

Opposition View: Nottm Forest

Alicia Povey chats to Ben Dore.



After a goalless draw with Birmingham City on Tuesday night, the Chairboys are still on the hunt for their first three points of 2021. They'll be hopeful that Saturday's match-up with Nottingham Forest at Adams Park could be the one.

Ahead of Saturday's match, Alicia Povey spoke to NFFC YouTuber and fan **Ben Dore** (better known as Mr Dore) about what to expect from Forest.

Forest have been on decent form going into Saturday's tie with Wycombe, taking points from four of their last five league matches. What should they look to take forward from those games?

We have definitely been on a decent run of form, with a couple of hiccups against Middlesbrough and Swansea in the cup. In general, I think what we need to take from this run is resilience, and working as one unit in order to be hard to beat.

In a couple of games we've seen glimpses of the attacking threat we pose. The likes of Anthony Knockaert, Sammy Ameobi and Alex Mighten have been showing real promise in front of goal. Lewis Grabban and Lyle Taylor have also looked good, scoring three and four goals respectively in the Championship this season.

The last time we met, in November 2020, the Reds took home all three points with a 2-0 win. Both Forest and Wycombe have brought in some new faces in the January window since then, so will Saturday's match be any tougher for either side?

Thankfully Forest have had quite a positive January window for our standards, with three additions and four departures. The three players that we've managed to bring in promise to be good signings for this level.

New signing Filip Krovinovic has shown a good amount of the creativity we have needed throughout the first part of the season, whilst we all know what Glenn Murray brings to any team at this level. James Garner has a lot of promise and in the one game he has played for Forest so far he showed a great range of passing and kept a level head for someone

his age.

I think that the game will still be just as tough for both teams as it was in November, and your home record is better than your away. Also, the pressure is really on us to pull away from the bottom three.

Considering your new signings as well as the existing squad, who are your standout performers at the moment?

Our stand out performers at the moment would probably be the likes of Joe Worrall who has been excellent in defence; going forward Sammy Ameobi has been the one to pull something out of nothing. Perhaps the best example of his prowess being the brace he scored against Millwall last month.

But like I said in the previous question, there's signs that Garner, Krovinovic and even Knockaert are going to be crucial to our second half of the season.

If you were Chris Hughton, who would make up your starting-eleven on Saturday?

Thinking about the team line up for this game against Wycombe, I would make minimal changes but would probably bring Yuri Ribero in at left back. Other than that I would keep the starting-eleven unchanged to keep the consistency going. I think we are seeing improvements in Brice Samba with the return of Joe Worrall, and we're benefitting from an increasingly settled back line.

Any early Forest team news that we might have missed?

The only early team news is that Yuri Ribeiro will be back after suspension and available. Tuesday night's game also saw the return of Jack Colback who has been out long-term due to an ankle problem.

Other than that I can't see there being much movement in the squad, unless Samba Sow is at last fit to be included.

Who do you think are the players to watch in the Wycombe squad?

As far as players to be aware of from the Wycombe team, I can only really go off the last game between our two teams.

For me, when you introduced Adebayo Akinfenwa the game changed; he brought a different dimension to the match that we couldn't seem to adjust to. Scott Kaskhet, who I believe is your leading goalscorer, could also be a tough player to defend against.

Will Forest be able to keep up their relatively good run? What's your score prediction?

I think that it will be a difficult game, especially with your home form being better than your away. But we have made it back to back away wins in the league recently, and I can't see us being beaten.

I will go for a 1-2 result to Forest, but I also wouldn't be surprised with it being a draw.

You can follow Saturday's game against Nottingham Forest on [iFollow](#) with a 3pm KO.