

WHO ARE YA?!

# NOTTINGHAM

The Tricky Trees have strong roots!

## THE CLUB

**Founded** 1865  
**Colours** Red and white  
**Nickname** The Tricky Trees  
**Stadium** The City Ground  
**Record Attendance** 49,946  
**Record Win** 14-0 v Clapton, 1891  
**Record Defeat** 9-1 v Blackburn Rovers, 1937  
**Most Appearances** Bob McKinlay, 692, 1951-1970  
**Most Goals** Grenville Morris, 217, 1898-1913  
**Honours** European Cup winners: 1979, 1980  
Football League winners: 1977-78  
FA Cup: 1898, 1959  
League Cup winners: 1978, 1979, 1989, 1990  
**FIFA 19 Rating:** ★★★★★



If you ask a football fan from Europe to list some famous English football clubs, one name they suggest might surprise you. That is Nottingham Forest. They have been European champions more times than all the clubs in London!

## THE MANAGER

Aitor Karanka became Forest manager in January 2018. Before that he won promotion to the Premier League with Middlesbrough in 2015-16. As a player he was a defender at Real Madrid.



HOME SHIRT

PREVIOUSLY MANAGED MIDDLESBROUGH

THE BOSS AITOR KARANKA

Forest players in the mood to celebrate!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Forest also had teams in other sports in their early days — they were English baseball champions in 1899!

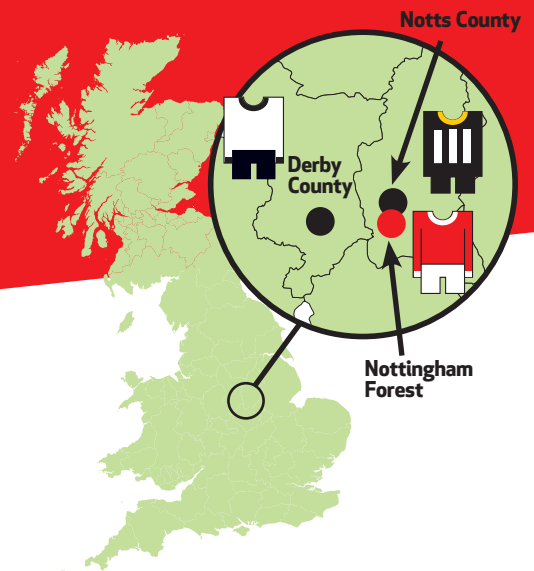
## THE HISTORY

Nottingham Forest were formed in 1865 and became members of the Football League in 1892. Most of the teams created in the 19th century changed their colours but Forest have always worn red shirts. They won the FA Cup in 1898 but had to wait until 1959 to win the trophy again.

Forest's greatest days started after the legendary



# FOREST



**MASCOT**  
ROBIN HOOD

## THE FANS

Forest's record crowd was a huge **49,946** for a match against Manchester United in 1967. Last season their average attendance was **24,680!**

Their supporters sing the song *Mull of Kintyre*, which came out in 1977 – the season they won the League.

## THE RIVALS

Although there is another club in the same city, most Forest fans don't see **Notts County** as their main rivals. Instead, **Derby County**, based 15 miles away, are the team Forest most like to beat. Since 2007, their clashes have been for the **Brian Clough Trophy**, named after both clubs' most famous manager.

**Brian Clough** became manager in 1975. He had already won the League with Forest's big rivals, Derby County. His Forest team were promoted to Division One in 1977 then, amazingly, won the **League title** the next year! Then they achieved even more, becoming **European champions** for the next two seasons. In the Clough era, the team also won the **League Cup** four times.

Forest were **relegated** in 1993, Clough's final season, and dropped to **League One** in 2005. They won promotion in 2008 and have been in the Championship ever since.



Brian Clough shows off the European Cup

## THE STADIUM

The **City Ground** has been Forest's home since 1898. It is by the side of the River Trent. On the opposite bank of the river is **Meadow Lane**, the home of Nottingham's other club – **Notts County**. No other two football stadiums in England are closer together – you could kick a ball between them!



Ben Osborn looks for his next pass

## THE STAR PLAYERS

Even though he grew up supporting Derby County, **Ben Osborn** has played over 200 games for Forest and is a key player at the heart of midfield. Up front **Lewis Grabban** and ex-Newcastle striker **Daryl Murphy** are a handful for defenders.



Forest's City Ground (bottom) and County's Meadow Lane (top) are on opposite sides of the river – that's what we call close neighbours!