

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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Emgals reach fourth round

Leicester Emgals football team have reached the fourth round of the Pony Cup — the women's equivalent of the F.A. Cup. Playing on their own Emgals ground beat Bedford Catarans 4-0 to confirm their status as one of the top ten sides in the country.

Two well-taken goals by striker Maggi Miks put them in command before the interval and further goals by 'Tiggie' Eadie and defender Janet Hood clinched victory.

Emgals, who were taken to a replay by City Transport in the previous round, have reached the closing stages of the cup for the last three years, but have never featured in the final. Now they reckon 1976-77 could be their year.

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Girl collapses playing soccer

A GIRL who collapsed while playing soccer was taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary yesterday.

Karen Bramley collapsed and lost consciousness during a match between Emgals and I... Ladies at an Aylestone Road ground.

A hospital spokesman said she would be allowed home today after observation.

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The Argyle goalkeeper drops on a dangerous cross to halt an Emgals attack during yesterday's match at Aylestone Road.

Emgals win through to next round

EMGALS, the girls' soccer team from Leicester's East Midlands Gas Board, fought their way through to the quarter finals of the National Pony Cup competition yesterday.

After an early morning inspection, the partly frozen Emgals pitch was passed fit — and the Leicester girls, adapting well to the conditions, ran out 2-1 winners over BYC Argyle from Nottingham.

Emgals had more of the play and deserved their win, although they had to withstand some heavy late pressure when the visiting girls had an 'equaliser' ruled out for offside.

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Rangers tipped to win the cup

Queen's Park Rangers have reached the final 16 in a cup competition ... the ladies team that is!

The W.F.A. Pony Cup, sponsored by the Pony Wine Company is now at Group Final stage. The last sixteen teams from the record entry of 107 clubs will be competing on Sunday, January 30. Kick-off 2 p.m.

Tiverton Town v Plymouth Pilgrims — Heathcoat County Secondary School, Bolham Road, Tiverton.

Waterlooville v Southampton — Fielders Park, Furbrook, Waterlooville.

Dartford College v Bracknell Ladies — Thames Polytechnic Sports Ground, Kidbrooke Lane, London S.E.9.

Wallsend v Kilnhurst Shooting Stars — Wallsend Sports Centre, Eheydt Avenue, Wallsend.

Willesden v Queens Park Rangers — Wormwood Scrubs, Du Cane Road, London W12.

St. Helens v Preston North End — Greenall Whitley Recreation Club, Alder Hey Road, St. Helens.

Birmingham City v Tildawn — Palmers

Rough, Jacey Road, Solihull.

Emgals v B.Y.C. Argyle — Emgals Sports Ground, Aylstone Road, Leicester.

Last year's winners Southampton, who completed the double with the men, are still in the cup, having beaten Bristol Bluebirds 9-0, Warminster Wanderers 3-1, and Cope Chat 3-1. Southampton are lucky enough to have five England squad members,



as do Queens Park Rangers, also still in the Cup, who were last year's runners-up. These 2 strong teams could well be in the final to be televised by the B.B.C. in April.

The Women's Football Association

Proposed Calendar of Events 1977 Season

January 15-16: Coaching — Leagues Hull (N) Boston (M) East Midlands (SE) Maidenhead (SW). 22-23: Coaching — Leagues Nottinghamshire (M), Kent (SE), Hampshire (SW). 30 W.F.A. Pony Cup — Group Finals.

February 5-6: Coaching — Leagues Merseyside & Wirral (N), West Mercian (M), Hounslow & District (SE). 12-13: Coaching — Leagues Midland (M), South of England (SE), Home Counties (SW). 20: W.F.A. Pony Cup Quarter Finals. 26 International v France (away).

March 5-6: Coaching — Leagues North West (N), Lea Valley (SE) Western



(SW). 12-13: Coaching — Leagues Three Counties (N), East Anglian (M), Sussex Martlett (SE), Cornwall & Mayflower (SW). 20: W.F.A. Pony Cup Semi Finals. 26-27: Coaching — Regional Weekend.

April 1-3: Coaching Final (Residential Weekend) — Trent Polytechnic. 10: Easter Weekend. 17: Final International Selection Probables v Possibles. 28: International v Switzerland (home), Hull City F.C. Boothferry Park.

May 14-21: Fred Pontin's 6-a-side Challenge Cup. 15: W.F.A. Pony Cup Final (to be televised by the B.B.C.) Villa Park. 21: F.A. Cup Final. 29: International England v Scotland (away).

Emgals halt the Pilgrims' progress

LEICESTER Emgals have won through to the National semi finals of the Pony Cup, the premier trophy of women's football.

They will now meet either last year's losing finalists Queens Park Rangers, of London; or Kilnhurst Shooting Stars, of Sheffield on neutral ground on March 20.

The Emgals sports ground, Aylestone Road was heavily waterlogged and a special pitch had to be marked out before the quarter final against Plymouth Pilgrims could take place.

Visitors' goalkeeper Janet Gagg repeatedly denied Emgals in the opening half, but shortly after the interval was beaten by a Mary Meacham penalty.

Janet Biggs seized on a goalkeeping error to increase the lead before Bev McKenzie converted a penalty for Pilgrims. Ten minutes from time Joan Briggs made it 3-1 from a well worked move.

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Emgals one game from final

LEICESTER Emgals are just one win away from the national final of the Women's Football Association "Pony" Cup—but it is last year's losing finalists, Queen's Park Rangers, who bar the way.

They meet the London side at neutral Moreton-in-the-Marsh on Sunday (2.30), and are able to pick from a full-strength squad. Emgals will start with mixed feelings. They have twice met and beaten QPR, but have never themselves progressed beyond the semi-finals.

In the other semi-final at Wolverhampton, holders Southampton play Preston North End.

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Emgals fall at last hurdle

A GOAL 15 minutes from time ended Leicester Emgals dream of reaching the final of the Womens Football Association Pony Cup.

In yesterday's semi-final they were holding last year's losing finalists Queens Park Rangers 1-1 on the neutral Moreton-in-the-Marsh pitch when the Londoners striker Cora Francis deflected a corner kick into the net.

Emgals who were not at their best, had fallen behind on the halfhour when Francis scored. They rallied and winger Janine Dudgeon thrilled the 400 strong crowd by cutting between two defenders to drive home the equaliser.

Defeat was especially hard on Emgals keeper Diane who was outstanding, and their captain and central defender Janet Hood. But news that Janet had been selected for trials for the English National side was some consolation for the two coach loads of Emgals supporters.

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Women play soccer for charity

The Bombers and the Aces clashed in a women's charity football match yesterday.

The Border Drive side, nicknamed the Bombers, and Ledbury Green the Aces, battled it out on Tedworth Green, Leicester, and the Bombers won 7-3.

There is another set of winners however, the children who will be given a street party with the proceeds of £43 on Jubilee Day.

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