



Cup dreams of Bury, buried by Forest

January 15, 2018

The 1977-78 season was sliding inexorably to the so-called "pointy-end" (meaning, I think, when things are decided). Forest, top of the first division by four points, after [drawing 0-0 at Derby](#) now turned their attention to a League Cup Quarter Final - the first time they'd ever got this far in the tournament. In their way stood third division Bury, who were looking for some cup glory themselves. They had already beaten 4th Division Crewe Alexandra, 3rd Division Oxford United, 2nd Division Millwall, and 1st Division West Bromwich Albion on their way to this quarter final. But, unlike Forest, they'd been here before. In fact if they won, Bury would get to the semi-finals of the League Cup for their second time. Could they do it, or would it be Forest's year?

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You know the answer but before describing my trip to the match let's pay respect to the long history of Bury F.C. and some of their great historical highlights.

The North West is Football Mad

Now, I consider myself pretty good at geography but I'm always getting confused as to the relative position of the football clubs in the North-West of England. There are just so many of them.

In the map below I've marked current league clubs in red and ex-league clubs (or National Premier League clubs who have never been "in" the league - I consider the National League as pretty much division five these

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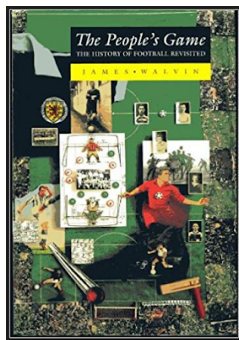
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There are easily more than 30 professional clubs in the North West

Of course a big part of the history of professional football in England is tied to the rise of industrialisation and the mills of the north west. The factory owners soon cottoned on that productivity would rise if the workers had Saturday afternoon off to watch the football - especially if their team won. That's where most of the money came from to fuel the rise of professionalism. If you scan your eyes over that map you see many of the early great professional football clubs, such as Preston North End and Blackburn Rovers.

Bury was no different. Textile production was a major factor in its growth towards the end of the 18th century and in the late 19th century all the local towns were getting into football to keep the proletariat down (or "up" emotionally). All of this is beautifully described in James Waivin's book "The People's Game" by the way. A very good read.



Great Book about football history

Is it bUry, or "bEry"?

Before going on, we should all know how to say "Bury" or at least know why we're saying it one way or another.

When most people see "Bury" written down, they read it (mentally at least)

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would seem that common use of the verb 'to bury' which is pronounced "berry" has rubbed off on people in the area, even town dwellers themselves. In the past, though, apparently it used to be 'bUry'.

Anyway, say it how you like!

History of 'The Shakers'

Bury are a famous old club. Formed in 1885, they joined the league in its seventh season, just two after Forest. In the period before the first world war they closely matched Forest in the league, having an average league place just above us.

The time around the turn of the last century was a glorious period for both of the clubs. In the six years from 1899 until 1903 Forest won the F.A. Cup once and Bury twice.

Here's a good trivia question for you:

Which team has the best record in F.A. Cup finals in the entire history of the competition - a 100% record with an average score of 5-0?

Answer, of course: Bury.

They won the cup twice in four years, both at Crystal Palace. The first was a 4-0 win and the second 6-0!

F. A. Cup 1899-1900: Bury 4 Southampton 0

Forest had won the cup themselves for the first time just two seasons before this and had another good cup run this season too, meeting Bury in the semi-final, on April 24th 1900. They drew 1-1 at the Victoria Ground, Stoke but Bury won the replay the following Wednesday, at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, 3-2 to get to the final.

To get to the semis, Bury had beaten Burnley away 1-0, Notts County 2-0, after a 0-0 draw at Meadow Lane and Sheffield United at home 2-0 in the quarter finals. Forest, meanwhile, had two 3-0 home wins against Grimsby and Sunderland and then a 1-0 quarter final home win against Preston after a draw at Deepdale.

Meeting Bury in the final at Crystal Palace were non-league Southampton. A crowd of nearly 69,000 packed the terraces for what turned out to be a very one-sided match.

Look at these great action images from the match...



FINAL TIE FOR THE ASSOCIATION CUP AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE 1900, BURY v SOUTHAMPTON.



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Bury make it 2-0

1900 FA Cup Final	
Event	1899–1900 FA Cup
Bury	Southampton
4	0
Date	21 April 1900
Venue	Crystal Palace, London
Referee	Arthur Kingscott
Attendance	68,945

Match details [edit]

21 April 1900
15:00 GMT

Bury 4–0 **Southampton** Crystal Palace, London
Attendance: 68,945^[7]
Referee: Arthur Kingscott (Derby)


McLuckie ↺ 6, 22
Wood ↺ 16
Plant ↺ 32



Bury

- Fred Thompson
- Jack Darroch
- Tommy Davidson
- Jack Pray
- Joe Leeming
- George Ross
- Billy Richards
- Willie Wood
- Jasper McLuckie
- Charlie Sagar
- John Plant

Manager:
H. S. Harner



Southampton

- Jack Robinson
- Peter Meehan
- Peter Durbor
- Samuel Maston
- Arthur Chadwick
- Bob Patrie
- Archie Turner
- Jimmy Yates
- Jack Farrell
- Harry Wood
- Alf Milward

Club Secretary:
Ernest Amfield



Bury F.C. F. A. Cup winners for the first time

These were great times for Bury and Forest (and Notts County too) as this first division table for the next season shows - even though all three got knocked out of the F.A. Cup at the last 16 stage that time.

Division One 1900-1901	P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1 Liverpool	34	19	7	8	59	35	1.69	45
2 Sunderland	34	15	13	6	57	26	2.19	43
3 Notts County	34	18	4	12	54	46	1.17	40
4 Nottingham Forest	34	16	7	11	53	36	1.47	39
5 Bury	34	16	7	11	53	37	1.43	39
6 Newcastle United	34	14	10	10	42	37	1.14	38
7 Everton	34	16	5	13	55	42	1.31	37
8 Sheffield Wednesday	34	13	10	11	52	42	1.24	36
9 Blackburn Rovers	34	12	9	13	39	47	0.83	33
10 Bolton Wanderers	34	13	7	14	39	55	0.71	33
11 Manchester City	34	13	6	15	48	58	0.83	32
12 Derby County	34	12	7	15	55	42	1.31	31
13 Wolverhampton Wanderers	34	9	13	12	39	55	0.71	31
14 Sheffield United	34	12	7	15	35	52	0.67	31
15 Aston Villa	34	10	10	14	45	51	0.88	30
16 Stoke City	34	11	5	18	46	57	0.81	27
17 Preston North End	34	9	7	18	49	75	0.65	25
18 West Bromwich Albion	34	7	8	19	35	62	0.56	22

As good as it ever got (collectively) for Forest and Bury (and Notts County) at the turn of the last century

The season after this, in 1901-02, both Bury and Forest again finished in

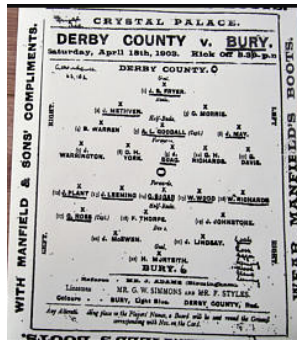
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F. A. Cup 1902-1903: Bury 6 Derby County 0

Bury followed up their first trophy, just three years later, with an even more amazing second cup win. Excuse my smug face, but the second win was against Derby County and the score remains, even today, the biggest ever margin in an F.A. Cup Final.

Bury hadn't had a high scoring cup run. Their goal scoring explosion just seems to have been timed right. To reach the final, Bury had three 1-0 wins, home to Wolves, away to Sheffield United and home to Notts County, before they dispatched Aston Villa 3-0 in the semi-finals. But nobody saw the final score coming...



1903 FA Cup Final	
Event	1902-03 FA Cup
Bury	Derby County
6	0
Date	18 April 1903
Venue	Crystal Palace, London
Referee	J Adams
Attendance	63,102

Match details [edit]

18 April 1903^[2]
15:00 GMT

Bury 6-0 **Derby County** Crystal Palace, London
Attendance: 63,102^[2]
Referee: J Adams

Ross ⚽ 29
 Sagar ⚽ 42
 Leeming ⚽ 52
 Wood ⚽ 57
 Plant ⚽ 59



Bury^[1]

- Hugh Monteath
- Jimmy Lindsay
- James McCusker
- John Johnston
- Frank Thorpe
- George Ross (c)
- Billy Richards
- Wille Wood
- Charlie Sagar
- Joe Leeming
- John Plant

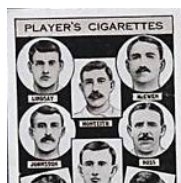
Manager:
H. S. Hamer



Derby County^[1]

- Jack Fryer
- Jimmy Methven
- Charlie Morris
- Ben Warren
- Archie Goodall (c)
- Johnny May
- Joe Warrington
- Charles York
- John Boag
- George Richards
- George Davis

Manager:
Harry Newbould



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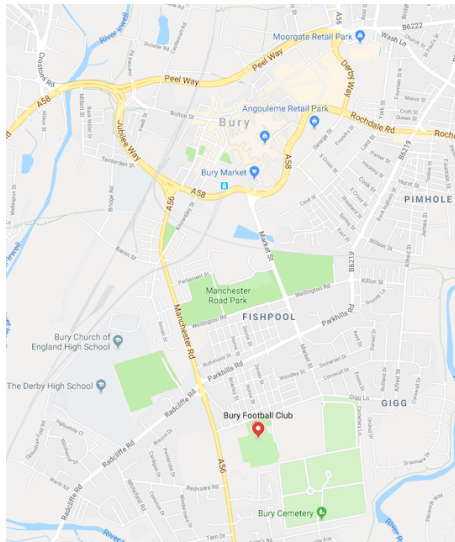
In 1903 Bury were one of the early English football power-houses, at least in terms of F.A. Cup wins. Only three clubs had won it more than them in the first 30 tournaments.

Team	Wins	Year
1 Blackburn Rovers	5	1891
2 The Wanderers	5	1878
3 Aston Villa	3	1897
4 Bury	2	1903
5 Sheffield United	2	1902
6 WBA	2	1892
7 Old Etonians	2	1882
8 Tottenham Hotspur	1	1901
9 Nottingham Forest	1	1898
10 Sheffield Wednesday	1	1896
11 Notts County	1	1894
12 Wolverhampton Wanderers	1	1893
13 Preston North End	1	1889
14 Blackburn Olympic	1	1883
15 Old Carthusians	1	1881
16 Clapham Rovers	1	1880
17 Royal Engineers	1	1875
18 Oxford University	1	1874

F. A. Cup Winners Table in 1903

Gigg Lane

Bury have played at the Gigg Lane ground for their entire history.



Gigg Lane is South of the town center

Here's an image from 1905 which looks a bit like a Lowry painting with the terraced housing and dark satanic mills on the horizon.

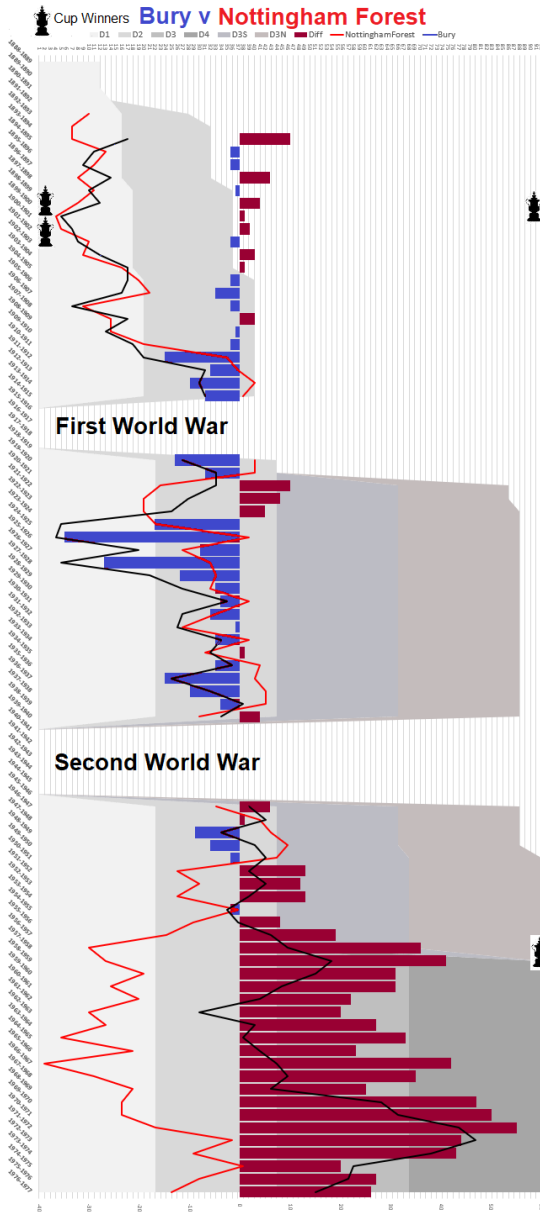


Bury v Sunderland at Gigg Lane in 1905

Their record attendance there was 35,000 for an F. A. Cup 3rd round tie with the very local Bolton Wanderers, and the record receipts, for a match

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Bury in the 1920s

As we've seen time and time again in these historical reviews, Forest's period between the wars was really quite poor. And it should be no surprise that Bury completely dominated this period over Forest too. Forest finished above Bury for only 5 of the 21 inter-war seasons and on average they finished 7 places above us.

This peaked in the 1925-26 season when Bury finished 4th in the First Division, their highest ever league position, and Forest were 17th in Division Two, 35 places below them.

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Division One 1925-1926		P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Huddersfield Town	42	23	11	8	92	60	1.53	57
2	Arsenal	42	22	8	12	87	63	1.38	52
3	Sunderland	42	21	6	15	96	80	1.20	48
4	Bury	42	20	7	15	85	77	1.10	47
5	Sheffield United	42	19	8	15	102	82	1.24	46
6	Aston Villa	42	16	12	14	86	76	1.13	44
7	Liverpool	42	14	16	12	70	63	1.11	44
8	Bolton Wanderers	42	17	10	15	75	76	0.99	44
9	Manchester United	42	19	6	17	66	73	0.90	44
10	Newcastle United	42	16	10	16	84	75	1.12	42
11	Everton	42	12	18	12	72	70	1.03	42
12	Blackburn Rovers	42	15	11	16	91	80	1.14	41
13	West Bromwich Albion	42	16	8	18	79	78	1.01	40
14	Birmingham City	42	16	8	18	66	81	0.81	40
15	Tottenham Hotspur	42	15	9	18	66	79	0.84	39
16	Cardiff City	42	16	7	19	61	76	0.80	39
17	Leicester City	42	14	10	18	70	80	0.88	38
18	West Ham United	42	15	7	20	63	76	0.83	37
19	Leeds United	42	14	8	20	64	76	0.84	36
20	Burnley	42	13	10	19	85	108	0.79	36
21	Manchester City	42	12	11	19	89	100	0.89	35
22	Notts County	42	13	7	22	54	74	0.73	33

Bury's best ever season - 4th in the First Division

This wasn't a flash in the pan either. The season before they'd finished 5th and over a three year spell they were the 6th best in England.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GO	Pts	Seasons	Highest	Lowest	AvgPos	AvgPts
1	Huddersfield Town	126	61	44	21	237	148	89	166	3	1 (1924-25, 1925-26)	2	1.8	55.3
2	Bolton Wanderers	126	38	31	37	235	172	63	347	3	1 (1924-25)	8	5	49
3	Newcastle United	126	57	32	37	241	175	66	146	3	1 (1926-27)	10	5.7	48.7
4	Sunderland	126	61	23	42	258	201	57	145	3	1 (1925-26, 1926-27)	7	4.3	48.3
5	Liverpool	126	52	33	41	202	179	23	137	3	4 (1924-25)	9	6.7	45.7
6	Bury	126	49	24	43	207	205	2	242	3	4 (1925-26)	24	9.3	44
7	Sheffield United	126	49	11	46	231	231	0	129	3	5 (1925-26)	14	9	43
8	Arsenal	126	53	22	51	210	207	3	128	3	2 (1925-26)	20	11	42.7
10	Aston Villa	126	47	32	47	225	230	-5	126	3	4 (1925-26)	15	10.3	42
9	West Bromwich Albion	126	50	26	50	202	198	4	126	3	1 (1924-25)	22	12.3	42
11	West Ham United	126	49	27	50	211	206	5	125	3	6 (1926-27)	18	12.3	41.7
12	Birmingham City	126	50	24	52	179	207	-28	124	3	4 (1924-25)	17	13	41.3
13	Cardiff City	126	48	27	51	172	192	-20	123	3	11 (1924-25)	16	13.7	41
14	Tottenham Hotspur	126	46	30	50	194	200	-6	122	3	12 (1924-25)	15	13.3	40.7
15	Burnley	126	43	31	52	222	243	-41	117	3	5 (1926-27)	20	14.7	39
16	Blackburn Rovers	126	41	32	53	221	242	-21	114	3	12 (1925-26)	18	15.3	38
17	Everton	126	36	39	51	176	220	-44	111	3	11 (1925-26)	20	16	37
18	Leeds United	126	36	28	62	179	223	-44	100	3	18 (1924-25)	21	19.3	33.3
20	Manchester United	84	22	20	32	118	117	-19	84	2	4 (1925-26)	15	12	42
19	Leicester City	84	31	22	31	155	150	5	84	2	2 (1926-27)	17	12	42
21	Manchester City	84	29	20	35	145	148	-3	78	2	10 (1924-25)	21	15.5	39
22	Notts County	84	29	20	35	96	105	-9	78	2	9 (1924-25)	22	15.5	39
23	Derby County	42	17	7	18	66	73	13	41	1	12 (1926-27)	12	12	41
24	Sheffield Wednesday	42	15	9	18	75	92	-17	39	1	16 (1926-27)	16	16	39
25	Preston North End	42	10	6	26	37	74	-37	26	1	21 (1924-25)	21	21	26
26	Nottingham Forest	42	6	12	24	29	85	-36	24	1	22 (1924-25)	22	22	24

The relative fortunes of the two clubs switched, though, after the war and Bury started to struggle as Billy Walker's Forest started to thrive.

Here's a classic old clip of the two sides playing at that time of transition in a second division clash on 3rd December 1955 on a snow covered patch at Gigg Lane. Forest won 2-1 in what was pretty much a mid-table clash at the time. But the next season Forest would get promotion to the First Division whilst Bury would go down to Division Three (North) for the first time in their history.



Division Two 1956-1957		P	W	D	L	F	A	GA	Pts
1	Leicester City	42	25	11	6	109	67	1.63	61
2	Nottingham Forest	42	22	10	10	94	55	1.71	54
3	Liverpool	42	21	11	10	82	54	1.52	53
4	Blackburn Rovers	42	21	10	11	83	75	1.11	52
5	Stoke City	42	20	8	14	83	58	1.43	48
6	Middlesbrough	42	19	10	13	84	60	1.40	48
7	Sheffield United	42	19	8	15	87	76	1.14	46

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13 Bristol City	42	16	9	17	74	79	0.94	41
14 Doncaster Rovers	42	15	10	17	77	77	1.00	40
15 Leyton Orient	42	15	10	17	66	84	0.79	40
16 Grimsby Town	42	17	5	20	61	62	0.98	39
17 Rotherham United	42	13	11	18	74	75	0.99	37
18 Lincoln City	42	14	6	22	54	80	0.68	34
19 Barnsley	42	12	10	20	59	89	0.66	34
20 Notts County	42	9	12	21	58	86	0.67	30
21 Bury	42	8	9	25	60	96	0.63	25
22 Port Vale	42	8	6	28	57	101	0.56	22

Forest and Bury finally parted ways and ne'er the twain shall meet again in the league (so far)

Down into the 3rd & 4th Tiers

Bury did return for a six year spell in division two after winning the third division in 1960-61. They got as high as 8th a couple of years later - and had a great run in the League Cup, see below - and then did a yo-yo between the third and second divisions before finally getting relegated to the third and then the fourth tier in 1971-72. They reached their lowest league position (at the time of this game, they've gone lower still since then) of 12th in the 4th division in 1973.

I still feel a little ashamed that I've always seen Bury as a lowly club. This is because when I was starting to take an interest in football, they happened to languishing in the bottom two divisions. I never appreciated their history until relatively recently.



The biggest highlight for Bury since the war was their semi-final appearance in the League Cup against Birmingham City in 1962-63 season when they finished 8th in the second division.

Bury beat Lincoln City - then struggling in the 4th - in the second round. Then in the third they knocked first division Sheffield United out 3-1 at Gigg Lane.

Programme for League Cup Semi v B'ham

In the 4th round they beat 3rd division strugglers Bristol Rovers, again by 3-1.

So, to the quarter finals where they played Leyton Orient away. This might sound a relatively easy game from today's perspective but this was actually Orient's one season in the top flight, under the brilliant management of Johnny Carey who would later take Forest to their (nearly) glory years in the mid 1960s.

The semi-final itself, played over two legs, was a close affair. Birmingham won the first leg at St Andrews' 3-2 and Bury came close to getting to the final with a 1-1 draw at Gigg Lane. So they only lost 3-4 on aggregate. [Birmingham](#) went on to beat their local rivals Aston Villa in the final, again over two legs in those days.

So, there you have it. Bury had been to the semi-finals of the League Cup, whereas Forest hadn't. Playing Bury away in the quarter finals was already our best ever run in the competition.

League Cup 1977-78

So, to this season and the highlight for Bury was their victory over first division West Bromwich Albion in the 4th Round. Tonight though, they faced the tricky trees on the form of their lives.

Nottingham Forest	3	
Bury	0	

The Teams

This was the fourth of six games for Forest in January. They'd certainly been clocking up the games. They played 5 in August, 4 in September, 7 in October, 5 in November and 6 in December, so this was the 31st game of the season. Incredible, from today's perspective, is that Forest had used only 17 players in these games and one of those, Chris Woods, was only used because Peter Shilton was cup-tied. Tonight, though, Forest had to make three changes due to having cup-tied players, not just one.



Since Forest beat Aston Villa 4-2 in the 4th round they'd signed David Needham who had already played for QPR in the competition and Archie Gemmill had also done so earlier in the season for Derby.

Bob Stokoe

For a change then, it was the opposition, not us, who were unchanged. The manager that picked the team for Bury that night? Bob Stokoe, the man who had managed Sunderland to that famous 1-0 F.A. Cup Final win against Leeds United in 1972.

At this point I want to thank a reader of this blog post, David Holden, who is a Bury fan. He took the trouble to write to me at the end of 2020 to tell me that Bob Stokoe was actually involved in the incident that ended Brian Clough's playing career, when Sunderland played Bury at Roker Park on Boxing Day 1962. Cloughie collided with Bury goalkeeper, Chris Harker, and their center half, Stokoe, did not show our Brian any sympathy.

"Get up ya bastard, there's nowt a matter with ya!" he called, as if his career-ending injury was being faked.

Apparently they never spoke to each-other again.

There's a video clip showing an interview with Clough about it, including footage of the incident here... (again, thanks to David Holden for the link.)



Bury

1 John Forrest, 2 Gerry Keenan, 3 Keith Kennedy, 4 Dave Hatton, 5 Bill Tucker, 6 Alan Whitehead, 7 Brian Stanton, 8 John Thomson, 9 Andy Rowland, 10 Ian Robins, 11 Jimmy McIlwraith.

Tony Woodcock, 11 John Robertson.

Goals : Martin O'Neill 1, Ian Bowyer 1, John Robertson 1.

Attendance 21,500

The attendance is significant for me personally as it is the first time in this series of blogs that the attendance of the match I am reporting on is actually less than the total number of blog views I've had. So, thanks to anyone who's read any of these articles, or even just clicked on the link and then gone away again when the page loaded! (Blog 26 - for the 4-0 win at Man U still has the most views at over 2,500. Shilton's debut is No 2 and the Liverpool game on Boxing Day is No 3.)

The Game

This was the 89th time Forest had played Bury in a competitive match, the first time in the League Cup, and our record, once again, had been pretty poor.

Competition	P	W	D	L
FA Cup	6	1	3	2
League Division One	32	9	8	15
League Division Two	50	16	13	21
Total	88	26	24	38
Forest's success v Bury	43%			

Now, this might be memory playing tricks on me here, but I have a strong feeling that I went to this game with my mate Gary on Barton's buses. If so, I am sure on the bus would have been an old (looked old to us at the time but probably younger than I am now!) chap we called "radio". I have no idea what his name was but as you might have guessed he always took a pretty big radio with him to listen to the football results and reports on the way home.



Having left university (I still thought 'forever)

I now had got myself a job at Monarch Textiles, a net curtain factory in Kirkby-in-Ashfield, where Gary worked and so that's probably why we went to this game together on the bus. With money coming in I didn't rely so much on charitable lifts from friends.



We stood in the away end (I think called the "Cemetery End"). Again, memory doesn't serve me well here so I rely on the trusty John Shipley and his account in 1977/78 Champions Nottingham Forest.

Having scored 5 at home to West Ham, 4 at home to Notts County and Aston Villa in the previous rounds some Forest fans were doubtless expecting at least as many goals this Tuesday night. As always though the "underdogs" raised their game and Forest's slipped a little.

Bowyer was clearly keen to impress Cloughie after missing the last nine starts in the league. I do remember being pleased to see him and Frank Clark back in the team and impressed that Colin Barrett could so easily switch to the back four.

Forest attacked more and Bury brought Chris Woods into the action a little but it remained 1-0 at half time.

Martin O'Neill smashed in the second ten minutes into the second half and John Robertson added a glorious 3rd just 12 minutes before the end with a run at goal from inside his own half ending with a powerful shot that crashed against the underside of the bar into the net.

A very, very late consolation would arrive for those greedy Forest fans who were expecting more than just three goals, as ironically, Forest would play a League Cup tie at Gigg Lane, Bury again in a couple of years (September 1980) and win 7-0.

Patrick Barclay—Bury 0, Nottingham Forest 3

Forest by far

Nottingham Forest are in the semi-finals of the League Cup for the first time because Brian Clough's admirably disciplined team were able to match Bury for endeavour at Gigg Lane last night before beating them on natural ability.

The First Division leaders seldom looked in the remotest danger after Bowyer had scored a fortuitous goal early on, and must have realised their task was complete when O'Neill shot a spectacular second some ten minutes after half-time. The third, from Robertson, was a delightful bonus which only emphasised how thoroughly the Third Division side had been outclassed.

Forest had obviously been well prepared by Clough and Peter Taylor. They assumed command from the start, making abundantly clear that they would not allow Bury to gain the initiative with the assets of pace and determination which so often serve sides from the lower divisions so well against illustrious opposition. In addition, they had the advantage of a goal about which the Bury captain, Hatton, will probably have nightmares.

With eight minutes played, a corner was backheaded into the goalmouth by Withe. Hatton, probably seeing the ball late through a clutch of players, failed to control it and succeeded only in playing Bowyer onside three yards from goal. The Forest player scored comfortably, and Bury's hearts must have sunk. To their credit, it did not show in their play, but Forest's ability to win and control every contestable ball made it a frustrating night.

Barrett and Bowyer went

close to increasing Forest's lead before Bury were able to raise hopes in the approach to half-time with a shot from Robins which the 18-year-old Woods held with impressive assurance. Bury managed another spell of frantic pressure after the interval, but found Burns at his most commanding and were unable to trouble Woods again before Forest broke swiftly out of defence to score.

Bowyer, taking possession in midfield, quickly passed to Woodcock who, in turn, transferred the ball to O'Neill on the right wing. Noticing that his marker, Kennedy, lacked cover, O'Neill swept determinedly past him to drive the ball wide of Forrest and into the far corner. Understandably, the contest sagged after that, with Forest largely able to do as they pleased.

Eleven minutes from the end, Robertson took the opportunity to illustrate his skill with a superb goal, moving in from the left to clip the ball over Bury's defence and just under the crossbar with a right foot which, on that evidence, is not far behind his much-admired left.

Thus Forest made a task which might have been extremely difficult look ultimately like a practice match. It is also worth noting that they did it without Shilton, Needham and Gemmill, who were ineligible. As one of the Bury players said afterwards: "I'd hate to play their first team".

Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Thomson, Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.

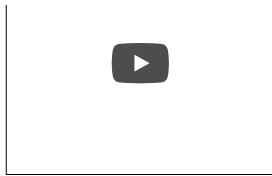
Nottingham Forest: Woods; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Barrett, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

Referee: K. Styles (Barnsley).

Other 5th Round Ties

The other games in the quarter finals were watched by an average of over 36,000 fans. Liverpool, like Forest, had a tricky away fixture at a third division opponents, Wrexham. Maybe trickier, as playing in North Wales must have been a bit of local derby for Liverpool.

In a feisty encounter that was 1-1 at half time, a Kenny Dalglish hat-trick won it for Liverpool.



The other two ties, played the following night, were all big first division affairs. Leeds brushed in-form Everton aside 4-1 with goals from Tony

Currie, Peter Lorimer (2) and Eddie Gray. Dave Thomas got the consolation for Everton. Manchester City and Arsenal drew 0-0 at Maine Road but a Liam Brady goal won the replay for Arsenal in front of almost 58,000 at Highbury.

League Cup 5th Round				
Tuesday, 17th January 1978				
Bury	0	Nottingham Forest	3	21,500
Wrexham	1	Liverpool	3	25,641
Wednesday, 18th January 1978				
Leeds United	4	Everton	1	35,020
Manchester City	0	Arsenal	0	42,000
Replay, Tuesday 24th January 1978				
Arsenal	1	Manchester City	0	57,748

So, Forest were through into the League Cup semi-finals for the first time.

The draw for the two-legged matches:

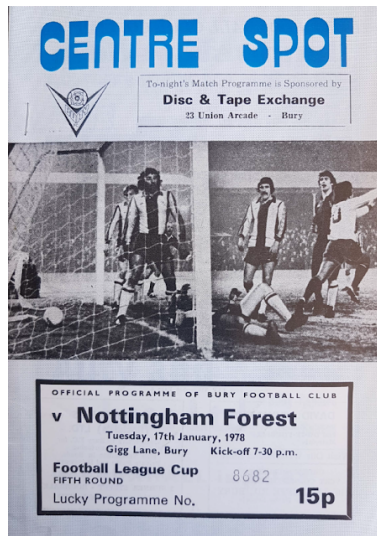
Nottingham Forest v Leeds United

and

Liverpool v Arsenal

But for Forest, it was back to league action next week and a home tie against Arsenal, who were really hitting some scary form now. Another tough test for the reds.

The Programme



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Aug	Leeds City	A	3728	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
10	Sheff Wed	M	4022	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15	Walsall	M	4172	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
16	Coltham	A	3171	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
19	Sheff Wed	M	4022	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
19	Leeds City	A	3728	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
23	Cambridge Utd	A	4402	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
24	Exeter City	M	4114	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
24	Tottenham Hot	M	4342	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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26	Reading Town	M	4142	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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Retere

Started refereeing in 1949 and progressed through the Walsley, Sheff. Huddersfield, Halifax, C.F.A., the Walsley, Sheff. League to the Football and Yorkshire League to the Football League Div 1. He refereed a Football League Cup quarter-final in 1971, a semi-final in 1972 and in the same year an F.A. Cup quarter-final at Wembley. He also led a Spain v Russia International and in 1977 and 1978 he was appointed referee for the 1977 Charity Shield at Wembley - Liverpool v Manchester United.

A married man, he has two children, and is a Headmaster. He is a qualified coach and takes an interest in coaching schoolboys. In addition, he likes golf, tennis and gymnastics.

Going by Car?

In the event of this evening's match being drawn the replay will be at the City Ground, Nottingham on next night, kick-off 7.30 p.m.

A suggested route to the match is as follows:

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A36 to Whitefaced junction M62... 4 miles
 M62 to South (follow "bypass" signs) to present junction M33 at Chadwick junction with A580... 21 miles
 A580 to Stockport junction A6... 23 miles
 A6 to Chapel-en-le-Frith junction A593... 37 miles
 A62/A518 via Peak Forest and Bulwark to Chesterfield, A467... 61 miles
 A467 to M1 junction 29... 88 miles
 M1 junction 29 to junction 26 to join A610... 82 miles
 A610 to ring road A914 and carry on until left turn into A12 and from bridge to ground at West Bridgford... 38 miles
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B. J. Millner and G. R. Smith from Sutton Coldfield have watched the lads succeed from the previous games against Crewe, Oxford, Millwall and West Brom. For the latter match we understood that the two supporters arrived back home at 8 a.m. on the morning after the game. Should Bury win Round 6, it is anyone's guess just when they can be expected back to the Black Country.

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 Winning Goal v West Brom. Round Four.

Marksmen

THIRD DIVISION

Rowland 7, Stanton 6, Tucker 3, Woodfall 3, Entwistle 2, Keenan 2, Robins 2, Thomsson 2, Hamstead 1, Johnson 1, Kennedy 1, Melworth 1, Whitehead 1. O.G. 1. Total 35.

LEAGUE CUP
 Robins 4, Entwistle 2, Melworth 1, Rowland 1, Thomsson 1. Total 10.

NEXT THIRD DIVISION MATCH AT GIGGI LANE
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OUR VISITORS

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

FORMED in 1863 the Forest have long since celebrated their Centenary. In their 117 years of existence they have never become a Limited Company and are in fact run by a Chairman, Vice Chairman and seven of a Committee. The full membership of the Club is 300.

After a chequered career they find themselves once again, back in the Premier Division having "lipped" Bolton Wanderers last season by one point. They have readily risen to the top positions.

In actual fact since joining the Football League in 1892 they have been in Division One for 33 seasons, Division Two for 47 seasons and they also spent 2 seasons in Division Three (South).

The Reds have had many different home grounds and played at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground from 1899 to 1902. They have been at the City Ground since 1893. They have never yet won the League Championship their nearest being runners-up in 1966-67, but they won the F.A. Cup in 1901 and 1909. They won the Anglo-Scottish Cup last season. Best seasons in F.A. Cup until now were 4th Round 1900-01 and 1969-70.

Record Victory: 14-0 v Clapton, F.A. Cup Rd. 1, 1900-01.

Record Defeat: 1-9 v Blackburn Rovers, Div. 2, 10th April 1937.

Record Transfer Fee paid (up to May 77): To Luton Town for Barry Hildin, Oct. 1974. £120,000.

Record Transfer Fee received (up to May 77): From Leeds Utd. for Duncan McKenzie, Aug. 1974. £250,000.

Record Attendance: 49,845 v Man. Utd, Div. 1, 28th October, 1967.

Record Receipts: £34,237 v Southampton, F.A. Cup 4th Rd. 19th January, 1977.

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League Record v Nottingham Forest:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Home	41	25	5	11	80	41	83
Away	41	11	20	10	53	82	32
Total	82	36	25	21	133	123	115

F.A. Cup Record v Nottingham Forest:

Bury 1	Notts. For. 1.	Semi-Final	1900/1901
Bury 3	Notts. For. 2.	Semi-Final	1899/1900
Bury 1	Notts. For. 1.	Round 1	1905/1906
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Bury 3	Notts. For. 2.	Round 3	1902/1903
Notts. For. 1	Bury 2.	Round 3 (R.)	1932/1933
Notts. For. 1	Bury 2.	Round 3 (R.)	1932/1933

P. W. L. D. F. A. Total

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F.A. Cup Record v Nottingham Forest: Nil

Manager: BRIAN CLOUGH, who needs no introduction. Player with his career and Sunderland, with whom his career was brought to an abrupt end following a serious knee injury caused when he was in collision with Chris Barker, the Bury goalkeeper, on Boxing Day 1962 when with 1-0 victory, the Shakers took Sunderland's place at the top of Div. Two. Bob Slocock was also injured in the same game and though he was the same day, he returned to the pitch following day but 3-2 this was a winning goal. Brian was promoted to manager.

Brian started his managerial career at Hartlepool and has coached Nottingham Forest via Derby C. Brighton & F.A. and Forest via Derby C. Nottingham Forest. He was promoted from Forest to Derby C. in 1974. Championship with Derby C. Was three Under-23 Cups and two Full Cups for England.

THE ELEVEN FROM FOREST

We have great pleasure in welcoming to City Lane for this Round in Football League Cup '76 the current "top act" in English Football.

With over half of the 1977/78 season already completed, Nottingham Forest, although maybe surprising to some, are currently leading the First Division and here are the players who have placed them in that position.

INTRODUCING . . .

The place vacated by England international goalkeeper Peter Shilton, who is Cup-Tied, goes to **BRYN GIBBS**. Although he has had limited experience in League Football, he is expected to be a very promising youngster. Also a fine goalkeeper, he has acted as wicket-keeper for Northamptonshire C.C.C. 2nd XI.

VY. ANDERSON is in his fourth season with the Club since signing professional terms in 1974. A career long Under-21 international and firmly established himself in the No. 3 jersey last season when Forest were in the Second Division. Anderson is Nottingham born and is a very talented youngster who can also operate in a central defensive position.

FRANK CLARR is thought to be one of Brian Clough's most inspired signings since his transfer from Newcastle United in readiness for the 1977/78 season. An ever popular and very experienced full-back, Frank has over 400 career appearances to his credit and has gained Football League representative honours and a European Fair Cup Winners medal along the way.

Also in defence is **JOHN MCGOVERN** who was originally under Brian Clough at Hartlepool United. Oddly enough, he has followed Mr. Clough to Derby, the notorious '41 days at Leeds United and now at Forest. John is one of the few players who has appeared in all four divisions of the Football League by the time he was 29 years old. This Scottish player gained a League Championship medal whilst at Derby. Now at Forest, he has been converted to a central defensive role where his displays are nearly invisible.

Another member of the defence is **KEN BURN** who is a very versatile player and was an expansive £10,000 capture from Birmingham City in July 1977. Although playing a defensive role at Forest, Ken's aim was that he is capable of scoring goals also. Four Scottish Caps.

It will be interesting to see who Brian Clough chooses to complete the back three for this particular game.

Former England international centre-half, **LARRY LLOYD**, whom Coventry City paid £1 million for his services from Liverpool in currently on the injured list and **DAVID NEEDHAM**, recently signed from Altonham at Cup-Tied and is therefore automatically ruled out.

Stockport born and former Manchester City player **COLIN BARRIST** could fill the bill; he has played in midfield and No. 3 at Forest.

In midfield is former Manchester City and Oxford Soccer, **IAN BOWLER**. He was signed by former Manager Dave Mackay at Nottingham Forest for a reasonably substantial fee in 1974. During the past two seasons at Forest, he has only missed three games.

Absent from this vital game is midfield dynamo and archer, **ALBIE GEMMELL**, signed from Derby County last year by Brian Clough. Gemmill is also Cup-Tied. His place may well go to his former teammate at Derby, **JOHN OWEN**, who has been signed by the Social Club Bury since interested in the Social Club during the transfer period. Owen had served Sunderland to hold 12 Scottish International Caps and a First Division Championship medal. Signed from Leeds United along with John McGovern in February 1973.

Up front Forest look to **TONY WOOD**, a local-born youngster who made his debut at the end of the 1977/78 season. When his expected improvement did not continue he was loaned out to Lincoln City and Dissinger Rovers. On returning he was immediately recalled to the senior side and produced startling results. His average one goal every two games and revealed tremendous pace, skill and determination. Woodcock is much-travelled.

PETER WHITE, noted for his tremendous work-rate, he is also a very skilful player for a big target man. Good in the air and sometimes an explosive left-foot shot.

Brian Clough chooses only to play one recognised winger and the No. 11 jersey goes to **JOHN ROBERTSON**, who has been at the City Ground since his apprentice days. The ability of John since promoted from Diss to Forest to meet this Scottish-born winger for an England training session last season he was voted the Second Division's best player.

Andy Rowland Talking

When striker Andy Rowland was carried from the field during the recent Third Division clash versus Oxford United, many feared that his hopes of playing against Nottingham Forest had been dashed. Andy, however, didn't lose heart. He is noted although this most recent one is described as "the worst" in his career.

He has however admitted that during the fight to regain full fitness he became a little depressed.

Andy said, "In general, I don't like watching football matches in fact the only match I enjoy watching is the England v Scotland international. I am a very patriotic person and since my injury we Scottish fans give me some stick."

During the last home game against Blackburn for instance, Andy was continually being hit and down the players' most frustrated man.

Talking about his training routine during the past couple of weeks, Andy says, "In combats it is always in my mind to do more and I am having to hold myself back purely for my own benefit. I am trying to go but have also had to be sensible with myself as well."

Andy Rowland's target was to return at Luton only four days before the Forest game and he had his routine set to reach that goal.

It is no secret that Andy Rowland is a great admirer of Brian Clough and in one of last season's programmes he urged Nottingham Forest for promotion to the First Division. At the time he said that Clough would do at Forest exactly what he did at Derby.

Andy was of course at the Baseball Ground when Clough was manager. He signed for Bury, speaking of those days Andy recalled, "I was working on British Rail full time and playing as an amateur at Derby on Saturdays. I was selected for the England Amateur side to play Scotland and scored a hat-trick. During the course of the following week Brian Clough signed me full time for the Club. He worked under Clough for some 18 months when the Manager resigned."

"Will you be out to prove anything to him?" I asked. "No, it's enough to know that Brian Clough was the person who signed me. He must have thought that I had potential to sign me on," Andy replied quickly.

When asked "What is so significant then, about Clough?" Andy answered, "The Clough-Taylor partnership is good in itself and they treat everyone the same. For instance, was in the 'A' team and if I deserved a replacing, he would do so. Likewise, if any of the first team squad warranted the same treatment, he would do it."

Comment: Enough said?

Gordon HARRISON.

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Putting Theories Into Practice

When someone has spent the whole of their working life in football, the game becomes an obsession and it is difficult to break of when their playing days are over.

A busy dedicated character during his footballing career he completed more than 100 League and Cup appearances and it had always been Billy's ambition to carry on in some capacity within the game. Billy Rudd has much invaluable experience to pass on to younger players and Bury gave him his chance by appointing him Coach of the First Team.

As a player, Billy can be described as a tactician, a schemes-in-chief and therefore one could assume that his coaching techniques would be concentrated on playing football as the game should be played to provide entertainment for the spectator.

Billy Rudd says, "Coaching players can become very over-rated. Better players need less coaching whereas average players need more. The last thing I want is to have eleven robots turning out on a Saturday afternoon." So the Manager and Coaching Staff at Civic Lane appear to have the perfect blend.

George Hamstead is becoming more involved on the coaching side. He is spending some of his time now with the Reserve Team. As Billy Rudd explained, "George is gradually being moulded, just the same as myself when I was still playing."

With Bob Stacey at the helm, in his playing days, a well-established centre-half, plus Billy Rudd, formerly a midfield player and George Hamstead, a winger, there is quite an amount of hair on offer.

WARNING

Spectators at to-night's game are reminded to keep all their possessions safely tucked away. We don't want to hear of any pickpocket incidents.

It's Up To Them Now!

Over the past few weeks the administrative staff at both Clubs involved in this attractive tie have been kept busy preparing for the tie.

Now the audience have all paid up in advance and there is nothing more to be done. It's left now entirely to the 22 players and 3 officials to make this tie one to remember.

The receipts paid for the game sets a new record for Bury Football Club.

'Player of Season' Award

The ballot includes Cup Ties and votes in player order of 1, 2, 3 for this particular game should be handed in at Development Office.

Man of the Match

Burdell's main Ford Agents, G. & F. Seddon Ltd. have once again kindly donated motor car equipment and accessories to the Bury player who proves to be 'Man of the Match'.

The company made a similar gesture in the last round tie and the judge for Round 5 will again be the National Pressman. The worthy winner will receive a rally jacket and windbreaker, de-lux, accessories.

For the record it was Dave Hatton who won this award versus West Bromwich A. in Round 4. G. & F. Seddon also sponsored the Match Ball v Cambridge and the Shakers acted for them. Last season the firm sponsored the ball v Darlington and on that occasion Bury scored six. Lucky ones!

Marksman

CENTRAL LEAGUE

Marty 9, Johnson 5, Madden 5, Dancahl 5, Shanklin 2, McManis 1, Mercer 1, Sudfield 1, Wilson 1, Whitehead 1, Woolfall 1. O.G. 1. Total 30.

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Keith Kennedy	3	Colin Barrett		J. W. Lancaster
Dave Hatton	4	John McGovern		Whiston
Bill Tucker	5	Kenny Burns		(Orange Bag)
Alan Whitehead	6	Ian Bowyer		J. J. Lyden
Brian Stanton	7	Martin O'Neill		Warrington
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 j-san · January 25, 2022 at 1:15 AM

this is fabulous stuff! Bury fan here - was at the game aged 12 :) It's one of those nights that sticks in the mind. I remember 2 things : Robertson's goal - it was such class that you didn't care about the result. And the other thing I remember is the Forest fans absolutely packed behind the goal (Bury used to get about 3-4000 in for home games, half of Nottingham must have been there). They weren't intimidating, they just seemed ecstatic - not surprising really. One thing, in my recall, the Forest fans were in the other end of the ground (Manchester Road end), maybe because it was bigger and you had more fans. Anyway, thanks for the blog- brilliant, I even remember the programme that you put up there - it was a special night for Bury fans to have that Forest team in town. J.

 Algis Kuliukas · January 26, 2022 at 11:58 PM

Thanks very much for your kind comments about my blog and for adding your own memories. Isn't it funny (and wonderful) that two people, otherwise complete strangers, are united forever by going to a memorable football match. This is what it's all about for me.

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