

WEST COAST LEAGUE

ROUND 3 POWER RANKINGS

HERE WE ARE AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEASON AND WE ARE STARTING TO SEE TEAMS SETTLING INTO THEIR POSITION ON THE POWER RANKINGS TABLE, ALTHOUGH THIS IS BLOOD BOWL SO NUFFLE WILL PROBABLY LAUGH AND BURN ALL SUCH NOTIONS OF PREDICTABILITY WITH JOYFUL ABANDON. THE POWER RANKINGS WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF EACH ROUND.

1. DURAK STOKAL ↔

THE STOKAL HAVE MANAGED TO HOLD THE TOP POSITION AFTER WINNING IN A TOUGHER THAN EXPECTED GAME AGAINST THE STREET RATS. THE RATS FINALLY MANAGED TO BREAK STOKAL'S CLEAN SHEET RECORD WITH A TOUCHDOWN MIDWAY THROUGH THE FIRST HALF. THAT TOUCHDOWN CAME FROM A DUBIOUS BIT OF PLAY FROM STOLKAR HELMSMASHER. THE STOKAL BLITZER SOMEHOW 'ACCIDENTALLY' BLOCKED REDEGAR GOLDSEAM INTO THE CROWD WHILST THE RUNNER WAS IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL. THE CROWD RETURNED THE BALL DEEP INTO STOKAL'S HALF OF THE PITCH AND A PESKY GUTTER RUNNER WAS ABLE TO SLIP AWAY FROM THE DEFENCE TO SCORE. STOLKAR MANAGED TO REDEEM HIMSELF IN THE EYES OF HIS COACHES AND TEAMMATES BY SCORING THE GAME WINNING TOUCHDOWN AND INJURING A RATS' PLAYER AS WELL. OKRI PEAKGRINDER IS PROVING TO BE A REAL DEFENSIVE LEADER AS HE ONCE AGAIN RAMPAGED THROUGH THE OPPOSITION, BLOCKING RATS INTO THE AFTERLIFE AND INTO THE LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITY. CRAZIEST PLAY OF THE GAME CAME LATE IN THE FIRST HALF WITH A DWARF BLOCKER, MURKIN MURKINSSON, MANAGING TO NOT ONLY INTERCEPT THE BALL BUT ALSO MANAGE A SHORT PASS TO TIE THE GAME AT THE END OF THE FIRST HALF. THE SECOND HALF WAS GENERALLY EVENTFUL. ALTHOUGH STILL AT THE TOP, IT WILL TAKE SOME DOING TO MAINTAIN THIS POSITION WITH THE MAN-TERROR RAIDERS METAPHORICALLY BREATHING DOWN THEIR NECKS.

2. MAN-TERROR RAIDERS ↔

OK, I AM TIRED OF WRITING ABOUT SMELLY-IT WIGHTHEAD AND IT'S ONLY MID-WAY THROUGH THE SEASON. THIS WIGHT BLITZER IS DOING IT ALL ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BALL FOR THE RAIDERS. SURE THE BONE BAG HAD SOME HELP FROM THE REST OF THE TEAM IN THEIR DEMOLITION OF THE RAYENS, BUT ONCE AGAIN CAPTAIN SMELLY-PANTS LED THE WAY. ALTHOUGH THE SCOREBOARD WASN'T VERY EXCITING

WITH A 2-1 SCORE LINE, THE REAL EXCITEMENT CAME FROM THE BRUTALITY ON THE FIELD, ALTHOUGH NOTHING PERMANENT IN TERMS OF DAMAGE WAS DONE. THE RAIDERS MANAGED TO BEAT HALF OF THE HAYENS INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND SAW THEM DRAGGED FROM THE FIELD. DAMN THESE UNDEAD ARE PROVING TO BE A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK FOR THE OTHER TEAMS. WITH DURAK STOKAL SECURING A WIN THIS ROUND AND REMAINING UNDEFEATED, THE RAIDERS REMAIN THE BRIDESMAID FOR NOW BUT LET'S BE HONEST, STOKAL NEED ONLY SLIP UP ONCE AND THE RAIDERS WILL BE CLAIMING THE NUMBER ONE SPOT!

3. ECHO BEACH LIGHTNING 2 ↗

AFTER THE DEPLORABLE START TO THE SEASON, THE LIGHTNING HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH OVER THEIR LAST TWO GAME. A SOLID WIN OVER THE TAINTED, ALTHOUGH AS YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM THIN-SKINNED, WEAK-KNEED ELGI, THE LIGHTNING DIDN'T MANAGE A SINGLE CASUALTY DURING THE ENTIRE MATCH. I WONDER IF WE NEED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OF NUFFLE TO THE TEAM FACILITY TO EXPLAIN THE 'BLOOD' PART OF NAME 'BLOOD BOWL' AND WHAT THE FANS REALLY LOVE ABOUT THE GAME! INTERESTING LITTLE FACT IS THAT THE BEST THROWER ON THE TEAM IS ORNDACIL FENLEE, A CATCHER - I WONDER IF ELKHAZEL LIAFINA IS FEELING A LITTLE THREATENED ABOUT HIS SPOT ON THE ROSTER. ALSO, FOR A TEAM WITH A DEDICATED THROWER, THE REST OF THE TEAM SURE DOES A LOT OF THROWING SO HOW SOON BEFORE LIAFINA IS CUT FROM THE TEAM TO SAVE ON CAP SPACE?

4. MANIC MUD PUPPIES 2 ↗

A LITTLE JUMP BACK UP THE RANKINGS FOR THE PUPPIES AFTER THEIR LAST OPPONENT WERE A NO-SHOW AT GAME TIME. SEEMS THE BASHERS WERE FRIGHTENED OF SOME SOFT, PINK-SKINNED 'UMIES. COACH BATT RAN THE LADS THROUGH SOME EXTRA PRACTICE AND I AM SURE IT WILL HELP FOR THE NEXT GAME. NOT MUCH ELSE TO SAY IS THERE, FORFEITS MAKE NUFFLE MAD SO HE MAY SMILE ON THE PUPPIES DURING THEIR NEXT GAME AS THEY ACTUALLY SHOWED UP.

5. OVERDOSIS 2 ↗

AN UNDERWHELMING PERFORMANCE FROM THE PASTY SKINNED ELGI, OBVIOUSLY THE FAIL WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THAT OF THEIR OPPONENTS, GANG GREEN JETS. THEY MANAGED A SINGLE TOUCHDOWN AND A LOWLY BADLY HURT. SORRY BUT THE LACK OF VIOLENCE IN THIS GAME MAKES ME BEARD RAGE - WHERE WAS THE BLOOD! THEN AGAIN A GAME BETWEEN SOFT, LIMP ELGI AND A NECROPHILIAC'S WET DREAM WAS BOUND TO LEAD TO DISAPPOINTMENT. DO BETTER NEXT TIME YOU PALE FREAKS!

6. DA KLAN OF KLIFFHANGAHZ 3 ↗

"LOOK HOW BIG MY 'TEAM' IS!" THE LATEST BIT OF BRAGGING FROM COACH 'REX' BROOKESY. I AM SURE THERE WILL BE COMMENTS ABOUT REX OVERCOMPENSATING, BUT WE SHALL LEAVE THAT TO MEANER SPIRITS THAN THIS OLD DWARF. AT THE TIME OF WRITING HE WAS ACTUALLY CORRECT AS DA KLAN CURRENTLY HAVE THE HIGHEST TEAM VALUE IN THE WEST COAST LEAGUE. THE BIGGER THE ORC, THE EASIER IT IS TO KNEE CAP 'EM.

IN SEARCH OF REDEMPTION AFTER BEING EMBARRASSED LAST ROUND, DA KLAN SHORED UP THEIR DEFENCE AND SHUT OUT THE TRU BLOODS AS WELL KEEPING UP THE TEMPO ON OFFENCE. INTERESTINGLY FOR AN ORC TEAM, THE PASSING GAME REALLY CLICKED AND WE SAW COMPLETIONS FROM MULTIPLE PLAYERS, STEALING SOME OF FINGER SLIIPIN FUN'S THUNDER. FSF WAS SEEN KICKING BUCKETS AND INATTENTIVE GOBLINS ON THE SIDELINE IN FRUSTRATION AS THE OFFENSIVE PLAY CALLING FREQUENTLY LEFT HIM WITHOUT THE BALL IN HAND. A YOUNG LINEORC, READY FOR IMPACT, LIVED UP TO HIS NAME BY ANNIHILATING SOME HAPLESS BLOOD BAG THAT THE TRU BLOODS WILL PROBABLY REPLACE WITHOUT TOO MUCH DRAMA (ALTHOUGH BEING VAMPIRES I AM SURE THEY WILL MANUFACTURE SOME DRAMA ANYWAY). AS A SIDE NOTE, GRIP IS GOOD HAS DONE NOTHING OF NOTE IN THE LAST TWO GAMES - THE SEASON STARTED WELL BUT HE IS SLOWLY DISAPPEARING INTO ORCISH OBSCURITY!

7. WESTERN GRUDGEBREAKERS 4 ↗

BACK IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE BUT LET'S NOT MENTION THAT IT WAS AN UNCONVINCING VICTORY OVER THE WORST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE. THE GRUDGEBREAKERS ARE NOT LIVING UP TO THE REPUTATION FOR TOUGHNESS THAT THEIR RACE IS KNOWN FOR, ALTHOUGH IT COULD BE SAID THE ORCS WERE MOTIVATED TO BE EXTRA VIOLENT DUE TO THEIR ANCESTRAL MEMORY OF SLAVERY UNDER THE CHAOS DWARVES. ROOKIE BULL CENTAUR, JAYHAWKER, WILL BE MISSING THE NEXT GAME DUE TO A HEAVY CONCUSSION (MY HEAD, THE BIG HAT DOES NOTHING!) AND SOME NAMELESS JOURNEY-HOBGOBLIN WAS ALSO BEATEN SO BADLY IT WON'T BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE FOR ANY TEAM ANY TIME SOON. ONE SURPRISE FROM THE GAME WAS THE WINNING TOUCHDOWN BEING SCORED BY SOME UNNAMED MEATSACK WHO ALSO MANAGED TO COLLECT THE TEAM MVP. I WON'T BE SURPRISED IF THE GIT SOON HAS A CONTRACT TUCKED INTO HIS BELT AND EVEN A NAME AS WELL. SO, THE WIN GIVES THE TEAM A BUMP IN THE POWER RANKINGS BUT I HAVE A FEELING THE NEXT GAME WILL KNOCK THEM BACK DOWN AGAIN.

8. ARMADALE A'HOLES 4 ↗

HOLY LUSTRIAN LUSTIES BATMAN! THE A'HOLES ACTUALLY POPPED THEIR VICTORY CHERRY! REPORTS FROM THE GAME TALK OF A GRINDING RUNNING GAME AFTER A SPRINKLER MALFUNCTION NIXED THE PASSING GAME. THE CROWD WERE PRETTY ACTIVE DURING THE GAME, WITH A ROCK STUNNING AN A'HOLES BLITZER ON THE OPENING

KICK-OFF AND ALSO RIOTING IN THE FIRST HALF AFTER SOME OF THE A'HOLES FANS WERE A LITTLE OVERZEALOUS IN THEIR TOUCHDOWN CELEBRATING. ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE GAME WAS BALL POSSESSION, WITH THE A'HOLES CONTROLLING THE BALL FOR THREE QUARTERS OF THE GAME CLOCK. KITTY HAD AN OUTSTANDING GAME, TWICE CARRYING THE BALL INTO THE ENDZONE TO GUARANTEE THE TEAM'S MAIDEN VICTORY. THIS FIRST VICTORY IS REFLECTED IN THE TEAM'S RISE IN THE POWER RANKINGS AND THEY CAN POTENTIALLY RISE EVEN FURTHER WITH THEIR NEXT GAME AGAINST LOWLY DIVISIONAL OPPONENTS, DA BADLAND BASHERS.

9. K TOWN STREET RATS 5

THE GAME STARTED WELL WITH PHILLIP TAKING OUT A TROLLSLAYER VERY EARLY IN THE GAME. SADLY FOR PHILLIP THE RAT OGRE, THERE WERE TWO SLAYERS ON THE OTHER TEAM AND THUS WAS SOON OUT OF THE GAME HIMSELF AFTER THE REMAINING BEARDED LUNATIC CLAIMED VENGEANCE FOR HIS TEAMMATE. OFFENSIVE TEAM LEADER SPEEDY BOB ONCE AGAIN MANAGED TO GET INTO THE ENDZONE WITH THE BALL WHEN HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SOME CROWD SHENANIGANS. RIGHT RAT, RIGHT PLACE SEEMS TO BE A THEME WITH BOB. THE RATS ONCE AGAIN HAD TO FIELD SEVERAL JOURNEYRATS, PROVING MOSTLY COMPETENT FOR MOST OF THE GAME AND ALSO TOOK MOST OF THE PUNISHMENT FOR THE TEAM, THUS ALLOWING THE ROSTERED PLAYERS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT GAME. ALTHOUGH THE GAME ENDED IN A LOSS AND THE RESULTING DROP IN THE RANKINGS, THE RATS HAVE BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR BEING THE FIRST TEAM TO CRACK STOKAL'S STIFLING DEFENCE.

10. GANG GREEN JETS 7

SO A GAME OF FAIL IT SEEMS - IT WAS JUST SO J.E.T.S. JETS! SUCH A DISMAL DISPLAY THE TEAM ONLY MANAGED TO GARNER THE DEFAULT MVP, OR AS IT'S KNOWN TO THE JETS THE PARTICIPATION RIBBON! HAS CALLING HIS TEAM THE JETS CURSED COACH FANGLORD TO A SEASON OF FRUSTRATION? ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T HAD ANY REPORTS FROM THE GAME AT THIS POINT, THIS IS HOW I IMAGINE COACH FANGLORD AT THE POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCE.



11. BLOODCLAW RAYENS 3

SO THEY WANTED TO BE FANCY, THEY WANTED TO BE ELGI, WELL LOOK HOW THAT'S WORKING OUT FOR THEM. NOT ONLY WERE THE RAYENS OUTSCORED BY SOME ROTTING CORPSE ABOMINATIONS, BUT THEY DISAPPOINTED THE RUINOUS POWERS WITH A

PALTRY HITTING GAME THAT RESULTED IN HALF THE HAYENS REQUIRING MEDICAL ATTENTION. I GUESS THEY CAN THANK THEIR FILTHY GODS THAT NOTHING OF A PERMANENT NATURE WAS DONE IN TERMS OF PHYSICAL DAMAGE. ONE POSITIVE FROM THE GAME WAS THE BLESSING BESTOWED UPON MANBUR THUNDERHOOF BY HIS BESTIAL GOD, A GIGANTIC CLAW - ALL THE BETTER FOR SNIPPING HEADS OFF OPPOSING PLAYERS. ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR THE ELGI OF THE LIGHTNING WHO GET TO BE THE FIRST SET OF TEST HAMSTER FOR MANBUR'S NEW CLAW, ALMOST!

12. EMERALD DRAGONS 2 ⚡

BLOODY FLAKY ELVES, SO UNRELIABLE. AFTER CLAIMING THEIR FIRST WIN THEY THEN GO AHEAD AND LOSE TO A BUNCH OF A'HOLES. ONE THING DID CATCH MY ATTENTION, THE ELVES ACTUALLY MANAGED TO KILL SOMEONE - ALTHOUGH IT WAS A SOFT SQUISHY UMGI SO NOT MUCH OF A KILL. THE MAIN ELF FOR THE DRAGONS WAS LERSUOEL, WHO NOT ONLY MANAGED TO KILL AN A'HOLE BUT ALSO SCORED THE TEAM'S ONLY TOUCHDOWN. THE MEDICAL STAFF GOT ANOTHER WORK OUT, WITH ORINEAL CRIPPLED AND IRTHUAL PREPARED FOR THE JOURNEY TO THE AFTERLIFE. WITH THIS LOSS THE DRAGONS DROP DOWN THE RANKINGS AND WE CAN ONLY GUESS WHAT THEY WILL DO NEXT.

13. BON TEMPS TRU BLOODS BBC ↔

VICTORY STILL ELUDES THE TRU BLOODS, WITH ANOTHER GAME ENDING UP IN THE L COLUMN, WORST OF ALL AGAINST THOSE LOUDMOUTHS FROM DA KLAN, SORRY THAT'S LOUDMOUTH AND HIS TEAM. ONCE AGAIN ERIC AND BILL WERE THE ONLY SHINING LIGHTS IN A DARK AND DISMAL PERFORMANCE. THE OFFENCE MISFIRED BADLY AND WE HEAR THEY NEVER REALLY THREATENED THE ENDZONE. I GUESS THE BLOOD SUPPLY MUST HAVE BEEN LOW THAT DAY. TEAM MANAGEMENT WILL BE LOOKING FOR A NEW WALKING BLOOD BAG AFTER SOOKIE WAS BRUTALLY KILLED BY THE OPPOSITION. I GUESS IT WILL NOT BE THAT HARD TO FIND A WEAK-MINDED FOOL TO TAKE UP THE EMPTY ROSTER SPOT.

14. TENNESSEE TAINTED ↔

AND BACK TO THE LOSER RANKS FOR THE TAINTED AND WOULD PLUNGE FURTHER DOWN THE RANKINGS IF THERE WEREN'T TWO OTHER TEAMS MORE SHIT THAN THEM. I GUESS THEY CAN TAKE A POSITIVE FROM THE FACT THEY MADE A BETTER SHOWING OF SLOWING DOWN THE LIGHTNING'S OFFENCE THAN THE LIGHTNING'S LAST OPPONENT, DA KLAN OF KLIFFHANGAHZ. THE ONLY PLAYER ON THE ROSTER TO MAKE ANY IMPRESSION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MORTARION, WHO NOT ONLY MANAGED TO HURT AN ELF BUT ALSO COLLECTED THE TEAM'S MVP FOR THE GAME. THE TAINTED WERE AT LEAST ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR HARD HITTING PLAYSTYLE TO GET GREEN FOX INTO THE END ZONE FOR THEIR ONLY SCORE OF THE GAME.

15. DA BADLAND BASHERS ↔

SO THE BASHERS DIDN'T EVEN SHOW UP FOR THEIR THIRD ROUND GAME. NEVER THOUGHT A RAGGEDY-ARSE BUNCH OF GREENSKINS WOULD BE SO SCARED OF SOME SQUISHY 'UMIES THAT THEY WOULDN'T EVEN MAKE IT TO THE STADIUM. I AM SURE NUFFLE WILL COME UP WITH A SUITABLE AND FUNNY PUNISHMENT FOR SUCH COWARDICE FROM SUPPOSED BLOOD BOWLERS. THEY MAKE THE REST OF THE LEAGUE LOOK BAD WITH SUCH A SHAMEFUL DISPLAY.

16. BLACKTONGUE RAIDERS ↔

MOTHER OF GRIMNIR - THE BLACKTONGUE RAIDERS ACTUALLY MANAGED TO SCORE A TOUCHDOWN! THEIR THROWER, BIG LOBBAH, FINISHED THE GAME WITH A GOOD COMPLETION RATE AND GODSTOMPA WILL GO DOWN IN CLUB RECORDS AS THE FIRST PLAYER TO SCORE A TOUCHDOWN FOR THE TEAM. ON THE DOWN SIDE CORBAD SUFFERED A GRIEVOUS INJURY DUE TO A DASTARDLY FOUL (BLOODY DISHONOURABLE HOBGOBLINS!) AND WILL BE MISSING THE NEXT GAME. ALTHOUGH COACH ROULLETTE IS YET TO CLAIM A VICTORY, HE CAN TAKE SOME SOLACE THAT HIS TEAM HAVE FINALLY WORKED OUT WHAT BLOOD BOWL IS ABOUT - HURTING THE OTHER TEAM WHILST SCORING TOUCHDOWNS. WHO KNOWS, MAYBE BY THE END OF THE SEASON THE RAIDERS WILL DRAG THEMSELVES OFF THE BOTTOM OF THE POWER RANKINGS.

IT'S MIDWAY THROUGH THE SEASON AND WE ALREADY HAVE SOME CLEAR LEADERS POWERING THEIR WAY UP THE RANKINGS AND OTHER WHO WE KNOW WILL BE CELLAR DWELLERS FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON. DARE YOU ARGUE WITH THE RANKINGS? DO YOU THINK THE OLD DRUNK HAS LOST HIS MIND? FEEL FREE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE RANKINGS ON THE WAFFL FACEBOOK PAGE.

SIGNED

THE STINKY DWARF ☞

THERE IS ONLY ONE NUFFLE AND ROZE-EL IS HIS PROPHET!

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