

Tyson makes impressive start

LATEST SIGNING Nathan Tyson is said to have impressed manager Gary Megson since his arrival at the City Ground.

“Nathan’s brought something to this club that we haven’t had before,” said Megson, “and that’s pace... a good first touch, skill with the ball at his feet, sharpness on the turn, an accurate shooting foot, awareness of what his teammates are doing, composure, strength, agility, enthusiasm and a good hair-cut.

“But there was one problem with his debut. At half-time of the Southend game, John Thompson came up to me convinced that Nathan was breaking the rules. ‘Are you sure you’re allowed to run with the ball like that?’ he kept

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asking me.”

The local press seem impressed by Tyson’s impact as well. *Nottingham Evening Post* sports correspondent Ima Hack told us: “We’re delighted about Tyson’s initial success as it allows us to use a whole array of boxing puns.

“It was a real disappointment when Eugene Dadi failed to make an impact, but this latest purchase will provide us with headline material for months.”

When *LTLF* spoke to Nathan and asked him why he decided to join Forest when the likes of Manchester City and Middlesborough were interested in him, he said: “They were? Oh bollocks! Why did no one tell me?!?”



But with Tyson contracted to the club, the fans seem happy with his arrival. “It’s been a while since we’ve had a player who can get you on your feet for something other than hurling abuse,” said one supporter.

Another told us: “His arrival has really given me some optimism for the future and allowed me to start thinking in positive terms again... mind you, he’ll probably get injured in a few weeks.”

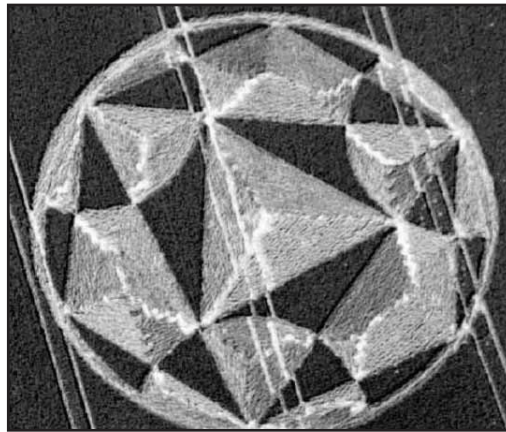
Crop circle mystery solved!

BY PROFESSOR HESTA VON CRACKPOT

MY COLLEAGUES and I at the University of Nottingham’s Department of the Supernatural have spent years trying to get to the bottom of one of the world’s strangest phenomena – crop circles.

Imagine our surprise and delight, then, when we recently discovered, by chance, that the answer had been under our noses all along.

Contrary to previous theories, crop circles are not caused by underground magnetic fields or alien spaceships, but – as discovered by one of our team when passing the Nottingham Forest



training ground one day – by Gareth Taylor.

Bizarre as it may sound, our further observations of Gareth have indeed proved beyond doubt that it is his abnormally wide turning-circle causes him to create the seemingly-supernatural patterns in crop fields when he is out jogging.

His erratic sense of direction and uncontrollable elbows also contribute to the elaborate and varied configurations that have bemused farmers for years.

Next week: Prof. von Crackpot, PhD, BSe, explains his theory that the majority of UFOs are actually wayward Danny Cullip passes.

Ball boys get the boot

THE DECISION to stop using ball boys at Forest’s home games has been explained by Gary Megson.

“The press guys gave out some guff about our ball boys being accused of cheating,” he said. “But the real reason was that it took so long to teach those sappy lads to do something simple like pick up a stray ball and throw it back onto the pitch.

“When we introduced a multi-ball system, the concept of having only one ball on the pitch at a time had them completely flummoxed.

“I had to spend so long training the ball boys that I didn’t get to spend any time with the team. So we’ve scrapped ball boys all together and results have improved since.”

However, ProBEAss (Professional Ball-Boys of England Association) has reacted angrily to the move. ProBEAss chief executive Kat Chit said: “Everyone knows that the real reason Forest don’t want ball boys is because the delays every time the ball goes out of play give their fat players time to recover their breath.”