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Programme Notes – Nottingham Forest, Carabao Cup, Weds, 17th Sept 2025 – Paul Thomas writes:

Welcome back to the Swansea.com Stadium for our third-round Carabao League Cup tie with Premier League Nottingham Forest. Forest arrive with a new-look side and a new manager, Ange Postecoglou – a coach renowned for encouraging attacking football, even if his teams are sometimes less well known for their defensive solidity. That could be an omen for an entertaining contest this evening.

That's definitely been the case in the past, with 11 goals in the past two fixtures alone. Given the Swans were on the wrong side of both of those results, perhaps let's leave them for the history books. But there are others we remember more fondly, such as the 5-1 FA Cup win here in 2021 or the 3-1 Championship play-off semi-final victory in 2011, capped off with Darren Pratley's stunning goal from the halfway line.

Both sides come into tonight's match looking to bounce back. On the weekend, Forest slipped to a 3-0 defeat away at Arsenal – never an easy place to go, especially with the Gunners likely to be in the title race once again this season. For the Swans, Hull's last-minute equaliser on Saturday made a 2-2 draw feel more like a defeat. We started brightly, created chances and looked the more dominant team early on, but allowed them back into the contest after the break.

Naturally, reactions on social media were mixed. It was frustrating to concede so late. But while the result stung, there were positives to take from the game. Lawrence Vigouroux produced two or three outstanding saves, Žan Vipotnik continued his fine goalscoring run and Ethan Galbraith again showed that he is more than comfortable at this level.

The substitutions inevitably changed the flow of the game, and some supporters questioned those decisions online after the game. That's part and parcel of football – we all see things differently from the stands. What we don't always see are the fitness considerations or tactical reasons behind those calls. And with strong options such as Adam Idah available from the bench, you could see the thinking behind the changes, even if they didn't pay off on the day.

Disappointing as Saturday was, it was just one game. It's important to keep the bigger picture in mind. We're only five league games into the season and have welcomed 12 new players over the summer. It will take time for the team to gel. Despite that, we're currently in seventh spot in the table, just outside the play-offs. Most fans would have taken that at the start of the season. There will be bumps along the way, but we have more depth and the squad feels more balanced than it has for some time. That will help in the second half of the season.

Away from the pitch, Saturday brought another proud moment for the Trust as we unveiled our latest heritage mural, this time celebrating the 'Sandfields Boys', Cliff Jones and Terry Medwin. We were honoured to welcome Cliff and his family, along with Terry's wife Joyce and family to Western Street for the unveiling. More details and pictures can be seen on our website [HERE](#)

Preserving and celebrating the heritage of our club is central to the Trust's work. From restoring the old Vetch players' entrance to commissioning street artwork such as this, these projects remind us of the roots and traditions that bind us together as supporters. And there are more initiatives in the pipeline, which we look forward to sharing with you soon.

Finally, if you haven't already, you can still join the Trust online at swanstrust.co.uk/join-the-trust/. Or, alternatively, come see us at the kiosk (next to the club shop) on a game day. Every member strengthens our voice and ensures that supporters' views continue to be heard in the boardroom.

Enjoy the game, and let's hope we're celebrating a result that takes us into the next round later this evening.

Paul