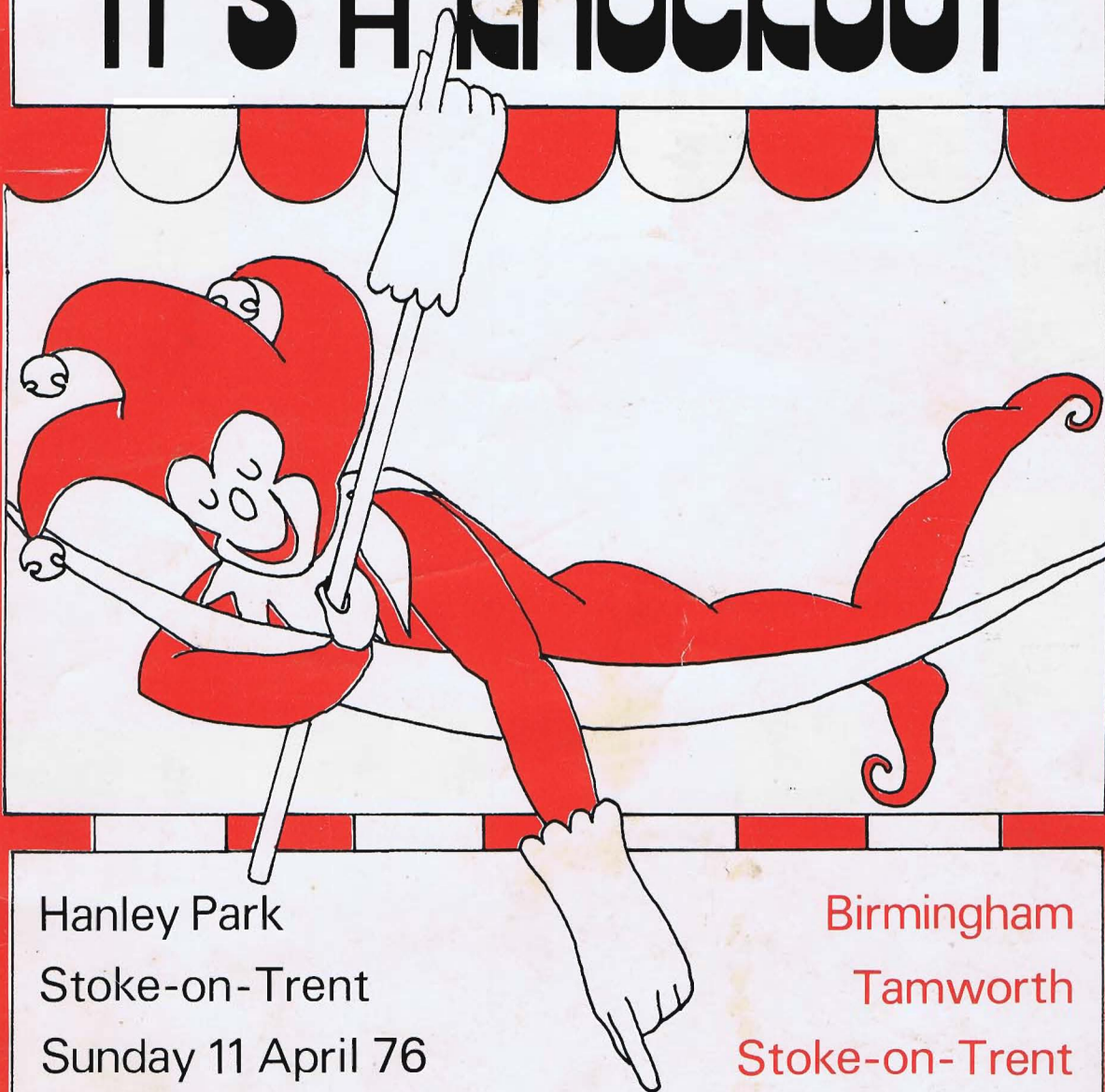


"IT'S A KNOCKOUT"



Hanley Park
Stoke-on-Trent
Sunday 11 April 76

Birmingham
Tamworth
Stoke-on-Trent

admission on production of this official programme

It's a (Bigger, Brighter) Knockout 1966-1976

The B.B.C. give details of the new series

"It's a Knockout is 10 years old. To celebrate, the new series will be launched in style back where it all began, on the sea front at Morecambe.

There will be more shows than ever before with 21 towns competing to win a place in the International round. Host town for the British heat of 'Jeux sans Frontieres' will be Leeds and, as it is our turn to stage the Grand Final this year, Blackpool is the location for the show which is expected to have an audience of around 200 million.

The very first It's a Knockout was broadcast live from Morecambe sands in 1966 and nearly ended in disaster. The tide came in during the closing minutes and the cameramen were up to their knees in water by the end.

This time, the show will be done on the promenade.

There is a strong North v. South flavour to the contest, with the Midlands and Scotland also staking a claim.

Three towns take part in each of the seven 'domestic' heats, with the winner from each programme representing Britain in the international series which includes teams from France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Holland and Switzerland.

For the first time this year, the seven successful British towns will also participate in a special All-Winners programme to be recorded on neutral ground at Charnock Richard, Lancashire, for the Radio Times trophy.

There will also be another all-star celebrity edition following the success of last year's charity-raising event, and a Cup Final special with teams of supporters from the two clubs who win through to Wembley.

Cecil Korer takes over as producer this year from Barney Colehan, who launched the show. However, Barney, who retired from the BBC in January, will still act as adviser on the series.

'My ambition is to put more fun back into the show,' says Cecil. 'I want to revive the original concept of the series as a seaside fun show with lots of fun. In recent years, it has become too competitive and serious.'

'The European versions have often been crazier than ours and now we are importing some of that flavour with daft props and costumes.'

'The bonus for the teams will be that they will have the chance to take part in European-style games before Jeux sans Frontieres actually starts. British teams haven't performed so well lately. The changes we are making should alter that.'

Here's a run down of the series.

The nation-wide contest starts on April 4 with Morecambe playing host to Blackpool and Liverpool.

On April 11, Hanley Park at Stoke-on-Trent is the venue when Birmingham and Tamworth challenge the home team.

A week later on April 18, Cirencester and Newbury lay siege at picturesque Sudeley Castle, in Gloucestershire, used as a location for The Pallisers, against a local team from Winchcombe.

Yorkshire enters the fray on May 2 when Kirklees, Doncaster and Leeds meet at the Princess Mary Playing Fields, Cleckheaton.

Harlow are at home to Thurrock (Grays) and Lee Valley, at the Sportscentre on May 9.

The Boating Lake on the seafront at Redcar will be the scene of a contest between the home team and Carlisle and Durham on May 16.

The domestic series winds up on May 23. Stirling University are the hosts when the town takes on Edinburgh and Linlithgow."

STOKE-ON-TRENT

Welcomes

BBCtv

“It’s a Knockout”

**Birmingham v Tamworth v
Stoke-on-Trent**

**at Hanley Park, Stoke-on-Trent
Sunday, 11th April, 1976**



For the first time, the B.B.C.'s popular spectacular of fun and games “It’s a Knockout” comes to Stoke-on-Trent and the City Council are both privileged and proud to put Hanley Park at their disposal.

To be in competition with Birmingham and Tamworth is pleasing and the prospect of progressing into Europe will most certainly bring out the best in all who today proudly represent their locality. As usual, the B.B.C. have devised a series of games to capture the imagination of young and old and although favoured with home advantage I am sure it will be a close match. At the end of the day may the best team win!

Since the decision was announced to stage this event at Stoke-on-Trent there has been much planning and preparation to ensure that everything is “right on the day”. I hope therefore that it proves a huge success and provides an afternoon of excitement for the whole family. It takes three teams to make this particular match and as hosts we extend a warm welcome to our friends from Birmingham and Tamworth.

The three teams and the officials involved have worked hard to arrive at this stage—having survived the initial tests they now enter into battle with Europe beckoning.

Good luck to you all.

Councillor DENNIS SHOTTON,
Lord Mayor of the City of Stoke-on-Trent

“It’s a Knockout”

– the target is the
“Jeux Sans Frontieres”
Gold Trophy!

“It’s a Knockout” was born in the North by way of the B.B.C.’s “Top Town” contests of the ’fifties and it has grown into an Olympian event watched by 15 million viewers in Britain, and via Eurovision, 150 million more in Europe.

In this series of “It’s a Knockout” there will be seven British Heats each with three teams. There will also be an All Winners Programme, followed by seven International Heats plus a Grand Final.

Of the towns selected for the British Heats seven will be Host towns and fourteen will play away. The winners of each British Heat will go forward to a special All Winners Programme and compete for the Radio Times Trophy, which they will retain for a year.

Each winner of a British Heat will also qualify to represent their town, and Great Britain, in one of the International Heats competing against six other countries from Europe.

As the competition progresses into Europe, the British Teams aims are two-fold. Firstly, of course, to win the International Heat and a Silver “Jeux Sans Frontieres” trophy; Secondly to gain the highest possible place and as many points as possible in the heat. It will be the best placed British Team, or the highest scoring if two are similiary placed, who will go forward to the “Jeux Sans Frontieres” Final, where a Gold Trophy is the prize for the winning team.

“It’s a Knockout”

Programme

Sunday, 11th April, 1976

3.30 p.m. Entertainment provided by—

BIRMINGHAM

Eureka Parade Band
Jockymen’s Morris Club
Birmingham Majorettes

TAMWORTH

Trinity Georgians Jazz Band

STOKE-ON-TRENT

Stoke-on-Trent Sea Cadets Corps
(Girls Nautical Training Corps, Semaphore
Display, Rifle Drill and Music by the Sea Cadets
Band)

**4.45 p.m. “IT’S A KNOCKOUT”
commences**

**THE
BBC
TEAM**

Producer CECIL KORER
Director GEOFF WILSON
Commentators STUART HALL
 EDDIE WARING

Designer PAUL MONTAGUE
Engineering Manager GEOFF LOMAS
Production Assistants ALAN WRIGHT
 ALAN WALSH
Referee ARTHUR ELLIS

“Knockout” People

“Knockout’s inimitable duo, Stuart Hall and Eddie Waring, are the commentators again, and former international soccer referee Arthur Ellis and Mike Swann are the British Referees.

Eddie Waring



Eddie joined the programme in 1966 and has vast experience of Knockout recordings all over Europe.

He has been a top B.B.C. personality ever since TV came to the North in 1951, becoming a household name in covering Rugby League.

Born in Dewsbury, Eddie played Soccer, Rugby Union, Rugby League—and was a wrestler too.

A globe-trotter, he has made seven trips round the world and appeared on TV in Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.

Eddie usually gives a special blow-by-blow account of the mini-marathon contest, which can be a vital tie-breaker in a tight contest. “For me,” he says, “the programme really comes alive when we go into Europe. The atmosphere is electric, the competition intense, and yet so enjoyable. It’s an exciting show to do.”

Stuart Hall



Stuart Hall, who made his Knockout debut in 1972, presents Look North, the B.B.C. North West weeknight TV magazine programme in Manchester, and makes frequent appearances on the network in Nationwide.

A Lancashire lad, he first broadcast in 1958 as a radio contributor in Sports Spotlight. He has reported on soccer, cricket, tennis, motor racing and motor cycling, as well as current affairs.

His great loves are football, fast cars and antique clocks. Perhaps the clocks reign supreme—he loves their sense of continuity.

Married the same year he started broadcasting—1958—Stuart has two teenage children, Francesca and Daniel. His home in Glossop, Derbyshire, is crammed with antique clocks, Victorian furniture, bronzes and old portraits.

He sees Knockout as essentially a “fun show” and is determined to make it as entertaining as possible for competitors and viewers.

"Knockout" People



Cecil Korer

Producer

Cecil joins the series as producer this year, but he is by no means unfamiliar with the programme. He worked on the first two series in 1966 and 1967 as an assistant producer. Since then, he's been involved with such shows as Children Talking as director, and producer of such quizzes as Password and Ask The Family.

In recent years, he has worked in London, but returned to the North—he was born in Stockport—in the Autumn of 1975 to take over Knockout from Barney Colehan and develop other programme ideas from Leeds.

He has worked on the production team of such other long-running favourites as Top of the Pops and The Good Old Days, where he first established his working relationship with Barney.



Arthur Ellis

Referee

Arthur Ellis, from Halifax, one of the best-known soccer referees in the world, has officiated in practically every country that plays first-class football.

He refereed World Cup ties and 73 internationals in his time, and became the first English referee to be awarded the Gold Badge of FIFA.

He now works as a brewery representative.

"It's a Knockout"

Games Order and Scoring

As you will see from the descriptions there are now seven games with a Marathon between each game.

The seventh game will be a "standing game" throughout the series and each week all teams will do the same game.

Note: Each week the score will be 3, 2, 1 points for first, second and third as for normal games.

The New Total Score if you win all games and win your Joker and the Marathon will be 27 points and the lowest you can score if you lose all games will be 11 points.

The BBC's "Backroom Boys"

Behind the scenes, there's a dedicated team that the Knockout live audiences see going about their complex duties, but are discretely out of sight of the TV audiences.

The director is Geoff Wilson, who makes sure that the producer and engineers' efforts reach the screen in the way they were envisaged in the calm of the planning meetings.

Cecil Korer has the assistance of Alan Wright, who leads the full-time workers responsible for the months of advance preparation which go into the smooth running of the series.

Engineering manager Geoff Lomas ensures that all the complicated equipment functions correctly, and the stage managers, led by Bryan Chapman, can be seen racing backwards and forwards talking to the director's mobile control room, via 'walkie talkie' radios during the course of the recording.

'It's a Knockout'

1976

Order of the Games

GAME 1	All Teams	— Score 3, 2, 1 points
MARATHON 1	Team A	
GAME 2	Teams A v. B	— Score 3, 2 points
MARATHON 2	Team B	
GAME 3	All Teams	— Score 3, 2, 1 points
MARATHON 3	Team C	
GAME 4	Teams C v. A	— Score 3, 2 points
MARATHON 4	Team A	
GAME 5	All Teams	— Score 3, 2, 1 points
MARATHON 5	Team B	
GAME 6	Teams B v. C	— Score 3, 2 points
MARATHON 6	Team C	
GAME 7	All Teams	— Score 3, 2, 1 points

Scoring for Marathon: 6, 4, 2 points

Double points for Joker on any Game except Marathon

"It's a Knockout"

Team members stated are those

'FLYING FISH'

GAME

1

3 Teams / 1 Heat 1 male; 2 females

A man and girl are on roller-skates, linked together at their ankles and each carry a catching net to receive balls with streamers attached to them.

The balls are thrown through the open mouth of a fish hanging above the ground, by a girl from the same team, limited in her run up distance by an elastic line. After either the man or girl have caught a ball, they must deposit it in a container at the end of their track.

The winning team will be the one with most balls caught in time limit.

'HIGHBALL'

GAME

2

2 Teams / 1 Heat 1 male; 1 female

Advancing down a line of hoops, through which a football's passed, a man and girl carry a net between them on which a large ball is placed. If this ball falls off the net in course of negotiating the line of hoops they must return to the start, replace the ball and begin again.

Having reached the end of the line of hoops the big ball on the net is bounced up and over a bar, they have to catch it on the other side in the net. If missed the ball is to be replaced and they try again, each time bouncing it from the hoop line side of the bar.

'GETTING HOOKED'

GAME

3

3 Teams / 1 Heat 4 males; 2 females

One girl and one man carry a girl seated on a suitable carrying plank.

Two men carry a man seated on a suitable carrying plank.

The man on his plank, and the girl on hers hold walking sticks with the hooked end outwards, and advance towards each other. When they are close enough to link the ends of their hooked sticks the man then has to direct them all back through his starting hoop remaining hooked to the girl.

The winners will be the first team, man and girl correctly hooked, through their hoop.

'HEAVY WATER'

GAME

4

2 Teams / 2 Heats 1 male; 1 female

A man and a girl each carry a plank on their heads on which is placed a tub containing water, the inside ends of the planks are linked by a short line.

They both negotiate, side by side, a course of obstacles, stepping stones, foam blocks, a low tape and a ramp. When completed they turn around and return the same way to the start line, remove the tubs from their planks and empty the water into transparent containers.

Winners will be the team who have emptied the most water into their tubs after completing the course.

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required from each team.

GAME

5

'BOUNCYCLETTE'

3 Teams / 3 Heats 3 males; 2 females

Three men from the same team each ride a bicycle down an unevenly surfaced track. Between each cycle there are lines running between an attachment on the front of the frame. These must be kept reasonably taut, to retain a number of balls that are placed on them.

If a ball falls off, a girl, one on each side of the three tracks, can throw a replacement onto the lines although this must be carefully judged as this action may endanger the stability of the balls already retained on the lines.

The winning team will be the quickest to complete the course, finishing with the same number of balls as they started with.

GAME

6

'THROW 'N' JUMP'

2 Teams / 2 Heats 3 Males; 2 females—Playing 2 males—Pushing

Two girls, one each side of the revolve take a ball from a storage area, throw it, from behind a line, to two men, each one standing on a podium adjacent to the girls either side of the revolve. They must catch it and throw it into the basket that is strapped on the back of a man from their team who is kneeling on the centre of the revolve.

Two men from the opposing team operate the revolve. The arc that is swept by the arms cuts across the areas where the two men from the team busy throwing are standing—as the arm comes up to this podium the man must jump to avoid being removed by it, thereby decreasing his time for getting balls into the basket. Winning team will be the one who gets the most balls into their man's basket in the time limit. Teams swap roles for second heat.

GAME

7

'WELL STACKED'

3 Teams / 1 Heat 2 males; 2 females

Two girls load a quantity of fruit baskets piling them one upon another vertically, onto a plank carried by two men from the same team. When they are all loaded, the men progress down course to finish posts, each bursting a line of balloons with their feet.

The winning team will be the first back, with all their fruit baskets still piled high and having burst all the balloons.

MARATHON

1

'HEADS TOGETHER'

1 Team / 3 Heats 2 males; 2 females

Two men and one girl each wear a costume which prevents them seeing as they negotiate a course of markers constantly keeping a large ball sitting between the heads of their costumes, finishing by depositing it into a basket at the end of the course. They are directed by a girl from the same team who issues them with audible instructions.

Winning team will be quickest to complete entire course successfully, or retain ball between them for furthest distance—number of markers passed and not knocked over counts for scoring.

MARATHON

2

'BOUNCE AROUND'

1 Team / 3 Heats 2 males; 2 females

Two men and two girls each wear a costume out of which they can see, although leg movement will possibly be restricted.

They negotiate same course of markers as used in Marathon 1, constantly retaining a large ball between the heads of the four costumes, finishing by depositing it into a basket at the end of the course.

Winning team will be quickest to complete entire course successfully, or retain ball between them for furthest distance—number of markers passed and not knocked over counts for scoring.



BIRMINGHAM



TAMWORTH



STOKE-ON-TRENT

The Birmingham Team

COLOURS — WHITE SHORTS AND WHITE VESTS

The Birmingham Team will be chosen from the following squad:-

- Alec ANDERSON** (44) TEAM MANAGER. Recreation Officer with the City's Amenities and Recreation Department, qualified P.E. teacher and ex-Rugby Referee—present pursuits are Badminton and Golf.
- John ARDERN** (23) A Student Civil Engineer, who plays football, squash and table tennis for the University of Aston. Regards himself as car accident prone.
- Ian BOWLAND** (22) An Accountancy Student, plays cricket and basketball, and rugby for his University, Aston, and Midland and English Universities.
- Paul BULLOCK** (25) Is in Advertising Sales, and captains Birmingham Rugby Club's 1st XV, also plays rugby for North Midlands County, as well as being a keen squash and tennis player.
- Richard BUTCHER** (16) A student who plays water polo and swims for Solihull, and plays rugby for Greater Birmingham Schools.
- Anne BUTLER** (17) A Police Cadet, who swims and plays badminton, netball and hockey for West Midlands Police.
- Dave CARO** (25) A Works Manager, who runs for Birchfield Harriers and has represented Midland County A.A.A., and is interested in hang gliding.
- Trevor CLARKE** (27) An Insurance Development Superintendent who plays in Birmingham Rugby Club's 1st XV, squash in the Birmingham League, and is keen on gliding.
- George COOKSON** (25) Teaches Physical Education and Chemistry, plays in Moseley Rugby Club's 2nd XV, and enjoys rough shooting and farming when he gets a chance.
- Susan CREWE** (23) A Remedial Gymnast at Birmingham Accident Hospital, does gymnastics coaching and is learning French and Italian, as well as the guitar. In 1972 swam in an English Channel Relay Team.
- Janet DALE** (23) A Physical Education Teacher, who plays hockey, volleyball and squash, and is interested in a wide range of sports including scuba diving.
- Malcolm EVEREST** (18) A Police Cadet, who swims and plays badminton for West Midlands Police, as well as rugby at County level.
- Peter GRIMSHAW** (18) A Police Cadet who boxes and runs cross-country for West Midlands Police, and plays football and basketball for them also.
- Hazel HUMM** (22) A Physical Education Teacher who plays hockey, volleyball and squash and is keen on many other sports including parascending.
- Mike JARRETT** (19) A Student who runs for Birchfield Harriers, represented Midland Counties A.A.A., and plays rugby.
- Steve JOHNSON** (26) A Physical Education Teacher, plays in Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club 1st XV, capped for North Warwickshire, and plays basketball at regional level.
- Gary LANGSTONE** (17) A Police Cadet plays football and basketball, and boxes as well for West Midlands Police.
- Geoffrey LINNELL** (21) A Student of Maths/Computer Sciences who is captain of Birmingham University Basketball 1st team and has represented English Universities. Keen on golf and travel, and spent 3 months teaching golf in America.
- Christopher MASON** (20) A Business Studies Student, plays squash and rugby and was Birmingham Squash Rackets Club Champion in 1975. Was Victor Ludorum at school, excepting swimming.
- Roy MULLER** (29) An Electrician whose sport is Judo, was Great Britain Lightweight Champion in 1968, currently Staffordshire Open Heavyweight Champion.
- Lesley PALLETT** (21) A Student of Physical Education and Maths, who is a trampolinist and was World Mini Trampoline Champion in 1972, she also plays netball, tennis and hockey.
- Margaret PASQUETTI** (25) Teaches Physical Education and Art, throws discus and javelin for Birchfield Harriers and Ireland, and was Irish Javelin Champion in 1973 and Discus Champion in 1974.
- Stephen PEARCE** (20) A Sales Consultant, who is an ice speed skater with Birmingham Mohawks, and was chosen for the British Winter Olympics Squad this year.
- Mike QUICK** (24) A Student of Physical Education who represents Birmingham University in the modern pentathlon, and swimming and is English Universities biathlon champion of 1976.

THE BIRMINGHAM TEAM—Continued

- Rita REES** (33) A Private Secretary who plays netball and tennis and from 1963 to 1975 she played netball for England.
- Paul REYNOLDS** (27) A Public Health Inspector, rows for Birmingham Rowing Club 1st VIII, and is also the clubs number one sculler.
- Anne SCARFF** (21) A Physical Education Student who plays basketball (Ladies captain), hockey and badminton for Birmingham University, and is a keen orienteer.
- Sally SHEARD** (19) Studying Physical Education and Geography at Birmingham University, and plays hockey for the 1st team.
- Joanne SMALLWOOD** (32) Personal Assistant to a Public Relations Officer, a high jumper who has represented Midland Counties A.A.A., and plays netball for Linden and has been in England trials for 2 years.
- Chris STROUD** (19) A Physical Education Student who plays badminton and volleyball for St. Peter's College 1st teams, and hockey at international tournament level.
- Marilyn WALKER** (19) Student at Birmingham University for which she plays basketball and table tennis in 1st teams, in addition to playing hockey for Moseley.
- Gerard WHITTLE** (18) A Student who is a keen swimmer having swam for Birmingham, and a rugby and water polo player.
- David FARMER** (35) A Police P.E. Instructor whose sports include canoeing, mountaineering and gymnastics. Whilst in Royal Navy was a member of the Field Gun Team at the Royal Tournament and Rodeos in U.S.A.

The Tamworth Team

COLOURS — BLACK SHORTS AND YELLOW VESTS

Ladies Team Captain

Barbara COLCLOUGH (over 21) Swimming Teacher at Wyndley Sports and Leisure Centre. Hobbies include swimming, sub-aqua diving, water skiing, paracending and horse riding. Plays badminton for Staffordshire, teaches gymnastics and also enjoys squash, tennis, trampolining and netball, and is a member of Tamworth Opera Group.

Men's Team Captain

Geoff BEALES (31) Married family man. Sports Centre Manager and Schoolmaster. Former International Athlete.

Stan ASHMORE (24) Assistant Physical Training Instructor at Whittington Barracks. Hobbies include football, rugby, athletics and judo.

Martin BARKER (20) An electrician for the National Coal Board at Birch Coppice Colliery. Hobbies include football, weightlifting and body building.

Denise BATTERSBY (17) Student of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, studying for her 'A' levels. Enjoys playing tennis, squash, badminton and horse riding.

Keth BOWATER (24) Civil Servant, interested in unusual hobbies and pastimes such as trying to encourage people to give up bad habits including smoking.

Nathalie BULLOWS (17) Pupil of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Tamworth. Leader of Tamworth Brownies and Girl Guides. Member of Tamworth Red Cross and the Scottish Dancing Society.

Susan CHAPPELL (16) Student of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. Plays Staffordshire under 18's county hockey and is captain of the team. Interested in amateur dramatics.

Wendy CHAPPELL (16) Student of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. Interested in all kinds of sports and like her sister is interested in amateur dramatics.

Helen DALE (21) Teacher of physical education. Member of Wolverhampton and Bilston Athletic Club. Interested in swimming, gymnastics and hockey.

John DAVIS (29) Employee of Tamworth Borough Council. Main sporting activities include power lifting, weight training and tug-o-war.

Ralph GRAHAM (26) Employed as a fitter by the National Coal Board at Daw Mill Colliery. Married with two children. Interested in all kinds of sport. Hobbies include gardening, car maintenance and oil painting.

Martin HEAFIELD (23) A Police Officer, Staffordshire Police Force, stationed at Tamworth. Represents the town at rugby and cricket.

THE TAMWORTH TEAM—Continued

- Teresa JONES** (16) A pupil of Perrycroft Secondary Girls' School. Proposed career is in the Police Force.
- Ann LYTH** (25) Enjoys all aspects of physical education, especially hockey. Plays badminton, coaches tennis. Ambition to travel the world as much as possible.
- Brian MANDRY** (28) A formwork designer with a large building company. Married with three children. Enjoys swimming and is the chief coach and club captain for Tamworth.
- Petra MORGAN** (22) A student teacher and youth worker. Hobbies include sewing, camping, walking and photography.
- Stephanie O'Neal** (17) A pupil of King Edward VI High School for Girls at Edgbaston where she is studying for 'A' levels in Maths, Geography, French and General Studies.
- John SEDGWICK** (27) Head of P.T. Department at Kingsbury High School. Moved from Cheshire three years ago. Interests include climbing, walking and gymnastics.
- Dawn SEWELL** (16) Member of Tamworth's athletic team, trains three nights a week and Sunday mornings. Hobbies include athletics, dancing (for which she holds 5 cups and 30 medals) and swimming.
- Chris SHILTON** (19) A motor mechanic and member of Tamworth Athletic Club.
- Jenny SMALE** (25) Teacher of physical education at a large comprehensive school. Keen badminton player and sailor.
- Steven WALTERS** (17) Has played basketball for Birmingham, and at Crystal Palace in the All England Schoolboy Championships. Ambition is to start Psychiatric Nursing at All Saints Hospital, Birmingham.
- Robert WESLEY** (18) An electrician's mate, enjoys all sports activity. Three times County Trampoline Champion and is reserve for the National Team.
- Sue WILEMAN** (17) A telephonist/Typist enjoys many kinds of sports. Interests include Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, learning Spanish and car games, and watching Leicester City Football Club.

The Stoke-on-Trent Team

COLOURS — WHITE SHORTS AND RED VESTS

The Stoke-on-Trent Team will be selected from the following, all of whom are resident within the City boundary, viz:-

Team Captain (Male)—non playing

- Graham KIRK** (34) was a member of the Staffordshire Regiment for 6 years. During his service career he was an Assistant Physical Training Instructor, and he likes to be involved in all sports, especially boxing, football and swimming. Graham is married and his occupation is a Computer Operator.
- Bill JACKSON** (26) Bill is a Physical Education Teacher and has represented the City and the County as a rugby player. He is a keen athlete and his speciality is weight training.
- Geoffrey WARD** (23) Geoff is a Leisure Centre Assistant, his main hobbies being athletics and squash and he has represented the Midlands in the following field events—high jump, pole vault and long jump.
- Terence JONES** (25) is a sales representative and he has represented the County in both athletics and rugby and he is also a keen squash and table tennis player.
- Anthony BRINDLEY** (28) Anthony is a Sergeant in the Staffordshire Constabulary and as a school boy represented the County at rugby and cricket and has now progressed as a senior player and represents the County and the Police at Rugby and has also played against the Australian Rugby Touring Team. His sporting hobbies include golf, boxing, weight lifting and life saving.
- Robert WAIN** (25) Bob's main sporting activity revolves around rugby union and he has played for both the County and England as an under 23 player.
- Jack JACKSON** (19) Jack is a student at the Cheshire College of Agriculture, taking a course in Agricultural Engineering. He is interested in all sports and has represented both Staffordshire and England in under 19 trials at Rugby Union.
- John WIGGINS** (31) By profession he is a sales representative and his main hobby is painting. He served in the Royal Air Force and represented this Service in swimming and rugby.
- David WELLS** (22) David is an engineering technician and in his spare time he is actively involved in both judo and cross country running.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT TEAM—Continued

- Paul BILBIE** (17) Paul is at present attending St. Joseph's College. His main hobbies consist of canoeing, athletics, shooting, scouting and rugby, and he has represented his school at both athletics and rugby.
- Glen GORDON** (21) Glen is a local maintenance fitter. He is keen on all sports, especially football.
- David GRAY** (23) By trade David is a plumber and his sporting hobbies include football, basket ball, badminton and bowls, and he has represented the City in the under 18 and 21 youth football tournaments.
- Gary COOPER** (22) Gary is a maintenance technician by trade and his main sporting interest is squash.
- Richard TUREMAN** (26) Dick is a local steel worker, and his main sporting hobbies are football, cricket and fishing.
- David POLACZEK** (25) David is a clerk with a local firm and has a go at all sports.
- John KELTER** (20) John is a rubber technician apprentice with a well known local firm and his main hobbies include football and car maintenance. He played football for the City Boys in 1970, and the Staffordshire National Association Boys Clubs in 1972.

Team Manager

- Norman HARRISON** (47) Norman served in H.M. Forces as an Army Physical Training Corp. Instructor. In the late 1940's he was the Featherweight Boxing Champion in the City, and also the Midlands A.T.C. Featherweight Champion. He is employed by the Local Authority as a Sports Warden and he is at present the Secretary of the Staffordshire Referees and Judges Assoc. Norman is keen on all sport and is never happier than when giving up his own leisure time to assist youth in their sporting activities.

The female non playing team captain will be appointed from the following in due course.

- Jennifer FROST** (20) Works as a sales assistant with a local firm. Her main sporting hobbies are netball and rifle shooting. She has represented the County on several occasions as a netball player, took part in the schoolgirls trials for the same sport in 1972, and represented Stoke Athletic Club in high jump in 1971.
- Diane MORRIS** (17) Diane is at present continuing with her academic studies and her main hobbies are gymnastics, trampolining, swimming, netball, hockey and badminton. In 1974 she was a representative of the winning team of Midlands Trampoline Championship.
- Trudie McDONALD** (23) Trudie is a teacher by profession, enjoys all sports and plays badminton regularly in the local leagues.
- Lynne MEREDITH** (17) Lynne is at present attending the Sixth Form College as a student. Her main interests in sport being cricket, squash and swimming, and she has represented local schools in putting the shot.
- Pauline KEMP** (17) Pauline is at present pursuing her academic studies. She is a very keen athlete who has represented the City from 1970 to 1976 in cross country and athletics and also the County during the same period and England in 1975.
- Julie BASKEYFIELD** (17) At present she is a student nursery nurse and her main sporting activities are swimming, squash, Gymnastics and trampolining. Julie did represent the City from 1971 to 1973 in swimming events.
- Ann HAWKINS** (29) Ann is a local paintress (training instructor). She is very keen and plays netball regularly and has represented the City at both athletics and netball.
- Susan MASSEY** (23) Susan is employed as a clerk with a local firm. She is keen on all sports, especially netball, hockey, badminton, squash and table tennis. Susan has, in the past, represented the City at both table tennis and netball.
- Wendy STUBBS** (17) Wendy is still pursuing her academic career, like a lot of her colleagues she is an all round sports woman and has represented the City Schools in both cross country and athletics.
- Norma ASHCROFT** (29) Norma is employed as a wages clerk locally. She likes to have a go at all sports and has represented both the City and County as a netball player.
- Angela BYATT** (17) Angela is at present pursuing her academic studies at a local college. Her sporting hobbies include netball, hockey, badminton, tennis and swimming, and she has also played for a local ladies football team. In 1976 she represented the County at netball and was also a member of the Southern Area Rounders winning team in 1975.
- Ina COLCLOUGH** (16) Ina is employed by the Local Education Authority as a swimming instructor. Her main sporting hobbies are hockey and squash. Ina represented the City's Youth Swimming Team in 1975/76.

Civic Messages from Birmingham and Tamworth



From the Lord Mayor of the City of Birmingham

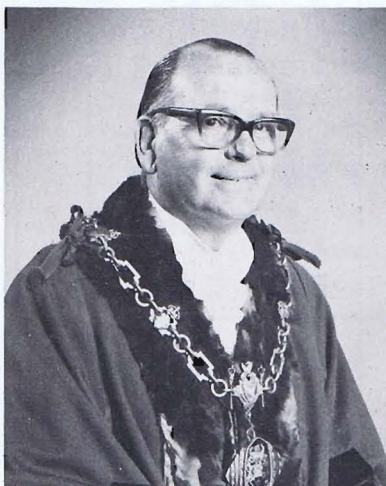
I was very pleased when I learned that Birmingham had accepted the invitation to participate in a 1976 "It's a Knock-Out" contest at Hanley Park, Stoke-on-Trent.

Despite the obvious handicap of playing away from home, I am confident that the Birmingham team will give a good account of themselves and carry the good name of our City with pride and pleasure.

The events will, I know, tax not only the basic athletic ability of the teams, but their imagination and adaptability in striving to overcome the many tests which the organisers set before them.

The City of Stoke-on-Trent is to be congratulated on promoting the contest, and I am sure that April 11th 1976 will be a happy and exciting day for competitors and spectators alike.

Councillor ALBERT JACKSON
(Lord Mayor)



From the Mayor of Tamworth

I am delighted that Tamworth has been invited to enter a team in "It's a Knockout" to compete against teams from the Cities of Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent. This Competition arouses very keen interest all over the Country and it is good that our local sporting people have a chance to take part in this very popular event.

I am sure the townspeople of Tamworth will wish to join me in wishing the Tamworth team good luck and a successful day.

Councillor D. J. BONAS
(Mayor)

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IT'S A KNOCKOUT			JEUX SANS FRONTIERES		
	Venue	Contestants	1976 Date	Winner goes forward to European heat held at:	Date
Round One	Promenade Morecambe	Morecambe, Blackpool, Liverpool.	April 4	Nimes, France.	June 2
Round Two	Hanley Park Stoke-on-Trent	Stoke-on-Trent, Birmingham, Tamworth	April 11	A location in Italy.	June 16
Round Three	Sudeley Castle Winchcombe	Winchcombe, Cirencester Newbury	April 18	Caslano, Switzerland	June 23
Round Four	Princess Mary Playing Fields, Cleckheaton	Kirklees, Leeds, Doncaster	May 2	Roundhay Park, Leeds	July 14
Round Five	Sportscentre Harlow, Essex	Harlow, Lee Valley, Thurrock (Grays)	May 9	Liege, Belgium	August 11
Round Six	Boating Lake Seafront, Redcar	Redcar, Durham, Carlisle	May 16	Bad Mergentheim, Germany	August 25
Round Seven	University Site, Stirling	Stirling, Edinburgh, Linlithgow	May 23	Groningen, Holland	September 8
All British Winners Championship	Arena North, Charnock Richard, Lancs.	Winner of each domestic heat	June 27		
Final	Blackpool	Highest placed British team in international heats.	September 22		

