



# LETTERS to the editor



As always, if you're brave enough to send one in, we're foolish enough to print it. All letters to WFP will be considered for such unless otherwise requested. We may edit for taste, legality and size etc., though we have no taste and as the missus insists, size doesn't matter.

## CSA on the road to nowhere



**Robert:** Unable to contain his enthusiasm

With only two weeks left in July, there has still been no official announcement from the Canadian Soccer Association whether or not Toronto will have a suitable stadium built in time for hosting games at the 2007 World Youth Championships.



This tournament, which requires six stadiums, is slated to start in Canada less than two years from now, and one has to wonder if the CSA has a back-up plan, or will Kevan Pipe (the COO of the CSA) admit to FIFA that he is unable to fulfill the obligations of his Championship bid? Is there a sixth stadium in Canada that could meet the FIFA requirements if Toronto doesn't get a stadium built in time?

If Canada winds up losing these WYCs, will Kevan Pipe and Andy Sharpe take the responsibility of this failure, or will they continue to point their fingers in every other direction, but their own? This duo has survived all the many poor performances of posted by all of

Canada's national teams, and they have never been able to co-ordinate a Canadian National Soccer League during their reign. Why are these two guys in charge of Canadian soccer?

— **Robert Janning**, out there, somewhere

■ *What's really scary is that Robert has a point, a point. Leaders should not be sacrificed for the failures of those who were supposed to get the job done, on their behalf, unless of course the leaders truly are incompetent and couldn't hire an evening girl on Seymour, never mind employ the right people to run the country's football machinery.*

*In judging either the plumber or the firefighter it's also important to remember the 'surrounded by turkeys' syndrome. Who can fly when literally engulfed by incompetence. There's more than two fingers to point, and that's a bigger concern.*

*Canada has lost everything that counts. They have played some truly embarrassing football. And the CSA has failed repeatedly to nail down a stadium deal in Toronto. Undeniable truths that demand an inquisition. Robert may not be at all positive in his appraisal but then the road to nowhere isn't exactly lined with maple popsicles and red balloons. The party is over and anyone who truly cares about the sodden state of our national jersey is not drunk with smiles.*