



WFA Mitre Trophy 1972-73

Winners: Southampton
Runner Up: Westthorn United
No. of entries: 88

The teams were divided into 8 regional groups. The winners of each group were met in the quarter-finals.

Leicestershire were represented by Emgals, Leicester City Supporters and Rainbow Dazzlers – allocated to Group 3..

Emgals were knocked out by eventual winners, Fodens, in round 4 (regional finals).

Leicester City Supporters were eliminated by Nuneaton Wanderers; and the Rainbow Dazzlers were knocked out in R2 or R3.

Group 1: A.E.I. Motherwell, Arbroath Rangers, Dundee Strikers, Fife Dynamites, Lee's, Westthorn United,

Group 2: Ashton, Blackpool Seabirds, Bronte, E.R.F. Sandbach, Fleece Fillies, Lancaster, Liverpool, Liverton, Manchester Corinthians, Plessey, Preston Dolphins, Preston North End Supporters Club, Reckitts, Southport, Squibb, Wallsend,

Group 3: Bedworth Rangers, City Angels, County Canaries, EMGALS, Fodens, Forest, Forest Rangers, Leicester City Supporters Club, Macclesfield, Old Bank, Rainbow Dazzlers, Wanderers (Nuneaton),

Group 4: Aston Villa, Bedworth, Birmingham City, Coventry Bantams, Cox & Wyman, L'Oreal, Lodge Park, Lowestoft, Pye, Villa Rangers, Watney Mann, Woodbridge American,

Group 5: Ashford Town, Barnfield, Deal Town, Herne Bay Ladybirds, Maidstone Mote United, Margate Rangers, Travaux, White Wanderers (Hamstreet),

Group 6: Amersham Angels, Arland, Aylesbury, Chelles Belles, Farley United (Tigers), Luton Daytel, Reading, Thame,

Group 7: Bosom Buddies United, Brighton G.P.O., Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Hellingly (Hailsham), Mackeson Maids, Queens Park Rangers, Thanet Bluebirds, Wood Street,

Group 8: Bath City, Bracknell Bullets, Bristol, Compton Wanderers, Devizes Moonrakers, Eastville, Farmborough, Harlequins, Horrocks Fashions, J.R. Freemans, Johnson Rangers, Kays, Prestatyn, Southampton, Swindon Spitfires, Tottonians,

Extra Preliminary Round Group

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	Coventry Bantams	12	0	Lodge Park	

Round 1

Group 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	AEI Motherwell		W	Westthorn United	

Group 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	ERF Sandbach	5	6	Wallsend	
5.11.1972	Liverpool	W		Preston North End Supporters	

Group 3

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	Bedworth Rangers	1	6	Wanderers	Marson Lane
5.11.1972	Fodens	W		Old Bank	
5.11.1972	Macclesfield	6	2	City Angels	
5.11.12972	Rainbow Dazzlers C Parrans (2) J Scattergood (2) M Harrison	5	1	Forest Rangers	Overseal

Group 4

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	Lowestoft	8	5	Warminster	

Group 6

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	Amersham Angels	20	0	Chelles Belles	

Group 7

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	Fulham	5	3	Bosom Buddies United	

Group 8

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.11.1972	Bath City	4	5	Bracknell Bullets	
5.11.1972	J R Freemans	W		Harlequins	
5.11.1972	Johnson Rangers	7	0	Horrocks Fashions	
5.11.1972	Prestatyn	10	1	Kays	

Round 2

Group 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.12.1972	Liverpool	W		Wallsend	

Group 3

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.12.1972	Fodens	W		Forest	
3.12.1972	Nuneaton Wanderers	2	0	Leicester City Supporters	

Group 4

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.12.1972	Coventry Bantams Janet Timms (3) AN Others	6	1	Aston Villa	Kiby Corner
3.12.1972	Pye		W	Lowestoft	
3.12.1972	Watney Mann Ladies	0	7	Birmingham City Ladies	Northampton

Group 6

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.12.1972	Thame	3	5	Amersham Angels	

Group 7

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.12.1972	Brighton GPO	1	5	QPR	
3.12.1972	Fulham	0	9	Crystal Palace	

Group 8

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
3.12.1972	Compton Wanderers			Bracknell	
3.12.1972	J R Freemans	1	5	Johnson Rangers	

Round 3

Group 3

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1973	Emgals	5	0	County Canaries	
7.1.1973	Fodens	4	0	Nuneaton Wanderers	

Group 4

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1973	Birmingham City	3	1	Coventry Bantams	
7.1.1973	L'Oreal	0	10	Lowestoft	

Group 8

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1973	Compton Wanderers	4	1	Swindon Spitfires	
7.1.1973	Johnson Rangers	0	7	Southampton	

Round 4 - Regional Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1973	Amersham Angels	8	0	Reading	
4.2.1973	Ashford Town	W		Deal own	
4.2.1973	Birmingham City	4	2	Lowestoft	
4.2.1973	Fleece Fillies		W	Preston North End Supporters Club	
4.2.1973	Fodens	W		Emgals	
4.2.1973	Hellingly	W		Wood Street	
4.2.1973	Southampton	W		Compton Wanderers	
4.2.1973	Westthorn United	W		Lee's Ladies	

Quarter-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
4.3.1973	Amersham Angels Sandra Choate (3) Beverly Ranger(2) Pat Norris Nicola Coe (pen)	7 (4)	0 (0)	Hellingly [Hailsham]	Hervines Park.
4.3.1973	Birmingham City Ladies	1	0	Ashford	

?.3.1973	Fodens	0	7	Westthorn United	
4.3.1973	Southampton Ladies	3	0	Preston North End Supporters Club	

Semi-Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
1.4.1973	Amersham Angels	0	2	Westthorn United [Hamilton, Lanarkshire]	Brown Bailey Sports Centre, Sheffield. Amersham were without several key players. The mini bus taking the Amersham girls home broke down in Northampton. They had to finish the journey in another van and did not reach home until the early hours of Monday morning.
1.4.1973	Birmingham City Ladies			Southampton	Nuneaton Borough's ground.

The WFA ruled that the Scottish team "must only travel halfway, so the match was staged at Sheffield. Amersham travelled on Saturday – staying overnight in Leicester.

3rd Place Play Off

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
29.4.1973	Amersham Angels	1	0	Birmingham City	The Eyrie, Bedford Game commenced at 2.00 pm, immediately before the final.

Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
29.4.1973	Southampton Sylvia Kenway Lynda Hale	2	0	Westthorn United	The Eyrie, Bedford Attendance: 3,500 Game commenced at 3.30 pm. Westthorn wore striking purple and Southampton wore white shirts and black shorts.

The Final: Southampton v Westthorn United

Line-Ups:

Southampton: Sue Buckett (capt), June Finlay, Paulin Dickie, Sylvia Keenway, Jill Long, Maggie Kirkland, Lynda Hale, Pat Chapman, Pat Davies, Sue Lopez, Beverley Gain. Sub: Shirley O'Callaghan, Grace Cesareo.

Manager: Mike Harvey.

Westthorn United: Gerry Chalmers, Mary Davenport, Liz Roselli, Sheena McCulloch, Elsie Cook, Margaret McAulay (capt), Rose Reilly, Edna Neillis, Mary Anderson, Marion Mount, Kathleen. Subs: Dawn Watt, Izzy Cole.

Manager: Bob McAulay.

Referee: J Parsons

Linesmen: B O'Bray and B Bellamy

Southampton overcame Scottish opponents for the third year in a row and made a hat-trick of wins from the first three Women's Football Association Cup Final.

Two members of the United team were losing finalists in the previous two finals. Elsie Cook, captain of Stewartson in 1971 and manager of Lee's Ladies in 1972, while she was pregnant, was in United's starting line-up, as was star player Rose Reilly who would later play professional with Reims in France and then AC Milan in Italy.

Westthorn United were formed in 1967 and remained unbeaten throughout their first 4 years, playing mainly friendly matches. United won the inaugural Scottish title in 1972-73 and also won the Arbroath Ladies 5-a-Side Cup and the Kirkstyle 6-a-Side Challenge Cup.

Southampton's 1971 and 1972 WFA Cup-winning manager Norman Holloway had retired and was replaced by Mike Harvey, a local PE-teacher, and FA preliminary licence coach.

With the match heading into extra time, Southampton broke the deadlock with 10 minutes remaining. Lynda Hale's corner was only half-cleared and Sylvia Kenway sent in a delightful chip with United keeper Gerry Chalmers could only help into the back of the net. Five minutes later a defensive error saw the ball drop to Hale and she smashed home from just 3 yards out for 2—0.