

WEST COAST LEAGUE

POWER RANKINGS

SEASON TWO ROUND 5

WE ARE NOW IN THE DOWNHILL RUN OF THE SEASON AND WE SEE FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF TEAMS SETTLING INTO THEIR POSITIONS IN THE LEAGUE, BE IT LOW, MIDDLE OR HIGH. THE TOP SPOTS IN TWO DIVISIONS ARE STILL UP FOR GRABS AND ONE DIVISION HAS A CLEAR LEADER AND IT WOULD HAVE BE A CRUEL TWIST OF NUFFLE-LOYING FATE FOR THAT TO CHANGE BEFORE THE END OF THE SEASON. AT THIS POINT IN THE SEASON I AM SURE TEAMS ARE BEGINNING TO ASSESS THEIR CHANCES OF MAKING THE FINALS AND DECIDING IF THEY WILL RISK ALL FOR THAT A SLIM CHANCE AT THE PLAY-OFFS OR PLAY THE LONG GAME TO BUILD THEIR ROSTERS UP FOR NEXT SEASON.

WITH THE WAFFLING OUT OF THE WAY, ON TO THE RANKINGS!

THE CONTENDERS

THOSE HORRIBLE TEAMS AT THE TOP OF THE RANKINGS THAT MAKE ALL THE OTHERS FEEL INADEQUATE AND PATHETIC. OH HOW NUFFLE LOVES THESE POWERHOUSES AND ALL THE PAIN AND MISERY THEY INFLICT ON THE REST OF THE LEAGUE.

1. MAN-TERROR RAIDERS ↔

TALK ABOUT HANGING TOUGH. THE RAIDERS GOT WALLOPED IN THEIR ENCOUNTER AGAINST THE JETS, WITH A GOOD PORTION OF THE PLAYING ROSTER LEFT PERMANENTLY CRIPPLED OR PROPERLY DEAD. THAT BEING SAID, THE RAIDERS DEFENCE TOOK THE BEATING AND STILL MANAGED TO LIMIT THE JETS TO A SINGLE TOUCHDOWN – THAT WAS A CHAMPIONSHIP EFFORT AND IS A SIGNAL TO THE REST OF THE LEAGUE THAT THE RAIDERS WILL NOT FOLD IRRESPECTIVE HOW HARD YOU HIT THEM. THIS PERFORMANCE IS THE BENCHMARK OTHER TEAMS WILL NEED TO PASS TO BE CONSIDERED REAL CONTENDERS FOR THE TOP SPOT IN THE LEAGUE AND THE RANKINGS.

THE RAIDERS ALSO CARRIED OUT THEIR THREAT TO PLACE A BOUNTY ON WHOEVER RUINED THEIR CLEAN SHEET RECORD. THE POOR UNFORTUNATE TO BE BLESSED WITH THIS HONOUR WAS BUSTER SPINE. THERE ARE RUMOURS COMING FROM THE RAIDERS LOCKER ROOM THAT THEY ARE KEEN TO FACE THE JETS AGAIN TO COLLECT ON THAT BOUNTY.

2. GANG GREEN JETS ↔

GRUGNI SAVE US THAT WAS A BRUTAL GAME. THE JETS TOOK THE BEAT STICK TO THE RAIDERS WITH SUCH WILD ABANDON THAT THE RAIDERS' NEXT OPPONENT SHOULD BE MAKING A HEFTY PAYMENT TO THE JETS FOR THE CRIPPLING OF THE RAIDERS. ALTHOUGH, FOR ALL THE MAYHEMIC DESTRUCTION ON THE FIELD, THE JETS WERE UNABLE TO GET MORE THAN A SINGLE PAST THAT STINGY RAIDERS DEFENCE. ONCE AGAIN THE MAIN WRECKING BALL FOR THE JETS WAS MATT CLAWTE, WHO CLAWED HIS WAY THROUGH THREE RAIDERS, EVEN PUTTING ONE IN THE GRAVE PERMANENTLY. THE JETS' STUTTERING OFFENCE HAD A SINGLE LEADER, BUSTER SPINE, WHO MANAGED TO PUT THE BALL INTO THE END ZONE AND ALSO MADE THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL PASS BY THE TEAM. SOMETHING ELSE THAT SHOULD BE NOTED IS THAT BUSTER IS THE FIRST PLAYER TO SCORE AGAINST THE RAIDERS AND AS A REWARD RECEIVED A BOUNTY ON HIS HEAD – NOTHING LIKE SUCCESS TO TURN YOU INTO A MARKED MAN, THING, WHATEVER THAT HIDEOUS CANNIBAL WANTS TO BE CALLED.

THE INABILITY TO CAPITALISE ON THE BEATING THEY DISHED OUT IS WHY THE JETS WILL BE THE HEAD BRIDESMAID OF THE POWER RANKINGS THIS SEASON – IF YOU CAN'T BEAT THE BEST THEN YOU WILL ONLY EVER BE SECOND BEST.

3. OVERDOSIS ↔

THIS WAS PROBABLY THE BEST CHANCE THE ELGI HAD TO CLAIM THE TOP SPOT WITH THE TOP TWO TEAMS ONLY MANAGING A DRAW. LIKE ALL PATHETIC ELGI, OVERDOSIS COULDN'T PUT AWAY A ROOKIE TEAM WITH A BIG SCORE – I HAVE PREVIOUSLY COMMENTED ON THEIR INABILITY TO PUT UP BIG SCORES – AND THUS LEAP FROG THE RAIDERS AND JETS TO CLAIM THE COVETED NUMBER ONE RANKING. PART OF THE PROBLEM PROBABLY STEMS FROM THE FACT ELGI FRAGILITY WAS ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT TO THE FORE WITH REDRUM BATTERING AND CRIPPLING OVERDOSIS PLAYERS THROUGHOUT THE GAME.

THE STANDOUT FOR OVERDOSIS WAS SYLVANAH, SCORER OF BOTH THE TEAM'S TOUCHDOWNS AND DID A GOOD JOB OF AVOIDING ANY PUNISHMENT FROM THE REDRUM PLAYERS. NUMBER THREE IS NOW OVERDOSIS' PERMANENT HOME ON THE RANKINGS AS I DOUBT THE RAIDERS AND JETS WILL STUMBLE AGAIN DURING THE LAST FEW GAMES OF THE SEASON.

4. TENNESSEE TAINTED ↗

AH MY LITTLE NURGLINGS, THE OFFENCE JUST GOT THE JOB DONE AND THE DEFENCE, EVEN WITH DEPLETED NUMBERS, MANAGED TO KEEP A CLEAN SHEET. THE TAINTED PLAYED THE GRIND AGAINST A BUNCH OF JUNIOR NURGLITES AND EVEN THOUGH THEY GOT OUT-MUSCLED BY THE ROOKIES, THESE WILY ROTTING PUSTULES DENIED THE ROTS AT EVERY TURN. THE OTHER THING THE ROTS COULD LEARN FROM THESE OLD HANDS IS BRUTAL EFFICIENCY, THE TAINTED ONLY MANAGED A SINGLE CASUALTY BUT THEY MADE SURE IT WAS PERMANENT.

THE TAINTED WILL PROBABLY NOT GET ANY HIGHER ON THE RANKINGS AS THE HIGHER RANKED TEAMS ARE JUST THAT LITTLE BIT BETTER. I THINK THE FOCUS FOR THE TEAM SHOULD BE TO MAKE SURE THE UPSTARTS NIPPING AT THEIR HEELS DON'T GET AHEAD OF THEM.

5. FABULOUS FURRY FREAK BROTHERS 1↵

I ALMOST SPAT MY ALE OUT WHEN I SAW THE RESULT OF THE FREAKS LATEST GAME. IT WAS LIKE NEITHER TEAM BOTHERED TO MAKE A DEFENSIVE STAND AND JUST LEFT IT TO THE OFFENCES TO SHOOT IT OUT. ALTHOUGH THE FREAKS MANAGED TO INFLECT A LITTLE DAMAGE IT STILL WASN'T ENOUGH TO SECURE THEM THE WIN IN A HIGH SCORING AFFAIR – EIGHT TOUCHDOWNS WERE SCORED, FOUR FOR EACH TEAM. ALSO, A PASSING CLINIC WAS PUT ON BY FREENWHEELIN WILLIE AND SNEAKUS ROUNDUS, WHO COMBINED FOR A TOTAL OF SEVEN COMPLETIONS. THE MAIN BENEFICIARY OF THIS AERIAL DISPLAY WAS DIA RIA, WHO CROSSED THE GOAL LINE THREE TIMES.

WITH SUCH TIGHT COMPETITION AT THE POINTY END OF THE RANKINGS, EVEN SUCH A DYNAMIC OFFENSIVE DISPLAY THAT ONLY RESULTED IN A DRAW HURT THE FREAKS AND MAYBE THIS DROP WILL SPARK THEM INTO A BIG PUSH TO FINISH THE SEASON STRONGLY AND SECURING THEIR SPOT IN THE PLAY-OFFS.

6. THE GLADIATORS ⇄

THE MYSTERIOUS HAND BEHIND THE GLADIATORS' RISE SEEMS TO HAVE FOUND A TEAM THEY COULDN'T BRIBE AND THUS THE ELGI WERE FORCED TO TAKE THE FIELD THIS ROUND. RUMOURS OF DIMINISHED MATCH FITNESS WERE EMPHATICALLY QUASHED ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THEIR OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES AS THEY SCORED FOUR TIMES DURING THE GAME. THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BALL WAS A BIT MORE OF A CONCERN AS THE FREAKS BROKE THROUGH THE GLADIATORS DEFENCE REPEATEDLY, SCORING FOUR TOUCHDOWNS AS WELL. LIKE EVERY ELGI TEAM IN THE HISTORY OF BLOOD BOWL, THE GLADIATORS LOST THE BASH BATTLE. SUCH IS THE ELGI REPUTATION FOR USING NERF KNUCKLEDUSTERS, THAT MANY BETTING AGENCIES GIVE BIG ODDS ON ANY ELGI PLAYER ACTUALLY HURTING AN OPPOSITION PLAYER.

THE STANDOUT PLAYERS IN THIS PASS-A-THON WERE ELDRIL KENAINATH AND DHADA, WHO BOTH SHOWED OFF THEIR PINPOINT ACCURACY WITH HIGH PERCENTAGE COMPLETION RATES. THE MAIN BENEFICIARY OF THIS AERIAL DISPLAY WAS AESRIT, WHO WAS THE MOST TARGETED RECEIVER AND WHO ADDED THREE TOUCHDOWNS TO HIS SEASON TALLY. IF THE GLADIATORS CAN KEEP THIS UP THEN THEY WILL DEFINITELY BE A THREAT IN THE FINALS, IF THEY CAN FIX THEIR DEFENCE.

THE PRETENDERS

THEY THINK THEY HAVE A CHANCE BUT THE REST OF US KNOW THAT NUFFLE IS JUST MESSING WITH THEM – NOTHING LIKE BUILDING UP A TEAM ONLY TO WATCH IT

CRUMBLE AND FAIL. NUFFLE LOVES A GOOD JOKE AND IT SUCKS WHEN HE DECIDES TO LAUGH AT YOUR TEAM - THANKFULLY I SHARE NUFFLE'S TWISTED LOVE OF SCHADENFREUDE AND LAUGH RIGHT ALONG WITH HIM!

7. PIGSKIN RUNNERS 3 ↗

A FINE EXAMPLE OF WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU PLAY THE BOTTOM RANKED TEAM IN THE LEAGUE, YOU CRUSH THEM UNDER YOUR BOOT. THE RUNNERS RAN IN FIVE TOUCHDOWNS AND ALSO OUT-MUSCLED THE BEARERS IN A DISPLAY THAT GOES BEYOND DOMINANT. STICKY FINGERS TOOK THE LEAD ON OFFENCE, CEMENTING HIS POSITION AS WIDE RECEIVER ONE ON THIS TEAM. I DON'T FEEL THERE IS MUCH TO SAY ABOUT THE LATEST RESULT BESIDES FROM DIRECTING PEOPLE TO THE WAPFL WEBSITE TO REVIEW THE GAME STATS.

THIS RESULT IS REFLECTED IN THE RUNNERS GETTING A GOOD BUMP UP THE RANKINGS BUT I AM NOT CONVINCED THEY WILL MOVE OUT OF THE RANKS OF THE PRETENDERS.

8. TROPIC THUNDER 1 ↗

SOMETIMES EVEN AN UNDERWHELMING PERFORMANCE IS ENOUGH TO GET YOU PAST OTHER MEDIOCRE TEAMS IN THE RANKINGS. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO THE THUNDER, WHO ONLY MANAGED A DRAW AGAINST THE DRAGONS. THE COLD-BLOODED ONES MUST HAVE BEEN MESMERISED BY THE PASSING DISPLAY FROM THE DRAGONS OR THEY GREW BORED OF ALL THE ELGI SHOWBOATING AND WAITED FOR THEIR CHANCE TO SCORE, EVEN THOUGH IT WOULD ONLY RESULT IN ONE TOUCHDOWN. THE THUNDER HAVE FIRMLY ENTRENCHED THEMSELVES INTO THE MIDDLE RANKS AND STILL HAVE A CHANCE OF MAKING THE PLAY-OFFS IF THEY MAXIMISE THEIR CHANCES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON.

9. REDRUM 2 ↗

THE UMGI SLIDE DOWN THE RANKINGS ONCE AGAIN AFTER A TOUGH LOSS AGAINST OYERDOSIS. REDRUM CHOSE THE PATH OF VIOLENCE AND WERE UNABLE TO CONVERT THE DAMAGE THEY DISHED OUT INTO A WIN. SURE, I ENJOY THE MAIMING OF AN ELGI AS MUCH AS THE NEXT DAWI, BUT COACH DABLACKSKULL MUST BE SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATED WITH HIS PLAYERS. ALL THAT BRUTALITY ON DEFENCE AND THE OFFENCE COULDN'T CONVERT THAT DOMINANCE INTO A WIN ON THE SCOREBOARD. LET'S SEE IF THE UMGI CAN STALL THE FALL IN THEIR NEXT GAME.

10. THE PUSSROTS 2 ↗

A MISSED CHANCE IS HOW I SEE THIS GAME FOR THE ROTS. THEY DOMINATED THE TAINTED PHYSICALLY BUT JUST COULDN'T CONVERT THAT INTO A WIN AND SHOW THE REST OF THE LEAGUE WHAT A THREAT THE ROTS CAN BE. THERE WERE NO REAL STAND OUTS FOR THE ROTS IN THIS GAME, SO I AM GOING TO TROT OUT THAT OLD CLICHÉ OF IT BEING A TEAM PERFORMANCE. I HAD SUCH HIGH HOPES FOR THIS TEAM EARLY IN THE SEASON BUT IT SEEMS MEDIOCRITY IS THEIR DESTINY.

11. EMERALD DRAGONS ↔

OH, A DRAW! THE ROLLERCOASTER HAS BROKEN DOWN. I WONDER IF THIS WAS JUST NUFFLE MESSING WITH THE ROLLERCOASTER STORY LINE I HAVE BEEN SPINNING AROUND THIS TEAM. ANYWAY, THE GAME ITSELF WAS A BIT OF A LIMP WRISTED AFFAIR AS NEITHER TEAM WAS ABLE TO BRING THE PAIN. AN ODDITY WAS THE HIGH NUMBER OF COMPLETIONS BY THE DRAGONS, PARTICULARLY BY SASTEAN, WHICH MAKES ME SUSPECT THE DRAGONS' WERE MORE INTERESTING IN PADDING TEAM AND PLAYER STATS THAN ACTUALLY WINNING THE GAME. PERHAPS, FOR SOME UNFATHOMABLE REASON, COACH JINXED HAS GIVEN UP ON TRYING FOR THE PLAY-OFFS AND IS JUST TRYING TO BEEF UP HIS ROSTER FOR NEXT SEASON.

BY THE WAY, IF HE REALLY WANTS TO IMPROVE HIS CHANCES THEN COACH JINXED SHOULD NOT CONTRACT ELGI AS PLAYERS - AFTER ALL, ELGI ARE FAR TOO TIMID AND SKITTISH TO BE REAL BLOOD BOWL PLAYERS.

12. BLUE MEANIES ↗

THE LOOKS OF CONFUSION ON THE FACES OF THE MEANIES WERE HILARIOUS AFTER THE OFFICIALS GAVE THEM THE WIN DUE TO A VIKWEENZ A NO-SHOW. THE BIG DUMB URKS DIDN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF A WIN WITHOUT ANY VIOLENCE ON THE FIELD. THIS GIFT SEES THE MEANIES GET A BUMP UP THE RANKINGS AND OUT OF THE DELUSIONAL GROUP. ALTHOUGH, I THINK THIS ELEVATION IN THE RANKINGS WILL MOST LIKELY BE A TEMPORARY CONDITION.

THE DELUSIONAL

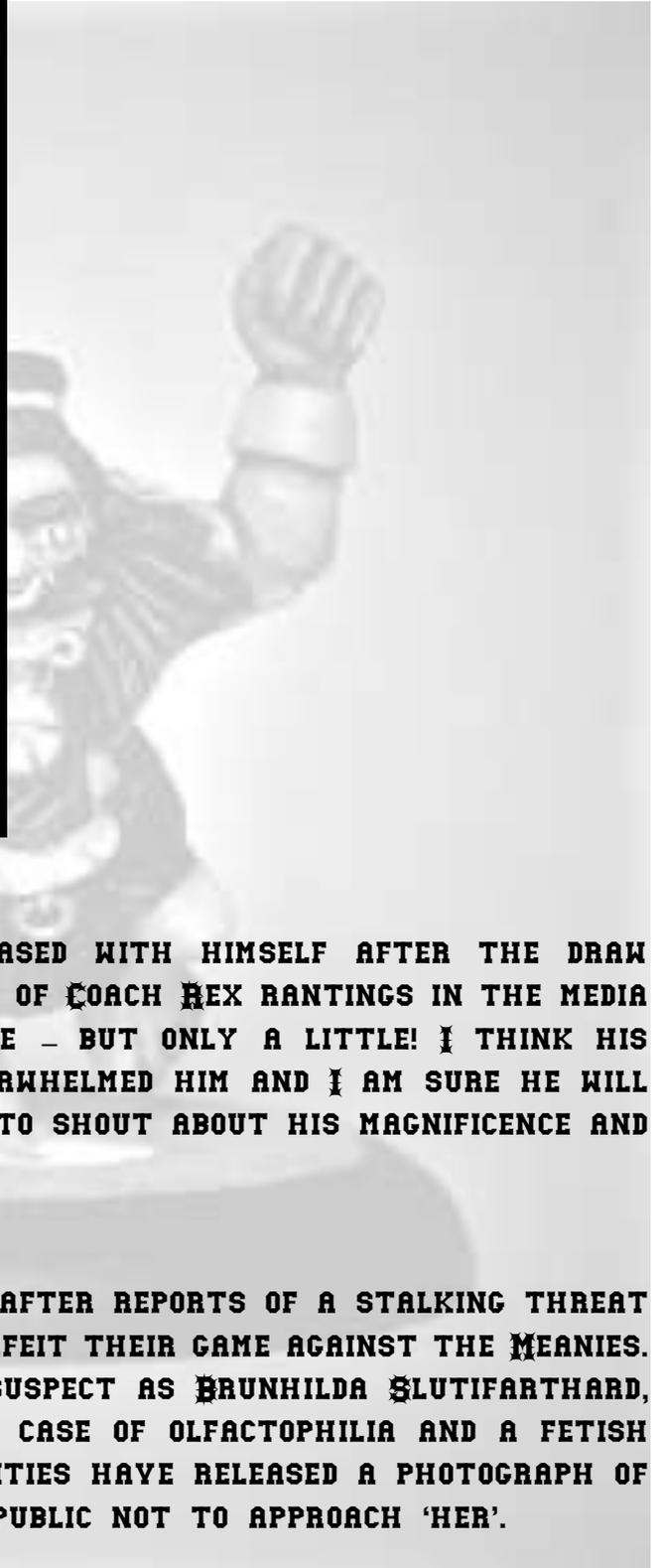
THE FORLORN HOPE, THE LOST AND THE DAMNED. YOU GET THE GIST OF WHERE I AM GOING WITH THIS, THE BOTTOM RUNGS OF THE POWER RANKINGS LADDER.

13. HATTSBURGH RIPPERS ↗

THEIR FIRST GAME IN THE LEAGUE AND THE RIPPERS HAVE ALREADY OUTPERFORMED THEIR PREDECESSORS BY SECURING THAT PRECIOUS W. ALTHOUGH, IT MUST BE SAID IT WAS AGAINST VERY POOR OPPOSITION - LOOKING AT YOU FRENCHIES! WE ALREADY SEE A FUTURE STAR PLAYER IN THE MAKING AS CHITTER STAB-STAB SEEMED TO BE IN THE BEST POSSIBLE POSITION WHEN THE TEAM NEEDED IT. THIS THAGORAKKI SCORED A TOUCHDOWN, TOSSED A COUPLE OF COMPLETIONS AND EVEN KILLED A FRENCHIES PLAYER - THAT'S RATHER IMPRESSIVE FOR A DEBUTANT GUTTER RUNNER. I DON'T THINK THE RIPPERS WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON BUT NEXT SEASON WILL POSSIBLY SEE THIS TEAM CHALLENGE FOR THE PLAYOFFS - BOLD PREDICTION I KNOW.

14. BON TEMPS TRU BLOODS BBC 2 ↗

COACH MAXWELHAUSER'S DOESN'T SLEEP SO WELL NOWADAYS, HIS DREAMS ARE HAUNTED BY HIS TEAM'S INABILITY TO DEFEAT A LOWLY GOBLIN TEAM...



15. FINGOT'S FINGERLICKING SQUIBS ↔

I IMAGINE COACH REX MUST BE VERY PLEASED WITH HIMSELF AFTER THE DRAW AGAINST A VETERAN TEAM. THE RECENT LACK OF COACH REX RANTINGS IN THE MEDIA IS A CONCERN AND I EVEN MISS IT A LITTLE – BUT ONLY A LITTLE! I THINK HIS SMUGNESS AFTER THE GAME MUST HAVE OVERWHELMED HIM AND I AM SURE HE WILL BE BACK WITH HIS BULL HORN SOON ENOUGH TO SHOUT ABOUT HIS MAGNIFICENCE AND COACHING BRILLIANCE.

16. MEGASHOOTA VIKWEENZ ↔

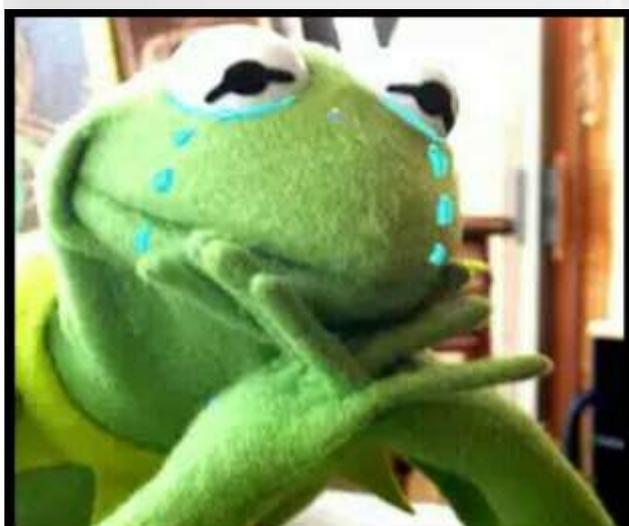
COACH FROSTHAMMER HAS GONE INTO HIDING AFTER REPORTS OF A STALKING THREAT AND THUS THE VIKWEENZ WERE FORCED TO FORFEIT THEIR GAME AGAINST THE MEANIES. MEDIA REPORTS HAVE IDENTIFIED THE MAIN SUSPECT AS BRUNHILDA SLUTIFARTHARD, A DERANGED FEMALE(?) URK WITH A SEVERE CASE OF OLFACTOPHILIA AND A FETISH FOR VERTICALLY CHALLENGED MALES. AUTHORITIES HAVE RELEASED A PHOTOGRAPH OF MS SLUTIFARTHARD AND HAVE WARNED THE PUBLIC NOT TO APPROACH 'HER'.



DON'T TRY TO DENY THAT YOU TOO WOULDN'T BE HIDING FROM BRUNHILDA!

17. THE FLYING FRENCHMEN ↔

HANG YOUR HEAD IN SHAME COACH HYMN! THAT WAS A PITIFUL PERFORMANCE AGAINST A SHINY NEW UNTRIED TEAM. I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE GAME THE FRENCHIES WOULD FINALLY POP THEIR WIN CHERRY. THIS PERFORMANCE WAS SO DISASTROUS THAT THERE ARE RUMOURS THAT COACH HYMN WILL BE FORMALLY RETIRING HIS PLAYBOOK AND IS SCOURING FLEABAY FOR A NEW SLANN PLAYBOOK.



**WHEN YOUR TEAM AND
DICE HAVE DESTROYED
YOUR SEASON**

18. GRUDGEBEARERS ↔

THERE IS A CRISIS AT THE BEARERS - A COACHING CRISIS. THE BEARERS WERE ESSENTIALLY DESTROYED BY THE RUNNERS AND I AM STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT THIS COACH IS IN NEED OF A REMEDIAL COACHING CLINIC. SUCH IS MY DESPAIR AT THE STATE OF THE BEARERS THAT I AM EVEN WILLING TO PAY FOR THE CLINIC - YES I AM WILLING TO SPEND MY OWN HARD-EARNED GOLD TO HELP MY FELLOW DAWI.

A FEW OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE RANKINGS TO DATE. THIS ROUND WE SEE FIVE TEAMS WITH THE SAME RANKINGS AS THEY STARTED WITH IN THE PRE-SEASON, INCLUDING THE CURRENT TOP FOUR TEAMS. NINE TEAMS FROM LAST ROUND HAVE MAINTAINED THE SAME SPOT, SHOWING AN INCREASING STABILITY IN THE RANKINGS WITH ONLY MINIMAL MOVEMENT AMONGST THE TEAMS. ANOTHER ODDITY I HAVE NOTED IS THE KILL COUNT FOR THE MAN-TERROR RAIDERS - FOR THE BEST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE THEY HAVE YET TO KILL AN OPPOSING PLAYER AND YET SUFFERED FOUR DEATHS.

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