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NOTTS FOREST v. NOTTS COUNTY

The Notts Forest ground draws one of its biggest crowds of the football season - and no wonder! Today sees the clash of the two local teams, Notts Forest versus Notts County. Just about everyone who's ever raised a cheer for either side is here today, all dressed for the occasion and ready to spur their favourites on to victory.

The ground's beginning to fill up. It'll soon be time - and here come the teams. Forest in red shirts are first.

There's plenty of enthusiasm for the stripe-shirted County boys as they come on. Today is the sixtieth time the two Notts teams have met in battle.

Gager and Leuty take the toss and the game is on. Almost at once the County "Magpies" attack and give the Forest "Reds" plenty of work.

The ball goes to winger Collindridge and he's away up-field but he pushes a "Magpie" and the Ref. doesn't like it at all. A free-kick is awarded to the County. Here it goes.

McPherson heads at the Forest goal, but Goalie Walker punches it over the bar and Forest breath again.

The fight's warming up now and the Forest redshirts are keeping up the pressure. County goalkeeper Bradley is given plenty to do. Now Collindridge shoots, but he slips and it's a corner. From the corner kick, right-winger Moore tries a header, but it's just wide.

Forest keep up the offensive. French leads an attack, but the ball goes behind the County line for another corner.

The ball swings into the centre, Ardren heads - but it's over the bar.

Now the County take the game to the other end, but Burkett gets the ball and leads the Reds out of danger. They're heading towards the County goal again.

Collindridge centres to Martin who beats the County defence, but he slices his shot and there's still no score.

The County attack hard, but Walker gets it clear. Maybe there'll be a goal now. Left-winger Crooks takes the corner but the ball is forced away.

Forest get the ball out of danger and starts a move towards the County goal. In comes a centre - the goalie misses - and Moore races in to slam it in.

At half-time the score's still Nottingham Forest 1, Notts County nil. A hefty charge brings County goalie Bradley down. He's taken quite a knock by the looks of things.

Bradley isn't down for long. But now comes action at the other end as the County try to even up the score.

Inside-left Edwards gets the ball and has a go - but it's over the bar. Notts County just can't seem to score.

Back come the Forest Reds. The ball bounces off Bradley back into play. There's a bit of a scramble before Leuty kicks into touch. Forest are determined to increase their lead - but County are equally determined to stop them. Ever since the war, it's always been a close thing when County meet Forest - and today is no exception. County won the match last year - but this time Forest are the final victors by one goal to nil.