

# WEST COAST LEAGUE

## POWER RANKINGS

### SEASON 4

### PRESEASON

Here we are again old friends, the West Coast League rises from the depths again and flops onto the beach that is season four. Only three teams have returned from season three and some fresh meat has joined the ranks. We also see the return of a once great BRAWL coach and I will be watching his progress with great interest.

The number of rookie teams is good for my schadenfreude as they are more likely to screw up and thus give me more things to point and laugh at. As for the returning teams, they are three of the most useless teams from last season and are probably deluded enough to think they have a chance against all the rookies playing this season.

The one thing that saddens me about this season is that Coach Rex won't be participating. Damn you big green Cheeto, how will I indulge my RDS (Rex Derangement Syndrome) without your insane ramblings and outlandish claims of awesomeness throughout the season.

Well that's enough of the boring preamble, feast your eyes upon the rankings!

#### **14. Dark Web Lurkers**

A returning team ranked last?! What madness is this?! Its rather simple really, this wretched band of renegades have proven themselves as nothing more than a subject of mockery and derision for the fans and the rest of the league. Team management have made all sorts of pronouncements of grand strategies and righteous fury on the field but we all know that is just code for 'we iz gonna foul lotz'. Should these sorts of pronouncements continue in the future we may have a replacement for Coach Rex in his absence. Every league needs a whipping boy and the Lurkers sublimely fulfil that role for the West Coast League.

The Lurkers have some quality players on their roster, like Kitch-Kitch and Angus, but with no reserves they are going to suffer because of their love of sinking in the sneaky boot. The referees are well aware of this team's reputation and will be looking out for such tactics. Hence the Lurkers will be regularly losing players as the refs send off the filthy foulers. Rocking around the pitch with less players is the route to defeat and hence why I think the Lurkers will finish last once again.

### 13. Nuffle Hate Group

A support group for ex-players who believe Nuffle truly hates them have decided to tempt fate once again by taking to the blood bowl pitch. This time this band of demented demon-lovers will be coached by a man who hates Nuffle with a passion so intense it could birth a Chaos god.

Nuffle embraces the hate of these poor deluded fools and I am sure he will enjoy destroying their will to live by screwing with them at every opportunity. For all the shenanigans of our glorious football deity, the Haters will manage to be less sucky than the Lurkers, for Nuffle does love to give some hope to his haters before crushing the joy from their fragile little mortal shells.



I am expecting to get many reports full of cursing and crying from Coach Clipsal as his team continually fail him and drive him further into the realms of insanity.

### 12. Praag Sewers

The team management came out with a rather bizarre press announcement during the off-season, making deranged statements about the awesome performance of the team in season three and how they have recruited amazing new players to make the team even greater and drowned in blessings of the Horned Rat.

Now looking back at season three we can all see the Praagites were pretty much destroyed and were left with only seven active players on their roster at the end of the season. But like any good blood bowl team reality is an unknown concept to these disgusting Thaggorakki and so now they look to the new season with wild optimism and grand delusion. That being said, the Sewers are probably going to manage at least one or two draws during the season as they play a few equally garbage teams during the regular season.

### 11. Pyramid Schemers

A recent opinion shared by Coach Fanglord about Coach Jinxed...



Although factually dubious, some would argue that it may in fact be true considering Coach Jinxed's failures in recent seasons with a rather capable Elgi team. My theory is that he was betrayed by the loathsome Elgi, who always managed to find new and cruel ways to fail their erstwhile coach when it mattered most.

This season we see Coach Jinxed transfer to a new franchise. A team made up of animated bone bags from the deserts of Khemri, souls cursed by the Undying King to wander the earth in search of Blood Bowl glory. The team owner, an unknown individual who many suspect to a powerful liche or perhaps some sort of gangster who dabbled in the black arts, has given Coach Jinxed his team and expects great things from this 'reputable' coach.

Sadly for Coach Jinxed, Khemri players are notoriously dreadful at anything involving the ball and getting it into the end zone. That being said, he is going into this season with eyes

wide open and is prepared for fail of monumental proportions. Although, this team will definitely scratch his bash itch – something those wretched Elgi could never achieve.

You might think I would have pushed him lower down the rankings after all that negativity, but I firmly believe the teams lower down the rankings are various degrees worse than anything Coach Jinxed and his little collection of bones might be able to manage this season.

### 10. Dead Fungus

A new coach to the league and thus an unknown quantity. The one known as Soulless Shoe sounds like he is more in need of a cobbler than anything Blood Bowl related. To make matters worse this shoe with no soul (pariah gene anyone?) decided to recruit Urks.



Although unknown I have learnt from last season and thus the Fungus will be rated a little higher as they may actually surprise everyone by being semi-competent and thus better than any of the well-known dumpster fires that call themselves blood bowl coaches.

### 9. Tribute

So, regretting that bet yet Coach Watto? Especially losing said bet to Coach Whinge (aka Coach Jinxed) – a notorious braggart and complainer of the highest order. Now I am sure we will all hear all sorts of excuses from Watto about how it happened but fundamentally he made a bet he never should have.

As a consequence of Watto's folly we have the Tribute joining us for season four. Once again Watto begins a season with a team he has no prior experience with and a team of dubious abilities. The only thing halting Watto's slide any further down the rankings is his Wayne Bennett-esque coaching ability and his apparent favouritism from Nuffle – how

else does one explain the phenomenon of being 'Watto'd'. Coach Watto has claimed the Tribute are simply making up the numbers this season but anyone who follows the West Coast League knows that this is just bluster as Coach Watto has a competitive streak a Dawi mile wide and he will squeeze everything he can from his band of psychopaths.

## 8. Kenzintun Valkireez

### *Kenzintun Valkireez*

a Bunch of  
Sad... Sad...  
Little Girls



Despite being sad little girls the Valkireez may just squeak into the play-offs as the team has a core of veterans that will help them get over the majority of the rookies they will face.

## 7. Gunners

The first of the brave Dawi to appear on this list, the Gunners have been placed in the hands of that Elgi-lover Coach Dropshort. Yes, he is an experienced coach, but I can't recall if he has any prior experience coaching the best Blood Bowl race ever. Thankfully he will most likely be saved by the rock-solid dependability of the Dawi, who will shoulder the burden carrying on despite some conceivably poor coaching decisions and maintain their honour on and off the pitch.

The Gunners have gone with a tried and true roster structure and this is only right and correct as all Dawi know that new ideas should be treated with suspicion and disdain. The team has a solid line and the key positional players are reliable and bound to fulfil their oaths, even the orange-crested mentally disturbed of the grim brotherhood.

Baring any absolute failures by their coach and so long as Nuffle is even slightly even-handed with the Gunners, this team should make the play-offs.

## 6. The Beardy Cheesits

Hmmm, did Coach Hymn have spies in the Gunners establishment? I only ask this as his team exactly mirrors the Gunners roster. I now have to wonder if Coach Hymn will be stealing plays from the Gunners as well, or will it be from the Lurkers play-book as Coach Hymn has publicly stated he intends to slip in the boot forcefully and frequently.

I know of this Coach's past escapades with Dawi teams and I am sure he should be competent enough to get some good results, although the love of fouling may hold the team back from reaching their full potential in terms of game results.

## 5. Sheffield Shufflers

Great to see Coach Talanis re-joining the Blood Bowl mainstream. He has re-acquainted himself with the dark arts and recruited necromantic horrors to fill out his playing roster. Talanis is a master of the game and his reputation is rooted in innumerable league and tournament successes. He has been shuffled down the rankings simple because he has been absent for a while and thus I believe this will be a season of blowing out the cobwebs and next season will see him rise to the top of the pecking order.

## 4. Antoch Hand Grenades

The coconut-cloppers of Antoch have prepared a team for season four and wisely appointed a giant of WA blood bowl as their coach, a certain Coach Brunificus. These Umgi are an inscrutable lot, with a weird obsession for horses and some obscure Elgi goddess.

Anyway, under the tutelage of the such a deft hand I am sure these effete Bretonians will run around or over the top of the poor-quality opposition that makes up their division. Seriously, look at Group Grulgor and tell me which of those teams are even remotely a threat to decent coach with a passable starting squad, excluding the BlueBloodz of course.

Sir Robin the Less Brave in action at OTAs.



## 3. BlueBloodz

Urk law enforcement? Really, the Urks have police forces?! I was so surprised when I saw the details of this team I almost lost interest in my ale and had it stolen by a halfling -

don't worry dear reader, I caught the little sod before he could lay a pudgy little finger on my tankard.

Coach DaBlackSkull is known as a very capable Urk coach and the greenskins are well suited to his brutal play style. I imagine the BlueBloodz will probably top their division considering the 'quality' of many of their divisional rivals and will also be looking to bludgeon their way past the two teams above them in the Power Rankings.

## 2. Hellmouth Demons

Our most recent champion is back with a new team of degenerate dawis and their greenskin flunkies. The Demons will be a force to be reckoned with and if not for the return of Coach Fanglord and his Elgi the Demons would have been at the top of the rankings.

This team will batter all-comers and the team that will truly test them will be the Heroes as the two teams tussle for the top spot in their division. Do not be surprised if the Demons not only rack up the casualties but also compete with the other teams for the most touchdowns title. I say this because Coach JRamsdale managed to score plenty of touchdowns last season with a Nurgle team, that's right he could get three touchdowns in a game with the slow plodders of Papa Nurgle.

You have all been warned – take this team lightly at your own peril.

## 1. Greatest Kymerean Heroes

With the questionable quality of the three returning coaches and their teams, it was only right a rookie tier one team in the hands of one of the most successful WAFFL coaches should be placed on the top of the pedestal. With this I have now cursed them, after all we all remember what happened to DKOK after they were placed atop the pre-season power rankings in season three.

The Heroes have taken a novel approach to recruiting their inaugural roster with some decidedly pointed decisions involved in the signing up of two members of the Khainite assassin guild. Interesting the other group of Khainite followers, the witch-elves, were not enticed to join the team but we shall see if that changes as the season progresses. Perhaps the bitch-elves will join once the Heroes prove themselves suitably murderous. The one glaring liability in the team is the fact Coach Fanglord has opted to commence this rookie season with a single reroll. Like many foolish souls before him I am sure Coach Fanglord will rue his choice in the early stages of the season.

Despite the handicap of a single reroll, I am confident the Heroes and their Coach can still manufacture enough touchdowns to see them finish atop their division and secure the top spot in the Power Rankings.

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.

Just a quick note to everyone reading this that the next Blood Bowl event in Perth is Winter Bowl at the Perth Nerd Herd. Get your tardy asses there and join us in the worship the one true god, Nuffle!

*Nuffle bless you all!*

## the stinky dwarf

# NIFFLE VIOLET

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

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