

## BLOOD BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 SPONSORED BY SOUND STAR

Under blue skies they started to arrive, first in drips and drabs then a steady trickle. Locals of Woodford Green, Essex stocked up on spray tan and locked their doors as they knew the RIOTS were about to kick off their second Blood Bowl Championship!

18 intrepid souls registered for the event; with a special mention and congratulations going to Tom Harland and his good lady, on the birth of their first son the day before. (We think Tom could still have played though).

Being the second year that the tournament has run we were lucky enough to gain the sponsorship of the Old World's favourite Elven energy drink, Moonstar! (the obligatory advertising campaign followed). They were kind enough to present Stephen Chambers with an extra custom re-roll and a beautifully crafted iron-on patch as his name was selected for the Moonstar Early Bird Bonus.

The other teams coaches were gifted a set of 2 RIOTS D6 and a D8 made by the craftsmen at Chessex.

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It would be fair to say that everybody started the event with the single-minded goal of being proclaimed tournament champion, for some of us, myself included, these aspirations were cut short almost immediately.

Foreseeing this eventuality; the RIOTS team offered individual challenges for each round with the chance to win a Blood Bowl Star Player miniature and a classy certificate. All from our friends at Moonstar.

In round 1 players were challenged to brave conditions and take to the air in an attempt to make the most completed passes. If successful they would gain the prestigious 'Slat-Nav' award, so named after legendary Team Romford thrower Steve Slatford. Bob Kitchen made 6 completed passes with his Pro Elves, congratulations.



Round 2's 'Dirty Player' award offered coaches the chance to embrace their sneaky side, as the player with the most attempted fouls would triumph. The winner of this was rather a shock, new to the game little Jake (10 years of age) was attending his first tournament; in dramatic style he made 14 fouls in 16 turns.

Round 3 was the 'Made of Welsh' award. Aptly named after yours truly and my uncanny ability to seek out injury wherever I go. The prize for this round went to the

player that took the most causalities. As such the round saw an above average amount of fatalities with the prize shared between Steve Hill's Wood Elves and Tom Culletan's Skaven each having 6 of their team sent home in wooden boxes.

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Day two started as usual for Blood Bowl, players who had performed well the previous day returning focused for the days games whilst others (especially those who came back to my house) arrived looking somewhat dishevelled and smelling of burned meat, stale beer and regret.

The first action of day 2 was to announce yet another wonderful Moonstar give away, seeing Dave Coughlin collect a Dwarf Ref miniature.

Round 4's prize was entitled 'One Way Traffic'; awarded to the player who conceded the greatest number of touchdowns. On this occasion Crystal McHaffie, though not overly happy conceding 6, the knowledge of winning a prize eased her pain.



The 5th and final round saw two Undead teams go head to head for the right to become tournament champions, whilst the prize for this round encouraged players once again take to the sky's and compete for the longest completed pass, aptly named the 'Hail Mary Award'.

The prize for this round saw Moonstar spokesman & male model Alan 'Lamby' Casey launch a successful 13 by 3 long bomb, in pouring rain! Well done Lamby!



The action drew to a close in a timely manner seeing Craig Andrews victorious with his Undead, The Tomb Raiders. Congratulations Craig enjoy the trophy!



## **CLASSIC PRIZES CLAIMED AT THE 2013 CHAMPIONSHIP:**

- ★ MOST CAUSALITIES -Steve Slatford (*Lizardmen causing 13*)
- ★ MOST TD's Steve Hill (Wood Elves) and Bob Kitchen (Pro Elves) each scoring 13 touchdowns.
- ★ WOODEN SPOON (Awarded for placing dead last)

  The final prize of the day was presented to Lamby Casey, never has a wooden spoon made a man so happy!



A big thank you to all the Team for their help and support with the tournament and a massive amount of thanks to Richie (*ManticoreRich*) without whom this would not have happened.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players and supporters who attended as this tournament could not have happened without you. We all hope to see you at next year RIOTS Championship and possibly a few new faces!

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