



## LEICESTERSHIRE WOMEN'S FOOTBALL NEWS 1975-76

### German side in Emgals 'league'

WOMEN'S soccer teams from all over the country—and also one side from West Germany—are meeting in Leicester on Sunday for a one-day tournament.

The competition has been organised by Emgals, the East Midlands Gas team, and is the fifth to be held in Leicester.

Although the tournament has not grown in size since the first one, club captain Mrs. Madge Kilby believes that it has grown in status and among this year's ten competitors are the 1976 Mitre Cup finalists, Southampton and Doncaster. Other sides include Lowestoft, Hull and Preston.

The German team taking part is D J K Kleve—Emgals visited them at Easter and won a tournament they organised.

Sunday's competition, which starts at 11 a.m. at the Emgas sports ground, Aylestone Road, will be played on a league basis with each team playing a minimum of four short matches.

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# Soccer girls give men the boot

A WOMEN'S FOOTBALL team from the Friends of Groby Road Hospital kicked their way to success when they beat a men's city league team 7-5 yesterday afternoon.

The match was in aid of charity. The girls were sponsored for each of the goals they scored.

It was different from the normal fund-raising event they hold. One of the girls on the committee suggested a match and Tony Robotham, who plays for Park End 74 who are in the sixth division, said the girls should play his team.

They played on the Dunlop Sports Ground, Groby Road, Leicester with Mr. Robotham refereeing the match.

Caroline Colford, who scored two goals, was brought down during the second half for treatment.

But after the match she got her own back on the referee when she poured the contents of the water bucket over him.

Angela Ford was another two goal scorer. The girls have now been issued with a challenge from a rugby team.

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## BANTAMS FOILED

**LEAGUE** champions Coventry Bantams have failed in their bid to land a Midland Ladies League "double."

Only a week after clinching the championship, the Bantams surrendered their 100 per cent record when crashing 5-0 against Birmingham City in the semi-final of the League Cup.

But Bantams are still hoping for cup joy—they meet Emgals in the Stan Haynes Cup final at Wolverhampton later this month.

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## A POINTER FOR THE SAINTS?

JOHN HUNTING, Leicester's top referee—he's on the F.I.F.A. list—recently officiated at the Portugal v Switzerland game, and had a now experience in a well varied career when called upon to take the final for the Mitre Cup at Bedford, the equivalent of the FA Cup final for women's football.

One of the semi-finals was held in Leicester a few weeks ago, and this time Southampton faced Queen's Park Rangers. "It was a very good game," he said, "and the standard of football surprised me." The game went into extra time, and in the end Southampton were 2-1 winners. An omen for the Saints at Wembley tomorrow? Could be!

And if you want to see how Southampton women's team won this cup for the fifth time in six competitions then there's the opportunity, for BBC Grandstand is featuring half-an-hour of their final tomorrow (12.0).

John Hunting has been further honoured by the FA selecting him to take the England v Wales international at Bedford on May 22 in the Women's FA Pony Home International series.

## CHARITY SOCCER GAME ATTRACTS 1,500 PEOPLE

ABOUT 1,500 people attended a charity football match on the New Parks estate yesterday.

The ladies of Staunton Park Rangers WFC defeated Emgals WFC 7-1 to take the New Parks Trophy.

West Leicester MP Mr. Greville Janner was at the match to present prizes.

The match, refereed by former Leicester City player Jimmy Ayton, a baby competition and a number of sideshows raised £150 which will go towards staging the New Parks Festival on September 14.

### First time

Money raised at the festival will go to a number of local charities including the New Parks adventure playground project, the Sticks and Spokes club for the handicapped and the Friends of Glen Frith Hospital.

The festival has been run for four Summers with a preliminary event in the Spring of the year. This was the first time a womens' soccer match was used as a crowd-puller.

In the past the festival committee has organised It's a Knock-out competitions.

Among the organisations which had stands at the match was the New Parks Road Campaign which is fighting plans for the Western bypass.

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ON **Belton**, Loughborough, recreation field a women's football match was held between the Belton Beauties and Belton Playbelles. The Beauties won by seven goals to four. A competition raised £12 which is to be shared by the Over-Sixties Welfare and the Playgroup. Winners were Mr. D. Cross-Bates, Mrs. D. Clarke and Mr. H. Springthorpe.

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