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*it's the talk of sport*

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## It's bootiful for Wayne

THERE was no shade of embarrassment from Nike when they nominated Wayne Rooney to collect a new award from [footy-boots.com](http://footy-boots.com) for the Total 90 Laser he was wearing when he fractured his metatarsal at the start of the season.

Academics blamed the lightweight design of the boot for making the foot more vulnerable to such injuries, a claim

strongly denied by the manufacturer.

Nike's belief in the product is clearly justified as thousands of fans nominated it the Boot of the Year in an online poll on the independent website.

Nike and adidas shared the rest of the awards between them and a dinner planned for the end of the season is likely to see the big names paraded by their sponsorship paymasters.