

= Leicester City F.C. =

Leicester City Football Club (/ ˈlɛstər ˈsɪti /), also known as the Foxes , is an English professional football club based at the King Power Stadium in Leicester . They play in the Premier League , having been promoted as champions of the Football League Championship in 2013 ? 14 , signalling a return to the top flight of English football after a decade away . Their home stadium , the King Power Stadium , is the 20th largest football ground in England , with a capacity of 32 @, @ 312 .

The club was founded in 1884 as Leicester Fosse F.C. , playing on a field near Fosse Road . They moved to Filbert Street in 1891 , were elected to the Football League in 1894 and adopted the name Leicester City in 1919 . They moved to the nearby Walkers Stadium in 2002 , which was renamed the King Power Stadium after a change of ownership in 2011 .

Leicester won the 2015 ? 16 Premier League , their first top @-@ level football championship . By some measures it was the greatest sporting upset ever : multiple bookmakers had never paid out at such long odds for any sport . Prior to this , their highest ever finish was second place in the top flight , in Division One in 1928 ? 29 . Throughout Leicester 's history , they have spent all but one season within the top two tiers of English football . The club holds a joint @-@ highest seven second @-@ tier titles (six Second Division and one Championship) . City have several promotions to their name , as well as one League One title .

In 1971 , they won the FA Community Shield . They have also won the League Cup three times , were runners up in 1999 , and have been FA Cup finalists four times , a tournament record for the most defeats in the final without having won the competition . Leicester will feature in the 2016 @-@ 17 UEFA Champions League as their fourth time playing European football . They will also play in the 2016 International Champions Cup , as a pre season tournament .

= = History = =

= = = Founding = = =

Formed in 1884 by a group of old boys of Wyggeston School as " Leicester Fosse " , the club joined the Football Association in 1890 . Before moving to Filbert Street in 1891 , the club played at five different grounds , including Victoria Park south @-@ east of the city centre and the Belgrave Road Cricket and Bicycle Grounds . The club also joined the Midland League in 1891 , and were elected to Division Two of the Football League in 1894 after finishing second . Leicester 's first ever Football League game was a 4 ? 3 defeat at Grimsby Town , with a first League win the following week , against Rotherham United at Filbert Street . The same season also saw the club 's largest win to date , a 13 ? 0 victory over Notts Olympic in an FA Cup qualifying game . In 1907 ? 08 the club finished as Second Division runners @-@ up , gaining promotion to the First Division , the highest level of English football . However , the club were relegated after a single season which included the club 's record defeat , a 12 ? 0 loss against Nottingham Forest .

In 1919 , when League football resumed after World War I , Leicester Fosse ceased trading due to financial difficulties of which little is known . The club was reformed as " Leicester City Football Club " , particularly appropriate as the borough of Leicester had recently been given city status . Following the name change , the club enjoyed moderate success in the 1920s ; under the management of Peter Hodge , who left in May 1926 to be replaced two months later by Willie Orr , and with record goalscorer Arthur Chandler in the side , they won the Division Two title in 1924 ? 25 and recorded their second @-@ highest league finish in 1928 ? 29 as runners @-@ up by a single point to Sheffield Wednesday . However the 1930s saw a downturn in fortunes , with the club relegated in 1934 ? 35 and , after promotion in 1936 ? 37 , another relegation in 1938 ? 39 would see them finish the decade in Division Two .

= = = Post @-@ World War II = = =

City reached the FA Cup final for the first time in their history in 1949 , losing 3 ? 1 to Wolverhampton Wanderers . However , the club was celebrating a week later when a draw on the last day of the season ensured survival in Division Two . Leicester won the Division Two championship in 1954 , with the help of Arthur Rowley , one of the club 's most prolific strikers . Although they were relegated from Division One the next season , under Dave Halliday they returned in 1957 , with Rowley scoring a club record 44 goals in one season . Leicester remained in Division One until 1969 , their longest period ever in the top flight .

Under the management of Matt Gillies and his assistant Bert Johnson , Leicester reached the FA Cup final on another two occasions , but lost in both 1961 and 1963 . As they lost to double winners Tottenham in 1961 , they were England 's representatives in the 1961 ? 62 European Cup Winners ' Cup . In the 1962 ? 63 season , the club led the First Division during the winter , thanks to a sensational run of form on icy and frozen pitches the club became nicknamed the " Ice Kings " eventually placed fourth , the club 's best post @-@ war finish . Gillies guided Leicester to their first piece of silverware in 1964 , when Leicester beat Stoke 4 ? 3 on aggregate to win the League Cup for the first time . Leicester also reached the League Cup final the following year , but lost 3 ? 2 on aggregate to Chelsea . Gillies and Johnson received praise for their version of the " whirl " and the " switch " system , a system that had previously been used by the Austrian and Hungarian national teams . After a bad start to the season , Matt Gillies resigned in November 1968 . His successor , Frank O 'Farrell was unable to prevent relegation , but the club reached the FA Cup final in 1969 for the last time to date , losing to Manchester City 1 ? 0 .

In 1971 , Leicester were promoted back to Division One , and won the Charity Shield for the only time . Unusually , due to Double (association football) winners Arsenal 's commitments in European competition , Division Two winners Leicester were invited to play FA Cup runners up Liverpool , beating them 1 ? 0 . Jimmy Bloomfield was appointed for the new season , and his team remained in the First Division for his tenure . No period since Bloomfield has seen the club remain in the top division for so long . Leicester reached the FA Cup semi @-@ final in 1973 ? 74 .

Frank McLintock , a noted player for seven years for Leicester in a successful period from the late Fifties to the mid Sixties , succeeded Jimmy Bloomfield in 1977 . City were relegated at the end of the 1977 ? 78 season and McLintock resigned . Jock Wallace resumed the tradition of successful Scottish managers (after Peter Hodge and Matt Gillies) by steering Leicester to the Division Two championship in 1980 . Unfortunately , Wallace was unable to keep Leicester in Division One , but they reached the FA Cup semi @-@ final in 1982 . Under Wallace , one of City 's most famous home @-@ grown players , Gary Lineker , emerged into the first team squad . Leicester 's next manager was Gordon Milne , who achieved promotion in 1983 . Lineker helped Leicester maintain their place in the First Division but was sold to Everton in 1985 and two years later Leicester were relegated , having failed to find a suitable replacement to partner Alan Smith , who was sold to Arsenal after Leicester went down .

Milne left in 1986 and was replaced in 1987 by David Pleat , who was sacked in January 1991 with Leicester in danger of relegation to the Third Division . Gordon Lee was put in charge of the club until the end of the season . Leicester won their final game of the season , which guided them clear of relegation to the third tier of the football league .

Brian Little took over in 1991 and by the end of the 1991 ? 92 season Leicester had reached the playoff final for a place in the new FA Premier League , but lost to Blackburn Rovers and a penalty from former Leicester striker Mike Newell . The club also reached the playoff final the following year , losing 4 ? 3 to Swindon Town , having come back from 3 ? 0 down . In 1993 ? 94 City were promoted from the playoffs , beating Derby County 2 ? 1 in the final . Little quit as Leicester manager the following November to take charge at Aston Villa , and his successor Mark McGhee was unable to save Leicester from finishing second from bottom in the 1994 ? 95 season .

McGhee left the club unexpectedly in December 1995 whilst Leicester were top of the First Division to take charge of Wolverhampton Wanderers . McGhee was replaced by Martin O 'Neill . Under O 'Neill , Leicester qualified for the 1996 Football League play @-@ offs and beat Crystal Palace 2 ? 1 in the final through a 120th minute Steve Claridge goal to gain promotion to the Premier League .

Following promotion , Leicester established themselves in the Premier League with four successive top ten finishes . O 'Neill ended Leicester 's 33 @-@ year wait for a major trophy , winning the League Cup twice , in 1997 and 2000 , and Leicester were runners @-@ up in 1999 . Thus the club qualified for the UEFA Cup in 1997 ? 98 and 2000 ? 01 , the club 's first European competition since 1961 . In June 2000 , O 'Neill left Leicester City to take over as manager of Celtic .

= = = Decline in the early 21st Century = = =

O 'Neill was replaced by former England U @-@ 21 coach Peter Taylor . During this time , one of Leicester 's European appearances ended in a 3 ? 1 defeat to Red Star Belgrade on 28 September 2000 in the 2001 UEFA Cup . Leicester began well under Taylor 's management , topping the Premier League for two weeks in the autumn and remaining in contention for a European place for most of the campaign , before a late season collapse dragged them down to a 13th @-@ place finish .

Taylor was sacked after a terrible start to the 2001 ? 02 season , and his successor Dave Bassett lasted just six months before being succeeded by his assistant Micky Adams , the change of management being announced just before relegation was confirmed . Leicester won just five league games all season .

Leicester moved into the new 32 @, @ 500 @-@ seat Walkers Stadium at the start of the 2002 ? 03 season , ending 111 years at Filbert Street . Walkers , the Leicestershire @-@ based crisp manufacturers , acquired the naming rights for a ten @-@ year period . In October 2002 , the club went into administration with debts of £ 30 million . Some of the reasons were the loss of TV money (ITV Digital , itself in administration , had promised money to First Division clubs for TV rights) , the large wage bill , lower than expected fees for players transferred to other clubs and the £ 37 million cost of the new stadium . Adams was banned from the transfer market for most of the season , even after the club was rescued with a takeover by a consortium led by Gary Lineker . Adams guided Leicester to runners @-@ up spot in Division One and automatic promotion back to the Premiership with more than 90 points . Leicester only lasted one season in the top flight and were relegated to the newly labelled Championship , previously known as Division One .

When Adams resigned as manager in October 2004 Craig Levein was appointed boss . This would prove to be an unsuccessful period and after 15 months in charge Levein was sacked , having failed to get the Foxes anywhere near the promotion places . Assistant manager Rob Kelly , took over as caretaker manager , and after winning three out of four games was appointed to see out the rest of the season . Kelly steered Leicester to safety and in April 2006 was given the manager 's job on a permanent basis .

In October 2006 , ex @-@ Portsmouth chairman Milan Mandari? was quoted as saying he was interested in buying the club , reportedly at a price of around £ 6 million with the current playing squad valued at roughly £ 4 @. @ 2 million . The takeover was formally announced on 13 February 2007 . On 11 April 2007 , Rob Kelly was sacked as manager and Nigel Worthington appointed as caretaker manager until the end of the season . Worthington saved the club from relegation , but was not offered the job on a permanent basis . On 25 May 2007 the club announced former MK Dons manager Martin Allen as their new manager with a three @-@ year contract . Allen 's relationship with Mandari? became tense and after only four games Allen left by mutual consent on 29 August 2007 . On 13 September 2007 , Mandari? announced Gary Megson as the new manager of the club , citing Megson 's " wealth of experience " as a deciding factor in the appointment . However , Megson left on 24 October 2007 after only six weeks in charge , following an approach made for his services by Bolton Wanderers . Mandari? placed Frank Burrows and Gerry Taggart in the shared position as caretaker managers until a professional manager was appointed .

On 22 November , Ian Holloway was appointed manager , and he became the first Leicester manager in over 50 years to win his first league game in charge , beating Bristol City 2 ? 0 . This initial success did not last , and Leicester were relegated from the Championship at the end of the 2007 ? 08 season .

= = = 2009 ? 2016 : Third tier to English Champions = = =

2008 ? 09 was Leicester 's first ever season outside the top two levels of English football , but the appointment of Nigel Pearson to replace Holloway , who left by mutual consent a few weeks after relegation was confirmed , sparked a rebuilding of the club that would culminate in the fastest rise to the peak of the English football league system since Ipswich Town F.C. in 1962 . Leicester returned to the Championship league at the first attempt , finishing as champions of League One after a 2 ? 0 win at Southend United , with two games in hand . The 2009 ? 2010 season saw Leicester 's revival under Pearson continue , as the club finished fifth and reached the Championship play @-@ offs in their first season back in the second tier . Though coming from 2 ? 0 down on aggregate , away to Cardiff City , to briefly lead 3 ? 2 , they eventually lost to a penalty shoot @-@ out in the play @-@ off semi @-@ final . At the end of the season Pearson left Leicester to become the manager of Hull City , claiming that he felt that the club seemed reluctant to keep him , and that Paulo Sousa had been the club 's guest at both play @-@ off games , hinting at a possible replacement . On Wednesday 7 July 2010 , Sousa was confirmed as Pearson 's replacement .

In August 2010 , following agreement on a three @-@ year shirt sponsorship deal with duty @-@ free retailers the King Power Group , Mandari? sold the club to Thai @-@ led consortium Asian Football Investments (AFI) fronted by King Power Group 's Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha . Mandari? , an investor in AFI , was retained as club chairman . On 1 October 2010 , after a poor start that saw Leicester bottom of the Championship with only one win out of the first 9 league games , Paulo Sousa was sacked by the club with immediate effect . Two days later , Sven @-@ Göran Eriksson , who had been approached by the club after the 6 ? 1 loss to then bottom @-@ of @-@ the @-@ table Portsmouth two weeks earlier , was appointed as his replacement , signing a two @-@ year contract with the club . On 10 February 2011 , Vichai Raksriaksorn , part of the Thai @-@ based Asia Football Investments consortium , was appointed new chairman of the club after Mandari? left in November to take over Sheffield Wednesday .

Leicester were viewed as one of the favourites for promotion in the 2011 ? 12 season , but on 24 October 2011 , following an inconsistent start with the Foxes winning just 5 out of their first 13 games , Sven @-@ Göran Eriksson left the club by mutual consent . Three weeks later Nigel Pearson returned to the club as Eriksson 's successor . Pearson would go on to lead The Foxes to a 6th @-@ place finish in the 2012 ? 2013 season , ensuring Leicester City were in the Championship play offs . Leicester lost the playoff semifinal 3 ? 2 on aggregate to Watford after Anthony Knockaert missed a late penalty and Troy Deeney scored right at the end after a swift counterattack from a Manuel Almunia double save .

In 2014 , Leicester 's march up the league system hit a breakthrough . Their 2 ? 1 win over Sheffield Wednesday , combined with losses by Queens Park Rangers and Derby County , allowed Leicester City to clinch a promotion to the Premier League after a 10 @-@ year absence . Later that month , a win at Bolton saw Leicester become the champions of the 2013 ? 14 Football League Championship ? the seventh time they had been champions of England 's second tier . 5th May 2014 saw 35 @, @ 000 fans in Leicester line the streets for a parade , in celebration of the team 's success .

= = = = Return to Premier League = = = =

Leicester started their first season in the Premier League since 2004 with a good run of results in their first five league games , starting with a 2 ? 2 draw on the opening day against Everton . The Foxes then claimed their first Premier League win since May 2004 , with a 1 ? 0 win at Stoke City . On 21 September 2014 , Leicester went on to produce one of the greatest comebacks in Premier League history to beat Manchester United 5 ? 3 at the King Power Stadium after coming back from 3 ? 1 down with 30 minutes left to score four goals . They also made Premier League history by becoming the first team to beat United from a two @-@ goal deficit since the league 's launch in 1992 .

During the 2014 ? 15 season , a dismal run of form saw the team slip to the bottom of the league

table with only 19 points from 29 games . By 3 April 2015 they were 7 points adrift from safety . This could have brought a sudden end to Leicester 's seven @-@ year rise , but seven wins from their final nine league games meant that the Foxes finished the season in 14th place with 41 points . They finished the season with a 5 ? 1 thrashing of relegated Queens Park Rangers . Their upturn in results was described as one of the Premier League 's greatest ever escapes from relegation . They also became only the third team in Premier League history to survive after being bottom at Christmas (the others were West Brom in 2005 and Sunderland in 2014) , and no team with fewer than 20 points from 29 games had previously stayed up .

= = = = 2015 ? 16 Premier League champions = = = =

On 30 June 2015 , however , Pearson was sacked , with the club stating that " the working relationship between Nigel and the Board is no longer viable . " The sacking was linked to a number of PR issues involving Pearson throughout the season , with the final straw involving his son James ' role in a racist sex tape made by three Leicester City reserve players in Thailand during a post @-@ season goodwill tour . Leicester City reacted by appointing former Chelsea manager Claudio Ranieri as their new manager for the new 2015 ? 16 Premier League season . Under Ranieri , the club made an exceptional start to the season . Striker Jamie Vardy scored 13 goals over 11 consecutive games from August to November , breaking Ruud van Nistelrooy 's Premier League record of scoring in 10 consecutive games . On 19 December , Leicester defeated Everton 3 ? 2 at Goodison Park to top the Premier League on Christmas Day , having been bottom exactly 12 months earlier . A 2 ? 0 victory at Sunderland on 10 April , coupled with Tottenham 's 3 ? 0 win over Manchester United , ensured Leicester 's qualification for the Champions League for the first time in their history .

Leicester won the Premier League on 2 May 2016 , after Tottenham Hotspur failed to secure a win against Chelsea after only drawing the match 2 ? 2 . This completed the fastest seven @-@ year rise to the title except for Ipswich Town in 1962 , and Leicester faced a far more unequal top tier than Ipswich did back then . Nottingham Forest also won the title in 1978 in their first season after promotion . Bookmakers thought Leicester 's victory was so unlikely that Ladbrokes and William Hill offered odds of 5 @,@ 000 @-@ 1 for it at the start of the season . Neither bookmaker had ever paid out such long odds , and the trophy resulted in the largest payout in British sporting history with total winnings of £ 25 million . The scale of the surprise attracted global attention for the club and the city of Leicester . The Economist declared it would be ' pored over for management lessons ' . Several commentators have viewed it as an inspiration to other clubs and as fundamentally transforming the expectations similar sized clubs face in English football . The Executive Chairman of the Premier League , Richard Scudamore , pointed out , ' if this was a once in every 5 @,@ 000 year event , then we 've effectively got another 5 @,@ 000 years of hope ahead of us ' . A film has even been planned of the story , centred on Jamie Vardy .

On 16 May 2016 , over 240 @,@ 000 Leicester City fans turned out on the streets of Leicester and Victoria Park to celebrate their team 's historic achievement .

= = Colours , crest and traditions = =

The club 's home colours of royal blue and white have been used for the team 's kits throughout most of its history . The first sponsorship logo to appear on a Leicester shirt was that of Ind Coope in 1983 . British snack food manufacturer Walkers Crisps held a long association with the club , sponsoring them from 1987 to 2001 .

An image of a fox was first incorporated into the club crest in 1948 , as Leicestershire is known for foxes and fox hunting . This is the origin of the nickname " The Foxes " . The club mascot is a character called " Filbert Fox " . There are also secondary characters " Vickie Vixen " and " Cousin Dennis " . On 11 June 2016 , the club announced they were looking for young supporters to design a new mascot , to be alongside " Filbert Fox " at home games . The current shirt badge has been used since 1992 and features a fox 's head overlaid onto a Cinquefoil , the Cinquefoil is similar to

the one used on the coat of arms of Leicester . In the 2009 ? 10 season which was the 125th anniversary the home kit featured no sponsor and a new central crest with " 125 Years " below . The crest was slightly changed , this change included the fox in the crest to have a white area under its nose . The circles in the crest were also moved around .

In homage to Leicestershire 's tradition of hunting , the club adopted the playing of the Post Horn Galop in 1941 prior to home matches . It was played over the PA system as the teams came out of the tunnel at all home games . The club since replaced it with a modern version , which is now played as teams emerge for the second half . For the first half , the post horn has been played live on pitch by Paul Hing since 2009 . ' Foxes Never Quit ' is the club 's motto , which is placed above the tunnel entrance as the teams head out onto the pitch .

8th July 2016 saw the club launch their new 3rd away kit for the 2016 @-@ 17 Premier League season . It will feature in their 2016 @-@ 17 UEFA Champions League campaign , and will also be in use for Leicester 's debut match in the competition . The design took inspiration from the 1983 / 84 kit , and boasts a clean white design with thin blue pinstripes on the shirt , as well as a textured form stripe design across both the shirt and shorts .

= = = Kit manufacturers and sponsors = = =

Since 2012 Leicester City 's kit has been manufactured by Puma . Previous manufacturers have included Bukta (1962 ? 64 , 1990 ? 92) , Admiral (1976 ? 79 , 1983 ? 88) , Umbro (1979 ? 83) , Scoreline (1988 ? 90) , Fox Leisure (1992 ? 2000) , Le Coq Sportif (2000 ? 05) , JJB (2005 ? 07) , Jako (2007 ? 09) , Joma (2009 ? 10) , and Burrda (2010 ? 12) . The current shirt sponsors are King Power , a company also owned by the club 's owners . The first sponsorship logo to appear on a Leicester shirt was that of Ind Coope in 1983 . British snack food manufacturer Walkers Crisps held a long association with the club , sponsoring them from 1987 to 2001 . Other sponsors have included John Bull (1986 ? 87) , LG (2001 ? 03) , Alliance & Leicester (2003 ? 07) , Topps Tiles (2007 ? 09) , Jessops (2009 ? 10) , and Loros (2009 ? 10) .

= = Stadium = =

In their early years , Leicester played at numerous grounds , but have only played at two since they joined the Football League . When first starting out they played on a field by the Fosse Road , hence the original name Leicester Fosse . They moved from there to Victoria Park , and subsequently to Belgrave Road . Upon turning professional the club moved to Mill Lane . After eviction from Mill Lane the club played at the County Cricket ground while seeking a new ground . The club secured the use of an area of ground by Filbert Street , and moved there in 1891 .

Some improvements by noted football architect Archibald Leitch occurred in the Edwardian era , and in 1927 a new two tier stand was built , named the Double Decker , a name it would keep till the ground 's closure in 2002 . The ground wasn 't developed any further , apart from compulsory seating being added , till 1993 when work began on the new Carling Stand . The stand was impressive while the rest of the ground was untouched since at least the 1920s ; this led manager Martin O 'Neill to say he used to " lead new signings out backwards " so they only saw the Carling Stand .

The club moved away from Filbert Street in 2002 to a new 32 @,@ 500 all @-@ seater stadium . The stadium was originally named Walkers Stadium in a deal with food manufacturers Walkers , whose brand logo used to be found at various points around the outside of the stadium . The first match the Walkers hosted was a friendly against Athletic Bilbao , the game was drawn 1 ? 1 with Tiko of Bilbao being the first scorer at the stadium and Jordan Stewart being the first City player to score , and the first competitive match was a 2 ? 0 victory against Watford . The stadium has since hosted an England international against Serbia and Montenegro which finished 2 ? 1 to England , as well as internationals between Brazil and Jamaica , and Jamaica and Ghana . More recently the stadium has been used to host the Heineken Cup European Rugby semi finals for the Leicester Tigers rugby club , itself based within a mile of the Walkers Stadium (now King Power Stadium) .

On 19 August 2010 , it emerged that the new owners King Power wanted to rename the stadium The King Power Stadium , and had plans to increase the capacity to 25,000 should Leicester secure promotion . On 7 July 2011 , Leicester City confirmed that the Walkers Stadium would now be known as the King Power Stadium .

The King Power Stadium has also honoured past greats of the club , by naming suites and lounges inside the stadium after the club 's former players Gordon Banks , Adam Black , Arthur Chandler , Gary Lineker , Arthur Rowley , Sep Smith , Keith Weller and former manager Jimmy Bloomfield .

= = Support = =

The club 's anthem is When You 're Smiling , and supporters are often referred to as the Blue Army . Fans travel in numbers to watch the club home and away . According to Football League attendance statistics , the 2009 @-@ 10 season showed Leicester to have the 3rd best home & away support . Two seasons later in the 2011 @-@ 12 campaign , Leicester had the 3rd best home support , and the 4th best away support . The 2013 @-@ 14 season also supports the same attendance figures as 2011 @-@ 12 . At home matches , Leicester have gained notability for their passionate crowd & vocal atmosphere . Since 2010 , their biggest away following was at an FA Cup match against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground in 2012 . 8 @, @ 000 travelling Foxes fans went to the match , with the scoreline finishing 0 ? 0 . Since City moved to their new stadium in 2002 following the exit of Filbert Street , average home gates have never dropped below 20 @, @ 000 , even when they were relegated to League 1 in 2008 for the first time in the club 's history .

The club have several supporter groups in England , and alongside the support in the UK , Leicester City also have fans around the world . Since being bought by the King Power group in 2011 , Leicester have developed a following in Thailand , the home of their owners , and in Algeria , the nation of 2015 ? 16 title winner Riyad Mahrez . In Thailand , Singha Corporation is an Official Club Partner . Leicester also have a good following in New York , USA . So much so , that there is a dedicated supporter group called The New York Foxes , where fans of the club can gather together to support the team for both home and away matches . The group were established in 2011 , and have been featured on UK media .

= = Rival clubs = =

Main articles : Leicester City F.C. and Nottingham Forest F.C. rivalry , Derby County F.C. and Leicester City F.C. rivalry , M69 derby

Leicester fans consider the double European Cup Winners Nottingham Forest to be their main rivals . The club 's other rivals are Derby County . An East Midlands Derby is any match involving two of these three clubs .

Leicester also have a rivalry with Coventry City , 24 miles away . The game between the two clubs has become known as the M69 derby after the motorway connecting the two cities .

= = European record = =

Leicester score first , to the left . Opposition score to the right .

Notes

PR : Preliminary round

1R : First round

GS : Group stage

= = Honours = =

= = = Domestic competitions = = =

Cups won throughout Leicester City 's history .

= = = = League = = = =

Premier League

Champions (1) : 2015 ? 16

Football League Championship

Champions (7) : 1924 ? 25 , 1936 ? 37 , 1953 ? 54 , 1956 ? 57 , 1970 ? 71 , 1979 ? 80 , 2013 ? 14

Play @-@ off winners (2) : 1993 ? 94 , 1995 ? 96

Football League One

Champions (1) : 2008 ? 09

= = = = Cup = = = =

Football League Cup

Winners (3) : 1963 ? 64 , 1996 ? 97 , 1999 ? 2000

FA Charity Shield / FA Community Shield

Winners (1) : 1971

= = = Regional competitions = = =

War League South

Champions (1) : 1942

Football League War Cup

Winners (1) : 1941

= = Managerial history = =

Up until Peter Hodge was hired after World War I , the club had no official manager . A nominal role of secretary / manager was employed , though the board and the selection committee took control of most team affairs . It was Hodge who instated a system at the club for the manager having complete control over player and staff recruitment , team selection and tactics . Though Hodge was originally also titled " secretary / manager " he has retrospectively been named as the club 's first official " manager " .

Leicester have had a total of 9 permanent secretary / managers and 34 permanent managers (not including caretakers) . Nigel Pearson and Peter Hodge have both had two separate spells in charge the club . Dave Bassett also had a second spell as caretaker manager after his spell as permanent manager . Listed below is Leicester 's complete managerial history (permanent managers and secretary / managers only , caretakers are not included) .

= = = Managers = = =

(Note : During the 1986 ? 87 season both Gordon Milne and Bryan Hamilton shared managerial duties with Milne assuming the title " General Manager " and Hamilton assuming the title " Team Manager ")

= = Records and statistics = =

Graham Cross holds the record for the most Leicester appearances , with the defender playing 599 games between 1960 ? 1976 , although Adam Black holds the record for the most appearances in the league with 528 between 1920 ? 1935 .

Striker Arthur Chandler is currently the club 's all @-@ time record goal scorer , netting 273 in his

12 years at the club ; he also found the net in 8 consecutive matches in the 1924 ? 25 season . The most goals managed in a single season for the club is 44 by Arthur Rowley , in the 1956 ? 57 season . The fastest goal in the club 's history was scored by Matty Fryatt , when he netted after just nine seconds against Preston North End in April 2006 . Jamie Vardy broke the Premier League record for most consecutive league games with a goal (11 games) in the 2015 / 16 season .

The record transfer fee paid by Leicester City for a player was around £ 16 million for CSKA Moscow striker Ahmed Musa with second highest being that for Nampalys Mendy , a midfielder , from OGC Nice for a fee of around £ 13 million . The highest transfer fee received for a Leicester City player was approximately £ 30 million from Chelsea for midfielder N 'Golo Kanté .

The club 's record attendance is 47 @, @ 298 against Tottenham Hotspur at Filbert Street , in a fifth round FA Cup clash in 1928 . The highest league record at their current home , the King Power Stadium , was 32 @, @ 242 for a competitive match against Sunderland on 8 August 2015 . The highest ever attendance for a non @-@ competitive game of 32 @, @ 188 , was seen at a pre @-@ season friendly against Spanish giants Real Madrid on 30 July 2011 .

Leicester 's highest ever league finish is 1st in the Premier League in 2015 ? 16 . Their lowest ever league finish was 1st in Football League One in 2008 ? 09 . Leicester City are joint equal with Manchester City for having won the most English second tier titles (7) . The club has reached four FA Cup finals , yet lost them all . This is the record for the most FA Cup final appearances without winning the trophy .

Leicester 's longest ever unbeaten run in the league was between 1 November 2008 and 7 March 2009 , to which they remained unbeaten for 23 games on their way to the League One title . (This was their only ever season in the third tier of English football) . Their longest run of consecutive victories in the league is 9 , which they achieved between 21 December 2013 and 1 February 2014 (in The Championship) .

= = League history = =

Since their election to the football league in 1894 Leicester have spent much of their history yo @-@ ying between the top two tiers in English football . Leicester have played outside the top two tiers only once in their history to date : during the 2008 ? 09 season they played in League One , the third tier of English football , after relegation from the Championship the season prior , but were promptly promoted back as champions . Leicester have never played lower than the third tier of English football .