

**ISSUE 01**

# **SPORK!**

**THE FANTASY FOOTBALL ZINE**

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**NEW SEASON PREVIEW**

# WELCOME TO SPORK!

ISSUE 01

## GREETINGS, SPORTS FANS!

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST EVER ISSUE OF SPORK!, THE ONLY ZINE DEDICATED TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST SPORT: BLOOD BOWL.**

You join us just as the inaugural Southampton Blood Bowl League (SO:BBL) is about to get underway - we have seven teams who are all jostling to break skulls and claim victory. Once every team has played every team, the top two in the table will play each other for the final spoils.

The rosters have all been submitted to the League Commissioner, so let's have a quick recap of the league rules:

Standard BB2020 League Rules, except:

- + 20,000 GP base post-match income per team
- + 5 post-match SPP per team; to be divided between two capped players as 3SPP and 2SPP increments
- + Wildly Inaccurate Passes are just Inaccurate

We'll be checking in with all of the teams as the season progresses over the next three months: Snotling bookmakers are already giving favourable odds on the **Cromwell Corpsegrinders**, the **Bashful Binfires** and the **Synth Valley Renegades** as the top contenders for this season, but could we see a dark horse emerge from the pack? Only time will tell!

Anyway, we hope you enjoy the first issue of this little homebrew zine. Until next time, merry blitzing!

- Viola Scuttlebutt (Editor)

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# THE RUMOUR MILL

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We've heard rumours that the Thorsá Blood Eagles have been preparing their pitch with a Draugr-summoning ward. Will it help them succeed in their first full season of BB?

Before the season has even started, rumours have been circulating that the goblin referees are secretly plotting to favour teams who offer the most cheese-based snacks... early fingers are being pointed at the Skaven of P.O.S., but is it all just a conspiracy to cause unrest among the more lactose-intolerant teams? That's for the fans to decide!

The new coach of the Cromwell Corpse Grinders was less than impressed by their starting roster of players: "[It's] gruesome: even the compromises have compromises." - Yep, it's two werewolves and a bunch of dog shit for you, my f(r)iend...

The **Bashful Binfires** team released a teaser for their half-time show package this week: fans can expect leaf-blowing, treehouse-building and cheerleader archery to keep them entertained whilst the players recuperate... Wow!

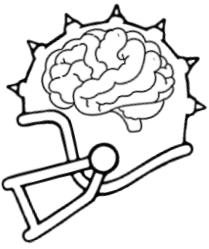


The **Terrible Lizards'** coach gave an exclusive interview to our fashion correspondent Betsy Crockpot at the team's recent preseason press conference: *"We'd have more in our Treasury if we spent less on our team kit..."* But will the Lizardmen perform this season, or will all that Gold weigh them down? Find out in a few weeks' time!

Meanwhile, the Synth Valley Renegades have us asking: is pink this season's 'in' colour? We don't know, but we aren't arguing with Orcs!

GOSSIP

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# BRAIN BOWL

PUT THOSE (REMAINING) BRAIN CELLS TO THE TEST

## KHORNE CROSSWORD

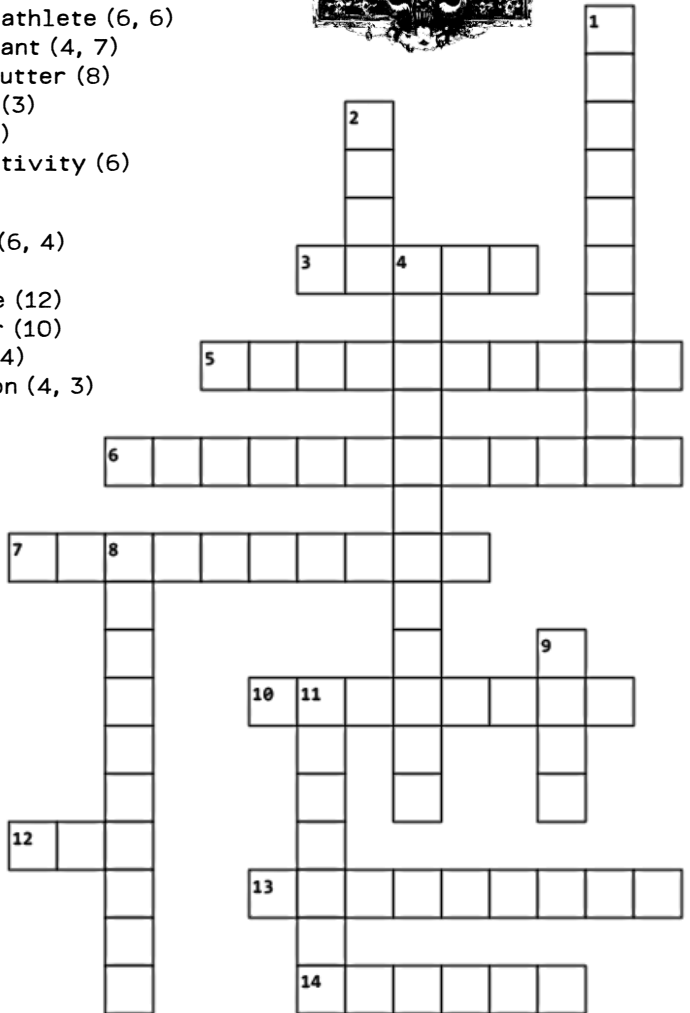
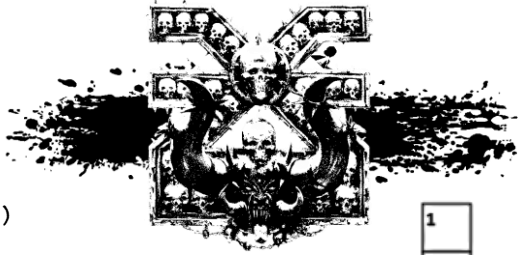
### ACROSS

3. Sudden, intense attack (5)
5. Powerful strike (6, 4)
6. Rainwater channel athlete (6, 6)
7. Celestial participant (4, 7)
10. Motorised timber cutter (8)
12. Gouged Eye player (3)
13. Contact the rear (9)
14. State of frantic activity (6)

### DOWN

1. Grapple with area (6, 4)
2. Disgusting (4)
4. Preventive capture (12)
8. Medicinal supplier (10)
9. Animal enclosure (4)
11. Transfer possession (4, 3)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8



# MATCH REPORT

03/02/2024

Terrible Lizards 2 - 0 Nuln City FC

## TERRIBLE LIZARDS CRUSH IRONCLADS IN PRE-SEASON (UN)FRIENDLY

The Ironclads took the early advantage, stunning the opponent's Kroxigor soon after kick-off, claiming the ball and constructing something of a cage around it; albeit a fairly brick-like one. Sadly, the team were unable to capitalise on it and a plucky Skink soon robbed them of the ball: the remainder of the first half was mostly typified by a series of brawls on or around the line of scrimmage with no clear victor emerging.



THE TEAMS TUSSELE AT THE OPENING KICK-OFF

Late in the half, Otto Schädelbrecher stole the ball and made a break towards the Terrible Lizards' endzone: the Ironclad section of crowd went wild, believing that the Noble Blitzter was home free, but the Terrible Lizards' Skinks and Sauruses pulled out all the stops (risking a trip or worse) in order to reach him and secure the tackle. By half-time, Terrible Lizards had managed to inflict four game-ending injuries on Ironclad players (Willi Flascher, Detlef von Sturm, Gundolf Lichtenfels and Hermann Grimevögel) with only one Skink casualty to show for it. As such, the Ironclads buckled up for a tough conclusion to the game.



NOBLE BLITZTER #9 IS ROBBED OF THE BALL

When the second-half kicked off, the Terrible Lizards' Skink contingent received the ball and proceeded to charge towards the Ironclads' endzone: a process made all the easier once Ironclad Franz Umlaut had become badly hurt and departed the field. Becoming downspirited, the Ironclads descended into rebellion: Heidi Bierflasche made an attempt to foul a downed Kroxigor but was spotted and immediately sent off by the referee. With a considerably reduced Ironclad defence, Terrible Lizards capitalised again, taking the match to 2-0 and effectively securing the victory.

With a heavy rivalry already built between the teams, this will present an exciting fixture when this match-up arises during the regular season.

**MATCH REPORTER: VIOLA SCUTTLEBUTT**

**MATCH REPORT**



# MATCH REPORT

03/02/2024

Synth Valley Renegades 1 - 1 P.O.S.



**EARLY-GAME ACTION ON THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE**

## **ALL SQUARE IN THIS HOTLY CONTESTED BLACK ORC - SKAVEN MATCHUP**

Following kick-off by the Renegades, P.O.S. embarked on an eventful opening drive as Gutter Runner Snipz retrieves the ball and darts around the back line, shielded by a legion of Linerats and Storm Vermin standing firm in the face of the opposition. The Black Orcs come out swinging, punching multiple players to the ground and seizing a large hole in the scrimmage formation; including Big Bite the Rat Ogre who is removed from play with a serious injury and some

light whisker bruising. The plucky Skaven held them off sufficiently to force an opening and, once free, the ball-carrier sprinted down the left wing with a clawful of Goblins in hot pursuit. Eventually caught by the ensuing Goblins and robbed of possession, the ball bounced up the pitch only to be picked up by the other Gutter Runner, who barrelled over the line for the first touchdown of the game. A short Black Orc drive follows the restart, before the half-time whistle is blown.

As the Skaven kick-off the second half, Big Bite stumbled back onto the pitch ready for round two but, with P.O.S missing three Linerats due to knockouts, the team were looking somewhat worse for wear. Despite being one goal down, the Renegades were able to substitute their one KO'd Goblin with their reserve in order to sport a full lineup for the second half.

To counter the impending Orc onslaught, Big Bite immediately began to deal out damage; spending most of the second half in a scuffle with a couple of Black Orcs, with blows exchanged back and forth. After collecting the ball, the Goblins formed a tight cage with support from their teammates and slowly began progressing towards the P.O.S.' endzone. The Skaven team does its best to slow them down and get in the way, but the strength of the Black Orcs eventually pushes through, helped by a couple more casualties inflicted on the fragile rats. A break allows a Goblin to race across the line, score a touchdown and secure a tight draw between the two teams.



**SKITTERING TO THE BLACK ORCS' ENDZONE**



**MATCH REPORT**

**MATCH REPORTER: PETER BOORMAN**



# INTRODUCING...

Each issue, we profile one of the league's top teams. This time, it's the turn of:

# THE SYNTH VALLEY RENEGADES

**THEY SAY A LIGHTNING BOLT STRUCK THE VALLEY, AND A SET OF MYSTERIOUS RELICS APPEARED: A NEON MACHINE THAT PLAYED INTENSE SYNTH POP METAL AND A TOME OF BRIGHTLY-COLOURED DRAWINGS TELLING TALES OF THE FUTURE. ORCS WERE DRAWN IN FROM ALL AROUND BY THE PULSATING BEATS AND PROMISE OF ECSTASY.**

A tribe formed, that of the Synth Valley, hell-bent on terrifying their enemy with obnoxious colour and a pounding rhythm: one that would fill the orcs with bloodlust and their enemies with the itch to dance. To quench their bloodlust, a small band of the tribe turned to sport - in particular, the brutal game of Blood Bowl - sporting the bright colours of the valley whilst their fans stamp out the teams' intoxicating theme music.

The Renegades are headed up by The Doof; a crazed Black Orc who will just as easily stamp you under their dancing clohoppers as they would punch you square in the face. The Chief is supported by Black Orc brethren Nux, Toecutter, Toast, Slit and 347: with so many bruisers on their front line, this is not a team to be messed with. Also underfoot are the Goblin half of the team: Dibble Munt, Munge, Spewtum, Fudd Dunker, Guffpap and Boggy B., sporting sharp teeth, quick feet and hidden daggers...they'll tear out your tendons when you aren't paying attention!



## CURRENT FIRST XI

#	NAME	POSITION
1	The Doof	Black Orc
2	Slit	Black Orc
3	Toecutter	Black Orc
4	Nux	Black Orc
5	347	Black Orc
6	Toast	Black Orc
7	Diddle Munt	Goblin Bruiser
8	Munge	Goblin Bruiser
9	Spewtum	Goblin Bruiser
10	Fudd Dunker	Goblin Bruiser
11	Guffpap	Goblin Bruiser

**COACH:** Peter Boorman

# LEAGUE STANDINGS

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SO:BBL - CENTRAL CONFERENCE

	CLUB	PTS	P	W	D	L	TDF	TDA	CAS
1	BASHFUL BINFIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	CROMWELL CORPSE GRINDERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	NULN CITY IRONCLADS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	PRIDE OF SOUTHAMPTON (P.O.S.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	SYNTH VALLEY RENEGADES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	TERRIBLE LIZARDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	THORSA BLOOD EAGLES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WELL, WITH THE LEAGUE YET TO FORMALLY KICK OFF, THE TEAMS ARE ALL SQUARE IN THE TABLE; ALTHOUGH THE BASHFUL BINFIRES TAKE AN EARLY LEAD IN THE STANDINGS BY VIRTUE OF BEING EARLIER IN THE ALPHABET... WHO WILL TOP THE TABLE AT THE END OF THE SEASON, THOUGH?

## LEAGUE TABLE KEY:

PTS	LEAGUE POINTS
P	MATCHES PLAYED
W	WINS
D	DRAWS
L	LOSSES
TDF	TOUCHDOWNS FOR
TDA	TOUCHDOWNS AGAINST
CAS	CASUALTIES INFLICTED



## CASUALTY CORNER

NO DEATHS ... YET!

### ANSWERS - KHORNE CROSSWORD

ACROSS 3. Blitz 5. Mighty Blow 6. Gutter Runner 7. Star Player  
10. Chainsaw 12. Orc 13. Touchdown 14. Frenzy DOWN 1. Tackle  
Zone 2. Foul 4. Interception 8. Apothecary 9. Cage 11. Hand Off