

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP 1977-1978:

National Women's Cup, 1978-9					
First Round	Second Round		Semi Final Pool		
Malory Lewisham 60 }			Cleveland Eagles 70 }		P W L Pt
Crystal Palace Flyers 71 }	Crystal Palace Flyers 73 }		Tigers DSC 62 }	Corvus Luton	4 3 1 6 7
	S.T.C. Wisps 45 }		Corvus Luton 67 }	Tigers DSC	4 3 1 6 -3
Ipswich Bobcats 50 }			Cleveland Eagles 55 }	Cleveland Eagles	4 3 1 6 -4
Waltham Abbey Griffins 57 }	Waltham Abbey Griff. }		Slick Willies Bobcats 72 }	Slick Willies Bobcats	4 1 3 2
	Tigers DSC }		Cleveland Eagles 73 }	Crystal Palace Flyers	4 0 4 0
Scand. Homes Solent 79 }			Tigers DSC 58 }		
Watford Royals 22 }	Scand. Homes Solent }		Corvus Luton 53 }		
	Slick Willies Bobcats }		Tigers DSC 65 }	Final Tigers DSC 65	
	Cleveland Eagles }		Slick Willies Bobcats 52 }		Corvus Luton 50
Doncaster Panthers 55 }	Sheffield Hatters }		Cleveland Eagles 75 }		
Sheffield Hatters 57 }			Crystal Palace Flyers 45 }		
			Crystal Palace Flyers 35 }		
			Tigers DSC 80 }		
Gaywood Phoenix K. Lynn 40 }			Corvus Luton 59 }		
Coventry Cagers 72 }	Coventry Cagers }		Slick Willies Bobcats 56 }		
	Corvus Luton }		Slick Willies Bobcats 59 }		
			Crystal Palace Flyers 54 }		
			Crystal Palace Flyers ?		
			Corvus Luton ?		

Unfortunately the mid-season coverage of the Women's competitions was so poor at that time that most second round results are missing.

The Women's Cup stayed with the "Pool" concept for the semi-finals, with the five qualifiers playing a single-game "round robin" (two at home, and two away). It was probably expected that this would give the best First Division teams a few extra matches, but Crystal Palace spoiled the party, as they comprehensively disposed of the Wisps.

For once, though, the format proved its worth, as Corvus Luton beat Cleveland Eagles, who had beaten holders Tigers, who in turn beat Corvus. Three teams thus led the Pool, with 3&1 records, and it was the finalists for the past six seasons, Eagles, who missed out on another Final appearance, by just one point difference in games between the teams!

Tigers went on to list the Cup for the fourth consecutive season, and the sixth time in all.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY 1978-1979:

Women's National Trophy (Restricted Cup), 1978-9				
First Round	Second Round	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	Final
		Sheffield Hatters 56 }		
		Brinnington Lapwings 58 }	Brinnington Lapwings 52 }	
				C. Palace Flyers 73
		Frome CoMeTs 26 }	Crystal Palace Flyers 97 }	
		Crystal Palace Flyers 81 }		
		Malory (Lewisham) 47 }		
Telfers Bonanza North'ton 55 }		Slough 46 }	Malory (Lewisham) 58 }	Coventry Cagers 44
Ipswich Bobcats 69 }	Ipswich Bobcats }			
	?	Ipswich Bobcats 43 }	Coventry Cagers 67 }	
		Coventry Cagers 45 }		

The First Division teams had become so dominant in the National Cup that a new "Restricted" Cup (open to all except First Division teams) was introduced.

If the Cup was badly recorded, the Trophy was even more poorly served, with no record of the first and second rounds available, apart from one single result.

Although the quarter finalists were all well-established teams, none of them could match Crystal Palace, who had assembled a strong squad, and whose 29 point margin of victory in the Final was as close as anybody got to them.

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CUP 1978-1979:

National Junior Cup, 1978-79				
First Round	Second Round	Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	Final
18/19 Nov.				
St Saviours (Ellesmere Port)	84 }			
Sheffield Scorpions	68 }			
Nottingham Meadows	0 }			
Doncaster Panthers	2 }	Doncaster Panthers 57 }		
			Crystal Palace Falcons	}
Barrow Thorns	56 }			+102 }
Swithland M. Loughborough	71 }	Swithland Loughbro 108 }		} C. P. Falcons 99
				}
Greenwich Pilgrims	69 }			}
Bracknell Ranelagh	57 }		Camden & Hampstead	+82 }
Braford-on-Avon	62 }			
Crickdale College Andover	49 }			
Dunstable	63 }			
Malory	84 }		Sunderland	71 }
				+62 }
Highbury	58 }			} Team Fiat 72
Watford Royals	56 }			78 }
			Team Fiat	+57 }
Columbans St Albans	91 }			
Barkng	77 }			

The Junior Cup was another badly recorded and reported competition, with no results available for the second and third rounds, other than those I've picked up from match programmes!

Crystal Palace showed the strength of their development as they cruised to their fourth victory in the competition in as many years, though the young Coventry team showed enough in the Final to indicate that they could be a force in the future.

PHILIPS INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 1978:

The first post-Christmas Tournament at Crystal Palace had been such a huge success that the club was able to attract sponsorship from the Dutch firm Philips, and to expand the event to include competitions for Women's and Junior teams as well.

To determine which two British clubs would join hosts Crystal Palace, two pre-season Qualification Tournaments were held, one in Sunderland and the other in Stockport.

I have the results for the former, but not the latter, and would welcome information from anyone who has.

Senior Men:

23/24 Sept. 1978

British Qualification

@ Crowtree, Sunderland

		{ Doncaster Panthers	106 }		
Cavalry Park, Edinburgh	102	{ Cavalry Park, Edinburgh	59 }	Doncaster Panthers	82 } 1
					}
Sunblest Sunderland	126	{ Sunblest Sunderland	61 }	Milton Keynes	61 } 2
		{ Milton Keynes	82 }		

@ Peel Moat, Stockport

		{ Team Fiat, Coventry	}		
Killester, Ireland		{ Killester, Ireland	}	Team Fiat Coventry	}
					}
		{ Stockport Belgrade	}		}
		{ ATS Giants, Manchester	}		}

27-30 Dec. 1978

@ Crystal Palace

Team Ziebart, Doncaster	(Eng)	87 }			
Team Fiat, Coventry	(Eng)	73 }	Team Ziebart	80 }	
					}
				Maccabi	102 } 1
Maccabi Tel Aviv	(Isr.)	111 }	Maccabi Tel Aviv	91 }	}
Australia Juniors		81 }			}
					}
Marathon Oil Kentucky	(USA)	132 }			}
Windsor Ontario	(Can)	94 }	Marathon Kent.	87 }	}
					}
					}
Crystal Palace	(Eng)	83 }	Avanti Brugge	92 }	
Avanti Brugge	(Bel)	86 }			
					}
				Marathon	78 } 3
				Team Ziebart	77 } 4
			Team Fiat	94 }	
			Australia Juniors	62 }	Team Fiat 88 } 5=
					Windsor Ontario 83 } 7=
			Crystal Palace	114 }	
			Windsor Ontario	107 }	Crystal Palace 84 } 5=
					Australia Jrs. 69 } 7=

Women**Pool A:**

Crystal Palace	(Eng)	87}
Satila	(Swe)	73}
American School, London		31}
Satila	(Swe)	84}
American School, London		27}
Crystal Palace	(Eng)	71}

	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Crystal Palace	2	2	0	4
Satila	2	1	1	3
American School	2	0	2	2

Pool B:

Malory Lewisham	(Eng)	53}
Camrose Vikette	(Can)	38}
Polonia, Edinburgh	(Sco)	59}
Camrose Vikette	(Can)	31}
Polonia, Edinburgh	(Sco)	56}
Malory Lewisham	(Eng)	43}

	P.	W.	L.	Pts
Polonia, Edinburgh	2	2	0	4
Malory Lewisham	2	1	1	3
Camrose Vikette	2	0	2	2

Semi Finals:

Crystal Palace	2}
Malory Lewisham	0}
Polonia Edinburgh	69}
Satila	67}

Finals

Crystal Palace	65}	1
	}	
Polonia Edinburgh	50}	2
Satila		3=
Malory Lewisham		3=
Camrose Vikette	83}	5
American School	73}	6

Junior Men:

Crystal Palace	(Eng)	100}
Uitsmyters	(Holl)	66}
EBBA Select	(Eng)	105}
Red Star	(Holl)	57}
Crystal Palace	(Eng)	147}
Red Star	(Holl)	58}
EBBA Select	(Eng)	114}
Uitsmyters	(Holl)	83}
Red Star	(Holl)	61}
Uitsmyters	(Holl)	111}
Crystal Palace	(Eng)	63}
EBBA Select	(Eng)	73}

	P.	W.	L.	Pts
EBBA Select	3	3	0	6
Crystal Palace	3	2	1	5
Uitsmyters	3	1	2	4
Red Star	3	0	3	3

Final:

Crystal Palace	85}	1
EBBA Select	78}	2