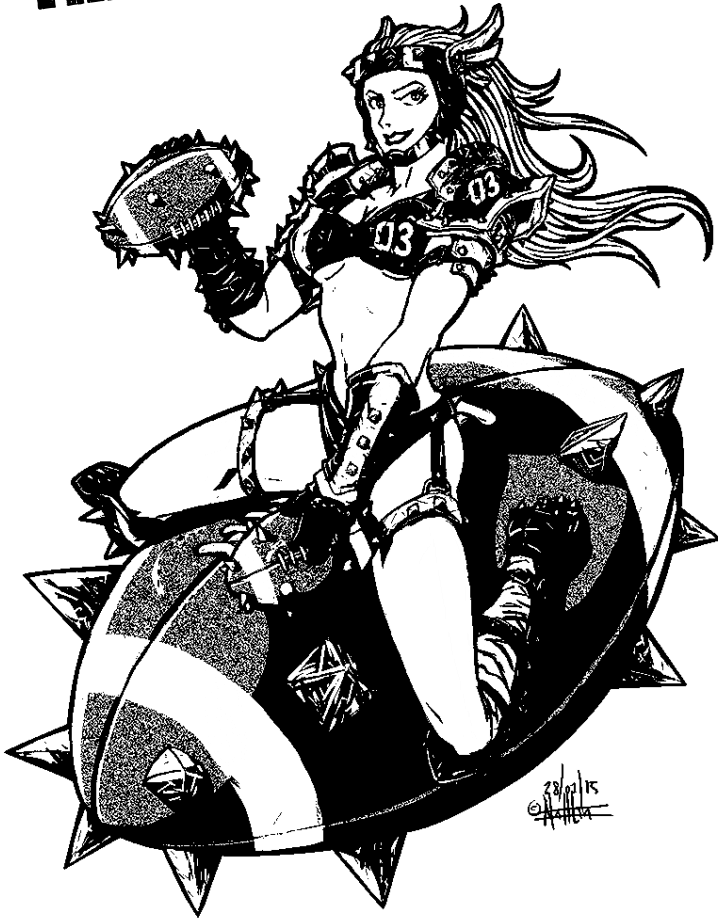


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# WELCOME TO SPORK!

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**GREETINGS, SPORTS FANS!**

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

We might be halfway through a three-week break in Blood Bowl activities but never fear! SPORK! is here with a bumper edition packed with things to keep you busy.

We are now two matches into the SHAT season, and the Bashful Binfires are streaking into the lead with two wins from two. But they're hotly followed by a ragtag bunch of other teams, and there's still a long way to go...

Meanwhile, the League Commissioner and his team have finally paid their subs to the Referees and Allied Rulekeepers Guild: fans can now directly check in with all the info and stats by subscribing to the following content:



<https://tourplay.net/en/blood-bowl/south-hampshire-association-tournament>

The next fixtures are scheduled for Sunday 07 April 2024, so make sure to reserve your seats before they all disappear... Until next time, merry blitzing!

- Viola Scuttlebutt (Editor)

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# THE RUMOUR MILL

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Rumour has it that new Gnome team, the Glimdwarrow Groundhogs, are eyeing up an entry to the next season of SHAT - star player Rodney Roachbait had this to say to our reporter: *"I can't wait to stick it to these big'uns... especially them blasted orcs!"* The Synth Valley Renegades had better watch out...

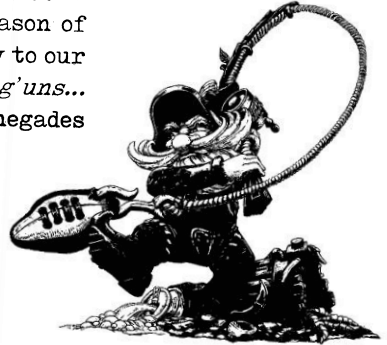
The Bashful Binfires' Wood Elves have been busy with mid-season training: the team's wardancer contingent has learned Shadowing, Dauntless and Dirty Player, whilst their Catcher is now skilled in Block - will anyone be able to take these plucky Elves down a branch or two?

**In an attempt to cure its Animal Savagery, Pride of Southampton have invested in a new Rat Ogre trainer: Cpl. Farkle McSprout comes highly recommended for his skills with Squigs, but he might find Skaven to be a completely different wheel of cheese...**

Famed Ghoul Runner Jean-Jacques François Jacques Jean of The Cromwell Corpse Grinders seems to be in the form of his ~~life~~ death - he will be even more dangerous now that he is equipped with Block...

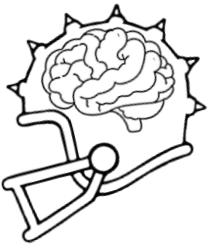
Norse players from the Thorsá Blood Eagles recently held a half-time charity drinking competition, leading to a hilarious spectacle of beer-fuelled antics, stumbling players, and a sudden surge in demand for Bugman's XXXXX. Skål!

Following a dressing room accident during the team's clash against the Nuln City Ironclads, the Terrible Lizards' Kroxigor has been taking some medical leave on the Lustrian coast to recover from a broken leg and a fractured horn - let's hope he's been fully glued back together before their next clash with the Synth Valley Renegades...



The Ironclads almost managed to sign Morg 'N Thorg for their next match - but just as they were about to put ink to paper, realised that they didn't have enough petty cash... Oops!





# BRAIN BOWL

PUT THOSE (REMAINING) BRAIN CELLS TO THE TEST

## TOUCHDOWN TRIVIA

1. The Buddy Grafstein Trophy is better known as what?
2. What is the name of the sacred deity often invoked by Blood Bowl players for good luck?
3. Which team won the inaugural Blood Bowl Championship in 2461?
4. Which team's home stadium is The Doom Dome?
5. What is the size of a regulation Blood Bowl pitch, as dictated by the Referees and Allied Ruleskeepers Guild?
6. Hackspit Quillchewer is a journalist known by what nickname?
7. The Warfire Wanderers are a team formed of players of what race?
8. Furgog Ragtoof is the owner and head coach of which team of Black Orcs?
9. What is the name of the charity All-Star game played between the stars of the Auld World Football Conference (AFC) and the New World Football Conference (NFC)?
10. The Reavettes are the cheerleading squad of which team?

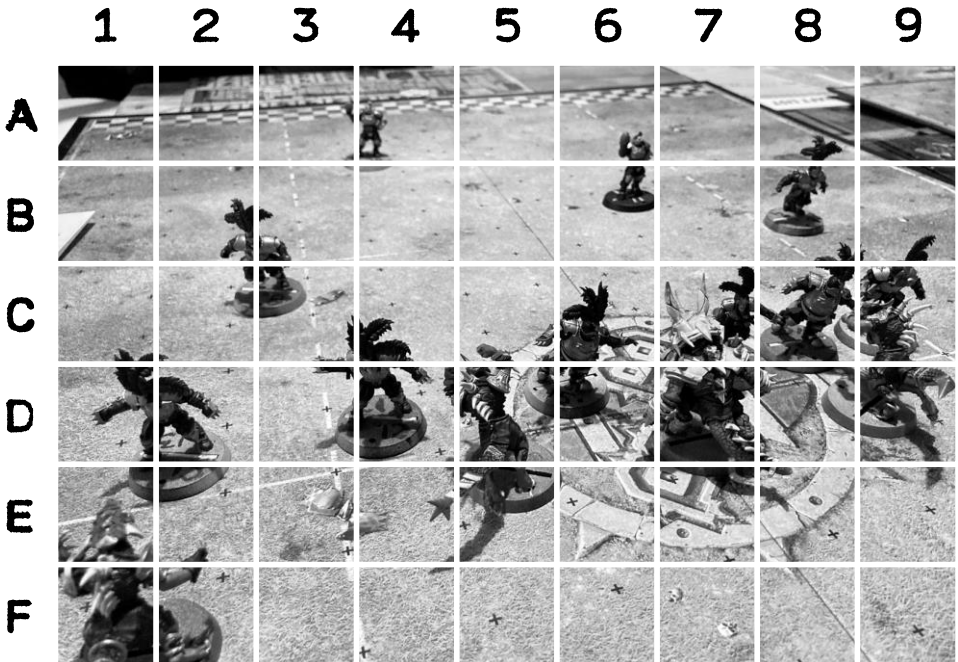
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## SKAVEN SUDOKU



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# PRIZE SPOT THE BALL COMPETITION



The pictograph above portrays the mid-match situation from a recent friendly between the Nuln City Ironclads and the Terrible Lizards, but the ball has been painted out. Can you figure out which grid square it could originally be found?

Send your entries to: **SPORK!** Magazine, SHAFFT Towers, Southampton (or collar your friendly editor, Viola Scuttlebutt, at a forthcoming event). The closest guess will win a special Blood Bowl-themed prize!



## The GALLERY

*My Favourite Skink*  
by David Cook (aged 37 3/4)

# MATCH REPORT 17/03/2024

## Nuln City FC 1 - 1 Terrible Lizards

### TERRIBLE LIZARDS' WIN STREAK IS HALTED BY STICKY IRONCLAD DEFENCE

Having faced each other already within a preseason friendly (for more details, see Issue One of SPORK!), fans were frothing for the return matchup of these two teams. To add some additional spice, the team opted to play the match within the confines of Drakfang Castle; with the vampire hosts kindly setting part of the stadium on fire to add to the spectacle. With a 90k discrepancy and a Journeyman replacing an injured Blitzler, the Ironclads borrowed 10k from their Treasury to purchase a couple of Bloodweiser kegs and braced themselves for a sharp opposition featuring five Saurus Blockers and one Kroxigor.



TL'S KROXIGOR GETS SWAMPED BY THE NOBILITY OFFENCE

The Lizards receive the first kick, and the first turns remain fairly civilised (for Blood Bowl) with relatively equal blows delivered on both sides. However, it is not long into the half before the Lizardmen's poor pre-match prayer routine reveals itself: with Nuffle feeling overly miffed, the team suffer a series of turnovers and poor outcomes in quick succession. The Ironclads capitalise, surging Bodyguards team leaves Wolfgang Dunkelpopp home free to run up the pitch,

and the Ironclads take the lead. On the restart, a Skink cage quickly forms around the ball but can't drive sufficiently towards the endzone before half-time: as consolation, the Ironclads's captain takes the opportunity to practise some throwing before the whistle blows.



A LIZARD CAGE STAMPEDES TO THE IRONCLAD LINE

The half-time break allows time for the Lizards to make some reparations to Nuffle, and the second half is much more favourable for the team (albeit still suffering a touchback on the kick; I guess you can't please Nuffle all the time...). Some early scuffles render a Bodyguard injured, and the Kroxigor and a couple of Nobility players manage a five-drop catching rally before the ball settles on the ground.



In the meantime, the Ironclads' apothecary gets busy patching up the injured Frederika Hecht before Skink Runner #11 (Baryonyx) escapes with the ball and dawdles around the endzone for a short time. After some short time-wasting where the ball-carrier amused the crowd with performative dance, the Skink finally walked it over the line for the equaliser.

With the final whistle fast approaching, there was little time to manoeuvre the ball towards either endzone, and so a frantic scrum ensued with both teams scrabbling over the ball. The Lizards' ritualistic prayer-dance during half-time had finally begun to pay off, with both Nuffle and the Gods of Chaos lending a helping hand to leave a Nobility Thrower with a Niggling Injury and a Bodyguard (Wolfgang Dunkelpopp, the team's first-half scorer) with a bad case of Death. A small collection bucket was circulated around the stadium at the end of the match to cover funeral expenses, but only managed to yield a few copper tokens and a half-eaten Reikland Pasty from Cindy Piewhistle's pastry stall.

In summary, it's a hard-earned draw between the two teams but could easily have swung either way: with such a bloody final few minutes favouring the Lizards, the Ironclads' coach has to be relieved that there weren't a few minutes more...

### **MATCH REPORTER: VIOLA SCUTTLEBUTT**

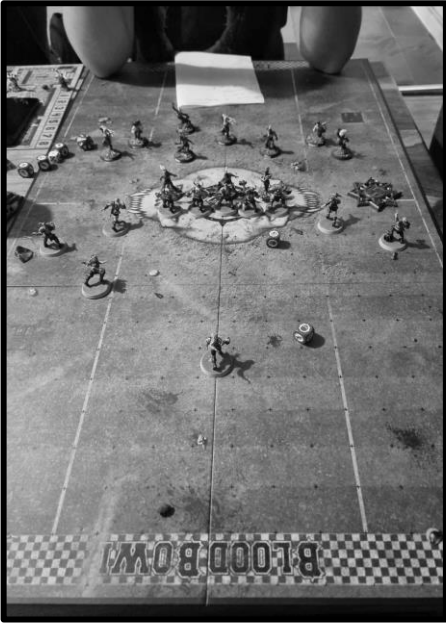


**THE LIZARDS' COACH MAKES BIG BRAIN TACTICAL DECISIONS DURING THE EARLY-MATCH SCRUMMAGE**

# MATCH REPORT

17/03/2024

Bashful Binfires 2 - 1 Blood Eagles



**THE BLOOD EAGLES RECEIVE THE BALL FOLLOWING THE BINFIRES' OPENING KICK**

## **BASHFIRES SECURE A HARD-EARNED VICTORY AGAINST THE BATTERED NORSE**

Who knew that a Wood Elf could kick like that? We saw it all here today, sports fans: violence, aggression, despair, luck and skill in a truly outrageous match. The first kick sent the ball deep into the opposition half, where the Eagles were quick to grab the ball and construct a Norse cage around it. The Binfires replied by swarming around the Line of Scrimmage and boldly waltzed right up to the ball-carrier. Fates were quickly reversed, however, as the soft and nimble Elves were dragged to the floor by the drunken Norsemen: teeth flew, punches were dealt and blood soaked the grass as Elf after Elf was righteously pounded into the dirt by the furious Norse. The Binfires began to despair, as it seemed like the next drive would contain four Elves and little hope.

However, a quick and buttery Wardancer earned his title, and executed a sublime series of dodges, spins and pivots to scoop the ball up from the edge of the pack after it had spilled from the hectic moshpit.

He broke free and dove over the line to secure the first touchdown of the match. Despite this dramatic turn, the Elves remained somewhat downbeat, as the mighty Norsemen watched only seven of them shuffle, limping, back onto the field for play to restart. The Elves weedily retreated as the Norsemen advanced towards the touchdown zone; Berserkers frenzying, Valkyries sprinting. Alas, the earlier brawl had consumed much of the half and the referee's whistle blew for the interval.

Play resumed shortly afterwards, where the Binfires tried a desperate conga tactic along the right-hand side of the pitch. Despite the unconventional nature of their playbook, their single Catcher was able to dodge through to the touchline, sweating profusely, to bring the game to 2-0. However, all was not lost for the valiant and powerful Eagles, who quickly got up to speed restart; setting their beers down only long enough to make a charge up the pitch. In the final moments of the match, a Valkyrie flew past the diminished and pathetic Elven defensive line, scoring a touchdown just as the whistle blew. This rounded off a hard-fought game on both sides, where the Binfires took home the points but the Eagles all went home with necklaces adorned with Elven teeth and scraps of leotard.



**MATCH REPORT**

**MATCH REPORTER: DIXON YERMADA**



# MATCH REPORT 17/03/2024

## Cromwell Corpse Grinders 1 - 1 P.O.S

### A WELL-FOUGHT DRAW FOR THE LEAGUE'S TWO SPOOKIEST TEAMS

P.O.S. kicked deep into the opposition half to open the match. Brant Goodleaf gathered the ball for the Corpse Grinders and formed up a cage to the right of the Line of Scrimmage, where play stood locked, with multiple offensive errors hindering progress up the field. Late in the first half, the defence cracked and Ted Hitchcock made a lone break deep into Pride territory. All looked promising; however, it wasn't to be: Varmit landed a robust tackle to end the break and clear out the ball to safety. Meanwhile, in the gridlock at the scrumage line, the Jims' efforts paid off, with a Jim landing a crunching tackle to send Squeal to the dugout as the first-half whistle blew.



**BIG BITE PURSUES THE BALL-CARRYING GHOULS**

The second half opened with a rattling assault, breaking the line on Pride's drive. Jean-Jacques François Jacques Jean gathered the spilled ball and made an uncatchable break. The Corpse Grinders played for time near Pride's endzone while the punishment continued at the Line of Scrimmage. When the onslaught was starting to slow, Jean-Jacques finally dropped the hammer, sending the Corpse Grinders into the lead.



**FLESH GOLEM CRUMP APELDOORN AND THE JIMS RATTLE THE SKAVEN LINE**

When play restarted it looked like trouble might strike again, as Pride's line was broken, but a clever offensive play opened up the Grinders' defence. Valiant efforts by the Necromantic Horror to get back into position were all for nought as Big Bite came wheeling up the field; smashing Goodleaf, among others. Jared Shore failed to contain the threat and, in the dying minutes, P.O.S. levelled the score.

While both teams looked sloppy at times the second half enlivened the Horror's previously shambling advance: however Pride responded well and, in the end, both teams worked hard for the draw.

**MATCH REPORTER: LAURA MOHR**

**MATCH REPORT**





# INTRODUCING...

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

## THE NULN CITY IRONCLADS



**FORGED IN THE FIRES OF WISSENLAND, THE IRONCLADS ARE THE OFFICIAL TEAM OF THE NULN IRONSIDES; ONE OF THE FAMED IRON COMPANIES DRAWN FROM THE IMPERIAL GUNNERY SCHOOL OF NULN. PRIMARILY CLAD IN IRON BREASTPLATES AND OTHER PADDING (AS THEIR NAME SUGGESTS), THEY ARE TYPIFIED BY GRIT, DETERMINATION AND A STRONG WHIFF OF ANTI-RUST LOTION.**

The team are coached by Hugo Schinkenfaust, who has been tasked by Wissenland Grand Countess Emmanuelle XV von Liebwitz with carrying this inexperienced team through their first ever season of Blood Bowl. Captain of the team is Imperial Thrower Detlef von Sturm (#10); an Ironsides veteran. The team are also deftly assisted in attack by Noble Blitzers Albrecht Panzerblitzen and Otto Schädelbrecher, whilst star player Griff Oberwald is held on a retainer with the team.

### CURRENT FIRST XI

#	NAME	POSITION
2	Frederika Hecht	Linewoman
4	Heidi Bierflasche	Linewoman
5	Greta Busterfliegen	Linewoman
8	Albrecht Panzerblitzen	Noble Blitzer
9	Otto Schädelbrecher	Noble Blitzer
10	Detlef von Sturm (C)	Imperial Thrower
11	Hermann Grimevögel	Imperial Thrower
12	Gundolf Lichtenfels	Bodyguard
13	Wolfgang DunkeIpopp (RIP)	Bodyguard
14	Helmut Schleifer	Bodyguard
15	Franz Umlaut	Bodyguard

**COACH:** Hugo Schinkenfaust



**TEAM PROFILE**

The team is known for their "Iron Curtain" formation - a 'wall' of bodies lined up on the Line of Scrimmage to nullify opposition movement across the pitch: the frontline of Imperial Retainer Linewomen, around whom this wall is constructed, have already gone down in fan folklore as the "Night Witches". Whilst mostly playing by the book, the team have been known to carry pouches of gunpowder to throw in the faces of the enemy or use their iron armour to reflect sunlight and dazzle opponents, so opposing teams had better watch out...

# COOK WITH DRÜK



BRUTAL RECIPES FROM  
***“THE ORC WITH  
THE FORK”***

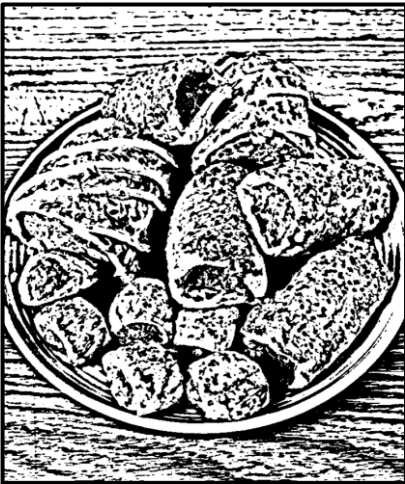
## SAUSAGE RE-ROLLS

### INGREDIENTS

- 500g puff pastry,
- 500g minced Beer Boar meat
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp dried sage
- 1 egg, beaten
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Sesame seeds (optional, for topping)

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your forge to 200°C and line a baking sheet with some parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the ground sausage meat, onion, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, thyme, sage, salt, and pepper. Bash the ingredients together until they are pummelled thoroughly.
3. Roll out the pastry onto a lightly-floured surface into a rectangle, about 0.5 cm thick, and cut into smaller rectangles, approximately 10 cm x 15 cm in size.
4. Spoon a portion of the sausage mixture onto one end of each rectangle. Roll up the pastry, enclosing the sausage mixture, and place the seam side down on the tray.
5. Using a pastry brush, lightly brush the tops of each sausage roll with a beaten egg; this will give them a golden colour when baked, like Nurgle flesh.
6. If desired, sprinkle some sesame seeds or Snotling Fungus on top of the egg wash for some added gristle.
7. Bake the rolls in the forge for 20-25 minutes, or until they are golden brown and cooked through.
8. Remove the rolls from the forge and let them cool slightly. Serve with a warm keg of Bloodweiser. Enjoy!



# LEAGUE STANDINGS

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

WITH A WIN OVER THE THORSA BLOOD EAGLES, THE BASHFUL BINFIRES REPLACE TERRIBLE LIZARDS AT THE TOP OF TABLE - ALTHOUGH 3<sup>RD</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> ARE SEPARATED BY ONLY TWO POINTS, SO A WIN BY ANY TEAM COULD QUICKLY ACCELERATE THEM INTO A TOP SPOT. PRIDE OF SOUTHAMPTON, MEANWHILE, LEAD THE PACK IN TERMS OF CASUALTIES DEALT ON THE OPPOSITION... THOSE BLOODTHIRSTY RATS!

## 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

WOLFGANG DUNKELPOPP (NULN CITY IRONCLADS)

### ANSWERS - TOUCHDOWN TRIVIA

1. The Blood Bowl
2. Nuffle
3. The Darkside Cowboys
4. The Gouged Eye
5. 60 paces wide x 100 paces long
6. "The Scribbler"
7. Skaven
8. Thunder Valley Greenskins
9. The Hyperbowl
10. Reikland Reavers