

BIRMINGHAM CITY FC
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NOTTINGHAM FOREST
REPORT

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Birmingham City 2-0 Nottingham Forest

Where are the Blues?

Team	PLW	D	L	P
1. Wolves	33	19	6	8 63
2. B'ham	32	17	9	6 60
3. Reading	31	17	8	6 59
4. Preston	33	15	8	10 53

Match Facts

Date: 14th February 2009 Stadium: St. Andrews Stadium

Kick-off: 15:00 League: Coca-Cola Championship

Attendance: 17,631

Referee: G. Laws

Assistance referee (R/Y): S. Bert

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Fourth Official: C. Knowles

Goals

Bent 62

Fahey 75

Report

Birmingham were at home again to Nottingham Forest and blues were favourite to win. Blues were fighting for the automatic promotion places while Forest were trying to avoid the drop. Over 17,500 people turned up to watch the game and 2,000 of them were Forest fans. Blues had made two changes for the team, Bouazza swapped for Fahey and Jerome swapped for Bent. 3 points would put the blues up to 2nd place and above Reading as they are not playing this weekend. But for Forest, it would make the gap bigger for the others trying to escape the drop. The first half was mostly Forest's half. Nathan Tyson broke through the blues defence and missed by inches. Forest nearly scored on the 5th minute by the speedy paced Tyson, but it went straight across the blues goal. Blues first shot was at nine minutes when the ball was shot flying over the bar by Fahey.



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A lot of shots taken by Blues were saved or off target in the first half and the score was kept 0-0. But when the 2nd half started, Blues were on fire for most of the second half spending most of their time on the opposite side of the field.



Forest trembled with two early shots which only just missed. Bent had a shot at the Forest Goal Keeper Paul Smith who saved it and Carsley had a shot which went wide. Forest fans were hoping they were going to send the game into a 0-0 draw but it didn't last. In the 62nd minute, Fahey whipped in a cross and landed in the six-yard box and Bent tapped the ball in. It was a scruffy goal, but it was enough to put Blues in the lead. Forest fought back hitting a few shots wide but it wasn't enough to stop Fahey hitting an magnificent goal from near the corner flag in the 75th minute. It was unexpected to go in the net, as many say it was a cross, but McLeish says it was a miss kick. Forest fought back, but there wasn't enough time to save them and Blues walked away with 3 points, putting them second and drawing them closer to Wolves.

<u>Blues</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Forest</u>
1. Maik TAYLOR(GK)		1. Paul SMITH(GK)
5. Martin TAYLOR		2. Kelvin WILSON
3. David MURPHY		4. Luke CHAMBERS
6. Liam RIDGEWELL		5. Wes MORGON
4. Lee BOWYER ■		7. James PERCH'C' ■
7. Sebastian LARSSON		8. Lewis McGUGAN
26. Lee CARSLEY'C'		9. Nathan TYSON
19. Scott SINCLAIR		15. Chris COHEN
30. Keith FAHEY(85)		16. Joe GARNER(67)
9. Kevin PHILLIPS(31)		27. Brendan MOLONEY(66)
23. Marcus BENT(76)		36. Joe HEATH(83)

SUBS

13. Colin DOYLE(GK)	31. Paddy GAMBLE(GK)
20. Franck QUEUDRUE	6. Ian BRECKIN
33. Hameur BOUAZZA(85)	12. Garath McCLEARY(66)
10. Cameron JEROME(31)	26. Matt THORNHILL(83)
18. Carlos COSTLY(76)	37. Adam NEWBOLD(67)

