hat-trick with a penalty. The Angels were denied more goals by the Leicester goalkeeper who played very well.

Three minutes from the end Sheila Plummer substituted for the injured Karen Grant. At the final whistle it was 4-0 to the Angels, although it could have been more.

The team was: Carol Macdonald, Anne Burke, Kim Brindley, Elaine Hollingsworth, Jill Cox, Ann Atton, Sharon Dimmer, Karan Grant, Maureen Cross, Alison Webb, Les Eldridge; sub.: Sheila Plummer and Wendy Pelech.

# FODENS WIN 'F.A. CUP' FOR LADIES

TWO goals by Alison Leatherbarrow gave Fodens Ladies a 2-1 victory against Southampton in the final of the Mitre Cup on the Bedford Town F.C. ground.

The national competition is the ladies' equivalent of the F.A. Cup and Fodens won the trophy at their third attempt.

A crowd of several hundred watched a keenly-contested match and a contingent from the Stoke City Ladies Club were among those supporting Fodens, who had previously won two trophies this season.

Teams and officials were presented to Denis Follows, former Secretary of the Football Association, and directors of the host club while Fodens captain Sheila Parker received the cup from the Mayor of Bedford.

Local girls Sue Carter, Sue Shenton and Paula McDevitt were members of the Fodens team, which also included Crewe girl Jeannie Allott and Jill Jodrell, of Sandbach, where the team are based.