



Leicestershire Women's Football News Stories 1977-78



Leicester Emgals No. 5, Rayner Hadden, in action in the match against Bedford in the women's football tournament at Aylestone. Emgals finished runners-up, beaten in the final by Q.P.R.

Emgals lose in the final

FRENCH girl footballer Christine-Bouvet was taken to hospital with a suspected broken ankle yesterday during the one-day women's football tournament held in Leicester.

Happily for 20-year-old Christine the injury was not as serious as first thought and she was able to limp back to France with her team mates of Union Sportive Montfaucon today.

There were ten teams, including the successful Emgals, the women's football team attached to the Emgas Leicester Sports and Social Club, taking part in the tournament, now in its sixth year.

Disappointingly for many of the supporters the Emgals lost 1-0 to Queen's Park Rangers in the final. In third place were Preston and Southampton finished fourth.

Apart from Miss Bouvet's injury the day went without any mishaps. Miss Bouvet's team are from Montfaucon sur Moine, in the Anjou province, and have this year completed the 'double' by winning the Atlantic League championship and the league cup.

Leicester's Emgals reached the semi-finals of the premier trophy of women's football, the Pony Cup, earlier this year but lost 2-1 to Queen's Park Rangers.

The tournament was played at the Emgas Sports Ground, Aylestone Road, Leicester. The 10 teams were divided into two groups and the winners of each section played in the final.

The other teams taking part were — Watford, Bedford, Macclesfield Kilnhurst and B.Y.C. Argyle.



Maggie Kilby (right), captain of the Emgals football team, and Unni Holmvik, captain of the opposing Norwegian team, before the kick-off at Aylestone Road.

AN England soccer scout has been to Leicester to look for potential internationals.

He was not at Filbert Street, but at a far more modest ground — hidden away off Aylestone Road.

And the object of his attention was girls.

The scout was watching Emgals, the all women team from East Midlands Gas, who were playing a pre-season friendly match against a visiting Norwegian side.

Emgals won with an impressive performance by 9-0 and a note must have been made of two hat-tricks from Debbie Day and Joan Briggs.

The Norwegian opposition — Ovrevoll Ballklub, from Baerum, near Oslo — had

Emgals give scout a goal spree

travelled from London specially for the game after playing earlier against a Kent women's side.

They had been told in London by a representative of the Women's Football Association that EMGALS

were one of the strongest sides in the country.

And after the thrashing they received their team manager could not help but agree.

"They are a very good side", he said.



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Emgals poised for double

LEICESTER Emgals who clinched the Division 1 championship of the Women's Midland Football League by beating Coventry Bantams 5-1 at the weekend are now poised to complete the 'double'.

They meet old rivals Bedworth United at Hinckley Athletic's ground this Saturday (k.o. 6.30 p.m.) in the final of the league knock-out cup for the Stan Haines trophy and should achieve the perfect climax to an outstanding season.

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Emgals bid for soccer treble

NEW Midland Women's Division 1 soccer champions, Leicester Emgals, duly added the Stan Haines K.O. trophy to their list of honours at the weekend. In the final, played on Hinckley Athletic's ground, they beat Bedworth United 4-1.

Yet Emgals were stunned when hard pressed Bedworth scored in the twelfth minute breakaway and it was not until the second half that they took command, Debbie Day and Raynor Hadden sharing the scoring.

Now Emgals could achieve a unique treble by adding the league cup and the semi-final of this event sees them away to Wolverhampton on Sunday.

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