

WEST COAST LEAGUE

POWER RANKINGS

SEASON 3 ROUND 6

Here we are at the end of round six and teams are now only two games away from the post-season or an early start to the off-season. In view of recent aggravations and annoyances I am in no mood to inflict hilarious rantings on you all, so I will spare you the usual preamble ramblings and just move things along to our roll calls of the departed.

Nuffle's Call

[Thrower death count]

Finger Slippin Fun (DKOK)

Sastean (ED)

Chucka (PR)

In Memoriam

[Round Six]

I'm Kind of a Big Deal (Sex Panther)

I Mean Really Good (Sex Panther)

Andy (Stoneheart) Smith (RedruM)

Kyle Deagan (RedruM)

OK, it's time to move onto the power rankings!

The Pretenders

The detritus of the West Coast League, these are the teams who will wonder the wasteland of lost opportunities as they curse Nuffle for his eternal fickleness as he clearly denied them their 'rightful' place in the play-offs.

14. Dark Web Lurkers ↔

Ah Lurkers, you didn't live up to your 'Foulers' moniker. There were no damaging low blows against DKOK and worst of all Coach Rex made you look foolish after all the shit-talking leading up to the game. I guess the dazzling return of Coach Rex really put the Lurkers off the game. Such was the fail by the Lurkers they lost the bash battle, although not as decisive a loss in that aspect of the game.

One positive was the Lurkers boarding the intercept train as they continued DKOK's miserable record for giving up interceptions. This was also the first successful intercept by the Lurkers, so it's only fitting they picked off the team most likely to give it up like a low-rent gobbo camp follower.

The struggle will be real for the Lurkers in their next game as they will be missing the services of one of their larger players, Phark Yawl. I get the feeling being an ogre on this team is a curse.

13. Praag Sewers 3 ↗

Nuffle pointed his crooked wizened finger and laughed at the thagorakki from Praag. After a strong start and a seemingly strong lead early in the second half, the Sewers must have thought they were close to another win as Nurgle teams are notorious for being slow to score. At this time Nuffle decided to intervene and the fans witnessed the Praagites get steamrolled by the Rots.

The Rots bashing the Sewers was no surprise and the fans are used to seeing a slowly dwindling number of thagorakki on the field as a game progresses but what they were not prepared for was the complete submission of the Sewers as the Nurglites hit high gear and punch through the Sewers line like it was a thinly sliced piece of Jarlsberg.

Although there may be a mathematical chance of the Sewers making the play-offs, it will take a minor miracle to see them in the post season.

12. Kenzintun Valkireez 1 ↗

The fors have boarded the tie train, with their second consecutive draw. Yet again they managed to pull themselves out of the fire with a last-minute passing play to put Diznik into the end zone to deny Sex the win. Nuffle seems uncertain about his feelings for this team as they can suffer from terrible luck when it comes to ball handling for most of their games, yet his blessings allow them to pull off remarkable plays to give the fans something to cheer about.

The 'ladies' of Kenzintun started the game slowly and were physically dominated in the first half as Sex slowly played to score late in the half. After the half time break and a rousing speech from Coach Frosthammer, the fors stormed back onto the field pulverized Sex into the mud – it was a fine spectacle for any aficionado of ladies' mud wrestling. Even with the dominant physical display in the second half, the fors still struggled to overcome the increasingly desperate Sex defence. The continued struggles of the offence are a big concern for team management and rumour has it that the General Manager is already looking at boosting the roster in the off season – I guess it's never too soon to look for more talent.

11. The Gladiators 2 ↗

Once again, The Gladiators were foiled by their own atrocious defence. The game devolved into a shootout and The Gladiators again lost in this sort of situation because they just couldn't keep the opposition team out of the end zone long enough to get an advantage. Rumours out of the locker room abound of discontent between players like Daertoc, the league's leading scorer, and the defensive side of the locker room. The offensive players feel they have been failed by the defence, who barely seem able to put a modicum of resistance. The Gladiators are equal second for touchdowns scored (15) but are the worst defence for touchdowns conceded (17).

With the end of the season nearing, I foresee some players wanting to escape this team by not renewing their contracts and taking their chances on the free agent market.

10. Da Klan of Kliffhangahz 3 ↗

The green cheeto himself is back! Coach Rex returned to DKOK after the team's miserable performance in the last round under substitute head coach F-Wit. It is not clear what happened between the coward who deserted his team and the potential saviour who stepped in to try to save the team from disaster, but in the end team management backed the green windbag – I guess it was a case of better the devil you know, and F-Wit's one game was somewhat of a disaster.

Here is a copy of the DKOK press release about the return of Coach Rex, unaltered and in full for your amusement – just a warning, don't drink anything as you read this!

A great beast arrived in DKOK land, carried upon wings of fire and death, a magnificent scythe clasped in its hands. All who saw Him immediately fell to their knees. He was changed, He was different, He was divine.

There was no mistaking it, Coach Rex had returned.

“My people, I knew that our troubles did not end with the WAFFL or even the WAFFL commissioners. Nay, they were small fish in this equation. The real problem was much higher. The real problem was Nuffle himself! He has interfered with our every move, our every block, pass and play, and then spread lies and deceit among the ranks of other coaches. Coaches who are blind but for my light. I hope they have not fallen in my absence...

But fear not for I have accomplished what many deemed impossible. I return not as Coach Rex, but now, GODSLAYER REX for I have slain Nuffl!

It was a cataclysmic battle, a test of cunning and might, brutality and brains! Lightning flashed and thunder crashed and atop the highest peak of the tallest mountain we fought. Nine days it lasted! But lo I prevailed, striking Nuffle down from the mountaintop and sending Him plummeting to his doom!

Make no mistake, by the time this season is over, all shall kneel to Godslayer Rex and my mighty champions!”

Now you have stopped laughing, we can talk about the game itself. The return of the walking ego inspired the players of DKOK and they put on a good show against the Lurkers. The player who seemed most stimulated was Sherpa Sherp Snortrokk, who had his best game of his career, causing three Lurkers to leave the game early after brutally penetrating them with his meaty fists. One thing the reappearance of Coach Rex still couldn't correct was the offence tossing the ball to the opposition during the game, the total interceptions given up by DKOK this season is five, some things never change! I will leave you with one last interesting stat for DKOK - after six games they have scored as many touchdowns as interceptions they have given up.

9. Erebor Rams 1👉

Get your ticket ready, the rollercoaster is back at the station, ready for another run – it's good to see that at least one of the rollercoaster twins knows his job and is back on track. The Rams are back in the win/loss cycle that we are more familiar with when it comes to Coach Maxwellhauser. My dawid cousins were humiliated in their latest game and I am sure the priests of Grimnir are preparing their shears and razors. The defence was an absolute horror show as the Umgi ran rings around the Rams and repeatedly crossed into the end zone. With the Runners dominating possession, the Rams offence hardly had any

time on the field, thus the defence was continually fatigued as they didn't get any time on the sidelines to suck in some air and rest up before the next drive.

Even though the Rams are in the calculations for the play-offs I would consider them an outside chance at best to secure a post-season spot.

The Contenders

Now we have the teams that matter, the teams that will be taking up plenty of time on Cabalvision during the play-offs.

8. Pigskin Runners 4🏈

Interesting, the Runners have gone three games without losing. After the appalling start to their season, the Runners have hit their stride mid-season and now have momentum heading into the late stages of the season, with the play-offs even a possibility now. This latest game was a big win, with the Runners scoring four touchdowns and denying the Rams all game. However, Coach Clipsal is deeply vexed by the Runners inability to violently force opposing players off the pitch. Coach Clipsal has made a reputation of bashing opposing teams and this season he is not living up to that reputation, with his team once of the worst performing teams for casualties caused. I doubt other coaches are too worried about the Runners bash game, although the offence is something that should be respected.

The Runners will need to capitalise on their momentum as they are currently in a close competition with the Praag Sewers and Erebor Rams for a play-off spot. Looking at their last two games, The Gladiators and DKOK, the Runners have a real chance of making the play-offs as these two opponents are not having the best seasons and tend to have porous defences.

7. RedruM 2🏈

This picture tells the story of RedruM's encounter with the Tennessee Tainted.



This game was so brutal for RedruM that it was looking like the angry halfling himself (Coach DaBlackSkull) would have to take the field just to have enough players on the field to avoid conceding. RedruM will be fielding a shell of a team in their next game with six players unavailable due to injuries or death. May Nuffle have mercy on their souls – who are we kidding, we want more blood and death! I am sure Nuffle will provide for the faithful.

6. Sex Panther 1 ↗

The Sex participated in some very intense girl-on-girl action during their game against the Valkireez. It was so intense it proved fatal for a couple of players and crippling for two others. I guess interspecies lesbian 'love' is more violent than we would have expected. The ladies of Panther started strongly, removing several Valkireez early in the first half, although those players were able to recover for the second half. They stalled their scoring to go up 1-0 at the half but Nuffle turned on them in the second half. The Valkireez got vicious as only a forc can in the second half and despite some desperate defence by Sex, the forcs were able to overcome the pouring rain and the few remaining Panther players to make a frantic play to tie the game. Coach Watto was mighty miffed about this late touchdown and he knows this defensive slip may be something he will come to rue when the league points are counted at the end of the regular season to determine play-off berths.

Also, I have heard the franchise is conducting a review of their medical staff as there has been an inexplicably high number of deaths and injuries hurting the team's performance and morale. Do not be surprised if they advertise for a new Apothecary in the near future.

5. Grudgebearers 1 ↗

The Bearers seemed to struggle in their latest game. Their usually consistent bash game abandoned them, and this hurt their ability to convert the pain into points. After all, every Nuffle-loving Dawi knows it's easier to score when there are less opposition players on the pitch. This was only their second loss of the season, which is mighty impressive considering the past record of this team. Warms that lump of coal in my chest to see fellow Dawi performing well and giving themselves a damn fine chance of making the play-offs.

A side note from the game, Troll Slayer Olaf didn't add to his personal Kill tally – I bet those slimy little toads from the Frenchies had someone spike his pre-game ale.

4. The Flying Frenchmen 2 ↗

The Frenchies have turned the corner after their mid-season slump with a solid win over the Grudgebearers and even managed to survive unscathed as well. The offence finally got their rhythm back, with Jean-Luc Leapfrog getting the ball down field with a couple of accurate throws and Phil'Do a flip'e scoring both touchdowns. I am sure Coach Hymn is pleased to see his attack clicking again after a few games of offensive plays petering out with no reward. Another clean sheet for the Frenchies is one more sign things are on the up for the amphibians, returning to their early season form.

Let us see if Coach Hymn can keep the momentum going and set up his team for a deep run in the play-offs.

3. The Pussrots ↔

With the Rots behind by two touchdowns early in the second half the Nurglites mounted an amazing comeback to climb back over the Sewers to win the game 3-2. To score three touchdowns in a game is pretty good for a Nurgle team, but to manage three in less than a single half is absolutely astounding.

The blessings of both Nurgle and Nurgle were with the Rots as the fans invaded the pitch after the second score by the Sewers and took out several Praagites, allowing the Rots to push through for a quick score facing minimal opposition. On the next kick-off the Nurgling fondlers jumped the Sewers with a blitz play, managing to turn over the Sewers and run in another touchdown to tie the game. With the clock running down and the Sewers receiving, Coach JRamsdale dialled up another blitz play. It was a bold move and highly aggressive for a coach normally known for slowly grinding opposition teams into submission. His bold move was rewarded with his players bursting through a diminished Sewers line to scoop up the ball and romp in for the winning touchdown.

It is no wonder the Rots are top of their division and after this sort of performance I seriously doubt any of their divisional opponents will knock them off the top.

2. Emerald Dragons ↔

It's official, we are not only off the rollercoaster, we have left the theme park. The Dragons have won four games in a row and are vying for top spot in their division – Coach Whinge has finally learnt how to coach Elgi. In their latest encounter the defence went to sleep but were saved from complete embarrassment by the offence. Even though the Dragons gave up four touchdowns, they pulled out the Sir Alex Ferguson playbook and won the game by outscoring the opponent. I consider this game a slight aberration as normally the Dragons defence has not been so leaky.

The replacement thrower Silveene had another strong game and I am beginning to wonder when Nuffle will take him away from Coach Whinge and add to the dead thrower count this season. The main offensive weapon for the Dragons was Raeleith, who scored a lazy three touchdowns and even managed a completed pass.

I am sure Irieth is glad they are missing the next game as it means not facing the Tainted in the battle to decide who is the number one team in their division and the power rankings.

1. Tennessee Tainted ↔

Loss make Bruno mad! Holy Nuffle did the Tainted take out their frustrations from their shock round five loss on the poor unfortunates from RedruM. The team took to the field with murder in their cataract-clouded eyes and they proceeded to eviscerate RedruM in the most violent manner imaginable. I am amazed they even found time to gather up the ball to score once, let alone twice. The main destroyer was Ignatius Grulgor, who finished the game with two serious injuries and a kill. In a surprise turn of events, Epidemius didn't score both touchdowns, with the glory hound letting Slugtongue score the second touchdown – perhaps Epidemius wanted to join the fun of seeing who could injure the next RedruM player.

This violent display keeps the Tainted in top spot of the division as they needed the casualty difference to give them the edge over the Emerald Dragons as both teams have the same league points and touchdown difference. Next round should be a cracker as the Tainted face off against the Dragons to determine who will claim top spot in Division Clawte.

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 stinky dwarf Facebook page.

Also, everyone should be checking out WAFFL media – the most trusted source for WAFFL news and updates! Do yourself a favour and check these [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#) links.

The next Blood Bowl event here in Perth will be Bunny Bowl, put on by Perth Nerd Herd. It will be held Sunday, 22nd April 2018. Head on down and spend the day praising Nuffle and revelling in all his Glory!

Nuffle bless you all!

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ROZE-EL IS HIS PROPHET