



WFA Mitre Trophy 1971-72

Winner: Southampton
Runner-Up: Westthorn United
No. of entries: 87

The teams were divided into 8 regional group – the winners of each group entered the draw for the quarter-finals.

Leicestershire were represented in the competition by four teams – Emgals, Lansdowne Ladies, Leicester City Supporters and Rainbow Dazzlers.

Emgals again finished third after beating Thame in the 3rd Place Play-off, after being defeated in the semi-finals by Lee's Ladies from Scotland.

Lansdowne Ladies beat Leicester City Supporters in R1.

Emgals eliminated both Lansdowne Ladies (R2) and Rainbow Dazzlers in R3.

Group 1: Dundee Strikers, Fife Dynamites, Hooverettes, Lee's, Prima Donnas, Westthorn United,

Group 2: Belle Vue Belles, Blackpool Supporters, Fodens, Forest, Howards Awardians, Macclesfield, Manchester Corinthians, Manchester Nomads, Plessey, Preston North End Supporters Club, Reckitts, Southport Supporters,

Group 3: Bedworth, Bedworth Rangers, Coventry Bantams, EMGALS, Hillmorton Hunters, Lansdowne, Leicester City Supporters Club, Nuneaton Rangers, Rainbow Dazzlers, Renold, Rye Piece, Wanderers (Nuneaton), Western Athletic,

Group 4: Aston Villa, Badsey, Droitwich St. Andrews, Dudley Road Hospital, Kays, Lan-Bar, Lodge Park, Norton, Robirch, Swan Rangers, Villa Rangers,

Group 5: Barnfield, Deal Town, Folkestone United, Ladybirds (Herne Bay), Lydd, Maidstone Mote United, Margate Crusaders, Margate Rangers, Medway, Ramsgate All Stars, Thanet United, White Wanderers (Hamstreet),

Group 6: Arland, Barking Belles, Beechfield, Blue Birds (Woolpit), Boreham Wood Hearts, Bosom Buddies United, Farley United (Tigers), L'Oreal, Luton, Thame, Willy Walker's Wonders,

Group 7: Aristocats United, Bluebirds, Brighton G.P.O., Courthope, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace 'B', Fulham, Hellingly Hospital S. & S. Club, Orient, Queens Park Rangers, Spurs, White Ribbon,

Group 8: Bracknell Bullets, Devizes Moonrakers, Farmborough, Johnson Rangers, Newbury Golden Eagles, Reading, Southampton, Southampton 'B', Swindon Spitfires.

Preliminary Round

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
10.10.1972	Crysal Palace B	5	3	Courthope	

Round 1

Group 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
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7.11.1972	Fodens	11	0	Reckitts	
7.11.1972	Forest			Manchester Corinthians	

Group 3

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1971	Coventry Bantams	4	0	Bedworth Ladies	
7.1.1971	Emgals			Hillmorton Hunters	
7.1.1971	Lansdowne Ladies			Leicester City Supporters	
7.1.1971	Nuneaton Rangers			Bedworth Rangers	
7.1.1971	Nuneaton Wanderers	11	0	Rye Piece Ladies	
7.1.1971	Rainbow Dazzlers			Western Athletics	

Group 4

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1971	Norton			Kays	

Group 5

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1971	Ladybird (Herne Bay)	1	0	Margate Rangers	

Group 7

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.1.1971	Fulham	2	4	Tottenham Hotspur	

Round 2

Group 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.12.1971	Bell Vue Belles			Plessey	
5.12.1971	Blackpool Supporters	0	6	Fodens	

Group 3

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.12.1971	Coventry Bantams	7	0	Renold	
5.12.1971	Emgals	4	1	Lansdowne	
5.12.1971	Rainbow Dazzlers	1	0	Bedworth Rangers	

Group 5

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.12.1971	Ladybirds (Herne Bay)	1	4	Folkestone	

Group 7

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.12.1971	Crystal Palace B			Spurs	
5.12.1971	White Ribbon			Crystal Palace	

Round 3

Group 1

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
27.2.1972	Westthorn United	W		Hooverettes	

Group 2

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
23.1.1972	Fodens	1	0	Bell Vue Belles	
23.1.1972	Forest	1	0	Macclesfield	

Group 3

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9.1.1972	Emgals	8	0	Rainbow Dazzlers	
27.2.1972	Nuneaton Wanderers	3	0	Coventry Bantams	

Group 4

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
23.1.1972	Kays			Lodge Park	

Group 5

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
23.1.1972	Folkestone United	1	2	Deal Town	
23.1.1972	Medway	0	1	Thanet United	

Group 8

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9.1.1972	Southampton B	5	0	Bracknell Bullets	

Regional Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.3.1972	Emgals	4	3	Nuneaton Wanderers	EMGAS ground, Leicester 2.30 pm kick off
6.2.1972	Forest Ladies	0	7	Fodens [Cheshire]	Nottingham
6.2.1972	Kays	0	5	Aston Villa Ladies	Worcester Weakened Kays team.
6.2.1972	Lee's Ladies			Westthorn Athletic	

Quarter Finals

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
5.3.1972	Aston Villa	P	P	Southampton	Triplex Sports Ground, King's Norton. Postponed due to bad weather.
12.3.1972	Emgals	P	P	Coventry Bantams Crystal Palace	EMGB ground, Leicester. Postponed due to bad weather.
5.3.1972	Lee's Ladies [Kilmarnock]	W		Deal Town	
26.3.1972	Thame	W		Fodens	

Quarter Final Replays

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
19.3.1972	Aston Villa	1	5	Southampton	Triplex Sports Ground, King's Norton.
19.3.1972	Emgals Jackie Freakley Karan Malpass Jane Noble Joan Briggs	4 (0)	1 (1)	Crystal Palace	EMGB ground, Leicester.

Semi-Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
9.4.1972	Southampton	4	3	Thame	Reading
9.4.1972	Lee's Ladies	5	2	Emgals	Hull

3rd Place Play-Off

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.5.1972	Emgals	1	1	Thame	Eton Park, Burton. Played prior to the final. "The match was a 1 1 at full time but the Emgals won on penalties netting two out of a possible three compared with Thame's single success."

Final

Date	Home			Away	Match Details
7.5.1972	Southampton Sue Lopez Pat Judd (2)	3	2	Lee's Ladies Mary White Susie Ferries	Eton Park, Burton – home of Burton Albion. 600 spectators Southampton ... <i>"started with two goal blitz within the first minute of the match, which left Lee's Ladies reeling. Scorers were Sue Lopez and Pat Judd. But the Scots came storming back into the game just before half-time with a great goal from Ann Lightbody. In the second half Sue Ferries pulled another back for Lee's Ladies to bring the scores level but it was "girl of the match" Sue Lopez who put the clincher on the match with her second and Southampton's third goal</i> <i>The Mitre Cup was presented to Southampton by Mr J Coyle of Mitre Sports after the match."</i> Burton Daily Mail – 9 May 1972

WFA secured Eton Park, home of Southern League Burton Albion for the final. Men's Football League clubs had again refused.



Burton Daily Mail - Thursday 4 May 1972

The 1972 final was a repeat of the first, apart from the fact that Stewartson Thistle had changed their name to Lee's Ladies following sponsorship by the local confectionary company, Lees Ltd. A brief match report was published in the Kilmarnock Standard: *Stewartson Ladies were beaten in the women's Football Association Mitre Cup Final recently at Burton-on-Trent for the second year running by Southampton Ladies. In a hectic match which was accredit to both teams just failed to secure the equaliser in the closing minutes and final result was Southampton 3 Lees 2.* *In the opening stages it was all Southampton and after 20 minutes they had scored two well-taken goals. Stewartson Lees pulled back almost immediately when Reilly crossed for Mary White to first-time the ball into the net.*

Stewartson fought back strongly all through the second half but again Southampton scored first. Down 3-1 with only 20 minutes to play, Lees turned on the pressure and Susan Ferriers crashed home a great shot after beating two defenders.

This was the spur the Scottish team needed and from then until the final whistle they hammered the Southampton goal but without success. Lees deserved at least to draw for their fine team effort. They went down fighting. Lees Ladies: Chalmers; Brogan and Lindsay; Kidd, Hunter and Walker; Reilly, Lightbody, Ferriers, White and MacDonald. Subs: McCunnis and Howie.

The manager of Lees was Elsie Cook, a player with Stewartson the previous season, but not on the pitch this time as she was heavily pregnant.

Around 600 spectators witnessed a double-header with the third place play-off taking place immediately before the final. Emgals from Leicester beat Thame from Oxford on penalties after drawing 1-1 after 90

minutes. Emgals had themselves lost the previous year's third place match on penalties to the Wanderers of Nuneaton.

	Southampton	Lees Ladies
1	Sue Buckett	Gerry Chalmers
2	Karen Buchanan	Betty Brogan
3	Pauline Dickie	Mary-Jane Lindsay
4	Jill Osman	Linda Kidd
5	Jill Long	Jea Hunter
6	Maureen Case	Sandra Walker
7	Lynda Hale	Rose Reilly (c)
8	Lesley Lloyd	Jan Lightbody
9	Pay Judd	Susie Ferries
10	Sue Lopez	Sophia McDonalds
11	Pat Davies	Mary White
	Substitutes	Substitutes
	Sue Stubbs	Margaret McCunnis
	Shirley O'Callaghan	Isobel Howie
	Manager	Manager
	Norman Holloway	Elsie Cook