

The Mootborough Sauvignon Block Invitational Tournament 2013 Review

They came in their droves (8 of us in all) to do battle in the most dishonourable of sports. **Bloodbowl!** From as far as Hamilton and Christchurch they descended on Blenheim for a long weekend of gaming, pie eating, alcohol sampling and lively debate.

Was Blenheim ready for them? Would Tim Owens behave? Is all that bad language really necessary? How did Nathan get so good at caging? Are there any good pubs in Blenheim? Should Waikato Draught be sold as a floor polish rather than a beer? Should the NAF agree to Khorne teams in official tournaments? All these questions and more were to be answered at '**The First Ever Mootborough Sauvignon Block Invitational Tournament 2013**'

The Halfling Vintners of Mootborough had invited all comers and, as no real standards were set as to who should attend; the gathering was a motley crew:

Player	Team
Toffer	Halflings
Paul	Nurgle
Gil	Elves
Tim L	Orks
Alex	Orks
Tim O	Khorne
Simon	Human
Nathan	Khemri



The tournament followed a regeneration theme and coaches were given a score for each game they played as follows. The coach with the highest score at the end of the tournament would be the victor!

Points	
Win	5 pts
Draw	3 pts
Loss	1 pt

Bonus Points	
4+ Cas in one game	1pt
4+ completions in one game	1pt
4+TD in one game	1pt



Figure 1 - The Prizes

Day 1

The atmosphere on the first day of gaming was electric with the coaches battling it out to win the coveted top spots and the inexpensive trinkets that were laughably referred to as the prizes.

Game 1.

The Match Up	Score	Cas	Winner
Toffer (Flings) vs Paul (Nurgle)	1-2	1-2	Paul
Gil (Elves) vs Tim L(Orks)	4-0	2-4	Gil
Alex (Orks) vs Tim O (Khorne)	0-2	2-2	Tim O
Simon (Humans) vs Nathan (Khemri)	1-1	1-2	Draw

The first set of games got underway with some spectacular match ups and some world class gaming. Alex had some unfortunate issues with a set of dice that refused to play ball and instead rolled too many 1's and skulls. They were given a stern talking to and he was able to draw level on Cas but lost out to Tim's controversial Khorne team (with a last minute replacement Bloodthirster following an unfortunate league incident the previous Thursday "giggle"). Meanwhile Toffer made 3 dodge and 3 GFI (Sprint) rolls in a row to score his only touchdown against Paul's Nurgle team who were able to fight off the plucky Halflings to win 2-1. Gil allowed his Elves to mince their way around the pitch doing lots of throwing, jumping about and other namby pamby stuff. Tim L Cas'd his way through the girly elves but alas Gil gained 2 bonus points for TD's and Completions whereas Tim L got one for Cas giving us the only bonus point trifecta game of the tournament. Simon managed one of his signature 'draw' moves which was something he had been working on for this tournament. It involved him scoring exactly the same number of touchdowns as his opponent. A ground-breaking idea I think you will agree. Well done Simon. That'll teach Nathan and his Khemri.



Game 2

The Match Up	Score	Cas	Winner
Nathan (Khemri) vs Paul (Nurgle)	1-2	4-2	Paul
Gil (Elves) vs Toffer (Flings)	4-1	3-3	Gil
Alex (Orks) vs Simon (Orks)	1-1	0-2	Draw
Tim L (Orks) vs Tim O (Khorne)	1-1	1-3	Draw

In Game 2 Paul continued to show us his mastery of Nurgle; beating Nathans Khemri 2-1 while Nathan showed us how to Cas gaining a bonus point in this round. Both teams managed to kill an opposing player and there was much rejoicing at the first deaths of the day. More death occurred

in the Halfling/Elf Game as the mighty Puggy Baconbreath killed an Elf which even made Gil happy. Gil wiped the smile off Toffer's face by scoring 4 finesse touchdowns and equalling his Cas score. More bonus points for Gil. Simon continued to show us how to draw. There is no end to his skills in this regard. Alex showed some of his own skills by making a spectacular dash downfield with an Ork who then proceeded to pick up a scatter pass and GFI to the end zone to score late in the game. The Tim's also managed a draw. However the lateness of the hour forced Tim O to play Kevin Bloody Wilson songs to keep himself going while Tim L treated us to a master class in hurling abuse at your opponent. We concur Mr Looms. We concur.



The Evening Festivities

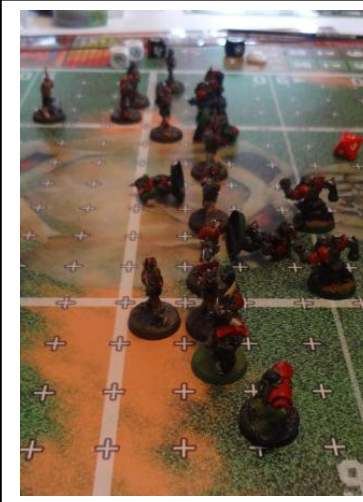
This is a family show folks and I can't go into too much detail but we did manage to find good pubs in Blenheim and it turns out there are lots of beers in the world that are better than Waikato Draught (I know I was amazed too). We all had a bit of a late night and some people were unwell as a result of being forced to drink at gunpoint by overzealous bar tenders and an element of peer pressure that is simply never OK. Downtown Blenheim bore witness and the night will be forever remembered in local folklore as simply 'The night those outoftowners visited'. The result was a less than eager group of gamers the next day and several had to be coaxed through their games with a series of carrot and stick exercises involving paracetamol, lucozade and swearing.

Day 2.

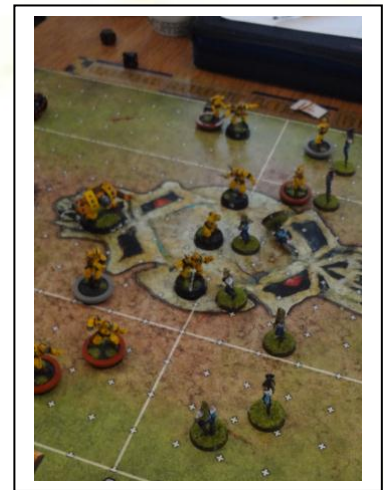
The after effects of the night before meant several coaches felt a tad fragile and in need of a little TLC in order to carry out their dice rolling duties. There were meant to be 4 games that day but only 3 were played as we decided to finish early so those that needed to could dash home or simply curl up in the foetal position and gently rock back and forth.

Game 3

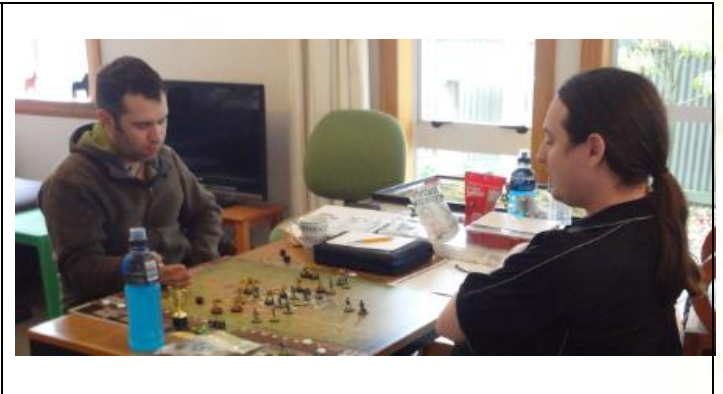
The Match Up	Score	Cas	Winner
Gil (Elves) vs Simon (Humans)	1-1	0-2	Draw
Tim L (Orks) vs Toffer (Flings)	2-0	4-4	Tim L
Tim O (Khorne) vs Paul (Nurgle)	1-3	4-1	Paul
Nathan (Khemri) vs Alex (Orks)	2-1	1-1	Nathan



Gil and Simon got off to a crawling start and following some conferring between the coaches ended at the half time whistle as both of them opted to have a little snooze. The result was another spectacular draw for Simon. This coach will be one to watch in 2013. Meanwhile Tim L and Toffer had lots of fun with Cas as they both walked away with the bonus point following use of Wizards, crowd surfing, head-butting Willow Rosebark and using Halflings as punch bags. Tim L came away with the win despite



his Troll spending 10 consecutive turns being Really Stupid! Nicely don't Tim. Tim O and Paul had a great game with Nurgle getting a kill even though they lost out on Cas. Paul won the match convincingly on touchdowns but Khorne don't care about such things. Nathan's Khemri pulled off a win vs Alex's Orks with a 2-1 grind and surprisingly low Cas score for a game that revolved around alternating cages on the LOS.



Game 4

The Match Up	Score	Cas	Winner
Alex (Orks) vs Toffer (Flings)	2-1	4-2	Alex
Paul (Nurgle) vs Gil (Elves)	1-0	3-1	Paul
Simon (Humans) vs Tim O (Khorne)	2-1	0-5	Simon
Tim L (Orks) vs Nathan (Khemri)	0-2	1-4	Nathan

Four full wins! Even Simon managed to actually win rather than continue his drawing streak. He joins Paul, Alex and Nathan on the winner's podium. Some great BB being played in this round. In Toffer and Alex's map Puggy Baconbreath continued to show he was the best player in the tournament by Cas'ing a Black Ork while Alex managed to pull off a catch and several dodges with another Black Ork. He almost scored with him but alas not quite. 4 Cas however gave Alex the win and the bonus point. Tim O also managed a Cas bonus in his game against Simon. Simon pulled off the win (against his usual principles) with a 2-1 Grind against another deadly Khorne side (the best is still to come from Tim O). Nathan managed to hold Tim L's Orks off for the full 16 turns while also causing 4 Cas and gaining another bonus point. Another caging masterclass.

Paul managed an Agility masterclass with Nurgle! Gil was distraught at seeing his well coiffured elves outclassed in the catching and dodging stakes including an amazing intercept. But Gil got his own back by gaining a much needed Cas on Pauls rotter by star player Edril Sidewinder. The decision was made late in the game that we would not run game 6 as time was running short and Simon and Alex continued to look a bit green.

Game 5

The Match Up	Score	Cas	Winner
Tim O (Khorne) vs Toffer (Flings)	4-1	12-1	Tim O
Paul (Nurgle) vs Alex (Orks)	1-0	2-2	Paul
Nathan (Khemri) vs Gil (Elves)	0-1	5-0	Gil
Tim L (Orks) vs Simon (Humans)	1-1	2-4	Draw

Simon reverted to form in the final game and once again showed of his amazing drawing abilities. Consistency and mediocrity are the paths to success. Tim L's Orks had him on the run at one point but alas they were thwarted by another high Cas game. Bonus point to Simon. Meanwhile Nathan showed us again how Khemri roll by holding Gil's nippy elves away from the end zone and causing 5 Cas on them including a kill. Gil managed a tight 1-0 win however which kept his spirits up. Paul managed another tight victory against Alex who only missed out on the draw because of a bad GFI roll. 2-2 Cas made this one of the tightest games of the tournament and even Paul said he wasn't sure he deserved the win. But a win it was so 5 more points to Paul. The big game of the round was Khorne vs Halflings with Tim showing just what can be achived with the correct application of mindless violence and frenzy/block combos. He cleared the pitch of Toffers plucky Flings including the deaths of both star players Puggy and Willow. With 2 flings in KO and 12 in the Cas box Tim gained a convincing win and gained the bonus points for TD and Cas in the same game. 2 more completions and he would have got the lot.



Smash him Puggy!!



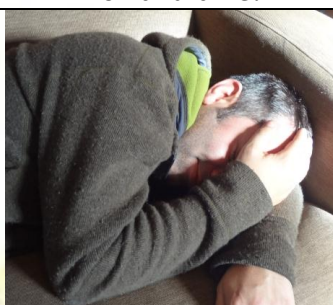
Don't hurt me!



Grr Argh!



Are you my mummy?



Quick on the draw...



The Spoils.

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly

After 5 matches the points stacked up thusly:

Player	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5	Total pts
Toffer	1	1	2	1	1	6
Paul	5	5	5	5	5	25
Gil	7	6	3	1	6	23
Tim L	2	3	6	1	3	15
Alex	1	3	1	6	1	12
Tim O	5	3	2	2	7	19
Simon	3	3	3	5	4	18
Nathan	3	2	5	6	2	18

The winners were therefore

- 1st – Paul Deacon
- 2nd Gil Johnstone
- 3rd Tim Owens

Each winner received a bottle of the finest Mootborough Sauvignon Block and a medal along with a certificate that they can show off down the pub.

Thanks to everyone who travelled such a long way to attend. It really was a great weekend and your participation is much appreciated. See you next time.

Toffer.

