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Derby County, Nottingham Forest and Clough

(January 25 2009)

Background information

One of the most famous English football managers was Brian Clough who died in September 2004. He managed both Derby County and Nottingham Forest, two local rivals in the east Midlands. His son, Nigel Clough, a former player, is now Derby County’s manager.

A. Pre- Listening - Vocabulary

Match the word on the left with the closest meaning on the right.

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| 1. ____ fierce | a. love, like, appreciate |
| 2. ____ currently | b. say, declare |
| 3. ____ confirm | c. passionate, strong |
| 4. ____ follow in (someone’s) footsteps | d. big competitor |
| 5. ____ arch rivals | e. authorise, give (a job to) |
| 6. ____ revel | f. repeat the same achievements |
| 7. ____ inexplicable | g. at the present time, now |
| 8. ____ claim | h. strong, powerful |
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B. Listening - Detail

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So here is my question for you: Which two neighbouring teams play for the Brian Clough Trophy? Do you know?

The answer is Derby County and Nottingham Forest, both _____ in the English Championship. And when they play each other the atmosphere is as competitive and fierce as any _____ in the world. And the recent changes at both clubs have made this rivalry even more interesting.

Let's take a short look back at some of the key moments in their history. Brian Clough was the young manager that took Derby to the top of English football in the early 70's. His success _____ him a hero to all the fans and his team made the semi-finals of the European Cup in 1973. However, when he left the club there was great _____, even _____, when he became manager of local rivals Nottingham Forest. There he had even greater success, building a team that went on to win the European Cup two times. So Brian Clough became a hero in Nottingham too. In fact, the road _____ the two cities is now called "Brian Clough Way" and the teams play for the Brian Clough Trophy each year.

In recent years both clubs have _____ rather poorly, managers have come and gone, and the fans have been generally _____. But last week a couple of extraordinary events took place for the two clubs. Firstly, Nigel Clough, Brian's son, who _____ for Forest for many years, was _____ as Derby County's new manager. Secondly Billy Davies, Derby's former manager was confirmed as Forest's new manager. Thirdly, the two clubs have been drawn to play each other in the FA Cup 3rd round.

Having Nigel Clough at Derby has provided much media attention. Can he follow in his father's _____? Can Derby get back to the top of the Premiership? Can the Pride be put back into the club? As a Derby fan, I think we have a bright _____. The appointment of Cloughie is a great one. Let's start by beating Forest this weekend in the FA Cup. Go the Rams! Come on Derby! We are Derby...

C. Listening - Comprehension

Listen to the second half of the report. Answer the questions.

1. What is central to being a Nottingham Forest fan?
2. Why is the rivalry particularly important this year?
3. Are Nottingham Forest and Derby having a good season?
4. Why can't Nottingham Forest fans forgive Cris Commons?
5. When you talk about Derby or Forest who do you have to mention?
6. What is the Forest fan hoping will continue in the Cup game between Derby and Forest?
7. What kind of game does the Forest fan predict?

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The answer is Derby County and Nottingham Forest, both **CURRENTLY** in the English Championship. And when they play each other the atmosphere is as competitive and fierce as any **RIVALRY** in the world. And the recent changes at both clubs have made this rivalry even more interesting.

Let’s take a short look back at some of the key moments in their history. Brian Clough was the young manager that took Derby to the top of English football in the early 70’s. His success **MADE** him a hero to all the fans and his team made the semi-finals of the European Cup in 1973. However, when he left the club there was great **SURPRISE**, even **ANGER**, when he became manager of local rivals Nottingham Forest. There he had even greater success, building a

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'A hatred of Derby' is central to being a Forest fan.

2. Why is the rivalry particularly important this year?

The rivalry is intense because the two teams are close together in the league. For the last three seasons they have been in different leagues.

3. Are Nottingham Forest and Derby having a good season?

No. The fan says 'miserable season'.

4. Why can't Nottingham Forest fans forgive Cris Commons?

Because he used to play for Forest and moved to Derby. He always said he was a Forest fan, so the Forest fans feel betrayed.

5. When you talk about Derby or Forest who do you have to mention?

Brian Clough

6. What is the Forest fan hoping will continue in the Cup game between Derby and Forest?

The fact that Nigel Clough has not won a game with Derby yet.

7. What kind of game does the Forest fan predict?

A good game, penalties, hard-fought, 3-2 to forest

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Damian: That was Trevor Francis' winning goal for Nottingham Forest in the 1979 European Cup Final and here to talk a little more about Forest, Brian Clough and this week's cup match with arch rivals Derby County is Notts Forest fan Julian.

Julian: Yes, well, the rivalry with Derby is an intense thing and central to being a Forest fan is a hatred of Derby, it's all we tend to sing about, er, and we revel in any kind of misfortune that comes to Derby in any sort of way. At the moment the rivalry is quite ... particularly pertinent because we are very close together in the league and in fact sadly for the last three seasons we've not even been in the same league. Derby for some inexplicable reason have been in the league above us but now we're fighting together and it's very important. The Cup is a welcome distraction from the miserable season that both of us have had and it's ... it will be something that both teams will enjoy.

Both the teams have players who played for the other team. Cris Commons is a Forest player and always claimed that he's from Nottingham and always told, certainly told us that he was a Forest fan and then inexplicably went to play for Derby, which is unforgivable so we will make his life very unpleasant tomorrow night.

Brian Clough, you can't talk about Forest or Derby without ... talking about Brian Clough. I think you can talk about Derby without talking about Brian Clough in fact because people tend to forget I think the Clough connection with Derby though what he did at Derby was unbelievable in the short time that he did there. Not as incredible as what he did with Forest with those two European Cup victories 1979, 1980.

Clough factor, Nigel Clough, Brian Clough's son, now managing Derby. It's his first real management job, he spent ten years at Burton, at non-league Burton Albion, gone to manage Derby now certainly hasn't won a game since he's been there and I very much hope that that doesn't change tomorrow.

Damian: So, a final prediction?

Julian: Er, I think that the score tomorrow will be ... it's going to be a good game, there'll be penalties, there'll be ... all sorts of things will happen, it'll be a very hard-fought game but Forest will win the game 3-2