

The future can only be orange

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At the start of the season I'm sure we all thought that it couldn't possibly get any worse, but some of the abject performances we've seen so far have depressed us even further.

And of course, the minute results drop then passions rise, and when passions rise the reactionary gland kicks in and otherwise rational people start demanding the manager's head on a spike.

It's all very well to decide after a few sub-standard games that Gary Megson has to go, but what after that? If not the Ginger Man, who?

Many names have been mentioned, some wildly unrealistic, some more plausible

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but depressing. Here are just some of the unfortunates who have been suggested to receive a lynching from the good people of Nottingham:

Martin O'Neill – Let's get this one out of the way now. He would never, ever come here, so those of you with your head in the clouds can begin occupying yourselves



with something else. When he comes back to football (after leaving Celtic for the best possible reasons, I'd like to add) it will be for a worthwhile job, and a Third Division club where he will be compared to Brian Clough at every turn is not that.

Nigel Clough – If Joe Kinnear thought he had problems with being compared to Forest's glorious past, then take a minute to think about what the son of the Messiah might have to deal with. I hope he doesn't take the job, and I actually think that he is far too clever to do so.

Stuart Pearce – Well this one is laughable. Currently flying high with a Premiership club, tipped to be the next England manager... so, of course, if his old and somewhat destitute club (who according to him have already turned him down twice) come a-calling, the first thing he's going to do is take a massive cut in pay and prospects? Pull the other one.

Peter Reid – Now we getting to the more realistic candidates. Aside from the fact that he looks like a chimp, this is the man who managed to take Coventry to even further depths than even they could possibly imagine. And being worse than Coventry's expectations takes quite some effort.

John Gregory – Apart from his well known subversive and perverted past practices (Derby), this is the man who reacted to a Dwight Yorke's departure from Villa by saying he wanted to shoot him. Not for me thanks.

If Forest dump Megson for the lowlier of these reprobates then we really are off to hell in a handcart. If we dump Megson with the hope of getting the more glamorous ones, well, it's like me asking Angelina Jolie for dinner and a movie.

If consistency, stability and allowing someone to build their own team doesn't convince you, then consider the alternatives before thinking about making too many changes.

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Gary Megson

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