

tlawson's opening statement

As the new prime minister of the NAF, I will ensure that the community see's continued growth, that no team is turned away from NAF ratings as we are not the controllers of the rules but supporters of the rules.

I'll make serious efforts to bridge a relationship between the NAF, Games Workshop, Cyanide and FUMBBL.

I'll bring the NAF into the 21st Century so long as the budget allows it; leagues will be a focus along with improving the tournament scene.

I'll have a BIG GREEN FLASHING BUTTON FOR VOTING!!

With me as the new prime minister the Blood Bowl community will be united, respected and ready to play and promote the game we all love to hate!

Sann0638's opening statement

Hi, my name's Mike Davies, my NAF name is sann0638, and I would like you to vote for me as your next NAF President.

I want to be NAF President so that I can make the organisation of Blood Bowl around the world as good as it can be. Over the last few years I have implemented idea after idea, from free provision of NAF OBBLM to online NAF tournaments to the Blood Bowl survey, and as President I would be able to drive forward bigger and better ideas. The next couple of years are make or break for Blood Bowl, as Cyanide's Blood Bowl beds in, Games Workshop take a fresh look at the game, and the NAF's long-awaited new website becomes reality, along with managing the process to choose the next World Cup. These events need someone who has a love of Blood Bowl combined with the ability to get things done, and I have shown both of these in my work as NAF Media Officer.

During my Presidency I plan to focus on two things: delivering on a number of bold and ambitious projects and dealing effectively and efficiently with matters that arise. A revamped website has been repeatedly promised, but I have consistently delivered on any BB project in which I have been involved, and as President I would be able to push this forward. I would also build on my Media work to deliver a continued improvement to the way the NAF communicates, including expanding the NTO role, to make a real and responsive network of BB players across the world, so that they go from National Tournament Organisers to Regional BLOOD BOWL Ambassadors. I believe this could be critical in making the NAF a stronger organisation, which could then hopefully feed into a productive working relationship between the NAF and Cyanide/Focus, Fumdbl and, hopefully, Games Workshop.

A vote for me is a vote for an active and passionate Blood Bowl player. On tabletop I have been playing since 2nd Edition, playing all 24 races in NAF tournaments, almost all with teams I have painted myself. I have set up and been commissioner for a longstanding tabletop league (Cakebowl) and I ran the scoring and results processing for the largest Blood Bowl tournament ever (the NAF World Cup 3 in Lucca, Italy).

I have a lot of online Blood Bowl experience too, going back to PBEM. I have played extensively on Fumdbl, including making a series of introductory YouTube videos for Fumdbl that are used in the "newcomers pack". I have played extensively on Cyanide's BB1 and BB2, including organising the "Road to the NAFC" tournament on BB1 which was the first Cyanide/NAF interaction, and being a closed beta-tester on BB2. I have also built a good relationship with the Focus Community Managers. I have also provided consultancy on using Score for numerous BB tournaments, including the largest Eurobowl/Europen event ever.

I have dedicated hundreds of hours to developing the NAF and the wider BB community in lots of ways. I wrote 90% of the words on thenaf.net, bringing together resources from across the Blood Bowl world, and incorporating contributions from other NAF members. I have organised two TFF legacy

teams. I took the initiative to provide free OBBLM hosting for leagues by the NAF, which has now been taken up by 20 leagues from across the world and has been taken on as a developing project by the League Director, delivering improvements that will benefit all OBBLM users, not just those we host.

I am an admin on the BB Community group on Facebook, looking after it as it grew from around 280 to around 2800 members. I run the NAF Facebook and Twitter accounts and Newsletter, producing a regular stream of BB content. I produced over a year of NAFcast podcasts, featuring interviews and BB news from around the world. I instigated and developed the NAF Survey, the biggest ever survey of BB players. I have been on NAF committee since June 2015 having been Media Officer since March 2013, so am familiar with the structure of NAF Committee. I took minutes since joining the committee, which have been published within a week of each meeting.

It is clear to me that over the next 24 months there are a number of opportunities and challenges facing the NAF, including possible development of a new box set from Games Workshop, possible new releases and rule changes from Cyanide, the production of a new NAF website, and the choice of hosts for the NAF World Cup 4 in 2019. I am well placed to lead on all of these fronts, as I am already involved in the development of the new website, and have open lines of communication with Cyanide, including negotiating the change of name for the main matchmaking league.

I ran the weekend of World Cup 3, I have supervised communication with members, and I have been a Games Workshop customer for 25 years, so will look forward to leading on all these fronts. These issues will dominate NAF business for the term, and will require a clear vision and confident action, but I have also consistently shown that I can deal with developing issues and turn them to our advantage.

Thank you for considering me for your vote. Given the challenges and opportunities ahead, I believe that my experience, vision and enthusiasm make me the best person to be NAF President for the coming term. I hope you will agree.

Beppe's opening statement

Hi, my name is Giuseppe Viti and I'm from Bologna, Italy. I'm 35 y.o. and I work as an engineer for a multiservice company who trades in water, gas, electricity and waste treatment. My work is to plan wastewater treatment plants and electrical systems for those plants.

I also work as project manager for my works, so I think I'm quite skilled in organization and resource managing.

I started playing Blood Bowl in 1998 (I used to play WHFB before) and I immediately liked this amazing game. I played just league matches until 2003, when Italian community was born and the first tournaments were born. Together with my mates from Bologna (Aramil, Farina and Roller) I started also to go playing BB abroad, so we went to Amsterdam playing the first Eurobowl. Since that tournament I started playing a lot of tournaments both in Italy and abroad.

I played 111 NAF tournaments, 28 of them abroad (Spain, England, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Denmark) so I could meet people from all the European communities. I think I'm well known among European BB communities and I know them quite well. I speak English and a bit of Spanish, learned thanks to Blood Bowl trips.

I've also organized many tournaments in Italy: Italian Open (together with Aramil since 2004), Tilean Team Cup (2009 and 2011 editions), Eurobowl 2006 and 2009 (together with other people) and the World Cup 2015 helping the organization from Lucca. I've been involved in the NAF since the World Cup 2011: after that I became RTO and then NTO for Italy. In the last two years I've been NAF President.

The proposal

The main reason I chose to stand again is that when I was elected two years ago, I started some projects that have yet to be finished and that will have a strong impact on the NAF and BB players. During my mandate I gave full priority to the World Cup organization, so I had less time to dedicate to other projects, but it's my firm intention to finish what I started if I'll be elected again. Let's see which are the projects I'm talking about:

Tournament software

As we all know Score has its limits, mainly related to the uploading phase on the NAF site and to the correction that has to be done manually. Moreover it's a bit tricky to manage the big team tournaments. So I think it's time to change and to have a new tool to help the managing of the tournaments and that will be compatible with the new website. The work has already started and the software has been partially developed. Some issues have to be fixed, but during 2016 it will be fully operative.

The website

As I stated in the last election, the website has to change and we already started the process. We already have the company which will develop it and we also have a working group that is caring about it. Shteve0 is actually the project manager (mainly because the leagues will have the strongest impact on the website). The working group is deciding how we want the website done, its contents, its structure and so on. After that, they'll pass the informations to the company, so they can start building it. In the following two years, the NAF will have its new website.

Leagues

One of my point of the previous elections was the implementation of the leagues into the NAF. This process has already started with the election of the NAF League Director. In the close future, the NAF will take care of the leagues, not only tournaments. NAF leagues will be OBBLM based and they'll be

part of the new website. The system developed by our LD is already in beta version, so I'm quite confident that the project will be finished in the following two years. My vision is that the NAF would become central for every BB player, even for who don't play tournaments, but play just leagues.

These projects are my main goals for the next mandate, but they're not the only one I'm intended to tackle. There are some other issues that need to be faced:

- Cyanide and GW: BB2 and the new Specialist games project of GW are surely some issues we have to care about. My intent is to try to collaborate with both Cyanide and GW. We have a lot to offer them in terms of expertise, testing, talking about possible new rules and variants and so on.
- Rules: the current rules are not perfect and we all know it. There also new unofficial teams that saw the light in the videogame, so I'll take into consideration whether or not to do some changes in the current rulebook.
- World Cup 2019: no, it's not too early to think about it. I've been deeply involved in the WC3 organisation, so I know the effort it will need. My intention is to have for Dec 17 the new location for WC4, so for Dec 16 the selection process will start. Lucca mustn't be an end, but it has to be a starting point for the next organisers. My intention is to involve Lucca organisers in order to help the new ones.