

new faces...

LTLF's round-up of all the Forest-related drama since our last edition...

Nigel, Nigel

Away from Forest meanwhile, most Reds fans will have been following Burton Albion's heroics in the FA Cup with considerable interest – what with Burton of course being managed by City Ground legend Nigel Clough.

LTLF was particularly intrigued to learn recently that the Clough genes could be about to yield a third generation of talent, with 16-year-old Stephen Clough, son of Nigel's brother Simon, having recently broken into the Burton youth team. We will watch his progress with interest.

Seeing red

Much as foul play is supposed to be frowned upon, deep down there are few fans will deny the fact that you simply can't beat a good sending off! So hats off to Ishmel Demontagnac, whose dismissal during the Reds' recent game against Walsall was from the very top drawer.

Having been felled by a fairly tame challenge by Nicky Eaden, Demontagnac lashed out at both Eaden and Nicky Southall with a series of frankly girlyie slaps – leaving the ref with little choice but to

show the red card. And then, as if to prove he wasn't just gunning for people called Nicky, he started scrapping on the touchline with his own coach! Brilliant.

Inevitably though, despite having a one-man advantage for most of the game, Forest *still* couldn't manage to beat bloody Walsall!

Goal pie!

The 4-0 thumping of Doncaster on Boxing Day was a welcome festive treat. Indeed, given Forest's relative goal famine of recent years, most of us fans had forgotten that it's actually possible for a team to hit the back of the net so many times in just one game!

At LTLF though, we were alarmed by Megson's post-match comments that he made the players take an 'ice bath' at full-time. What sort of sadist is he, exactly?!

Barry, Barry Roche!

This season has seen a number of less-than-illustrious ex-Reds return to Forest with their new clubs, including wee Gregor Robertson with Rotherham and an amusingly -mulletted Danny Sonner with Port Vale.

One 'homecoming' that was surely the most eagerly awaited of all though was that of ever-hapless Barry Roche, who was keeping nets for the Chesterfield team that arrived at the City Ground on New Year's Eve. Surely Forest would bag a hatful, particularly if any rogue coffee cups were to make their way onto the pitch?!

As it was, of course, Forest chose this to be the one game this season where they failed to register a single attempt on goal. Bloody typical!

Forest officially 'crap'

One item that may have made its way into Reds fans' stockings this Christmas was a small book called *Crap Teams* by Geoff Tibballs, which claims to be the definitive guide to the worst British football teams of all time. And, perhaps inevitably, a Forest team is featured – the 'honour' going to the side from Ron Atkinson's spell as manager during the 1998/99 season.

Fair enough really, Big Ron's brief tenure was pretty grim. However, we can only assume though that Geoff Tibballs never had the misfortune to witness a Forest game during the latter stages of Joe Kinnear's time in charge!

Reds get Googled

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