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Division One

B'mingham	1	Leicester	1
Half time: 1-0			
Coventry	5	Stoke
Half time: 4-1			
Derby	Co	4	Man City ...
Half time: 4-1			
Leeds U	.....	2	Bristol City
Half time: 0-0			
Liverpool	2	Ipswich	...
Half time: 0-0			
Man U	.....	1	QPR
Half time: 0-0			
Newcastle	0	Arsenal	.....
Half time: 0-1			
Norwich	.....	2	Everton
Half time: 2-0			
Tottenham	3	Aston V	.....
Half time: 1-1			
West Brom	2	Sunderlnd	3
Half time: 2-3			

Division Two

Blackburn	0	Charlton	0
Blackpool	1	Luton	0
Bolton	3	Hereford	1
Bristol H	1	Nottm For	1
Cardiff	0	Burnley	1
Chelsea	4	Sheff Utd	0
Millwall	2	Hull	1
Notts Co	3	South'pt'n	1
Oldham	1	Fulham	0
Orient	0	Carlisle	0
Plymouth	0	Wolves	0

Division Three

Chesterfield	0	Crystal Pal	2
Gillingham	1	Bury	0
Lincoln	2	Preston	0
Portsmouth	1	Grimsby	2
Port Vale	2	Oxford	1
Reading	0	Tranmere	0
Sheff Wed	4	Peterboro	0
Shrewsbury	2	York City	1
Swindon	0	Mansfield	1
Walsall	0	Rotherham	1
Wrexham	0	Brighton	0

Division Four

Bournemouth	3	Stockport	0
Cambridge	3	Brentford	2
Crewe	1	Doncaster	2
Exeter	1	Darlington	0
Halifax	0	Newport	0
Hartlepool	0	Aldershot	2
Rochdale	2	Huddersfield	2
Scunthorpe	2	Torquay	0
Watford	1	Bradford City	1
Workington	1	Swansea	3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen	2	Rangers	1
Celtic	2	Ayr	0
Hearts	3	Motherwell	2
Kilmarnock	1	Dundee U	2
Partick Thistle	1	Hibernian	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Airdrie	2	Arbroath	0
Dumbarton	3	East Fife	3
Falkirk	2	Clydebank	4
Hamilton	0	Dundee	3
Q of South	1	St Johnstone	4
Raith	3	Morton	1
St Mirren	2	Montrose	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Aberdeen	2	Aberdeen	2
Berwick	4	Arbroath	1
Clyde	4	East Fife	0
Dunfermline	3	Stranraer	0
Forfar	1	Cowden	2
Stirling	1	Queens Park	1

Rams on Match of the Day

THE Rams game is on Match of the Day on BBC 1 at 10.30. Spurs v Villa is the other fixture covered.

Tomorrow's ITV matches include Birmingham v Leicester (Midlands 2.10), Leeds v Bristol City (Yorkshire 2.30) and Liverpool v Ipswich (Granada 2.57).

Trevor Francis inspires Brum

Birmingham pressed hard against Leicester with Trevor Francis the inspiration. They were rewarded in the 11th minute when KENDALL shot them ahead.

A move started by Francis and continued by Calderwood, Burns and Connolly ended with KENDALL firing home from 15 yards.

QUICKIE MICKEY: Mickey Cave put Bournemouth ahead after nine seconds against Stockport.

Derbyshire Senior Cup

New Mills	0	Matlock	1
Midland League			
Ilkeston	1	Arnold	0
Skene	0	Alfreton	0
Retford	1	Belper	1
Sutton	1	Asby	1
Clifton	1	Meckborough	1
Long Eaton	1	Boston	1
EM Regional League			
Alton	0	Borowash	2
Roe Farm	0	Grantham	0
Ripley	1	Radcliffe	0
Rugby Union			
Lichfield RFC	31	Derby	3
Preston	0	Grasshoppers	7pts
Burton	11		



Colin Boulton... made some fine saves

MAKESHIFT DERBY HIT FOUR TO BLUNT CITY TITLE CHALLENGE

Derby County 4, Manchester City 0.

ALTHOUGH fiercely hit by injuries, the Rams were absolutely magnificent in their aggression, enthusiasm and football skill. City were never able to match their qualities and had their championship hopes blunted by Gemmill, Daniel, Hector and a Daly penalty from a repainted spot.

Derby were without three first choice strikers. Charlie George and Derek Hales had already been ruled out and Leighton James joined them on the injury list after failing a fitness test this morning.

James has been carrying an Achilles tendon injury for some weeks and it has become too painful for him to play. Colin Boulton was fit to return in goal after missing one match.

Manchester City were without Asa Hartford (suspended) and Dennis Tueart, who has a hamstring injury. But they were able to bring back England internationals Mike Doyle and Joe Royle.

Peter Daniel fitted in at the back, with Colin Todd pushing up into midfield and Gerry Daly playing in front of the three others. Kevin Hector and Archie Gemmill were the strikers in what was very much a makeshift team.

Referee John Yates was controlling his last First Division match before retirement.

FINE TACKLE

Manchester City kicked off playing towards the Normanston End, McFarland breaking up their first attack with a sound header.

Langan halted Barnes, but Donachie was able to get in a centre from the throw. Kidd could not control his header which passed across the face of the goal. Powell halted Owen with a fine tackle on the edge of the penalty area after a free kick sneaked through that far.

Webster was fouled by Clements when the Rams tried to go forward and after a short free kick was able to get in a centre. This was headed out and Powell took a severe blow in the back as he challenged Kidd. Hector's free kick was high and wide.

McFarland headed forward a long clearance by Corrigan.

DERBY COUNTY: Boulton; Langan, Webster, Daly, McFarland, Todd, Powell, Gemmill, Daniel, Hector, Newton. Sub: O'Riordan.

MANCHESTER CITY: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Doyle, Barnes, Kidd, Royle, Owen, Keegan. Sub: Power.

Referee: Mr J. H. Yates (Redditch).

and Donachie, getting a poor bounce, almost let the ball slip under his foot before recovering to beat Hector to it.

Derby again attacked with spirit and Powell flicked through a pass which was just too far ahead for Hector. Then they won a free kick midway inside the City half on account of some remark which Owen made to the referee, but the game was again halted with another free kick to Derby.

POWERFUL HEADER

From this, McFarland was able to get in a centre which Gemmill met with a powerful header. The ball was blocked but the Rams stayed up to win a corner. Booth won it in the air but Derby stayed around the City area, Watson leaping high to head clear.

Then, from a good Todd cross, Corrigan punched out from Powell, flattening Clements in the process. Clements was hauled back to his feet but had to leave the field for further treatment. The full-back was able to return after a minute or so as Daniel headed out a free kick from Donachie.



Joe Corrigan smothering the ball as Kevin Hector moves in.

A good flick from Gemmill sent Newton on the wing and, from his cross Langan steamed in to fire over a shot which was blocked.

Gemmill picked up a misplaced pass and steamed through two tackles but Todd then gave the ball away to Barnes who, after taking an excellent return from Owen, was halted by McFarland.

Gemmill almost put Hector through when Keegan misjudged a punt from Boulton and, from the throw, Newton turned the ball inside for Gemmill to stretch Corrigan with a low right-foot shot.

A deep centre from Clements

just beat Royle's lunge but this was a spirited start by Derby. Clements got his head to another good pass from Gemmill which would have set Hector free. Owen put Barnes away after a slack pass by

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 Wright peps
 Derbyshire
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We can cure pitch problems, say experts

DERBY COUNTY fans will be reassured to learn that end-of-season treatment of the Baseball Ground pitch is regarded by experts as a straightforward task.

Chipman Ltd., who constructed the new pitch last close season, claim that the summer drought was responsible for the present poor state of the surface — and that they have a remedy.

Should major drought conditions occur again, say the Stines-based firm, watering will not be restarted until

sufficient quantities may be used to saturate right through.

Chipman reveal that last summer they had a fully automatic sprinkler system to moisten the new sandy mix, but the club felt it had a responsibility during the drought to restrict the use of the system.

As a result the sand, and even the clay beneath, shrank. When watering began on a limited basis again, only the surface zone was wetted and root extension occurred in a horizontal direction.

Thus, a dense mat of shallow-rooting grass developed in the top inch of the pitch with the result that

wear was confined not just to loss of grass but also to large divots and root mat.

Nothing could be done during the playing season without destroying the pitch, but at the end of the season the remaining root fibre will be re-rotated to depth and the whole area will be re-seeded.