

WEST COAST LEAGUE

POWER RANKINGS

SEASON 4 ROUND 3

The rollercoaster has left the station kids, with the Praag Sewers and Kenzintun Valkireez onboard. We finally have our rollercoaster candidates for the season and we shall be sure to track their progress around the ride. Nuffle must be displeased with this round after four of the seven games resulted in draws – the lack of intestinal fortitude shown by coaches who were unwilling to play overtime will be marked in Nuffle's ledger and accounts will be settled at a future date.

Enough of vague ominous threats of divine retribution, it's time for the rankings!

14. Gunners [-2]

Streak: L L L

Rankings History: 7 - 11 - 12

Seriously, what is it with this gang of Dawi and their unholy love of passing! When will Coach Dropshort realise that Nuffle will continue to punish him with losses until he gives up the ridiculous notion that Dawi teams are meant to have a passing game. There are only three ways Dawi teams move the ball down the field and they are run, run and run again. If the Gunners persist with the passing insanity I will continue to keep them near the bottom of the rankings – embrace your Dawi-ness young Gunners or suffer the wrath of His Stinkiness!

On a more sombre note, the personal shame of a Dawi was expunged when Derzilli was killed by one of the Praagites. Even though the blemish against the honour of Dawi kind has been removed, the Thagorakki known as Hittuk has been written into the team's Dammaz Kron.

13. Hellmouth Demons [+1]

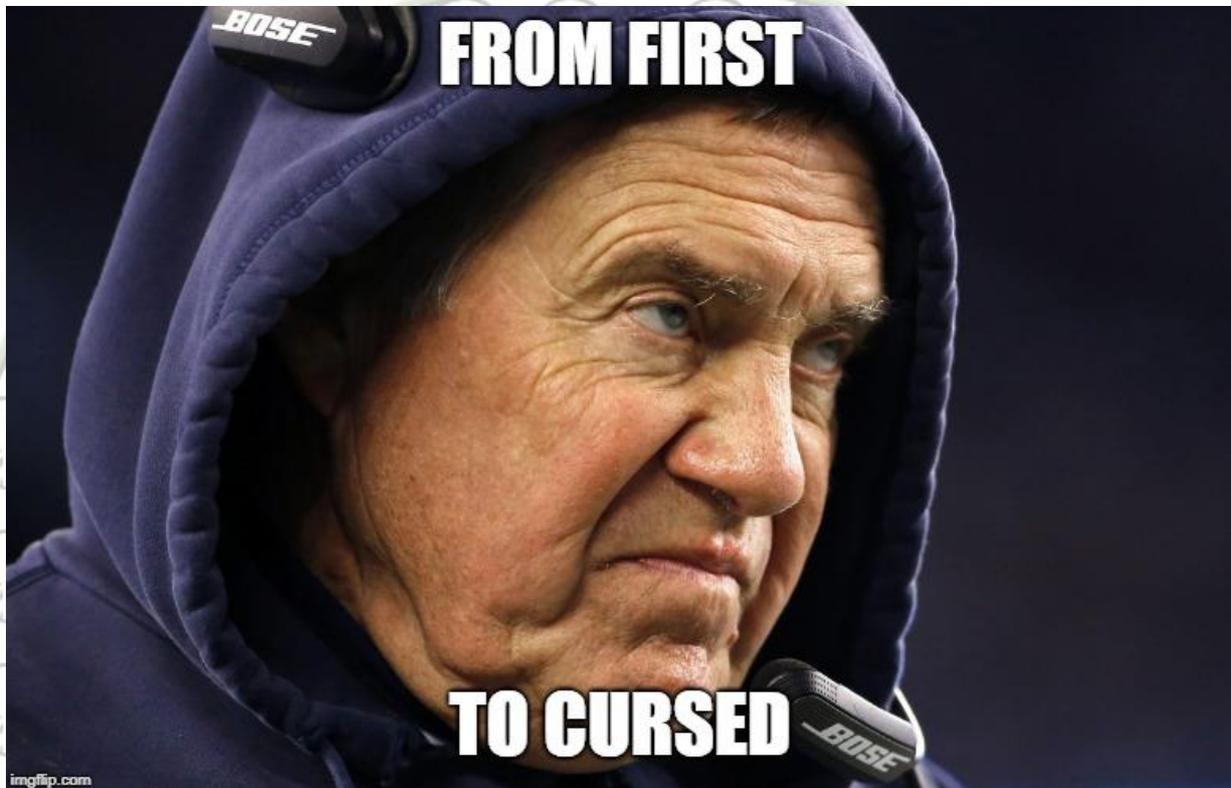
Streak: L L D

Rankings History: 2 - 9 - 14

The Demons got smacked in the mouth damn hard by the Lurkers. It definitely seems like being a stand-in for this team is a death sentence as both journey-corpses were dragged off the pitch and dumped on the heap. No doubt the team sold their corpses to one of the

local necrophiliacs for a little extra cash – plus the team saved some money on playing fees that no longer have to be paid.

Despite the mouth smacking, the Demons still managed to keep themselves in the game and hold out for a draw. The Judge proved to be the key offensive player, running in both of the Demon’s touchdowns. The Demons are seriously disappointing their fans and myself as we all expected much better from Coach JRamsdale and his new team. Perhaps he is suffering the curse of winning the title in Season 3.



12. Nuffle Hate Group [+1]

Streak: L L D

Rankings History: 13 – 13 – 13

Hmmm, I am very sceptical, and Coach Clipsal should be as well. Nuffle was suspiciously kind to the Hate Group and this can only bode ill for the most spiteful loathers of the God of Blood Bowl. The Haters managed to score, complete passes and hurt an opposition player all in the same game – very weird I know! Coach Clipsal hasn’t seen this sort of luck for many seasons and I caution him on becoming too optimistic that his luck has finally turned. Obviously Nuffle is building him up only to tear him down once again and to even lower depths.

You have been warned Clipsal – remember that Nuffle hates you and the mad god should never be trusted!

11. Dark Web Lurkers [-]

Streak: L D D

Rankings History: 14 – 14 – 11

The big guys came through for the Lurkers!



Yes, that is correct. The reliably unreliable monsters on the Lurkers roster followed the instructions of the coaching staff and executed to such a degree that several Lurkers fans had to receive medical attention such was their shock. In this game Angus and Spider went through the Demons like two witless, fetid-breathed, juiced-up wrecking balls! The troll and the minotaur racked up three casualties each, although Angus “Brutus Beefcake” prematurely terminated the contracts of two of the Demons journeymen, proving he was the more lethal brute.

Despite all the carnage inflicted upon the opposition, the Lurkers were still unable to secure the win when facing diminishing numbers. Coach Ratt must have mixed feeling about this performance as his team played some high-level smash-mouth football but were unable to finish the job when they had every advantage. I guess they are so used to losing that the concept of winning is still a nebulous, elusive concept. Let’s see if the Lurkers can learn how to win by the end of the season.

10. The Beardy Cheesits [-3]

Streak: W L L

Rankings History: 6 – 4 - 7

Throw the ball and Nuffle will punish you! It seems the Cheesits have not learnt from the lesson provided by the Gunners and took to tossing the squigskin around like they were the thrice-cursed Elgi. The Cheesits held strong for most of the game and managed to hold the Valkireez to a draw in regulation time. The passing game did result in breaking open the opposition defence and Brie ducking through some defenders for the opening score. The propensity for hurling the ball also helped stall the Valkireez second half drive when the Cheesits threw the rock deep into the Valkireez back field and forcing the forcs to back pedal to recover the ball and thus put them out of range of forcing the win late in the game.

Overtime started well for the Cheesits with them receiving the ball and a lineforc injured with the opening hit of extra time. This momentum quickly dissipated as the forcs rushed the Cheesit line, taking out two of the Dawi and using the sudden numbers advantage to turn over the ball. The final insult to injury was the forc ball carrier feasting on some Camembert, abruptly reducing the Dawi’s lifespan to naught, before running in the winning score.

It should be noted that the Cheesits contracted Flint Churnblade and his chainsaw for the game, although I suggest this will be the only time this happens in the history of the Cheesits. Flint managed to stun himself twice in the first half and then when he finally was able to apply his chainsaw to a forc it did nothing. In the second half the 'star' player was on the field for mere moments after being sent off for fouling – yes, the fiendish act resulted in a forc being stretchered off the field but I am sure Coach Hymn was feeling cheated after not only paying Flint's fee but also paying the officials off to allow the bearded loon back onto the field in the second half.

9. Sheffield Shufflers [+1]

Streak: L W D

Rankings History: 5 – 12 - 10

It is with great sadness that our favourite puppet has left the theatre of life.



The RSPCA has been contacted to investigate this act of animal cruelty. Snagaskul will be brought to justice!

As for the rest of the Shufflers, they scratched out a draw against the Fungus, with Animal being a good little, umm whatever Animal is, by running the ball into the end zone twice. The rest of the Shufflers managed to do bupkis, much to the frustration of their coach. After their win in the last game many thought the Shufflers had finally untangled their strings and got moving in the right directions, but it seems the optimism was somewhat hasty. Yes, the Shufflers got a bump in the rankings but that is more to do with the performance of other teams than their own – being almost mediocre still makes you better than the dumpster fire teams further down the list.

8. Antoch Hand Grenades [+1]

Streak: L W D

Rankings History: 4 – 10 - 9

The Grenades are proving a disappointment to not only myself and the fans, but also their poor mothers as well. A storied coach leading a 'talented' bunch of Umgi failed to beat the whipping boys of the league, the Nuffle Hate Group, but were saved from being completely

embarrassed by salvaging a draw. I wonder if the Grenades were the unwitting victims of Nuffle's latest sick game involving the Hate Group and thus this game was merely an aberration.

I am sure the fans are saddened by the fact that Rodger the Shrubber will no longer be arranging, designing and selling his shrubberies between games after he was brutally cut down like an unruly hedge by a member of the Hate Group. It is a grim time when even a humble shrubber cannot ply his trade without violent psychopaths stomping through the carefully designed and arranged shrubberies.

7. Dead Fungus [+1]

Streak: L W D

Rankings History: 10 - 8 - 8

The Fungoids are blowing hot and cold, with a low effort draw against the puppets from Sheffield. A bit of focus and consistency will definitely help this team but being a bag of roided up mushrooms doesn't give me much hope of such things happening. Although, the Fungus have already shown that even with their patchy focus when it come to play execution, the big lugs can hold their own against any team on game day and don't embarrass their coaching staff and owners.

6. Pyramid Schemers [-3]

Streak: W W L

Rankings History: 11 - 7 - 3

It was all going so well. Perhaps the incredulity of winning both opening games started to turn into a belief in the team by Coach Jinxed and thus Nuffle struck him down for his burgeoning hubris. I guess Nuffle was disturbed by the lack of whinging from our resident cry-baby so decided it was time for Coach Jinxed to have something to cry about once again.



It all went wrong for the Schemers in this game – they couldn't hurt the opposition; their surprisingly successful passing game completely abandoned the team, including them giving up the first interception of the season; and even picking up the ball in the mud pile that was allegedly the pitch proved an almost insurmountable task for the fleshless.

The real test will come in the next round when we all get to see if the Schemers can pick themselves back up again and get back in the winning circle.

5. Praag Sewers [+1]

Streak: W L W

Rankings History: 12 – 3 – 6

The Sewers have officially boarded the West Coast League roller coaster. They have managed to go from win to loss and back to winning in Round Three. It seems we can't go a season without the roller coaster being brought out of the sheds and its power system kicked into motion once again.



The Praagites managed to put away the Gunners and even managed to keep the injury count close. Hittuk had a good come back game after missing last round and gave the fans something to cheer about when his oddly shaped hand, I was later informed it had mutated into a claw, gave the old chop-chop to Derzilli, one of the Gunners' slayers. Although this rare highlight from the Sewers delighted the fans, the flip side of the injury coin was more of the same for the Thagorakki. One player, Crokneel, is now fodder for the local necromancer, and another player will be missing the next game, undoing all that good recruiting work from earlier in the week to fill out the roster.

The latest death saw another of the Sewers originals violently removed from the team. There are concerns being raised within the organisation about the mortality rate among the veteran core of the playing group and how it may impact the post season, should the team make it that far.

4. Kenzintun Valkireez [+1]

Streak: W L W

Rankings History: 8 – 5 - 5

The Valkireez struggled for most of the game to even compete with the rookie Dawi of the Cheesits. The veteran forces seemed to struggle to grasp the concept of blocking and if it wasn't for some luck, particularly in the first half, the game could have been out of reach of the girls from Kenzintun before the ref put the whistle to his lips to signal the end of the first half.

The second half was a proper tussle, with momentum swinging back and forth. All the effort in the second half proved fruitless and the with the scoreboard showing 1-1 the coaches agreed to overtime. Extra time started poorly for the Valkireez with a lineforce requiring medical attention on the sidelines. The Dawi began to push in the defensive line and then Nuffle smiled on the forces. After a quick succession of injuries, the momentum swung in favour of the Valkireez and the ladies turned over the Cheesits. The final act of the game was Agnat despatching Camembert before carrying the ball into the end zone to secure the win.

Coach Frosthhammer must have some apprehensions about his team struggling to put away a rookie team. The defensive struggles for most of the game is sure to lead to extra sessions on the training paddock for the defensive unit. On the offensive side of the ball there were more positive signs. When the Valkireez received the ball with very little time left on the clock in the first half they were able to execute their game plan and score despite the best efforts of their opposition. With the last two games against rookie teams being such a struggle for the Valkireez, this could be season of struggle for the forces and their wretched coach.

3. Tribute [-1]

Streak: W W D

Rankings History: 9 – 6 - 2

Khorne was pleased with the tribute of blood, although the score line wasn't so inspiring from his devotees. The Tribute enthusiastically embraced the creed of their god and this piety offended Nuffle. Annoyed with not receiving his due worship, Nuffle decided to toy with the Khornites by denying them victory that was easily within reach of their bloody paws.

Coach Watto tried to convince everyone that it was all within the game plan, but I have strong doubts that he would play conservatively to avoid any chance of losing when he had a numbers advantage and could have pushed for the win without too great a risk. Let's see if this temerity was a momentary lapse or has Coach Watto forsaken his boldness!

2. BlueBloodz [+2]

Streak: W D W

Rankings History: 3 – 2 - 4

In a fine display of police brutality, the BlueBloodz ended the Schemers winning streak with the application of 'justified' excessive force. The game became a grindfest after there was a sprinkler malfunction during the game – bloody typical shoddy Urk workmanship! I am not sure how much the fans would have enjoyed watching blue Urks and bone bags

wrestling in the mud in the vain attempt of getting the ball into the end zone, but there was plenty of violence, so I guess they got their golds worth.

The main enforcer for the Bloodz was Officer Kravid Rayzor, who would undoubtedly be up for investigation for misuse of a police truncheon if this had occurred outside the bounds of the blood bowl pitch. Rayzor was responsible for the eternal retirement of Toulran, whose magical bindings were incapable of resisting the repeated blunt force trauma applied by the enraged blue fungoid.



Just a quick note that the Bloodz finally popped the season's interception cherry after Axeface Koely pulled in a poor throw by the Schemers. The Bloodz are performing as expected and are most likely to finish at the top of their division by the end of the season.

★ ★ ★ *Did you know...*

In the history of the WAFFL and the West Coast League, the team with the longest touchdown dry spell were the Grudgebearers. This Dawi team managed to go the entirety of West Coast League Season Two without scoring a single touchdown. Their obsession with violently rearranging their opposition into small, neatly stacked piles of offal and flesh often saw the ball ignored to the detriment of their coach's mental stability. Fortunately for their coach and their hapless fans, the Grudgebearers finally ended the dry spell in the Season Three.

1. Greatest Kymerican Heroes [-]

Streak: W W D

Rankings History: 1 - 1 - 1

It was an ugly start for the Heroes and he who coined the phrase "being Watto'd" seemed on the verge of a good old-fashioned Wattoing. Luckily for the Heroes Nuffle decided it wasn't to be so. Nuffle used his mysterious powers to touch the mind of Coach Watto, convincing him that Khorne demanded more blood. Thus, did Coach Watto opt for the spilling of more blood instead of scoring swiftly at the end of the first half to take the lead and in taking that bloody option Nuffle cursed his dice with failure, denying the Tribute the almost assured touchdown.

Even though outnumbered in the second half, the Heroes were the first to cross into the end zone, moving the ball quickly down field as Heroes players were continually battered

by the Tribute. Coach Fanglord was unable to get his defence to hold out the Tribute as less and less players were able to stay on their feet and the inevitable happened – the pasty emo Elgi folded like a card table and let the Tribute sneak away with the draw.

The Club Count

Total number of games played at the three supported clubs so far this season.

I'd Crit That - 8

KRAGS - 3

Perth Nerd Herd - 4

So, we have Round Three completed and locked away for the benefit of society. It was a round of disappointment as there were far too many draws – the fans want a deciding result, not stalemates. I am sure the Commissioners will be looking to enforce overtime in future seasons to avoid the humiliation of so many draws. So coaches, the next time you are offered the chance of overtime, the only answer is an emphatic YES!

Nuffle bless you all!

the stinky dwarf

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BOZE-EL IS HIS PROPHET**

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