

Shock defeat for Emgals

Emgals, last season's First Division champions in the Midland Ladies' Football League, had a shock in their first match of the season when they were beaten 5-4 by Kays Ladies.

Kays quickly raced into a 3-0 lead and although Emgals fought back, Kays held on for a shock success. In the only other League game, Wanderers had a comfortable 5-0 victory over Bedworth Ladies.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 03 September 1971

EMGALS CRUISE INTO FINAL

EMGALS, members of the Midland Ladies' Football League, will have to wait to know their opponents in the final of the Stan Haines Cup.

They gained a convincing 4-1 win over Lansdowne Ladies in their semi-final, but in the other tie, Bedworth Ladies and

Wanderers, played out a goalless draw and must replay.

In the League, Kays maintained their 100 per cent. record with a 1-0 win over Leicester City Supporters and stay at the top of the First Division. Rainbow Dazzlers are in third place after their 6-0 success over G.E.C.-A.E.I.

Top match in the Second Division ended in a 4-1 win for Rye Piece Ladies over Western Athletic, and they now head the table with Emgals Reserves in

second place after their 10-0 win over Hillmorton Hunters.

The draw for the first round of the Midland Cup is: Lodge Park v. Conners; Lansdowne Ladies v. Western Athletic; G.E.C.-A.E.I. v. Emgals; Bedworth Ladies v. Emgals Reserves; Wanderers v. Thame Ladies; Kays v. Rye Piece Ladies; Nuneaton Rangers v. Leicester City Supporters; Hillmorton Hunters v. Rainbow Dazzlers. Matches will be played on November 28.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Tuesday 12 October 1971

Wanderers meet Emgals in final

WANDERERS meet Emgals in the Stan Haines Cup ladies' football final at Stretton-on-Dunsmore on Sunday (2.30) after beating Bedworth 4-0 in the semi-finals.

Hillmorton Hunters continued their winning ways with a 1-0 success at the expense of Nuncaton Rangers. The previous week Hunters beat Conners 3-1.

The first round of the Midland Cup competition will be played on November 21 and not on November 28 as reported last week.

EMGALS LIFT STAN HAYNES TROPHY

EMGALS, members of the Midland Ladies Football League, are the new holders of the Stan Haynes Cup.

They raced into an early 2-0 lead in the final against the holders, Wanderers, at Stretton-on-Dunsmore, and eventually went on to win 5-0.

Top match in the Second Division of the League was between Rye Piece Ladies and Emgals Reserves. Alice Johnson shot Emgals into the lead, but mid-way through the second half Linda Randle put Rye Piece in front with two goals in five minutes and it took a penalty from Alice Johnson to snatch a draw for Emgals.

Several local teams are engaged in the Woman's F.A. Mitre Trophy and the draw for the first matches are as follows:

Bantams v Bedworth Ladies; Lansdowne Ladies v Leicester City Supporters; Emgals v Hillmorton Hunters; Nuneaton Rangers v Bedworth Rangers; Rainbow Dazzlers v Western Athletics; Wanderers v Rye Piece Ladies; Norton Ladies v Kays.

DUTCH GIRLS TO PLAY AT BEDWORTH

BEDWORTH Ladies are to play a charity football match against a Dutch team.

Bedworth, members of the Midland Ladies Football League, will meet D.V.V. Noorvrouwen at the Oval, Bedworth, on November 20 and proceeds will go to the Bedworth and District Cancer Research Committee.

The 33-strong party arrives from Holland the day before the match and Bedworth officials are seeking accommodation for them. Anyone interested should contact Mr. R. Whitehead at 52, Coventry Road, Bedworth.

In the League, Kays kept their 100 per cent. record with a 4-1 away victory against Rainbow Dazzlers and Bedworth Ladies twice fought back from behind to snatch a 2-2 draw with Lansdowne Ladies, their goals coming from Chris Thompson and Wendy Stretton.

Leicester City Supporters have formed a reserve side, and it has been admitted to the Second Division of the League. Rye Piece Ladies top this section with 10 points from six games, two more than Emgals Reserves who have played the same number of games.

KAYS GIRLS KEEP UP RUN

KAYS LADIES are still on top of the Midland Ladies' Football League with a 100 per cent. record after their 2-1 success over Lansdowne Ladies at Worcester.

Wanderers are in second place, hot on their heels, and Bedworth Ladies moved up a place with a resounding 4-1 win over bottom team G.E.C./ A.E.I.

This victory put them in good fettle for the match against the Dutch touring side D.V.V. under the Bedworth Oval floodlights tomorrow (7.0).

This is an important time for the Bedworth side for they meet Emgals Res. (Leicester) in the Midland Cup first round on Sunday. Remainder of Sunday's ties are:

Lodge Park (Redditch) v Conners (Nuneaton); G.E.C. / A.E.I. Rugby v Emgals; Wanderers (Nuneaton) v Thame Ladies (Oxford); Kays v Rye Piece Ladies (Bed-

worth); Nuneaton Rangers v Leicester City Supporters; Hillmorton Hunters (Rugby) v Rainbow Dazzlers.

LETTERS

CITY play a 4-4-2 formation. Are they away to Manchester, to Arsenal? No, they are at home to lowly Crystal Palace with only two recognised forwards in the team. What chance of a result in this match when Palace are more than pleased with a draw, and so it seems are the City.

Alex McKenzie.

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Coventry.

Blame strikes

NO-ONE has come up with the true cause of the drop in gates. We are living in the hub of the car industry and there has been no lack of strikes there over the

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 19 November 1971

Derby Cup clash in ladies soccer

IT'S Cup-time in ladies' soccer. And, in Sunday's W.F.A. Mitre Cup, Rainbow Dazzlers are hosts to Bedworth Rangers who accounted for Nuneaton Rangers 2-0 in the first round.

There's a derby between Renold Ladies and Bantams and the all-Leicester clash between Emgals and Lansdowne Ladies.

In the League, Wanderers closed the gap at the top with a 4-0 away win over Bedworth Ladies. They are now two points behind Kays and have yet to play them at home and away.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 03 December 1971

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Weakened Conners go down to Rye Piece

FLU is beginning to hit women's soccer. Conners could field only eight players in their Rose Cup League competition and, not surprisingly, went down 6-0 to Rye Piece Ladies who fielded a full side.

At Rugby, Hillmorton Hunters beat a Western Athletic team who had only nine on parade because of flu.

On Sunday, the first round games in the Vice-President's Cup will be played. They are:

Thame Ladies v. Emgals "B"; Emgals "A" v. G.E.C. / A.E.I.; Leicester City Supporters "A" v. Rainbow Dazzlers; Rye Piece Ladies v. Nuneaton Rangers; Swindon Spitfires v. Lansdowne Ladies; Western Athletic v. Kays; Wanderers v. Bedworth Ladies; Conners v. Hillmorton Hunters.

In the Midland Ladies League, Wanderers have moved to the top for the first time this season as a result of their 4-0 win over Lansdowne Ladies.

They have a one-point lead over 100 per cent. team Kays. They

have yet to meet this season.

One of the big surprises was a 3-0 win by Emgals "B" — newly formed this season — over Bedworth Ladies in the Second Division, a win which put them on top.

Foster retains WBC title

Bob Foster successfully defended his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight championship in Oklahoma City last night by knocking out fellow American Brian Burden in the third round.

Burden was no match for Foster, who knocked him down twice in the second round.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 17 December 1971

Cup success for Rye Piece

SICKNESS and the weather were the victors in the Midland Ladies' Football League's Vice-President's Cup, with Bedworth Ladies having to postpone their tie with Wanderers because of seven players down with flu.

The Western Athletic-Kays and Leicester City Supporters-Rainbow Dazzlers matches were off through waterlogged pitches.

Rye Piece are though to the second round with a 5-0 romp over Nuneaton Rangers, goals coming from Linda Randle (2), Rose Randle, Jane Fitzpatrick and Karen Dean.

Emgals had mixed fortunes. Their 'A' side won 7-0 against GEC/AEI at Leicester, but the 'B' side went down 8-1 to Thame Ladies in Oxfordshire.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Thursday 23 December 1971

Cup matches for women

The Midland Ladies' Football League kick off the New Year on Sunday with first round matches in the Cystic Fibrosis Cup. The games are:

Preliminary round: Leicester City Supporters "B" v. Leicester City Supporters "A"; Wanderers v. Nuneaton Rangers; Hillmorton Hunters v. Lansdowne Ladies; Western Athletic v. Bedworth Ladies.

First round: Conners v. Lan-Bar Ladies; Thame Ladies v. G.E.C./A.E.I.; Measham Ladies v. Emgals "A"; Blurton Albion v. Tutbury Ladybirds.

Rose League Cup: Rye Piece v. Emgals "B".

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Thursday 30 December 1971

Soccer girls in Cup clashes

REMAINING first-round matches in the Midland Ladies' Football League's Cystic Fibrosis Cup take place on Sunday and the draw is:

Kays Ladies v. Bedworth Ladies;
Lansdowne v. Rainbow Dazzlers;
Rye Piece Ladies v. Leicester City
Supporters "A."

As Wanderers are involved in the Mitre Cup, their first-round game against Emgals "B" will be played on February 13. Already in the second round are Emgals "A," Lan-Bar Ladies, Thame Ladies and Blurton Albion.

Wanderers' Mitre Cup game is against Bantams at Nuneaton — the first fixture having been postponed because of a waterlogged ground.

Emgals are in the zone finals after a 4-0 win over Rainbow Dazzlers. Kays are also there and will meet Aston Villa Ladies.

The ever-improving Hillmorton Hunters progressed in the Rose Cup with a 3-1 home win over Rye Piece Ladies. On Sunday, Hillmorton visit Conners in the first round of the Vice-President's Cup.

Wanderers, Bantams, ready to fight out cup clash

AFTER two postponements through the weather, the Wanderers-Bantams Women's Football Association Mitre Cup game will now take place on Sunday, February 6, the winners meeting Emgals in the zone final.

So Bantams can go ahead with their charity match against Beau Belles on Sunday, and on the same day, Wanderers can meet Bedworth Ladies in the re-arranged first round Vice-President's Cup match. This game was originally scheduled for December 19 but called off because of illness in the Bedworth team.

The wet pitches have taken their toll of recent fixtures. Among the victims were the Rye Piece Ladies v Leicester City Supporters "A" and Conners-Hillmorton games.

Teams from three Leagues — the Midland Ladies, the Heart of England and West Mercia — have entered the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup. The draw will be announced soon.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 22 January 1972

Women's football

Renold's out of Cup-Bantams fight on

RENOLD'S bid in the Heart of England Knockout Cup ended with an 8-3 defeat by Aston Villa Ladies, who now go into the final.

In the other semi-final, Bantams and Swindon drew 3-3, but the date for the replay is not yet fixed, as Bantams are still in the W.F.A. Mitre Cup and meet Wanderers (Nuneaton) this weekend.

The following local players have been chosen for League trials which will be staged in Coventry on March 12:

Bantams: M. Miks, P. McDermott, T. Timms, L. Marshall, L. Ogilvey, C. Fagan. Renold: M. Connor, D. Faulconbridge, K. Gibson, B. Harwood, G. Jones, J. League's Vice-President's Cup on

Chappelle. Bedworth Rangers: J. Fieldhouse, J. James, E. Sharpy.

LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Beau Belles	12	9	1	2	76	12	19
Aston Villa	11	8	3	0	58	10	19
Forest Ladies	11	6	3	2	43	15	15
Bantams	9	6	0	3	37	16	12
Renold L.F.C.	12	4	2	6	38	36	10
Dudley Rd. Hosp. .	10	5	0	5	20	39	10
Forest Rangers	12	4	1	7	34	33	9
Bedworth Rangers ..	12	2	1	10	10	64	5
Villa Rangers	12	1	1	10	15	98	3

The draw for the second round of the Midland Ladies Football League's Vice-President's Cup on

February 27, is.

Kays v. Swindon Spitfires; Wanderers v. Emgals; Thame Ladies v. Rye Piece Ladies; Hillmorton Hunters v. Rainbow Dazzlers.

Wanderers are a busy team. In the Cystic Fibrosis Cup, they walloped Emgals "B" 8-0 at Nuneaton, and in the second round, meet Blurton Albion.

And on Sunday, they meet the Bantams in the Mitre Challenge Trophy after three postponements.

In the League, Rye Piece stay on top of Division II, but were held to a 3-3 draw at Bedworth by a lively Hillmorton.

Emgals are on top of Division I after a 6-0 win over Lansdowne.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 18 February 1972

DAZZLERS OVERWHELMED AT LEICESTER

Soundly beaten in Mitre Cup

Emgals 8
Rainbow Dazzlers 0

Travelling to Leicester last Sunday to play a second round Mitre Cup tie against Emgals, Rainbow Dazzlers Ladies Football Club came away decided losers in a game which was almost entirely one way traffic. Certainly Dazzlers can have little quarrel with the result, for they were completely outplayed by a faster and more skilful team, and though the defence worked desperately hard throughout the match, the forward line never once got properly into action all afternoon.

From the opening whistle Rainbow Dazzlers made what was to be one of their rare sorties into the opposing half, but were quickly dispossessed. Emgals attacked on the right wing, and were rewarded with what appeared to be an easy goal, with the match not yet two minutes old.

Emgals retained control of the match after the restart, and though Dazzlers did manage to mount one attack on the right, it was cut out before it reached the penalty area, while at the other end the home team shot

Gwen Haywood getting a touch at the ball, but not being able to stop it.

Just before half-time, Dazzlers launched their only real attack of the match, when a clearance from a home corner kick put Pam Rose clear through the home defence, and Emgals goalie had to come out and concede a corner. Dazzlers won a second corner in the scramble, but the referee blew for half-time before anything constructive could be made of the kick.

The second half belonged exclusively to Emgals, with almost continual action in Dazzlers penalty area. Their fifth goal came in the 43rd minute when Gwen Haywood could not hold a low ball, and number six followed a few minutes after, a neat lob with the Dazzlers goalie unsighted.

By now Dazzlers had Pam Rose nursing a bandaged knee on the forward line, and with both Gwen Haywood and Fay Rose receiving frequent treatment for leg injuries, Dazzlers back row was looking a bit shakey too. Pat Marriott and Eleanor Evans dropped back to reinforce Jean Sutton and Stella Fox, and Emgals had to wait a quarter of an hour before they were able to add a seventh goal. Following this Dazzlers survived 20 minutes of constant pressure, only for the home team to add an eighth goal just before the final whistle.

BARRAGE

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As the first half moved past its mid-period, Dazzlers began to break out of defence a little, and a nice ball from Caroline Parrans split Emgals' midfield players to find Eleanor Evans, but her pass to Pam Rose was claimed by the home team's sweeper, who ended the danger by passing back to her goalkeeper.

A period of midfield play ensued, before Dazzlers approached the home goal again. This time Dawn Poyser laid on a ball to Pam Rose, but Emgals' number two tidied up again, and from the goalkeeper's clearance, the home team attacked up their left wing, and scored a lovely second goal with a high curling shot from twenty-five yards.

BACK ON THE ATTACK

Dazzlers mounted an attack from the restart and Pam Rose won a corner, but this was cleared and Emgals came back to the attack once more. Though Dazzlers were managing to break through a little more, it was still the home team who were very much in charge of the game, and it was only a matter of time before they penetrated Dazzlers overworked defence to score their third goal with a neat header after 34 minutes play.

Two minutes later a doubtful penalty decision against Jean Sutton gave Emgals chance of goal number four, and they made no mistake with the spot-kick.

Dazzlers left the field a well beaten side, and though their defence performed well under a continual barrage, it is painfully obvious that the team is lacking power on the forward line, and it is this weakness which must be rectified before Rainbow Dazzlers can set out on a winning trail again.

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LATEST LEAGUE TABLE

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Leicester City ...	10	4	0	6	14	37	8
Bedworth Ladies .	9	3	0	6	12	36	6
Rainbow Dazzlers 12	2	1	9	17	40	5	
G.E.C.	10	1	0	9	9	68	2

TO-MORROW'S RACING SELECTIONS

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WEAKENED TEAM—BUT DAZZLERS SCRAMBLE THROUGH

Deciding goal in extra time

**Leicester City Supporters 1
Rainbow Dazzlers 2**

Hit by illness and injury, Rainbow Dazzlers Ladies Football Club had to include four reserves in their team against Leicester City at Western Park, Leicester yesterday, in a first round Vice-President's Cup match. Despite this initial disadvantage, Rainbow Dazzlers had the biggest share of the play against the full-strength Leicester team, and emerged worthy winners at the end.

Playing together for the first time, and in unaccustomed positions, Rainbow Dazzlers' forwards could not get into their stride at the start, and they looked an untidy team for the first few minutes. Emergency goalkeeper Pam Rose was called on twice inside the first five minutes to collect back passes as the Leicester forwards pressed home attacks.

Even at this stage Dazzlers managed to get upfield, and Ruth Riddell put a pass through for Elaine Hollingsworth, only for the ball to run to the home

all-out attack, the score was still level after seventy minutes, and the referee decided that extra time should be played. While Leicester were able to bring on two substitutes for the extra period, Dazzlers, with only the bare eleven players, had to muster their resources to prepare for the further confrontation.

But once the extra period got under way, Dazzlers weary players seemed to find new life, and began to play even better than they had done before.

They pressed forward from the kick-off and two corners on the right resulted in Ruth Riddell testing the goalkeeper with a high lob.

Half-way through the first period Leicester began to look dangerous down the left, and Faye Rose had to bring down their number 10 to stop her shooting with only Pam Rose to beat. Faye was slightly injured in the tackle, but the ball went past a post for a goal-kick. Another shot from the left was also wide of the mark, but the period ended with the home team on the attack.

After the change-round it was all Dazzlers, pressing up the right wing, and winning a corner on the left. Then in the 88th minute

the ball to run to the home goalkeeper. Shortly afterwards persistence by Dawn Poyser on the right wing gave Ruth chance to try a long shot, but the home goalie was not really troubled.

Leicester looked dangerous with fast breaks down the right wing, and Faye Rose cut out a nasty move down this side in the seventh minute. But only three minutes later the Leicester right winger, by far their best player, was given a clear run at goal, and scored with a long range shot which curled inside a post with more than a little help from the wind.

Far from being disheartened by this setback, Dazzlers began to get themselves together, and put pressure on Leicester. One raid in the 13th minute got into the goal area, but the home 'keeper gathered the ball among a ruck of players. Only moments later she had to come to the edge of her area to clear another Dazzlers' raid, and then had to save a close-range shot from Julia Clark.

Good work by Dawn Poyser and Ruth Riddell got the ball up the right wing, but Leicester broke out again, and once more Faye Rose had to put the ball out of play to ease the situation. A clearance from inside her own half by Faye carried over the heads of her own forwards, and another attack gave Elaine Hollingsworth a chance after Julia Clark had been brought down, but she could not get a shot in.

the left. Then in the 88th minute Leicester conceded a needless free-kick for hand ball midway into their own half, and right in the centre of the field. Faye Rose lofted a high ball into the penalty area, and Ruth Riddell was on hand to volley the ball into the net.

Leicester tried desperately to get an attack going in the dying minutes of the game, but Dazzlers refused to retreat from a midfield position, and at the final whistle there could be no argument that they thoroughly deserved their slender win.

Dazzlers' team: Pam Rose; Eleanor Evans, Jean Sutton; Stella Fox, Faye Rose (captain); Pat Marriott; Dawn Poyser, Ruth Riddell, Julia Clark, Karen Bates, Elaine Hollingsworth.

Ladybirds' defence assures victory

Tutbury Ladybirds ... 1

INDECISIVE PLAY

A period of indecisive midfield play finally resulted in Leicester coming away with the ball, but once again Faye was on hand to cut out the raid. Dazzlers won a corner on the right, but a remarkable offside decision by the referee prevented anything being made of it. Another long clearance from Faye Rose ran to the goalkeeper before Julia Clark could reach it.

In the 31st minute Dazzlers had their best chance to date as confusion reigned in the Leicester penalty area, with Julia Clark, Ruth Riddell, Karen Bates, and Dawn Poyser all trying for goal before the ball was cleared for a throw-in, with the goalkeeper way out of position. From the throw, Pat Marriott tested the goalie with a good shot.

The first half ended with Dazzlers still on the attack, and unlucky to be a goal down, having had much of the play. They got an attack going from the start of the second half, Ruth Riddell put a nice pass to Julia Clark, but once again defenders kept her from shooting while the goalie gathered the ball.

A nice piece of work by Faye Rose brought the ball out of defence, and gave it to Dawn Poyser, who made an opportunity for Stella Fox to move up the right wing, but nobody was up to take advantage of her centre. More work by Stella let Dawn in with a chance, but she could only force a corner, which was cleared.

Emgals 0

A fine display by the Ladybirds' defence on Sunday afternoon assured them of a very creditable victory over top-of-the-league side Emgals after Grant had shot them into a 30th minute lead.

A measure of how well-drilled the defence was, is that Emgals have a free-scoring reputation in the Midland Ladies' Sunday League and before the game at Tutbury they had been scoring an average of five goals a match.

Ladybirds, managed by Burton Albion centre-forward Pete Waller, played against the strong wind in the first half relying mainly on breakaways which frequently troubled the visiting defence. Several times they were in a helpless tangle but managed to survive with desperate clearances.

At the other end the Ladybirds' defence, expertly marshalled by centre-half Tipper, easily contained the highly-rated Emgals whose centre-forward, Johnson is one of the league's leading goalscorers, and when they did manage to break through, Haynes, in the Tutbury goal, was in great form.

DEFENCE SPLIT

The only goal of the match came in the 30th minute when the Ladybirds completely split their opponents' defence and Rogers found Grant with a neat pass giving the little right-winger

After 42 minutes a disputed free-kick against Faye Rose for elbowing gave Leicester a chance right on the angle of the penalty box, but the kick was headed past a post.

Play began to flow from end to end, and Pam Rose was twice inaction in Dazzlers' goal, while at the other end Julie Clark was kept off the ball when well placed for a shot with the goalie out of position, and a shot from Ruth Riddell was deflected for a corner.

Dazzlers had a lucky escape when Pam and Faye Rose got in a mix-up over a back pass, but fortunately the ball ran over the goal line before any of the home players could reach it. Faye cleared the corner kick with a mighty boot that went straight to the opposing goalkeeper.

IMPEDED

Work by Ruth Riddell and Dawn Poyser gave Ruth a shot, and soon after Dawn put Ruth through from a throw-in, but she was impeded by defenders, and the 'keeper took the ball again. Dazzlers kept on pressing, and won a corner on the left which came to nothing. Elaine Hollingsworth drew a save from the Leicester goalkeeper before the home team broke out, but the attack was cut short by a foul on Pam Rose.

As the game moved into the last few minutes, Dazzlers threw nine players upfield in an all-out attempt to get the equaliser, but it seemed that the ball just refused to go into the net. Twice

Julia Clark and Elaine Hollingsworth had chances in the packed penalty area, and a shot from Ruth Riddell brought a good save from the goalkeeper. Finally, in the 68th minute, Dazzlers' continued pressure paid off when Julia Clark scrambled the ball over the line for the equaliser.

Though Leicester launched an

an easy chance of which she took full advantage — crashing the ball past the helpless Poyner.

With the wind behind them in the second-half Ladybirds came close to increasing their lead on several occasions, but with a large measure of luck, coupled with some off-target shooting Emgals were able to hold out and, particularly as the game approached the close, turn on the pressure.

Ladybirds were forced to concede several corners. They cleared them with ease but on one occasion they were caught square with Johnson running on to a through ball. Haynes managed to parry the forward's shot but the ball ran loose to Moncrief who shot wide of an open goal.

After this let-off Ladybirds stormed forward and Rogers had a shot cleared off the line with the goalkeeper beaten. Then seconds later the Ladybirds' centre-forward was felled in the area but play was waved on and shortly afterwards the full-time whistle sounded to give the Ladybirds victory.

Team were:—

TUTBURY LADYBIRDS: — Haynes; West, Smith; Swinson, Tipper, Liddle; Grant, A. Jarvis, Rogers, Bott, Ede; subs. Atkinson (for Bott) and Rankin.

EMGALS: — Poyner; Weightman, Straw; Dearden, Eadie, Causer; O'Malley, C. Jarvis, Johnson, Boulton, Moncrief; subs., Mitchell and Goddard.

EMGALS STROLL IN

QUARTER-FINALS of the women's Midland Cup soccer competition take place on Sunday, and the draw is as follows:

Emgals "B" v Emgals "A"; Lansdown Ladies v Leicester City Supporters; Kays v Wanderers; Lodge Park v Rainbow Dazzlers.

The W.F.A. Mitre Cup Final has provisionally been fixed for Sunday, May 7, at the Burton Albion ground.

In the Vice-President's Cup,

Wanderers are in the second round after a 3-0 home win over Bedworth Ladies. Wanderers are the holders, and their extra experience saw them through on a heavy ground.

Top League match of the day was at Leicester where Emgals beat Kays 8-0 — Kays' first defeat of the season in the League. Emgals now have an outside chance of title honours, as they still have to play Wanderers at Leicester.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Wednesday 26 January 1972

RAINBOW DAZZLERS NEXT TO BOTTOM OF MIDLAND LADIES' LEAGUE

With neither team engaged in an official fixture, Rainbow Dazzlers staged an interesting game between their first and second teams at Overseal last Sunday. As eight players were unavailable, through illness and injury, two of the club officials took over goalkeeping duties for the teams, to make up the numbers.

An interesting, and often exciting match resulted, with the "green" team made up of the first team attack, and second team defence emerging as 2-0 winners.

But they did have the advantage of Malcolm Bourne as their goalie, who saved two penalties during the game.

"Green" team: — Malcolm Bourne; Mavis Bourne, Pauline Brank; Marilyn Dent, Julia Clark, Eileen Kirkland; Fiona Logie, Dawn Poyser, Caroline Parrans, Pam Rose, Diane Taylor, Lesley Eldridge.

"Orange" team:—Mick Abell; Eleanor Evans, Jean Sutton; Gwen Haywood, Faye Rose, Linda Holland; Christine Faulks, Ann Atton, Glenda Woolley, Angela Acraman, Elaine Hollingsworth.

Fixtures for Dazzlers first team during the remainder of the season are:—

- Feb. 13th Bedworth Ladies (H) League.
- Feb. 20th Leicester City (H) League.
- Feb. 27th Hillmorton Hunters (A) Vice-Presidents Cup, 2nd Round.

March 5th Thame Ladies (H) Cystic Cup, 2nd Round.

" 12th Vice Presidents Cup Semi-Final.

" 19th Forest Ladies (H) Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup, 1st Round.

Latest available league positions in the Midland Ladies League—Division I are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Kays	10	9	0	1	52	19	18
Wanderers	9	8	1	0	42	2	17
Emgals	10	8	0	2	35	11	16
Lansdowne Ladies	11	4	1	6	26	26	9
Leicester City	10	4	0	6	14	37	8
Bedworth Ladies	9	3	1	5	16	24	7
Rainbow Dazzlers	12	2	1	9	17	40	5
G.E.C./A.E.L.	11	1	0	10	9	72	2

Division II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Rye Pieres	7	5	2	0	29	6	12
Emgals 'B'	9	5	2	2	48	10	12
Western Athletic	8	4	1	3	24	13	9
Connors	8	4	0	4	14	36	8
Tutbury Ladybirds	5	3	0	2	6	3	6
Leicester City 'B'	5	2	0	3	3	13	4
Hillmorton Hunt.	7	2	0	5	6	31	4
Nuneaton Rangers	9	1	1	7	3	21	3

Rainbow Dazzlers have entered three teams in the Midland League Five-a-side Tournament to be played at Leamington on Saturday, March 4th. Another local club, Measham Ladies, have also entered teams, and the club's "A" teams have been drawn against each other in the first round of the tournament, so an interesting game seems likely.

Dazzlers' Reserve team is still finding difficulty in obtaining regular fixtures, but the team has been entered in the Pat Gwynne Invitation Cup, which takes in teams from various other leagues, and has been drawn at home against Notts, United.

As Dazzlers' first team is also at home in this cup, it is probable that the reserve team match will be played the week after it should be, on March 26th. Meanwhile, efforts are being made to arrange matches for the reserve team during February.

New date for Wanderers

WANDERERS of Nuneaton play their women's Mitre Cup soccer match against Emgals at Leicester tomorrow with the prize for the winners a home match with Crystal Palace on March 19.

The Wanderers-Emgals match was called off last week because of bad weather. Another hit was

the quarter-final between Aston Villa and Southampton.

In the League, Bedworth Ladies beat Leicester City Supporters in a Division I match. In Division II, Rye Piece (Bedworth) lost to Hillmorton Hunters.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 11 March 1972

Wanderers lose Cup—but chase league title

WANDERERS of Nuneaton are the team involved in most of the action in the Midland Ladies' Football League.

They went down 4-3 to Emgals in the top match of the day at Leicester in the zone final of the Mitre Cup and lost the chance of a quarter-final with Crystal Palace Ladies.

But on Sunday, they have an opportunity to land the League title, to make up for that disappointment. Kays are their challengers and after their 5-2 win over Bedworth Ladies, they must win to take the championship. A Wanderers win, and the title goes to

two defeats with a 5-1 away win over Conners, with Linda Randle scoring two.

Hillmorton Hunters had yet another success, with Nuneaton Rangers 2-1 victims. And the League's newest team, Holbrooks Athletic, went to Stoke-on-Trent but lost 8-1 to the powerful Blurton Albion.

Junior final

Potters Green Junior School and Wood End School meet in the final of the Brookminster Cup at Courthouse Green tomorrow (10.0).

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 17 March 1972

Emgals revival floors Palace

EMGALS, the women's football team from Leicester, are through to the semi-final of the Women's FA Mitre Challenge Trophy, after beating Crystal Palace Ladies 4-1 in the quarter final at the EMGB ground, Leicester, on Sunday.

After conceding a goal in the first half, Emgals staged a second half revival with goals by Jackie Freakley, Karan Malpass, Jane Noble and Joan Briggs.

Leicester Daily Mercury - Monday 20 March 1972

Bedworth clash in Ladies soccer

THERE will be an all-Bedworth clash in the second round of the Midland Ladies' Football League's Pat Gwynne Cup between Rye Piece and Bedworth Ladies.

Other ties for this competition — games to be played on or before April 16 — are:

Leicester City S.C. v. Lodge Park; Mansfield Ladies v. Forest Rangers; Droitwich St. Andrews v. Norton Ladies; Badsey Ladies v. Bedworth Rangers; Notts United v. Lansdowne Ladies; Rye Piece v. Bedworth Ladies; Blurton Albion or County Canaries v. Nottingham Imps.

Semi-finals of the Mitre Cup will be between Emgals and Stewartson and Thistle at Hull, and Southampton and Thame at Reading on April 9.

Wanderers have won the League championship but there are no signs of them easing up, for they whipped Lansdowne 5-0, Bernadette Cook hitting four.

Emgals look like being runners-up after their 5-1 win over Bedworth Ladies. In Division II, Rye Piece thrashed Western Athletic 6-1 at Leicester and kept their title hopes alive.

On Sunday, one of the top games will be the semi-final of the Vice-President's Cup at Bedworth between Rainbow Dazzlers and Thame Ladies.

The Rose Cup Final between Rye Piece and Emgals "B" will be on April 22 at Hillmorton Hunters ground and not April 8 as previously announced.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Saturday 01 April 1972

Ladies soccer growing

THE Midland Ladies' Football League are already planning for next season and there are possibilities of a third division being formed.

There are still vacancies and new entrants are asked to apply to the secretary, Mrs. P. Lockley at 53, The Crescent, Moira, near Burton-on-Trent.

Easter was a productive time for Wanderers of Nuneaton. Winners of the Gossilees tournament in Belgium last year, they returned to defend their title and beat the local team 1-0 in the final.

In the top match of the weekend at Bedworth, Thame Ladies beat Rainbow Dazzlers 4-0 in the semi-final of the Vice-President's Cup.

Emgals and Wanderers will play off a quarter-final tie to decide who meets Swindon Spitfires in the other semi-final on April 30.

Nuneaton Rangers, bottom of Division I last season, lost 6-0 to Tutbury Ladybirds and look like finishing bottom of Division II this time.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 07 April 1972

Women's football final at Eton Park

The Women's Football Association's Mitre Cup final will be played at Eton Park on Sunday, May 7th. Finalists for the second successive year are Stewarton Thistle and Southampton Ladies — last year's 4—1 winners.

In the semi-finals Stewarton Thistle defeated Emgals Leicester 5—2 and Southampton Ladies defeated Thame Ladies 4—3.

Emgals meet Thame Ladies in a third place match played immediately before the grand final.

Burton Daily Mail - Wednesday 12 April 1972

Wanderers pull out of Cup semi-final

WANDERERS of Nuneaton have withdrawn from the Midland Ladies Football League's Midland Cup semi-final leaving a clear path for their opponents Lodge Park into Saturday's final.

The teams were due to meet last Sunday but a dispute arose over the venue, and when it was put for consideration to the league's management committee, Wanderers withdrew.

So Lodge Park now meet Emgals — 5-0 winners over Leicester City Supporters Club in the other semi-final — in Saturday's final at Stretton-on-Dunsmore (6.15).

Wanderers, involved in the Cystic Fibrosis Cup, receive Burton Albion in the quarter-final, on Sunday, and at Southam. Kays meet Thame Ladies in a semi-final.

Wanderers have been having a busy time lately as they have not long returned from Belgium where they retained their title in the international tournament at Gos-silees.

On the national front, the Mitre Cup Final will be between Southampton and Stewarton Thistle on Burton Albion's Southern League ground on May 7.

together with the play-off for third and fourth places between Thame and Emgals.

DIVISION I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.
Wanderers	13	12	1	0	36	4	25
Emgals	14	11	0	3	79	14	22
Kays	13	10	0	3	58	28	20
Stewarton Ladies ...	14	4	3	8	20	35	19
Leicester City Sup. ...	13	3	0	8	17	40	10
Leedsdowne Ladies ...	13	4	1	8	26	37	9
Rainbow Dancers ...	14	3	2	9	11	40	8
GEC/AEL	14	2	0	12	10	84	4

DIVISION II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	P.
Emgals "B"	12	8	3	2	40	10	18
Rye Piece Ladies ...	11	7	3	1	43	12	17
Tisbury Ladybirds ...	10	7	0	3	18	6	14
Western Athletic ...	12	5	2	5	28	22	12
Halmston Miners ...	12	5	3	5	15	34	12
Conners	13	5	0	8	20	43	10
Leicester City "B" ...	12	3	1	8	6	29	7
Nuneaton Rangers ...	12	1	3	8	4	29	4

Top two

Carl Gilbert and Bobby Ham have monopolised Rotherham's scoring this season. Gilbert (19) and his colleague (11) accounted for 30 of the club's first 52 goals.

Coventry Evening

Telegraph - Friday 14 April 1972

DAZZLERS HOPE FOR BETTER LUCK NEXT SEASON

With all their official fixtures now completed, Rainbow Dazzlers have managed to finish no higher than second from bottom of division one of the Midland Ladies' League.

They should, however, be safe from relegation, as under present league rules, only the bottom club goes down to division two, though there have been rumours lately that with the projected formation of a third division, this rule could be changed to include the bottom two clubs, so Dazzlers are no doubt keeping their fingers crossed.

Although their official fixtures are finished, the club is far from idle, and is already looking forward to the 1972/73 season, when it is hoped the Reserve team will also be playing in the league. There are still the five-a-side and six-a-side competitions to come in June, and Dazzlers will

motion race in their first season. League tables:—

Division I

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Wanderers	13	12	1	0	56	4	25
Emgals	14	11	0	3	79	14	23
Kays	13	10	0	3	58	28	20
Bedworth Ladies	14	4	2	8	20	35	10
Leicester City	13	5	0	8	17	40	10
Lansdowne Ladies	13	4	1	8	26	37	9
Rainbow Dazzlers	14	3	2	9	17	40	8
G.E.C./A.E.I.	14	2	0	12	10	84	4

Division II

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Emgals 'B'	12	8	2	2	60	10	18
Rye Piece Ladies	11	7	3	1	43	12	17
Tutbury Ladybirds	10	7	0	3	18	6	14
Western Athletic	12	5	2	5	28	22	12
Hillmorton Hunters	12	5	2	5	15	34	12
Connors Ladies	13	5	0	8	20	48	10
Leicester City 'B'	12	3	1	8	6	29	7
Nuneaton Rangers	12	1	2	9	4	29	4

be playing friendly matches throughout the Summer, as well as taking part in a charity match at the Horninglow Flower Show in August.

For the players there are to be regular training periods, to keep the squad together, and in June a sponsored walk is to be organised to meet the cost of new kit required by the club for next season.

TWENTY PLAYERS

The club already has over twenty players re-signed for next season, but new additions are always welcome, and if any young ladies fancy their chances at football. Rainbow Dazzlers will be pleased to hear from them. The person to contact is the club secretary, Miss Pam Rose, 29 Woodlands Road, Overseal.

The latest available tables for the Midland Ladies' League, including games played on April 9th, show that Nuneaton Wanderers have again won the Division One championship, having so far dropped only one point this season—and that to Rainbow Dazzlers. In Division Two however, the position is much closer, with the other local team Tutbury Ladybirds well placed in the pro-

Burton Daily Mail - Thursday 13 April 1972

WFA step in to stop Cup final

A LATE intervention by the Women's Football Association prevented the scheduled Midland Cup Final between Emgals and Lodge Park from taking place at Stretton-on-Dunsmore.

Wanderers withdrew from the semi-final with Lodge Park because of the venue and, as a result, the W.F.A. ordered the final to be postponed pending an investigation.

In a hurriedly re-arranged game, Wanderers played Emgals and beat them 3-1 in the quarter-final of the Vice-President's Cup, two of the goals coming from Loraine Bullock. They now meet Swindon Spitfires at Worcester on April 30 in the semi-finals.

The full list of forthcoming finals now reads: Rose Cup: Rye Piece Ladies (Bedworth) v. Emgals "B" (at Hillmorton Hunters ground, Rugby, April 22); W.F.A. Mitre Cup, Southampton v. Stewarson Thistle (Scotland) (Burton Albion ground, May 7);

play-off for third place, Emgals v. Thame Ladies, preceding Mitre final; Cystic Fibrosis Cup, Thame Ladies v. Wanderers or Emgals (date and venue to be arranged); Vice-President's Cup, Thame Ladies v. Wanderers or Swindon Spitfires (date and venue to be announced).

Tomorrow's sport

Golf: Neil Coles, Ralph Moffitt, Don Knight and Derek Greenfield in exhibition to open Drive Centre, Sandpits Lane, Keresley.

Speedway: Coventry Bees v. Cradley Heath. Football: Full League programme.

Rugby Union: Bristol v. Coventry; Coventry Extras v. Bristol United; Nuneaton v. Old Alleynians; Pontypool v. Rugby; Stratford v. Stockwood Park.

Wanderers bid for double

WANDERERS of Nuneaton move towards the end of a busy ladies' soccer programme this weekend when they are involved in two semi-finals.

Tomorrow they play Emgals in the semi-final of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup and on Sunday they meet Swindon Spitfires in the semi-final of the Vice-Presidents' Cup at Worcester.

Wanderers' lead in playing abroad will soon prompt other clubs to follow suit. Kays are going to Sweden, Bedworth Ladies and Emgals are to visit Holland and Bedworth Rangers are to travel to France.

The Midland Ladies' League's five-a-side is on June 13 at Keele University.

Emgals "B" are the new holders of the Rose Cup. In the final at Hillmorton Hunters' ground, they beat Rye Piece Ladies 2-0, both scored by Alice Johnson.

It was a disappointing weekend for Rye Piece Ladies. They lost 6-2 to Tutbury Ladybirds in a Division II match and this puts their conquerors into second place.

Big day for women's soccer

WOMEN'S soccer has its big day on Sunday when the W.F.A. Challenge Trophy final is staged on Burton Albion's Southern League Ground between Southampton and the Scottish team Stewartson Thistle.

It is a repeat of last year's final, and will be preceded by the match for third and fourth places between Emgals and Thame Ladies.

This game is a dress-rehearsal for a later meeting of the clubs in the final of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup.

Wanderers, out of the Fibrosis Cup, beaten 2-1 by Emgals, went to Worcester to meet Swindon Spitfires in the semi-final of the Vice-President's Cup.

Matches between these teams are normally close and this was no exception. After extra time no goals had been scored and Thame Ladies

still have to wait to know who they meet in the final.

One of the league's newest clubs, Holbrooks Athletic, have had to wait a long time for their first victory of the season. But they have got it at last with a 7-2 success over Bedworth Ladies Reserves in a friendly.

The Midland Ladies League may run a third division next season and interested applicants are asked to contact Mrs. P. Lockley, 53, The Crescent, Moira, Burton-on-Trent.

Coventry Bantams have won the Heart of England League Challenge Cup. They beat Aston Villa 3-2 in a replay with Val McDermott scoring two goals and Janet Timms hitting the other. The first match ended in a goalless draw.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 05 May 1972

WANDERERS REACH CUP SEMI-FINAL

WANDERERS, of Nuneaton, one of the leading women's soccer teams of the area, meet Lodge Park in the semi-final of the Midland Cup on May 27, with the final being staged early in June.

New holders of the Cystic Fibrosis Cup are Thame Ladies who beat Emgals in the final at Worcester by 4-1. Thame now play in another final—the Vice-President's Cup—against Swindon Spitfires at Stretton-on-Dunsmore, probably on June 3.

Emgals "B" have won the Division II title with Tutbury Ladybirds runners-up.

The Midland Ladies' League will run a Third Division next season.

Coventry Evening Telegraph - Friday 19 May 1972

Ladies get new division

THE Midland Ladies Football League will run three divisions — with a two-up and two-down promotion relegation system — next season.

This is how the divisions will shape up: Division I: Wanderers, Emgals, Bedworth Ladies, Kays, Luton Ladies, Stoke City Ladies, Leicester City Supporters, Tutbury Ladybirds.

Division II: Rye Piece, Nuneaton, G.E.C./A.E.I., Lansdowne, Rainbow Dazzlers, Emgals "B," Western Athletic, Hillmorton Hunters, Measham, Notts County.

Division III: Holbrooks Athletic, City Angels, Bedworth Juniors, Nuneaton Rangers, Hem Heath, Rainbow Dazzlers "B," Leicester City Supporters "B," Hillmorton Wasps.

Stoke City Ladies beat Kays in the final of the five-a-side competition at Keele University to become first winners of the new cup.

Emgals bid for glory at Deal

EMGALS Ladies soccer team are hoping to shake off the disappointment of losing in the final of the Midland Cup last week when they take part in the Deal Tournament in Kent this weekend.

Emgals lost to Wanderers by the only goal of the match last Saturday — an own goal coming off their keeper Linda Shore.

They must hope that the result will not have affected their confidence, for they will be coming up against some of the strongest teams in the country at Deal.

On Saturday Holbrooks Athletic, Bedworth Ladies, Nuneaton Rangers, Rye Piece Ladies and Leicester City Supporters will be taking part in a six - a - side tournament at Coundon Hall Park. The event is part of the City of Coventry Freeman's Guild Horse Show and Gala Day in aid of the Lord Mayor's appeal fund.

