

# other stories

LTLF's round-up of the things that have enthralled and appalled us since our last edition...

draw at home to Weymouth in the FA Cup is surely as grim as things have ever got at the City Ground.

We were, however, amused at *LTLF* to hear that a butcher in Weymouth had decided to mark the occasion by producing a limited edition number of commemorative Weymouth v Forest sausages!

Who said we're not famous any more?

## Tyson signs!

For quite some time, Megson had made no secret of the fact that he wanted to bring a top-notch goalscorer to the club.

First, there were the attempts to sign Freddie Eastwood from Southend and Matty Fryatt from Walsall, and there was also a reported approach to Tottenham to take ex-Derby hitman Gregor Rasiak on loan. Now that *would* have been amusing, just to piss off our mutton-bothering friends down the A52!

As it was, Megson's quest finally ended when the deal was struck to bring Nathan Tyson on loan from Wycombe, with a view to making the move permanent when the transfer window opens in January.

*LTLF* wishes Nathan a hearty welcome to the City Ground. Shame Des Lyttle isn't still at the club really, as the potential for 'Tyson and Bruno'-type gags would have been endless!

## Load of pants

We've seen some strange goal celebrations over the years at the City Ground, but the huddle that followed David Johnson's winner against Bradford saw a new one, with Jack Lester – for reasons presumably known only to himself – deciding to pull Johnno's shorts down!

Not the first time fans have been subjected to a load of pants this season. Boom boom!



The Roots Hall stalker is thwarted...

## Young guns! Go for it!

If you've ever visited Forest's Study Support Centre – located in the Main Stand car park – then you cannot have failed to notice the framed shirts hung on practically every available bit of wall, bearing the names and squad numbers of all the players who have graduated in recent years from the club's academy into the first team.

With the names on display including the likes of Dawson, Reid, Jenas and Perch, it makes you realise what a valuable asset the academy is to the club (there's also the names Roche and Robertson of course, but hey, every silver lining has a dark cloud!). And happily, it seems there's no sign of the young talent drying up, with the likes of Felix Bastians and Jean-Paul Pittman having made impressive cameo appearances in the first team in recent weeks. Long may it continue...

## Statue success

The attempt to raise money for a lasting memorial to Forest's greatest ever manager continues to gather pace.

As this issue of *LTLF* went to press, the amount of cash generated by Brian Clough Statue Fund stood at approximately £20,000, with

latest fund-raising activities including special 'forum' evening, where a panel of ex-Forest players shared their memories of the great man.

One of the players on the panel was Kenny Burns, who, in recent months, has cultivated the sort of 'face furniture' that suggests he's after a part in *Emmerdale* as a long-lost Dingle cousin, though we probably wouldn't dare suggest that to his face!

For latest information about the statue fund, visit [www.brianclough.com](http://www.brianclough.com). Also, if you visit *LTLF*'s own website at [www.ltlf.co.uk](http://www.ltlf.co.uk), you can donate to the fund online with a credit or debit card, and also purchase one of the new Clough-style green sweatshirts that have been launched to raise further money.

## By the book

A couple of new Forest-related titles have hit the booksellers' shelves in recently months.

The less said about *Inside the Forest Executive Crew* by Gary 'Boatsy' Clarke probably the better. However, *My Father and Other Working Class Heroes* by Gary Imlach is an excellent read. The author is actually the son of Stewart Imlach, who was a key member of Forest's 1959 FA Cup-winning team. The book paints a superb picture of how much the game has

changed since those days, the funniest bit probably being a story about how numerous members of the victorious cup-winning team had to dash to find their false teeth at the final whistle, to ensure they looked sufficiently presentable to get their medals from the Queen!

## Overheard...

During a recent visit to the club shop, a member of the *LTLF* team discovered you can now buy the official 2006 Forest calendar, with each month featuring a different photo from the Reds' 'glory years'.

This prompted the following conversation between two fans also in the shop at the time...

Bloke One: "I see the new calendar's out. It usually has the current team on it, doesn't it?"

Bloke Two: "Yeah... but it's bad enough at the moment having to watch them for 90 minutes a week, never mind having the useless f\*\*kers gazing at you from your kitchen wall every day for the next year!" Never let it be said that Forest fans lack a sense of humour in the face of adversity!

## The rumour mill

The best rumours to have come to *LTLF*'s attention of late concern the identity of the Forest 'mole', who was allegedly leaking Megson's team selections to the media during the latter part of last season.

However, this subject is superbly dealt with however by Neil Heath's cartoon on page 16 and, as such, our top piece of gossip for this issue is the fact that an *LTLF* spy, during a recent visit to Morrisons in Gamston, spotted none other than Barry Roche!

Fortunately for Barry, no polystyrene coffee cups were at large in the store.