

Nottingham Forest 3-2 Chelsea: Gibbs-White double hands Alonso a third straight league defeat

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Morgan Gibbs-White scored twice as Nottingham Forest beat Chelsea 3-2 at the City Ground on Friday night, 27 November, after Igor Jesus had put Forest ahead inside five minutes. Substitute Emmanuel Emegha struck twice for Chelsea, but the second came too late to rescue a point. For fans in Singapore, the match kicked off at 4am on Saturday.

It is a third straight Premier League defeat for Xabi Alonsoâ??s side, after losing 1-0 at Sunderland on 8 November and 4-1 at home to Leeds United on 21 November. Chelsea stay eighth on 16 points from 12 games.

A fast start for Forest

Forest needed a quick start and got one. Daniel MuÃ±oz crossed in the fifth minute and Igor Jesus volleyed it past Emiliano MartÃnez into the top corner, giving Forest a lead they kept until half-time.

Alonso made his move at the break, sending on Emegha for Danny Welbeck. The second half had barely settled before it swung both ways. Former Chelsea striker Liam Delap was bundled over by Wesley Fofana in the box, and Gibbs-White put away the 51st-minute penalty. Three minutes later Emegha pulled one back, and Fofana was replaced by Levi Colwill soon after.



Nottingham Forest beat Chelsea 3-2 at the City Ground on 27 November 2026. Graphic: Little Big Red Dot

Schlagerâ??s pass, Gibbs-Whiteâ??s second

The goal that settled it came in the 72nd minute. Xaver Schlager played the ball through a stretched Chelsea defence and the Forest captain lofted his finish over MartÃnez for 3-1.

Chelsea found a second through Emegha in the 89th minute, set up by Pedro Neto, but Forest saw out the added time. Fofana, Jordan Henderson and Neto were booked for Chelsea, and Delap and Ibrahim SangarÃ© for Forest.

What it means for both clubs

The table looks very different for Forest this morning. Oliver Glasnerâ??s side started the night 17th on nine points, one place above the relegation zone, and finished it 14th on 12 points. That is back-to-back home league wins, following the 3-1 against Manchester City on 7 November, which had been their first of the season at the City Ground.

Glasner had admitted earlier in the week that the rebuild â??looks to take a little bit longer than we all hopedâ?•, calling this â??a transition seasonâ?•. Friday night felt like a step forward.

Chelseaâ??s worry is at the back. They have now conceded 23 league goals in 12 matches, and only bottom club Crystal Palace, on 27, have let in more. Three defeats in a row have also left them 12 points behind leaders Arsenal.

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Both sides are back in action on Wednesday 2 December, kick-off 7.30pm UK time, which is 3.30am on Thursday 3 December in Singapore. Chelsea host Crystal Palace, and Forest travel to Hull City. Chelsea then face Liverpool at home on Saturday 5 December, while Forest host Brighton the same day.

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