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Photo of ex-Sox pitcher Josh Beckett removed from MBTA station by Fenway Park, replaced with Jon Lester

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managers called on Jon Lester to relieve Josh Beckett Wednesday afternoon.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

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Hours before the start of the World Series, an old, large photo of former Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett inside Kenmore Station, steps from Fenway Park, was replaced with a decal of tonight's hometown starter Jon Lester, MBTA officials announced.

The decal is located inside the station, wrapped around a T customer service booth other decals of Sox players and the home team's logo.

Earlier this week, a blogger posted a picture of the booth with Beckett's picture still on it, describing it as a "ghost of Red Sox past" haunting the subway stop.

"Memo to Boston transit officials: Do something about this - even a quick coat of paint - because it's well past time," Paul McNamara wrote on [Buzzblog](#).

The superstitious subway swap was completed at 1 p.m. Wednesday, a few hours before fans will begin pouring out of the station on their way to Fenway Park and the surrounding bars and restaurants.

Beckett joined the Red Sox for the 2006 season and was instrumental in leading Boston to a World Series victory the following season.

But, he struggled in his final seasons with the team and was at the center of two controversies: one over reports of players eating fried chicken and drinking beer in the clubhouse during games and another that he played golf two days before missing a start because of an army injury.

Fans soured on his [unapologetic attitude](#) and many blamed his presence on the team for poor on-the-field performance. The Sox unloaded Beckett and several other large contract players in a trade with the Los Angeles Dodgers last year.

Lester also made his debut on the Sox roster in 2006, four years after the team drafted him and developed his talent in their minor league system. Shortly after making a recovery from lymphoma, he started the game that clinched Boston's World Series title in 2007. He, too, was named in the chicken-and-beer controversy, but unlike others involved he later admitted to partaking in the ritual and [apologized](#).

In the years since, he has become the ace of the team's starting rotation and will assume that role again tonight when he takes the mound to kick-off the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

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George-Hayduke 10/23/13 06:57 PM
"he played golf two days before missing a start because of an army injury."
Oh, wow. I didn't realize he was in the Army. Was he in Iraq or Afghanistan?

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HenryGR11 10/24/13 10:09 AM

I was just thinking that they could have replaced his picture with a picture of a fried checken. That would be apropo.

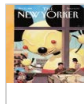
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jackmack08 10/24/13 09:17 AM

Once Becks was out of the Dodgers clubhouse this past June. The Dodgers went something like 40 - 6. Hmmmmmmmmm. Coincidence? I think not. He's all yours Dodger fans! Thanks Magic!!!!

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TennisAnyone 10/24/13 07:28 AM

I agreed with most of the criticism of Beckett. I didn't agree with the bad publicity he received for playing golf two days before a start. He was golfing with Bucholz. Jim Lonborg missed half of the 1968 season after winning the Cy Young award in 1967 due to skiing injury.

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