

WEST COAST LEAGUE

POWER RANKINGS

SEASON TWO PRE-SEASON

BY GRIMNIR ITS TIME FOR SOME SERIOUS DRINKING AND A NEW SEASON OF THE WEST COAST LEAGUE! SEASON TWO IS UPON US AND BY NUFFLE WE REJOICE AT SUCH A BLESSING. THIS SEASON WE HAVE MORE TEAMS (EIGHTEEN BANDS OF LUNATICS) AND MORE GAMES (SEVENTY TWO GAMES OVER EIGHT ROUNDS). IT WARMS MY LOWER INTESTINE TO SEE THIS GROWTH IN THE LEAGUE.

WE HAVE SIX TEAMS RETURNING AND THIRTEEN RETURNING COACHES. THEY HAVE BEEN JOINED BY FIVE COACHES EITHER RETURNING TO BLOOD BOWL OR TAKING THEIR FIRST STEPS ON THE ROAD TO HELL – THE HELL THAT IS THE LIFE OF A BLOOD BOWL COACH, WITH ALL THE FRUSTRATIONS AND MADNESS THAT IT ENTAILS.

THE CONTENDERS

THESE ARE THE TOP OF THE PECKING ORDER TEAMS, THE COACHES AND TEAMS THAT HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES IN THE MADHOUSE OF THE WAFFL, TIME AND TIME AGAIN. COACHES WHO HAVE WALKED WITH GIANTS AND SEEN OFF THE FEEBLE EFFORTS OF THEIR LESSERS.

1. MAN-TERROR RAIDERS

THE CHAMPS ARE BACK! THE RAIDERS HAVE RETURNED TO DEFEND THEIR TITLE AND IT'S VERY LIKELY THEY WILL WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE REST OF THE LEAGUE. SO DOMINANT WERE THE RAIDERS LAST SEASON THAT OPPOSING TEAMS HARDLY TROUBLED THEIR END ZONE – I SUGGEST YOU CLICK ON THE LINK TO THEIR WAFFL SITE PAGE (JUST CLICK ON THEIR NAME ABOVE) TO REVIEW THEIR SEASON ONE DOMINANCE. I EXPECT ANOTHER DEFENCE LED CAMPAIGN TO THE TITLE.

2. GANG GREEN JETS

PROBABLY THE ONLY SERIOUS THREAT TO THE MAN-TERROR RAIDERS IF THE DICE GO THEIR WAY. THE JETS ARE RETURNING AFTER JUST SCRAPPING INTO THE PLAY-OFFS LAST SEASON. INCONSISTENCY WAS A TRADEMARK OF THEIR FIRST SEASON AND I AM SURE COACH FANGLORD WILL BE HOPING FOR SOME SEMBLANCE OF CONSISTENCY FROM HIS DICE THIS SEASON – CHANGE YOUR DICE MAN! OTHERWISE THEY ARE DEFINITELY

ONE OF THE TEAMS TO BEAT AND WILL MOST LIKELY CLAIM TOP SPOT IN THEIR DIVISION.

3. OVERDOSIS

THIS DARK ELGI TEAM PROVED TO BE QUITE THE SURPRISE LAST SEASON, BEGINNING WITH ONLY 1 REROLL AND STILL MANAGING TO MAKE THE PLAY-OFFS WITH A SOLID DEFENSIVE RECORD AND ONLY ADDING ANOTHER REROLL. THIS SEASON COACH MIKI AND HIS BAND OF EVIL ELGI WILL BE THE TOP DOG IN THEIR DIVISION AND THE TEAM THE OTHERS WILL BE CHASING.

4. TENNESSEE TAINTED

A SECOND SEASON NURGLE TEAM IS ALWAYS A DAUNTING PROSPECT FOR OPPOSITION TEAMS AND COACH BRUNIFICUS IS NO SLOUCH, WHICH MAKES THE TAINTED AN EVEN TOUGHER PROSPECT. THIS TEAM HAS THE HALLMARKS OF A SERIOUS THREAT FOR THE TITLE AND WILL MOST LIKELY BE COMPETING WITH OVERDOSIS FOR THE DIVISIONAL TITLE.

5. REDRUM

YOU MAY BE ASKING WHY I HAVE A ROOKIE MANLING TEAM RANKED SO HIGH AND YOU WILL REALISE THE STUPIDITY OF SUCH A QUESTION ONCE YOU REALISE WHO IS COACHING REDRUM. COACH DABLACKSKULL HAS A FEARSOME REPUTATION, NOT ONLY AS VICIOUS HALFLING COACH (I WISHING I WAS JOKING ABOUT THE VICIOUS PART) BUT AS AN ALL-ROUND SOLID BLOOD BOWL COACH WHO CAN SQUEEZE THE BEST OUT OF ANY TEAM. SO AFTER CURSING HIM WITH ALL THIS PRAISE, I STILL THINK THIS TEAM WILL BE A CONTENDER AND WILL PUT EVERYONE ELSE TO THE TEST.

6. BON TEMPS TRU BLOODS BBC

THESE BLOOD-SUCKERS HAVE ONCE AGAIN JOINED US, THE ARISTOCRACY OF THE NIGHT HAVE COME BACK TO TRY TO PROVE THEIR SUPERIORITY. ALTHOUGH THE FIRST SEASON WAS TUMULTUOUS, WITH A REJUVENATED ROSTER (TOPPED UP WITH FRESH BLOOD SACKS) BUILT AROUND A CORE OF SKILLED UP VAMPIRES, THE TRU BLOODS ARE SET FOR A MUCH STRONGER PERFORMANCE THIS SEASON AND COULD EVEN MAKE A DEEP RUN INTO THE PLAY-OFFS.

THE PRETENDERS

OH YOU POOR DELUDED FOOLS, WHAT AMUSEMENT YOU PROVIDE THE REST OF US! THESE MAD FOOLS BELIEVE THEY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE IT TO THE TOP OF THE WEST COAST LEAGUE HEAP AND THE REST OF US KNOW WHAT A LIE THAT IS!

7. EMERALD DRAGONS

A RETURNING TEAM THAT SHOULD BE VERY COMPETITIVE, BUT AFTER WITNESSING COACH JINXED ROLL DICE I AM NOT SURE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CAPITALISE ON THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TALENT ON THE TEAM. THE PLAY-OFFS ARE DEFINITELY A

POSSIBILITY SO LONG AS THE PLAYERS STAY HEALTHY (AND ALIVED) AND PLAY A MORE ELGI STYLE GAME INSTEAD OF TRYING TO BASH OPPOSITION TEAMS.

8. FABULOUS FURRY FREAK BROTHERS

AH, THE DIRTY THAGORAKKI HAVE EMERGED FROM THE GUTTERS ONCE AGAIN. COACH DARTHPROPH IS SWITCHING THINGS UP FROM AMAZONS TO SKAYEN AND HE HAS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE LITTLE RAT BASTARDS. THE FURRY FREAKS HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF MAKING PLAY-OFFS BUT I DO NOT SEEM THEM PROGRESSING PAST THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PLAY-OFFS.

9. FLYING FRENCHIES

AS MUCH AS ROOKIE SLANN TEAMS SUCK, I COULDN'T RANK A RETURNING COACH LIKE COACH HYMN ANY LOWER THAN THIS. HE IS A VERY GOOD COACH AND WILL MOST LIKELY SQUEEZE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM HIS PLAYERS, BUT THE FROGS ARE NOTORIOUSLY FRAGILE AND INCONSISTENT. I WONDER HOW LONG BEFORE COACH HYMN STARTS SCREAMING AT HIS MODELS IN FRUSTRATION?

10. PIGSKIN RUNNERS

ROOKIE HUMAN TEAM WITH AN OGRE IN THE STARTING LINE-UP. YEP, IT'S A RECIPE FOR DISASTER AS WE ALL KNOW BIG GUYS ARE THE BANE OF ROOKIE TEAMS, ESPECIALLY OGRES - THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE THE BONEHEAD RULE, THEY SHOULD HAVE THE REALLY STUPID RULE, SO NOTORIOUS ARE THEY FOR THEIR INABILITY TO MAINTAIN ANY FOCUS DURING A GAME. COACH CLIPSAL WILL BE BRINGING SOME VOLUME TO THE LEAGUE WITH HIS INFAMOUS BULLHORN VOICE AND RAUCOUS LAUGHTER, SEEMS LIKE COACH REX MIGHT HAVE SOME COMPETITION. ANOTHER COACH COMING BACK FROM A BLOOD BOWL SIESTA, I EXPECT SOME STUMBLES BUT GENERALLY SHOULD BE A SOLID PERFORMANCE FOR MOST OF THE SEASON.

11. THE GLADIATORS

BLOODY ELGI AGAIN! COACH DROPSHORT HAD A FEW SEASONS AWAY FROM BLOOD BOWL AND I AM SURE HE WILL MAKE A GOOD SHOWING WITH A ROSTER THAT IS FULL OF TALENTED ROOKIES. THE RUSTINESS WILL BE THE ONLY THING THAT HANDICAPS THE GLADIATORS.

12. BLUE MEANIES

AFTER SUCH A LONG BREAK FROM BLOOD BOWL, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW LONG IT TAKES COACH OSOI TO GET HIS BLOOD BOWL MOJO WORKING AGAIN. A SUCCESSFUL AND STORIED ORC COACH, THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR THE BLUE MEANIES TO SURPRISE A FEW TEAMS. OVERALL, I SEE THIS FIRST SEASON BACK AS A BUILDING SEASON AND EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A REMOTE CHANCE OF PLAYOFFS, THE FOCUS FOR COACH OSOI SHOULD BE TO GET THAT BLOOD BOWL MUSCLE MEMORY WORKING AND GET THE TEAM SET UP FOR A DOMINANT WEST COAST LEAGUE SEASON THREE.

THE DELUSIONAL

THE FORLORN HOPE, THE LOST AND THE DAMNED. YOU GET THE GIST OF WHERE I AM GOING WITH THIS, THE BOTTOM RUNGS OF THE POWER RANKINGS LADDER.

13. GRUDGEBEARERS

SEASON ONE WAS A MISERABLE EXPERIENCE FOR COACH ROULETTE BUT NOW HE HAS A REAL TEAM, IT'S BOUND TO BE A BETTER EXPERIENCE IN SEASON TWO. EVEN THOUGH DAWI TEAMS ARE NORMALLY CONSIDERED A CRUTCH (A VILE, BASELESS ACCUSATION) I BELIEVE COACH ROULETTE WILL REVEL IN COACHING A RELIABLE AND STABLE PLAYER GROUP. THAT BEING SAID, COACHING A NEW TEAM HAS PLENTY OF CHALLENGES AND USUALLY MEANS THE FIRST SEASON IS A TOUGH GRIND UNTIL FAMILIARITY IS GAINED.

14. THE PUSSROTS

HERE WE HAVE A COACH RETURNING TO LEAGUE SCENE AFTER A LONG HIATUS. RUSTY SEEMS APPROPRIATE FOR AN OUT OF PRACTICE COACH BRINGING A NURGLE TEAM. IT IS GOING TO BE A LONG, TOUGH SEASON FOR COACH IRMSDALE AS HE WORKS OUT THE KINKS AND GETS HIS BLOOD BOWL BRAIN BACK INTO GEAR. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY BY THE END OF THE SEASON THAT THINGS WILL LOOK GOOD BUT THE FIRST TWO THIRDS OF THE SEASON WILL BE EXTREMELY TOUGH.

15. TROPIC THUNDER

NEW COACH BRINGING IN A TOUGH TEAM FOR A BEGINNER. COACH MBOYE OBVIOUSLY LIKES A CHALLENGE, BRINGING IN THE COLD-BLOODED MONSTERS OF LUSTRIA TO POP HIS BLOOD BOWL LEAGUE CHERRY. I SEE A TOUGH SEASON FOR THIS TEAM AS THE COACH COMES TO GRIPS WITH THE UNIQUE PLAYSTYLE OF LIZARDMEN, BUT IF HE LEARNS WELL THIS SEASON THEN NEXT SEASON COULD BE VERY PROMISING.

16. SAVAGE SLOTHS

A COACH WITH AMAZINGLY ATROCIOUS DICE LUCK USING A TEAM HE IS TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG? WELL EVERYTHING IS MY BET AS COACH RATT AND HIS INFAMOUS DICE WILL FIND NEW WAYS TO LOSE AND CONTINUE TO CRUSH HIS BLOOD BOWL SPIRIT.

17. MEGASHOOTA VIKWEENZ

ONLY REASON THIS TEAM ISN'T AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RANKINGS IS BECAUSE THERE IS A GOBBO TEAM IN THE LEAGUE - WE ALL KNOW GOBBOS SUCK THE HARDEST. ANYWAY, THIS TEAM WILL BE FULL OF SUCK AND FAIL BECAUSE COACH FROSTHAMMER IS POSSIBLY THE WORST ORC COACH IN PERTH, IF NOT THE WHOLE OF THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN UNIVERSE! I KNOW THE GUY AND HE DEFINITELY HATES ORCS SO I AM SURE THERE IS SOME SORT OF DEMENTED PLAN BOILING AROUND IN HIS BRAIN TO HUMILIATE ALL OF ORCKIND WITH AN ATROCIOUS PERFORMANCE AS AN ORC COACH.

18. FINGOT'S FINGERLICKING SQUIBS

WHEN I HEARD COACH REX WAS BRINGING IN A GOBBO TEAM I HAVE TO ADMIT I LAUGHED SO HARD I ALMOST LOST ALL BOWEL CONTROL. AT LEAST HE HAD SOMETHING TO BACK UP ALL HIS TALK WHEN HE WAS USING ORCS, NOW ALL HIS BRAGGING WILL BE EVEN MORE HYSTERICAL AS HE PONTIFICATES WHILST STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF HIS 'PLAYERS'. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE HILARIOUS HUMILIATION OF COACH REX THIS SEASON.

SO THERE WE HAVE IT FOLKS, THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SEASON TWO POWER RANKINGS. I AM SURE THERE WILL BE DISAGREEMENTS BUT THE OLD HANDS WILL KNOW BY NOW THAT SUCH THINGS DON'T CONCERN ME - I LAUGH AT YOUR PATHETIC SQUABBLES.

DARE YOU ARGUE WITH THE RANKINGS? DO YOU THINK THE OLD DRUNK HAS LOST HIS MIND? THE POWER RANKINGS WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF EACH ROUND. FEEL FREE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE RANKINGS ON THE [WAFFL FACEBOOK PAGE](#).

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NUFFLE VILLET

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ROZE-EL IS HIS PROPHET