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Football is the only place a where a man for no apparent reason can suddenly stand up and yell:

"Shut your !#%*ing mouth you !#%*ing bald-headed !#%*ing twat!" at the top of his lungs.

I think this is one of the best things about football
— Harry Pearson "Nuts and Reasons"

LETTERS-best of 2003

Unless otherwise requested, all letters to WFP will be considered for publication. We do reserve the right to edit for taste, legality and available space. Please email to: worldfootballpages@telus.net.

Let's be Frank, "Does your staff lack a good knowledge of football, so you have to cater to the lowest level of reporting?"

We really enjoy letters, all of them, for better or worse, and want nothing more than to see a full page of caustic barbs and vomitous praise. Since *Issue 24*, April 11 – the last 'best of' – we've seen some beauties slip through the mailbox. Some of them warrant reprise.

■ Oh how we tried to get footy folk to list their pick-up games. Not happenin'! Jorge was last seen dribbling through traffic on the Alex Fraser bridge.

WFP 27 finally showed up on Friday. I think my postal carrier hates me.

— Stuart Allen, Victoria

Aug. 23 at **St. James' Park**. Fancy another wager Two more weeks until **Seattle**. Celtic is going to win. Care to make a wager?

— Stuart Allen, Victoria

■ It's like Allen has this big teat, that lactates gambling losses. Newcastle lost 2-1 and Celtic were thumped 4-0, both by Man U., raising Allen's losing streak to eight.

THE MEN WE LOVE

I saw your paper for the first time today. I think it's brilliant. Any chance of putting a link to our team's website?

— Peter Errington, Abbotsford Mariners

■ We still haven't paid Peter for sending that in.

THE PERVERTS

The present managers of our game haven't caught on that the weekly give-aways of mini soccer balls and T-shirts by half-clad busty teenagers are a distraction, a gimmick, and not a marketing tool to capture more long-term dedicated fans.

— Alfons Rubbens, Inside Soccer Magazine

■ Would it be ok if we ditched all the other stuff but kept the half-clad busty teenagers?

WFP 28 brought unbelievable pride and joy when, to my surprise, a Gaelic Football player (with his naughty bits covered up) is shown relieving himself before the "the big game."

— John O'Flynn, North Vancouver

■ We're still waiting for O'Flynn to deliver on his promise to send us odd gaelic notes now and then. We suspect now he was just peeing in the breeze.

I love reading WFP. People who woke up with me at 3:00am in the morning during the last **World Cup** [2002] are reading this mag. That makes me feel connected.

— Emrah Alpa, Vancouver

■ WFP can neither condone nor condemn sleeping with your World Cup buddies.

THE HELL-RAISERS

I first picked up your paper a few months ago, and enjoyed it. Told all the players and their parents. Now [they] are complaining. I agree with them – there is no need to publish a picture of a young guy giving the finger, condescending pictures of women and nasty remarks. Cheap reporting and publishing.

You could have been a great football paper, but I guess you can't or won't. Too bad.

— Frank Bell, Vancouver

■ We apologize to all our readers for producing such a crappy newspaper. And although we have admitted Posterboy to pre-teen anger management, we must apologize for his unruly behaviour in the meantime. For Christ's sake Frank, it's really hard to raise a kid properly these days while surfing for porn at all hours.



Had to laugh at your comments in response to **Colin Metcalfe's** garbage editorial.

Now a note for **Alfie Lau...** Just because **Bob Lenarduzzi** tears a strip off you because he's mistaken you for **JohnnieMonster**, is no reason to write a positive piece on the **Whitecaps**.

— Krammerhead, Vancouver

You probably know by now that you screwed up the two write-ups on that game [**ICSF Final**, Issue 29].

— Corrado

■ We'll get it right next time, and bring riot gear.

THE HOPELESS CAUSES

I am from Venezuela and have been living in Vancouver for 10 months. I would like to know where people go to play the pick-up style game. I live in downtown and I am sure they don't play soccer around here.

— Jorge Vegab, Vancouver

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R: repeat listing; LIVE: as it happens broadcast; SDD: same-day delay; D: Delay; SNT: Sportsnet; FSW: FoxSports

Thursday January 1		
11:00am	Futsal: Egypt vs. Argentina	FSW
01:00pm	Futsal: Japan vs. Belgium	FSW
05:00pm	Futsal: Argentina vs. Ukraine	FSW
08:00pm	Futsal: Semi-Final 1	FSW
Friday January 2		
05:00pm	Futsal: Semi-Final 2	FSW
08:00pm	Futsal: Final	FSW
Saturday January 3		
07:00am	FA Cup: Round 3: Watford vs. Chelsea	SDD SNT
09:30am	FA Cup: Round 3: Southampton vs. Newcastle	LIVE SNT
06:00pm	Real Madrid vs. Murcia	SDD SNT
Sunday January 4		
05:00am	FA Cup: Round 3: Yeovil Town vs. Liverpool	LIVE FSW
05:00am	FA Cup: Round 3: Aston Villa vs. Man United	SDD SNT
08:00am	FA Cup: Round 3: Leeds United vs. Arsenal	LIVE SNT
04:00pm	Valencia vs. Villarreal	SDD SNT
Monday January 5		
Repeat matches only		
Tuesday January 6		
12:00noon	Aston Villa vs. Portsmouth	LIVE FSW
Wednesday January 7		
12:00noon	Chelsea vs. Liverpool	LIVE FSW
Thursday January 8		
Repeat matches only		
Friday January 9		
11:00am	Monaco vs. Lyon	SDD FSW
Sunday January 11		
06:00am	Leicester City vs. Chelsea	LIVE FSW
08:00am	Man United vs. Newcastle	LIVE FSW
12:00noon	Leicester City vs. Chelsea	SDD FSW
Monday January 12		
Repeat matches only		

Tuesday January 13		
Repeat matches only		
Wednesday January 14		
09:00am	MISL: tba	FSW
Thursday January 15		
Repeat matches only		
Friday January 16		
05:00pm	MISL: tba	FSW
Saturday January 17		
04:30am	Wolves vs. Man United	LIVE FSW
Sunday January 18		
06:00am	Aston Villa vs. Arsenal	LIVE FSW
08:00am	Chelsea vs. Birmingham City	LIVE FSW
02:00pm	Marseille vs. Lens	SDD FSW
07:00pm	tba	SDD SNT
Monday January 19		
12:00noon	Newcastle United vs. Fulham	LIVE FSW
Tuesday January 20		
Repeat matches only		
Wednesday January 21		
11:00am	tba	LIVE FSW
Thursday January 22		
Repeat matches only 18 January		
Friday January 23-24		
11:00am	tba	SDD FSW
Sunday January 25		
04:00pm	tba	SDD FSW
08:00pm	FA Cup: Round 4: tba	FSW
Monday January 26-30		
08:00pm	tba	FSW
Saturday January 31		
04:30am	Man United vs. Southampton	FSW

Schedule source: <http://canadatvsoccer.tripod.com>

CONTESTalert

One signed 2003 Whitecaps football

Speaking of broken dreams, the Whitecaps all put their signatures to a game ball, a lot like the one they failed to put in Seattle's net during the A-League Playoffs. We offered that very ball in December's issue, but mistakenly identified it as a 2004 ball, which naturally held many eager contestants at bay. Who wants the loser's ball eight months from now, when all your favourite fallen heroes are available now? To rectify our error, we're extending the contest through January. So here's the question again, with one last chance to send in your answer before January 25, 2004. Mail the entry (or facsimile) to World Football Pages, 2012 Hamilton Street, New Westminster, BC, Canada V3M 2P6. The winner will be randomly drawn from all correct entries. Previous entrants remain valid.

Q: Who scored the first 86ers goal in 1987 and became coach in 1984?

answer:

your name: _____

address: _____

phone/email: _____

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