

TOP 10 BAD MOVES

NEIL HEATH picks out the worst deserters in Forest history who left but got exactly what they deserved...

10 Bryan Roy to Hertha Berlin

By the end of his time at Forest we all wanted him to go anyway, but Roy thought he could do better away from Nottingham, when in fact he couldn't. He joined Hertha Berlin, was great for one season but distinctly average the next. Sound familiar?

9 Gareth Williams to Leicester City

OK, so he made the right decision to desert a sinking ship, but to *Leicester*? With rumours that a huge salary had motivated his move, his return to the City Ground with the Foxes was met with chants of "There's only one greedy bastard!" to which a fan replied, "They're ALL greedy bastards!" Touché.

8 Peter Davenport to Manchester United

Davenport was a crucial part of the Forest side that missed out on a place in the 1984 UEFA Cup Final. He left the City Ground for Old Trafford in 1986 and didn't do much at all. Ex-Reds never do... (Pssst, what about Roy Keane?)

7 Des Walker to Sampdoria

It seemed like a good idea at the time. He wanted to buy his Mum a house. "Please Don't Go" cried KWS, but he did anyway. Sven played him out of position, he lost his England place and we never replaced him – consequently, we got rele-

gated. Thanks Des! Came back to us with his tail between his legs. They all come back...

6 Nigel Clough to Liverpool

You can't blame him for leaving. It would have been difficult for Nigel to stay after what happened to his Dad. But after a great start at Souness' Liverpool, he faded away. It's fair to say only Clough Senior knew how to play him. He ended up in Man City reserves before coming back to Forest on loan.

5 Neil Webb to Man Utd

Webb left Forest to go to United in 1989 when we were much better than them. Reds fans accused their former player of thinking with his wallet. But if this was the reason, he paid for his error. At Forest Neil had made his way into the England team, at United he made his way out of it. He's now a postie. I think he's paid enough for his crime don't you?

4 Ian Storey-Moore to Manchester United

Storey-Moore was part of a brilliant but trophy-less Forest team, scoring 118 goals for the Reds from 1962 to 1972. He nearly went to Clough's Derby but ended up at Old Trafford where he failed miserably. This should have been a warning for all future City Ground big fish.

3 Stan Collymore to Liverpool

Stan's career went in decline after leaving Forest. He never settled or scored as many goals at Liverpool or any of his subsequent clubs. If only he'd stayed, we'd have won the UEFA Cup easily – we got to the Quarter-finals with Jason Lee! If there ever was a case of 'the grass isn't always greener' then this was it.

2 Garry Birtles to Manchester United

After leaving Forest, Garry took so long to score for United that he was the butt of many jokes. One in particular involved Lebanese hostages, who on being released from their long ordeal asked "Has Birtles scored yet?" He eventually came back to Forest and found his goal scoring touch again. Funny that eh?

1 John Robertson to Derby

What a disastrous move this was. Not only did it effectively bring to an end Robertson's best days, it also signalled the end of communication between Brian Clough and Peter Taylor. Derby poached Robertson from under Forest's nose and Clough swore he'd never speak to Taylor again. He never did. An extremely sad episode after what Clough and Taylor had achieved together.



LLOYD V PRATT

Although he's since played down claims, Larry Lloyd has been credited with saying many unsavoury things about David Platt. Not only has Lloyd publicly blamed Platt for the start of the "rot" at Forest, he also has a more

personal grudge – Platt was allegedly instrumental in his losing his commentary job at Century 106. We contacted David's publicity people to try and arrange this match-up, but strangely he didn't seem up for *LTLF*'s invitation...

