

WEST COAST LEAGUE

POWER RANKINGS

SEASON 4 ROUND 1

Blood was spilled, screaming fans filled the stands, and beer flowed! So did Nuffle bless the beginning of Season Four of the West Coast League!

The opening couple of games saw some dominant wins and then the rest of the round petered out to more typical results and less salty tears. Nuffle seems to have adopted a new motto for the season – He Came, He Saw, He Crapped On. The Nuffle beat stick was liberally applied to several teams and there were quite a few coaches' mugs filled with tears. One coach even cried to me via some arcane communication device as his game was in progress. Some people just can't stop their eyes leaking when they receive some loving from Nuffle, they should know by now Nuffle likes it rough.

So much for the dreary introduction, on to the rankings!

14. Dark Web Lurkers [-]

So, the Lurkers started their season the same as they ended season three, with a 3-0 loss to the Valkireez. Reports from the game indicate the big guys proved a real liability as they seemed to take turns forgetting why they were on this strange green square with lots of strangers screaming incoherently. When you think about it, you can understand why the mental midgets are so easily confused with all the noise and motion that occurs during a game of Blood Bowl. Anyway, the general incompetence of the rest of the team made sure their opponents didn't even break a sweat as they scampered for the end zone. It is going to be a long slow grind for Coach Ratt this season.

13. Nuffle Hate Group [-]

Coach Clipsal decided to tempt fate during the game by giving the ball to Team Member #1 (the big hairy cow) after a touch back. Nuffle promptly touched the mind of #1, resulting in a monumental bout of muddle striking down the predatory bovine and leaving it standing midfield staring blankly at the strange object in its hand. I think this sufficiently sums up the general performance of NHG during this game, all fail and no bliss.

I am convinced Nuffle will be going in dry every game of the season, so I have a recommendation for Coach Clipsal...



12. Sheffield Shufflers [-7]

First game back in a WAFFL league and Coach Talanis didn't even bother to show up. Why did he not show up? Let us speculate:

- He suffered temporary memory loss and forgot the resurrection spells to get his team to the game;
- The werewolf ate the only copy of the playbook;
- Some local vampire vixen had ensnared him with her captivating gaze and he was only able to escape after the game time passed;
- The black coach broke down in the middle of nowhere;
- The werewolf buried the thigh bones of several players and it took forever to dig them back up again; OR
- Coach Talanis had read the pre-season power rankings and was so intimidated by the prospect of facing the number 1 ranked team that he dare not come out of whatever rodent excrement-filled hovel he amusingly calls home.

11. Gunners [-4]

The only reason I didn't punish my fellow Dawi with a lower ranking is that they lost to another Dawi team – the only acceptable loss for any Dawi team. Although, like any respectable Dawi I am very suspicious of any Dawi team that resorts to throwing the ball, as you will note in the game record the team successfully completed a pass. A close eye will have to be kept on these lads, otherwise they will be given a one-way ticket to the Temple of Grimnir for some hair colouring and removal.

Let us all bow our heads for the passing of Olaf, may he find rest in the halls of his ancestors and never again suffer a parched throat for want of an ale.

10. Antoch Hand Grenades [-6]

At the post-game press conference Coach Brunificus was stoic for the first few questions from the reporters but then he was asked about any possible interference from Nuffle. At this point the normally well-mannered coach exploded into a tirade that was not only full

of words small children and cultured young ladies should never hear but included words from languages I never knew existed.

It took a little while to research some of the languages he used, and I must compliment the coach of the Grenades on his imaginative use of insults. Although, such a tirade against our lord Nuffle may not be wise as we all know Nuffle is a malicious entity and will find a way to punish the Grenades for the indiscretions of their Coach.

9. Hellmouth Demons [-7]

The Demons were demonic in the amount of punishment they administered to the Sewers, yet they were embarrassed on the scoreboard. The sinister Dawi seemed to be too focused on pounding the Thagorakki and less interested in moving the ball to the target part of the pitch. Coach JRamsdale will need to get his players focused on the part of the game that wins the game, i.e. carry the ball into the end zone, if there is any hope of this team meeting the high expectations I have for them.

8. Dead Fungus [+2]

Our newest member of the coaching ranks had a tough break against Tribute. After managing to hold Coach Watto to a draw in regular time and then winning the coin toss in over-time, the Fungus then proceeded to lose the ball. This gave their opponents the initiative and most importantly the ball. Despite some desperate defence, the Fungus were unable to hold out until the end of over-time to hold onto that draw.

The main weapon of the Fungus was ZOGBALL, who was outstanding on both sides of the ball and will be an Urk to keep an eye on. I imagine his jersey number will be the top seller among the fans this week.

7. Pyramid Schemers [+4]

Hmmm I wonder what Coach Jinxed will find to whinge about this time. His team had an unexpected victory and it got a nice bump up the power rankings, but I am sure Coach Whinge won't fail us and will most likely complain loudly about how his team could have had a bigger win, it should be higher up the rankings or the fact Hourph was broken beyond the powers of the team necromancer to repair. The one thing he can't complain about is his team bringing the hurt to the soft flesh-bags of Antoch.

There was little expectation from this match as everyone who has an ounce of Blood Bowl nous knows that Khemri teams are ranked amongst the worst of teams to play the game. Imagine everyone's surprise when the Schemers managed to beat a team coached by the deft hand of Coach Brunificus, although I am led to believe this may have had more to do with the Grenades being cursed by our favourite fluffy-bearded deity than any skill or tactical ability of the Schemers and their coach.

6. Tribute [+3]

The Tribute got it done in overtime. Coach Watto has shown once again that no matter how twisted the tool he is given, he will find a way to win – this ability is particularly infuriating for the rest of the league! I know not which god owns his soul, but it can only be divine influence that sees a single coach consecrated with so much good fortune.

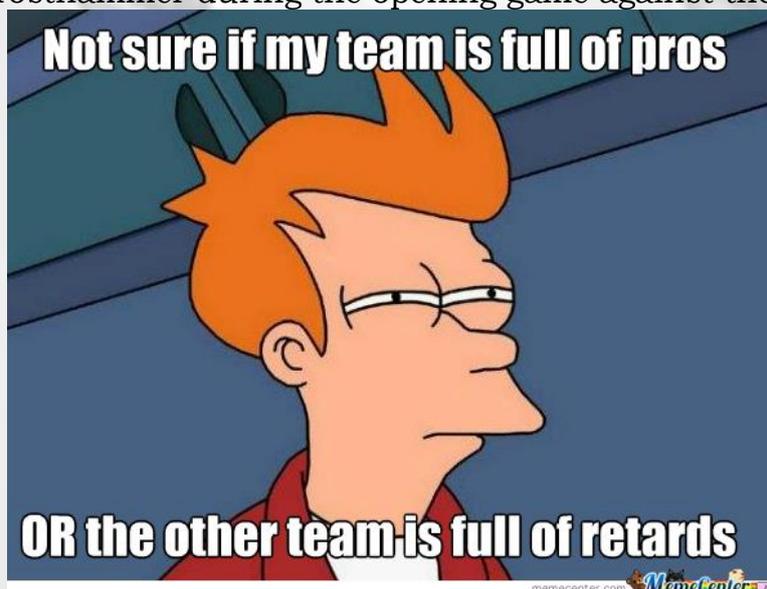
The Khornites lost the battle of the bash, with Nay unavailable for Round 2, but luckily for the Tribute their dark god cares not where the blood comes from. I am expecting better

from these blood-soaked savages in future games, in particular the monstrosity they call Shiny Demon. The brute is bound to rack up the casualties when he whip-cracks with his whippy tail.

5. Kenzintun Valkireez [+3]

The forces of Kenzintun stormed into the new season with a strong win over the Lurkers. Before the fans get too excited and start the 'we iz gonna win da trophy this season' chatter, lets all remember the quality of the opposition the Valkireez faced and the fact the forces barely broke a sweat all game such was the incompetence of their adversaries. The fans can enjoy the win but best not get too excited as we all know Coach Frosthhammer has the intelligence of a lobotomised snotling and is bound to find new and interesting ways to screw it all up.

Coach Frosthhammer during the opening game against the Lurkers.



4. The Beardy Cheesits [+2]

The Cheesits toughed out a solid win against their fellow Dawi, not only dominating the scoreboard but playing with a physicality their opponents struggled to handle. The two best Cheesits, Camembert and Brie, got on the scoreboard with a touchdown each, whilst the smelly Cheesits, Parmesan and Jarlsberg, pounded the opposition with their foul odours and their large round fists.

There was much hype in the media during the off-season about this team's dirty tactics but the game reports I have read make no mention of any such shenanigans, so I guess it was all just fake news as Coach Rex would say.

3. Praag Sewers [+9]

The Pride cometh before the fall. This was a strong start from the Praagites, but we all know this team will now proceed to choke and slide into Blood bowl oblivion once again. I hope they enjoy their little moment at the top end of town because it will not last very long.

The roster losses have already started, with Mk II. Kill me Softly scrubbed from the roster after being not so softly torn apart by the opposition. The team will also be missing Hittuk

in the next game, but the medical staff have reported that the little Thagorakki should be back for round three.

2. BlueBloodz [+1]

To be honest I am a little disappointed in the law enforcement Urks. I have bumped them up in the rankings as I feel they have a steady winning season ahead of them, but they faced the Nuffle Hate Group and could only manage a measly two nil win. Coach DaBlackSkull should have been able to get his players to bury NHG after Nuffle rogered the lickspittles of the Ruinous Powers. I must wonder if this wily coach is holding his team back to save the best for tougher opposition or are they perhaps cursed to play to the quality of their opposition.

1. Greatest Kymerican Heroes [-]

Coach Fanglord was mighty displeased when the Shufflers failed to appear at the stadium at the appointed time. Once it was known the opposition wasn't going to show, the team quickly boarded their black ark and returned to whatever depravity lie beneath its decks. There was no coaching press conference and Coach Fanglord has reportedly promised exquisite tortures for Coach Talanis to extract some measure of vengeance for such an insult.

Dare you argue with the rankings? Do you think this old drunk has lost his mind? If you're brave to enough to bear the stench then feel free to discuss your opinion and then I will explain to you why your questionable heritage makes your opinion less valued than what was in the toilet bowl after my post grog bog this morning.

By the way, anyone else missing the big green Cheeto? I need a fix of ludicrous that only Coach Rex can provide. He has promised to return next season and he will be held to this promise, even if I must stake his big green clodhoppers to the pitch.

Nuffle bless you all!

the stinky dwarf

NUFFLE VILLET

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

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