

TOP 10 Most important moments in Forest's history

10 Gareth Taylor scores against Bradford City

Taylor's last-minute winner against the Bantams gave Forest the belief they needed for Championship survival in the 2003/04 season.

9 Stan Collymore signs

Collymore's goals helped Forest back into the top flight and then fired them into a third place finish. An incredible talent, shame he didn't fully realise it.

8 Forest sell Jermaine Jenas

It was sad to see him go, but without the sale of JJ in 2002, Forest may have slipped into administration.

7 Forest move to the City Ground

The City Ground becomes the home of Nottingham Forest on September 3, 1898, and we're still here now... just!

6 The birth of the Reds

In 1865, a Mr J S Scrimshaw and friends decide to drop 'Shinney' and turn their attentions to footie. Nottingham Forest Football Club is born.

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5 Tommy Wilson scores in the Cup Final

Tommy Wilson scored the Reds' second goal in the 1959 FA Cup Final against Luton Town. However, disaster struck on 32 minutes - Roy Dwight broke his leg and Forest had to play with 10 men for an hour. Luton pulled one back, but Forest hung on to win their second FA Cup.

4 Stuart Pearce becomes captain

Cloughie knew who his leaders were and made the momentous decision to give Pearce the Forest captaincy. Pearce IS Forest's greatest ever captain. Yes, John McGovern won the European Cup twice, but this didn't stop people getting on his back. Pearce couldn't put a foot wrong for Forest. If only he'd had the opportunity to lead Forest in Europe earlier...

3 Peter Shilton's save against Coventry City

The Reds needed to avoid defeat at Highfield Road to win their only top flight title. Peter Shilton's incredible reflex save from a point blank header ensured Forest stayed unbeaten, taking the title away from Liverpool. Shilton let in only 16 goals in Forest's Championship year.

2 Trevor Francis' headed goal against Malmo

The most famous goal ever scored by a Forest player. The images of Francis nodding in John Robertson's cross and then tumbling over on a circle of concrete will be played over and over again by Reds young and old. It gave Forest the European Cup and ensured even Tibetan monks knew who Brian Clough was.



1 Brian Clough becomes manager

It might have been seen as a bit of a gamble when Forest took on Cloughie. He had lost as many games as he had won at Brighton and he had a hellish 44 days at Leeds. But if Forest hadn't taken on Cloughie in January 1975 we simply wouldn't have anything to hang on to in these desperate times. Sadly missed...

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FOR EVERYONE other than Forest players and fans, the replay of the Hillsborough semi-final at Old Trafford was a must-lose game for Forest.

Forest did lose, and Brian Laws scored an own-goal, after which John Aldridge mockingly rubbed Laws' head by means of a celebration.

Stuart Pearce continues the story in his autobiography: "Not long afterwards we went to Anfield for a league game and

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lost to a late Aldridge penalty. Before the game Aldridge apologised to Brian Laws for rubbing him on the head ... ironically, it was Laws who brought Aldridge down to concede the penalty.

"Unbelievably, Aldridge rubbed him on the head again after apologising only a couple of hours earlier. I told Laws that I wouldn't have accepted that - I would have chinned him there and then on the pitch."

