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NAF WEEK 1: HEADLINES

The NAF roared back into action last Moonsday with an amazing opening round of games! After some major upsets, fans across the known world have high expectations that the next 16 weeks will see murder, mayhem and touchdowns in world's greatest Blood Bowl League, the NAF.

Howl Victory

The Westside Werewolves made an impressive start to the season as they pulled off a shock win against the Elfheim Eagles at the Vale. MVP Wilhelm Chaney took an incredible three interceptions, although he tried returning one of them back to the nonplussed Elf thrower Soaren Hightower.

Thumpings Central

The AFC Central looks to be a tight race this year. Both the Reikland Reavers and Gouged Eye had thumping wins against divisional rivals in a fearsome display of both teams' power.

Jacob von Altdorf put his horror show in last season's Blood Bowl final out of his mind as he dissected the Naggaroth Nightwings with a series of long passes. Meanwhile, a super grumpy Varag Ghoul-Chewer took out his frustrations at losing last season's Chaos Cup final by stomping the Bluchen Berserkers into the dust as the Eye ran out 3-0 victors.

Gladiators are Stick in the Muds

The Galadrieth Gladiators uncharacteristically changed tactics and went with a pass heavy offense when they faced the Orcland Raiders in the Moonsday Night Game at Skull Stadum in Orcland. However, canny Raiders coach Crueleye used homefield advantage to the full ensuring the mud playing field was drenched pre-match. The resulting quagmire horrified the Gladiators' receivers who were off form all game as they tried to avoid getting their shiny

new uniforms dirty. The 1-0 **Raiders** now have an early advantage in the **NFC West** title race.

Pit Fail

Warhammerers coach Insane Thorssen Axeheim was left red faced last Moonsday when his pre-season boasts of having developed 'The Mother of All Secret Weapons' over the summer, was revealed as nothing more than flim-flam by the Skaven Scramblers. Pundits have been quick to point out that using a series of adapted pit traps against the slippery Skaven was not the wisest of tactics. Every concealed land mine, acid bath and giant scorpion nest was deftly avoided, as thrower Shisk Fourarms, scrambled for an impressive 45 paces against the leaden Dwarf defense.

Hubris: "You're No Jem!"

The Blood Bowl Champion Darkside Cowbovs got off to a winning start, in a surprisingly close game against the Everbold Unicorns. Their NFC Central rivals Athelorn Avengers also had a field day against the no-hopers Greenfield Grasshuggers. In what was more an exhibition than a competitive ball game. Avengers' Thrower Jem Goldstar passed for 251 paces, starting his bid to be the league's top passer. However, in a post-match interview, Cowboys captain Hubris Rakarth, started the mind games against the Wood Elves by saying, "Goldstar has to be the most overrated passer in the league. He only ever gets the big numbers against teams who are under 4 foot."

Wanderers Lost

The Chaos Cup champions **Albion Wanderers** were brought down to earth with a crash, when an inspired passing display by **Middenheim Marauders'** Thrower **Gulden von Sulkhof** tore their secondary to pieces. The **Marauders** offense combined for an impressive 316 paces.





RESULTS WEEK 1

Home Team	S	CO	re	Away Team	Fa	ťI
Albion Wanderers	1	-	3	Middenheim Marauders	0	0
Champions of Death	3	-	0	Arctic Cragspiders	1	-
Bluebay Crammers	2	-	3	Icecastle Wolves	0	0
Bluchen Berserkers	0	-	3	Gouged Eye	3	1
Naggaroth Nightwings	0	-	3	Reikland Reavers	0	1
Dwarf Giants	2	-	3	Underworld Creepers	0	0
Chaos All-Stars	3	-	0	Oldheim Ogres	4	2
Bright Crusaders	3	-	1	Scarcrag Snivellers	0	0
Hobgoblin Team	1	-	3	Khain's Killers	0	0
Elfheim Eagles	2	-	3	Westside Werewolves	0	0
Dark Renegades	2	-	3	Bruendar Grimjacks	0	0
Stunted Stoutfellows	2	-	3	Evil Gits	0	0
Everbold Unicorns	2	-	3	Darkside Cowboys	0	1
Greenfield Grasshuggers	0	-	3	Athelorn Avengers	0	1
Creeveland Crescents	3	-	1	Southstorm Squids	1	0
Dwarf Warhammerers	1	-	3	Skaven Scramblers	0	0
Nurgle's Rotters	0	-	3	Vynheim Valkyries	0	0
Lowdown Rats	0	-	3	Asgard Ravens	0	1
Orcland Raiders	3	-	2	Galadrieth Gladiators	0	0
Worlds Edge Wanderers	3	-	2	Lustria Croakers	0	0

NAF Rules Recap

- 1) The first team to score **3 Touchdowns** is declared the **winner**.
- 2) A tie occurs if no team has won after 10 hours of play.
- 3) A game is **abandoned** when it is impossible for both teams to continue the game.
- 4) A conceded game is registered as a 0-3 loss to the conceding team.

Key

The **table** above reveals the following information from left to right:

Home team name/ Home team score (TD)/ Away team score (TD)/ Away team name/ Fat'l=Home Fatalities caused/ Away Fatalities caused*

* <u>Fatalities Caused</u> includes opposition players, opposition staff, officials and members of the public.

Teams in **Bold** won the game



GAME OF THE

WZZZ

DWARF GIANTS

2-3

UNDERWORLD GREEPERS

"Well Bob, I didn't see that one coming!"

"Judging their red faces, neither did the Dwarf Giants Jim!"



"Grimwold Grimbreath's steaming mad at the referee, Bob."

"I don't blame him Jim, I've never seen a ref send a player off for having an 'excessively bushy beard" before." "Woah look out! The Helmsmasher's going after the ref. Jim. It looks like he's about to get his first referee fatality of the season."

"Hold your horses, old buddy. The ref's from Sylvania, I'm not sure he's what you'd call 'alive' in the first place!"

"What did you make of Spike Skinelf's winning Touchdown, Bob?"

"Fantastic, Jim. A 94 pace stroll downfield, totally unopposed by the Giants' defense."

"It certainly helped that the Giants thought the referee had stopped play."

"Like I said, great cheating, Jim. That dirty trick was worth every penny they paid the ref!



Dwarf Giants Statistics



Player	Rushing	Passing	Blocks	Fouls	Pass	TDs	Inter-	Casu-
	Paces	Paces	Made	Made	Comp.	Scored	cepts	alties
Grimwold Grimbreath	32	0	13	1	0	2	0	0
Icesplitter Wyrdheim	43	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kurt Livingrock	38	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Axebreaker Jones	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
"Pick" Seamsunder	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	1
Granite Rivalblade	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Rockrider Howitzer	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0
Dimitri Coaleyes	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Fritz Herbgrinder	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Grum Durrandang	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Flintforge Hammer	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Longstrider Anvilsteam	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gunner Diamondvein	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stout Ironfist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stoneshape Peakbreaker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ferdinand Gunnarson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	113	0	59	4	0	2	0	2

Sent Off: G. Grimbreath; R. Howitzer; F. Hammer.

Underworld Creepers Statistics

Player	Rushing	Passing	Blocks	Fouls	Pass	TDs	Inter-	Casu-
0 1 71 111 1	Paces	Paces	Made	Made	Comp.	Scored	cept	alties
Garbage Throttlesnot	12	0	4	0	0	1	0	0
Spike Skinelf	94	0	6	0	0	1	0	0
"Slasher" Bowelgrim	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Shaftsplitter Grim	10	50	3	0	3	1	0	0
Split Tendoncutter	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
"Fast Draw" O'Gore	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2
"Race" O'Bunyon	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
"Fat" Brainsplatter	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Firespitter Cleave	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stickpig Maim	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
"Ace" Fireblade	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Fester Rustblade	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lickfester Midden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piles Openwound	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Notchblade Abcess	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildman Teethgarland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	116	50	39	2	3	3	0	2

Sent Off: None

MATCH FACTS

ATTENDANCE: 58000

VENUE: Three Towers Stadium, Calagarth

MVP: Spike Skinelf (Underworld Creepers)

REFEREE: Mr Josef Dread (Sylvania)



STANDINGS WEEK 1



Central	W	L	Т	PF	PA	FF	FA
Athelorn Avengers	1	0	0	3	0	1	0
Evil Gits	1	0	0	3	2	2	0
Darkside Cowboys	1	0	0	3	2	1	0
Everbold Unicorns	0	1	0	2	3	0	1
Greenfield Grasshuggers	0	1	0	0	3	0	1
Northern	W	L	Т	PF	PA	FF	FA
Vynheim Valkyries	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Asgard Ravens	1	0	0	3	0	2	0
Dwarf Giants	0	1	0	2	3	0	0
Nurgle's Rotters	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Lowdown Rats	0	1	0	0	3	0	1
Eastern	W	L	Т	PF	PA	FF	FA
EASTERN Skaven Scramblers	W	L 0	T 0	PF 3	PA 1	FF 0	FA 0
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Skaven Scramblers	1	0	0	3	1	0	0
Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents	1	0	0	3	1	0	0
Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents Bluebay Crammers	1 1 0	0 0 1	0 0 0	3 3 2	1 1 3	0 1 0	0 0 0
Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents Bluebay Crammers Southstorm Squids	1 1 0 0	0 0 1 1	0 0 0 0	3 3 2 1	1 1 3 3	0 1 0 0	0 0 0 1
Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents Bluebay Crammers Southstorm Squids Dwarf Warhammerers	1 1 0 0	0 0 1 1	0 0 0 0	3 3 2 1 1	1 1 3 3 3	0 1 0 0	0 0 0 1
Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents Bluebay Crammers Southstorm Squids Dwarf Warhammerers	1 1 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 1	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 2 1 1	1 1 3 3 3 7	0 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 0
Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents Bluebay Crammers Southstorm Squids Dwarf Warhammerers WESTERN Worlds Edge Wanderers	1 1 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 1 L	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 2 1 1	1 1 3 3 3 7	0 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 0
Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents Bluebay Crammers Southstorm Squids Dwarf Warhammerers Worlds Edge Wanderers Orcland Raiders	1 1 0 0 0	0 0 1 1 1 1 L 0	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 2 1 1 2 PF 3 3	1 1 3 3 3 3 PA 2 2	0 1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 0 FA 0

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STANDINGS WEEK 1



CENTRAL	W	L	T	PF	PA	FF	FA
Reikland Reavers	1	0	0	3	0	1	0
Gouged Eye	1	0	0	3	0	1	0
Underworld Creepers	1	0	0	3	2	0	0
Naggaroth Nightwings	0	1	0	0	3	0	1
Bluchen Berserkers	0	1	0	0	3	3	1
NORTHERN	W	L	Т	PF	PA	FF	FA
Champions of Death	1	0	0	3	0	1	-
Middenheim Marauders	1	0	0	3	1	0	0
Icecastle Wolves	1	0	0	3	2	2	0
Albion Wanderers	0	1	0	1	3	0	0
Arctic Cragspiders	0	1	0	0	3	0	1
Eastern	W	L	Т	PF	PA	FF	FA
EASTERN Chaos All-Stars	W	L 0	T 0	PF 3	PA 0	FF 4	FA
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Chaos All-Stars	1	0	0	3	0	4	1
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers	1	0	0	3	0	4	1
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers Bright Crusaders	1 1 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 3 3	0 1 1	4 0 1	1 0 0
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers Bright Crusaders Scarcrag Snivellers	1 1 1 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	3 3 3 1	0 1 1 3	4 0 1 0	1 0 0
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers Bright Crusaders Scarcrag Snivellers	1 1 1 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	3 3 3 1	0 1 1 3	4 0 1 0	1 0 0
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers Bright Crusaders Scarcrag Snivellers Oldheim Ogres	1 1 1 0 0	0 0 0 1 1	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 1 0	0 1 1 3 3	4 0 1 0 2	1 0 0 1 0
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers Bright Crusaders Scarcrag Snivellers Oldheim Ogres	1 1 1 0 0	0 0 0 1 1	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 1 0	0 1 1 3 3	4 0 1 0 2	1 0 0 1 0
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers Bright Crusaders Scarcrag Snivellers Oldheim Ogres WESTERN Westside Werewolves	1 1 1 0 0	0 0 0 1 1	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 1 0 PF 3	0 1 1 3 3 PA	4 0 1 0 2 FF 0	1 0 0 1 0
Chaos All-Stars Khain's Killers Bright Crusaders Scarcrag Snivellers Oldheim Ogres Westside Werewolves Bruendar Grimjacks	1 1 1 0 0	0 0 0 1 1 L 0	0 0 0 0 0	3 3 1 0 PF 3 3	0 1 1 3 3 7	4 0 1 0 2 FF 0	1 0 0 1 0 FA 0

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WEEK 1 TOP PERFORMANCES (TEAMS)





MOST RUSHING PACES

Skaven Scramblers 169

Chaos All-Stars 201

MOST PASSING PACES

Athelorn Avengers 320

Reikland Reavers 294

TOTAL OFFENSIVE PACES

Athelorn Avengers

397

Reikland Reavers 468

Sports KILLERSTRATED'S TEAMS OF THE WEEK







WEEK 1 TOP PERFORMANCES (PLAYERS)





MOST PACES GAINED

Digger NovgorodWorlds Edge Wanderers

95

Spike Skinelf

94

Underworld Creepers

MOST PASSING PACES

Jem Goldstar Athelorn Avengers 251

Jacob von Altdorf Reikland Reavers 294

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

Luarn Proudbow Athelorn Avengers 3

Varag Ghoul-Chewer

3

Gouged Eye

MOST FATALITIES

Rrr'krag Smma'gugg Creveland Crescents 3

Karla von Kill

2

Middenheim Marauders

MOST BLOCKS

Greybranch Oakwillow

12

Wilhelm Chaney

12

Bluebay Crammers

Westside Werewolves

Sports KILLERSTRATED'S WEEK 1 NAF MVP

Spike Skinelf (Underworld Creepers)
94 Paces Rushing, 6 Blocks, 1 Touchdown



LEAGUE LEADERS (PLAYERS)

RUSHING LEADERS			
PLAYER	PACES	TEAM	
Digger Novgorod	95	Worlds Edge Wanderers	
Spike Skinelf	94	Underworld Creepers	
Vinny Valhalla	91	Vynheim Valkyries	
Crour Nightshade	90	Khain's Killers	
Ulfric Holzfeller	87	Bright Crusaders	
Verner Vestgard	85	Asgard Ravens	
Dirk Hundslieb	81	Westside Werewolves	
Rigor Mortis	79	Champions of Death	
Kefft the Despised	79	Chaos All-Stars	
Varag Ghoul-Chewer	79	Gouged Eye	

PASSING LEADERS				
PLAYER	PACES	TEAM		
Jacob von Altdorf	294	Reikland Reavers		
Harg Vainkill	257	Gouged Eye		
Jem Goldstar	251	Athelorn Avengers		
Gulden von Sulkhof	199	Middenheim Marauders		
Egon Saintlyburg	196	Bright Crusaders		
Rudolf Runespear	193	Vynheim Valkyries		
Chandra Sniperblade	189	Khain's Killers		
Luthor von Hawkfire	177	Chaos All-Stars		
Valen Swift	170	Elfheim Eagles		
Breda Freedom	155	Galadrieth Gladiators		

TOP SCORERS			
PLAYER	TD	TEAM	
Varag Ghoul-Chewer	3	Gouged Eye	
Elrik Wolfherd	3	Asgard Ravens	
Luarn Proudbow	3	Athelorn Avengers	
Gobfrey Smallweed	2	Bluebay Crammers	
Moloch Arcaneson	2	Bruendar Grimjacks	
Stefan Helmhand	2	Champions of Death	
Kefft the Despised	2	Chaos All-Stars	
Grimwold Grimbreath	2	Dwarf Giants	
Breda Freedom	2	Galadrieth Gladiators	
Chandra Sniperblade	2	Khain's KIllers	



LEAGUE LEADERS (PLAYERS)

LEADING KILLERS				
PLAYER	FATALITIES	TEAM		
Rrr'krag Smma'gugg	3	Creeveland Crescents		
Hengist O'Hooligan	2	Asgard Ravens		
Da Rock	2	Gouged Eye		
Elreth Hatemonger	2	Khain's Killers		
Karla von Kill	2	Middenheim Marauders		
"Fast Draw" O'Gore	2	Underworld Creepers		
Ivar the Boneless	2	Vynheim Valkyries		
Wilhelm Chaney	2	Westside Werewolves		
Neville d'Etiquette	1	Albion Wanderers		
"Rabid" Lars Loonstro	öm 1	Asgard Ravens		

INTERCEPTION LEADERS			
PLAYER	INT'S	TEAM	
Wilhelm Chaney	3	Westside Werewolves	
Manian Devil	2	Khain's Killers	
Thorgard Thwackson	1	Asgard Ravens	
Luarn Proudbow	1	Athelorn Avengers	
"Clean" Hans Weiss	1	Bright Crusaders	
Sekhmeht VII	1	Champions of Death	
Jurgen Demonfeeder	1	Chaos All-Stars	
Hoshi Komi	1	Creeveland Crescents	
Erdich Panzer	1	Creeveland Crescents	
Hubris Rakarth	1	Darkside Cowboys	



LEAGUE LEADERS (TEAMS)

LEADING RUSHING OFFENSE

TEAM I	PACES
Chaos All-Stars	201
Reikland Reavers	174
Champions of Death	169
Skaven Scramblers	169
Bright Crusaders	164
Vynheim Valkyries	160
Worlds Edge Wandere	ers 146
Gouged Eye	143
Khain's Killers	141
Asgard Ravens	128

LEADING PASSING OFFENSE

PLAYER	PACES
Athelorn Avengers	320
Reikland Reavers	294
Gouged Eye	257
M'heim Marauders	199
Bright Crusaders	196
Vynheim Valkyries	193
Khain's Killers	189
Chaos All-Stars	177
Elfheim Eagles	170
Galadrieth Gladiators	s 155

TOP OFFENSE

TEAM	PACES
Reikland Reavers	468
Gouged Eye	400
Athelorn Avengers	397
Chaos All-Stars	378
Bright Crusaders	360
Vynheim Valkyries	353
Khain's Killers	330
Middnheim Maraude	rs 316
Champions of Death	297
Asgard Ravens	276

HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

94000

Nightwing Cavern

for

Naggaroth Nightwings

VS

Reikland Reavers



ADVERTISMENT

ORCIDAS PUTS DA BOOT INTO

BLOOD BOWL AGAIN

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Wot's da wun fing dat every team in da leeg az in common dis year? Nah, it ain't groin strain, it'z footwear!!

When ya next see a crunchin' foul, or a drop-kick to da balrogs, ya can bet it'll be an Orcidas boot dats doin da kickin'! Coz, wunce again, were supplyin' gear to da whole NAF (even dem poncey Elfs is 'avin sum). So, if ya wanna give da uwer bloke a right proper kickin', accept no imitiashunz, chooze Orcidas. Our boots foul 'arder and dey are sciyuntificurly proven to cause 10% more damage dan uwer leadin' footwear brandz.



ORCIDAS

When it all kicks off, make sure you're wearin' Orcidas!



Sports Kiverstrated WORLD EXCLUSIVE

NIKK THREE-HORN NAF COMMISSIONER

BOB BIFFORD TALKS TO



Since being elected NAF commissioner in 2470, Nikk Three-Horn's larger than life persona and controversial reforms have seen the NAF become the most lucrative sports league in the known world. On the eve of the new season, Mr. Three-Horn took a few minutes out of his busy schedule to talk to our reporter Bob Bifford in his luxurious office on the top floor of the NAF's imposing headquarters.

Bob Bifford (BB): "Today I'm joined by Nikk Three-Horn: Living legend, thrice winner of the Nobble Peace Prize, deep-thinking genius, sex symbol in several minor realms of the astral plane and, not forgetting, multi-millionaire-"

Nikk Threehorn (NT): "I'm going to have to stop you there, Biff. That stuff you say about me being a multimillionaire, it's not true, it's not true at all."

BB: "That's an endearingly modest thing to say, Mr Three-Horn"

NT: "Modest?! Modest! Hell no! I'm a billionaire! Get it right, okay!"

BB: "Ok, now that's cleared up, I'll just cut to the chase: Last week's Maul Street Journal printed some pretty heavy stuff about you, do you want to comment on it?"

NT: "Their sports coverage stinks, I never read it."

BB: "It wasn't a sports story, Mr Three-Horn. They say they've uncovered evidence of a plan to steal the entire treasury of the NAF and you're the mastermind behind it!"

INTERVIEW

NT: "Listen Biff, you were a tremendous player, tremendous. But you're a lousy reporter. Seriously, how can you ask me a dumb question like that?"

BB: "I'm just telling you what they wrote! They say you wanted to rob 12 million gold crowns from the treasury."

NT: "Pfft! Small potatoes."

BB: "Gee, didn't he used to play for the Greenfield Grasshuggers?"

NT: "What the hell are you talking about, Biff? 12 million! Is that all? Seriously, if I were a criminal (which I'd just like to confirm that I'm not) I'd think a lot bigger than a crummy 12 million. What an insult to my towering ambition!"

BB: "I'm real sorry if this offends you, Mr Three-Horn but these stories keep appearing in the press: There was the Slaughtergate break-in a few years back, then there was the '85 Astrogranite controversy. There's a reason they all call you 'Tricky Nikky'."

NT: "Biff, you ever heard of Larry Hexenmeister?"

BB: "Of course! He owns the Association of Broadcasting Conjurers. The ABC Network. He's my boss!"

NT: "Yeah, well, Larry's a close personal friend of mine".

BB: "Uh... He, he is... really?"

NT: "Really. I can tell you ABC got a bargain in that last Cabalvision deal. CBS made a late counterbid- biiiig money, you know what I'm saying? But I said, "No, if Nikk Three-Horn shakes on a deal, Nikk Three-Horn honours that deal." When Larry finds this out, he's like, "Oh, Nikk, I love you. Nikk, you ever need anything, just name it."

BB: "That's, err, really interesting to hear. But back to my questions. What do you say to those who allege you took a massive bribe to admit Morg N'Thorg to the Hall of Fame while he's still playing?"

NT: "You know, Biff, I like your ABC show, I really do. What's the name of the other guy who does it?"

BB: "Why, that'd be Jim Johnson."

NT: "No, not him. I mean the one who filled in for you a few times last season.

BB: "Oh, that's just Nick Nickson, he's really more of a guest than a presenter."

NT: "Nickson, yeah, that's it. I thought he was great, really great. When I last saw your boss, I said to him, "Larry, that Nickson's a natural, you've got to get him on more often." Anyway, what was that question you were asking again?"

BB: "I said, what about corrup...-ahem, I mean, tell me more about the wonderful sanctuary for disadvantaged Snotlings that you very generously funded over the summer."

NT: "Biff, it'd be my pleasure..."

OBITS AND PIECES

Your Handy guide to this week's most spectacular fatalities.

REMEMBERING...

ICEHORN BULLFROST

A Big, Fat, Bull-Headed
Bust!



There's always a frisson of excitement when a Minotaur rookie is recruited via the 'Crush', not least because their ironshod hooves and vicious horns can do some considerable damage to the other tyros in the scramble towards that famous door! It's unsurprising then, that the first choice in this year's Crush- the hulking Minotaur Blocker Icehorn Bullfrosthad scouts and coaches across the NAF salivating like a Halfling in tuck shop at his destructive potential. Sadly, Bullfrost's untimely demise is a cautionary tale of how even the mightiest of talents can be crushed by the weight of expectation.

As a product of Midgard College's controversial 'Big Guy Programme' (which critics unkindly claim involves nothing more than handing out spurious athletic scholarships to anyone who's over 7'.9 and muscular), Bullfrost was put straight into the Bluchen Berserkers first team by head coach Ivan Bloodshed. In his one and only interview, the Minotaur had told reporters he was relishing playing the highly fancied Gouged Eye in his first game, "Me like the smelly green men. Taste good!"

Unfortunately for Bullfrost, Gort Severlimb's tactics saw the Gouged Eye completely neutralise theMinotaur. In the first half, he only managed one badly timed block and a clumsy

foul which led to the Orc Team's first Touchdown. With the Berserkers 0-2 down, Bullfrost started crumbling under the pressure of his status as the number one pick and went utterly berserk. Forgetting the game, he charged headlong towards the Eye's star Catcher Osgar Vilechuck on the side-line, who casually side stepped out of the way, causing all 393lbs of the raging bull to crash fatally into the Orc team's dugout.

It's hard to say for sure what happened next because the clouds of dust, blood and Gatorcade obscured much of the action. However, when the clouds cleared, the scene was one of total carnage.

As a result of his deadly fall the mad Minotaur had taken out three of the Eye's support staff (Their kit manager Old Scrote, accountant Dosh Wonga, plus head of public relations Blarg Sound-Biter) and, incredibly, had somehow managed to fatally impale himself on a life-sized mannequin of Varag Ghoul-Chewer (which had just been placed there as part of the Eye captain's lucrative deal with Orcidas to endorse their new range of codpieces). The real Varag Ghoul-Chewer argued persuasively that the kill should be attributed to him, but the NAF eventually credited it to substitute Ugly Rackspike, due to him being the player who'd positioned the mannequin.

Despite his underwhelmingly short career, Icehorn Bullfrost would have been delighted to know that his spectacular demise got the biggest cheer of the day from the sold-out crowd at Axehead Stadium, and he's now the bookies' favourite to win this season's coveted 'Most Entertaining Death' award! Icehorn Bullfrost, whether you're now playing a harp in Elysium or burning for eternity in Hades, we here at Sports Killerstrated salute you!

Sports KILLERSTRATED Fact File

Name: Icehorn Bullfrost

Age: 75

Height: 7'.9"
Weight: 393 lbs

College: Midgard College Crush: 1st Round 2489

Team(s): Bluchen Berserkers

Position: Blocker

Honours: 1st choice in the 2489 Crush. Shortlisted for 2489 Hikeman Trophy. **Career Statistics:** 1 game, 1 block,

1 foul, 3 civilian fatalities.

THE WEEK IN SHEATING

Find out Who's This Week's Sneakiest Gits

Week 1 is always full of surprises on the cheating front, as a summer's worth of new dirty tricks are tested for the first time in match conditions. This season was no different, there was a host of dastardly innovations debuting on the Astroturf, with, it has to be said, varying levels of success: The Dwarf Warhammerers pit trap strategy was a spectacular fail, whereas the Underworld Creepers' judicious use of good old fashioned bribery proved to be the difference in their astonishing upset win over the Dwarf Giants.

However, the most notable cheats of week have to be the Hobgoblin Team. Their game against Khain's Killers always had the potential to get out of control, so much so that the NAF assigned Max 'Kneecap' Mittlemann (and his chainsaw) to officiate. The Killers got the hint, the Hobgobs didn't. By the final whistle only 1 Hobgoblin player was left on the field! What's more, of the 15 players languishing in the treatment room, only 5 of them were put there by Khain's Killers' players, the other 10 were a result of arguing the call with the formidable Mr Mittlemann. Asked why he'd been so excessive in dealing with the Hobgoblin miscreants, a defensive Max replied, "I only 'ad to use me chainser once, me pliers woz sort enuff to uvvers".



LOW EXPECTATIONS

A Round-Up of the NAF's most useless Teams

It's a new season, and before a ball (or head) is kicked in anger, several teams already know their league position in 16 weeks' time... Rock bottom. The reason they can be so confident has nothing to do with far eastern betting syndicates (chance would be a fine thing!), but rather because, the diminutive Halfling and Goblin teams simply don't stand a chance against hulking maniacs they'll be facing week in and week out.

Sure, one might occasionally manage to negotiate a preferential schedule in the annual Sock Exchange (like the Stunted Stoutfellows did two seasons ago) and scrape together a

'respectable' losing season, but normally they'll consider themselves lucky to win even one game. With this in mind the 'Low Expectations' column will shine a spotlight on the misfortunes of the Greenfield Grasshuggers, Stunted Stoutfellows, Bluebay Crammers, Lowdown Rats, Scarcrag Snivellers and the Hoboblin Team, as they set out on a quest not to end the season 0-16.

So, looking at week 1, The most awful team performance has to be the Greenfield Grasshuggers 0-3 loss against the Athelorn Avengers. With 0 paces gained and a whopping 392 conceded, they've set the standard that all other thrashings will be measured by this season. When the opposition actually start helping your prone players back onto their hairy big feet, you know you're in trouble!



Sports KIVERSTRATED'S STAR COLUMNIST: GAZBAG LINCHKER

GIVES YOU A PIECE OF HIS MIND!



'Ello orc sports fans and welcome to my proper column. You daft lot might know me, Gazbag Linchker, from 'da gud old dayz' in 2464 when the Gouged Eye were the top team in the NAF, never mind the AFC. Well would you know it, those days are back. We absolutely thrashed those Norse nobs, and even killed their new star player! They should call Axehead stadium Bullhead stadium, cos the only thing Bullfrosts's head is now good for is decorating the wall in the guest locker room. That's what you get when you try and play nasty against the Eye, you can't beat a good orc at his own game.

And let's not forget Varag Ghoul-Chewer. Not only does he eat a pack of Gorkers before every game, he scored all three of the Eye's touchdowns this week. Those daft humies (The Reeking -Reavers) think they have a chance at winning the AFC central, well the chance they got is no chance! Ha ha ha ha.

Von Altdorf might lead the league in passing yards for week one, but in week two I bet he is going to lead the league in being punched straight in the face. Some stupid people might think that Griff Ober, er, walled, or whatever, stupid long name, might pose a threat to our super strong defense but you know wot, I reckon this game is going to go down to who is the toughest, the roughest, and the most mean, not who can do all the fancy ball moves the best. We 'ave got top notch blockers like Da Rock, who had a proper good time smacking humans this week, which is great practice for smacking humans next week.

And that's not all. If for some strange reason you're not a hardcore Gouged Eye supporter, then you must be an Orcland Raiders supporter. Despite not being as good as the Eye in my opinion, the black and yellows still managed to beat some poncy elves, but only just mind. The Gladiators managed to score two touchdowns before the raiders could seal the deal. Grishnak Goblin-Throttler is a decent up and coming blitzer and could take the blood bowl world by storm, that is, if he played alongside Varag for the Eye. He is going to get nowhere with those stinking mud dwellers in the NFC.

That's all for this week. Don't forget, every bag of Gorkers you buy, I get paid for, So keep buying 'em, or I'll stomp ya teef in.



FOLLOWING THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE BLUCHEN BERSERKERS' SENSATIONAL NEW SIGNING...

Around the razed towns and villages of the Chaos Wastes there's been a big hoo-ha (not just from that blind lawyer!) about an exciting young prospect playing down in the Double B leagues at Hexas ATM - Yes you guessed it - I'm talking about Johnny Man's-Hell, also known as JOHNNY BLOODBOWL!

There's been a lot of buzz(ing of chainsaws) over the high profile signing of this exciting Chaos tainted Thrower/Blitzer to Bluchen Berserkers at this year's Crush. Berserker fans have whipped themselves

into a frenzy - and they're hoping the player who psychotically leapt over an Ogre to score a winning touchdown can give them a real Blood Bowl push.

However even as early as week 1, it seems the Berserker charge to title might not be all it's cracked up to be!

The first sign of things going wrong was when Man's-Hell was NOT arrested for being part of a drunken fight with his fellow team members the night before the big game against the Gouged Eye. Whilst the rest of them produced fake IDs to get themselves out of trouble, local sheriffs were perplexed when Johnny produced his REAL ID with onlookers claiming that during the wild fight, Johnny sat quietly reading a book.

The Berserkers were forced to release the following statement: "We are disappointed with his actions and this is out of character for Johnny"

To make matters worse, the Berserkers went on to lose the game 3-0.

Broken *News*

Piers d'Organ: "Before we carry on with our regular feature "ouch, why is my bone sticking out of my skin like that?" we go live via Hyper-Cabalvision to our reporter Fran Frankofrankerson who is bringing us pitchside reports all season giving you the most up to date Blood Bowl insights! Fran, you're covering the Icecastle Wolves today, what's going on"

FFF: "The Wolves might need an extra fur coat today Jim, the temperatures are sub zero, even the tears of their opponents have frozen over?"

PdO: "... it's ... it's frozen there?"

FFF: "Absolutely frozen Jim, and with the fierce snowstorm right now meaning I can't see the spectacles at the end of my nose - it seems that this game is probably going to be called off! A lucky escape for

the halfling team from Bluebay!PdO "...
They're going to call off the game?
FFF: "... Erm ... I think so!"
PdO: "Because of the snowstorm?"

FFF: "Exactly!"

PdO: "I find that strange considering that the game is being played at their OPPONENTS stadium and the Sicklehof Stadium in the Duchy of Creeveland hasn't seen snow in 87 years ..."

FFF: / - / -

PdO: "You've gone to the wrong stadium haven't you Fran?"

FFF: "... Yes I have. I'm at the Icecastle stadium."

PdO: "Thank you Fran, utterly pointless."

IT'S TOTALLY NAF

A SIDEWAYS LOOK AT THE LEAGUE

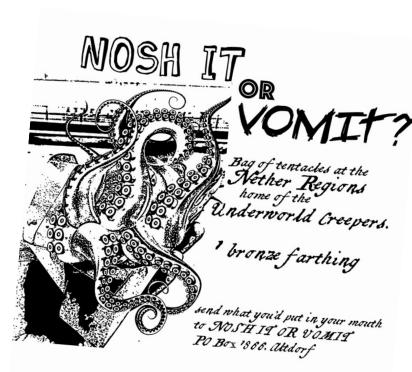
Our investigative reporters get everywhere.

This week one even managed to get his ear against the door of the Dwarf Warhammerers' locker room.

At great personal risk he transcribed this inspirational speech by their head coach 'Insane' Thorson Axeheim.

Despite being chased by a deathroller he made it back to the offices to file the following...





Check out the delicious offerings available at the various stadia across the NAF.

Send in your best (or worst) half-time snacks!



PREVIEW NAF WEEK 2

Icecastle Wolves	Albion Wanderers
Middenheim Marauders	Champions of Death
Nurgle's Rotters	Arctic Cragspiders
Underworld Creepers	Naggaroth Nightwings
Reikland Reavers	Gouged Eye
Lustria Croakers	Bluchen Berserkers
Oldheim Ogres	Khain's Killers
Chaos All-Stars	Scarcrag Snivellers
Dwarf Warhammerers	Bright Crusaders
Stunted Stoutfellows	Dark Renegades
Bruendar Grimjacks	Westside Werewolves
Elfheim Eagles	Everbold Unicorns
Evil Gits	Greenfield Grasshuggers
Athelorn Avengers	Darkside Cowboys
Southstorm Squids	Bluebay Crammers
Skaven Scramblers	Creeveland Crescents
Asgard Ravens	Dwarf Giants
Vynheim Valkyries	Lowdown Rats
Galadrieth Gladiators	Hobgoblin Team
Orcland Raiders	Worlds Edge Wanderers

BIGGEST GAMES: WEEK 2

The Eye's Have It?

It's the match-up the world has been waiting for, the unbeaten **Gouged Eye** and **Reikland Reavers** go head-to-head in the **Moonsday** night game. Both teams enter it on the back of **3-0 routs**... is it too early to be calling this a title decider?

Elves on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown

The sports psychologists are on standby as the **Athelorn Avengers** host their bogey team and current world champions the **Darkside Cowboys!**

To the Death

The unbeaten **Middenheim Marauders** will be looking to continue their good start against the **Champions of Death** when they meet in the **Thrudsday night game** live on **ABC**.

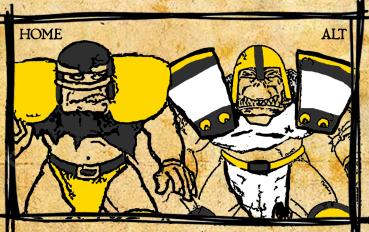
Cheats Never Prosper?

The world's greatest rule-breakers meet the goody-goodie's goody-goodies: Yes, the **Dwarf Warhammerers** face the **Bright Crusaders** in what should be a hilarious match up of mutual misunderstanding.

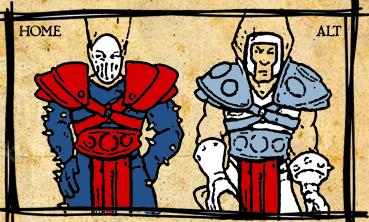


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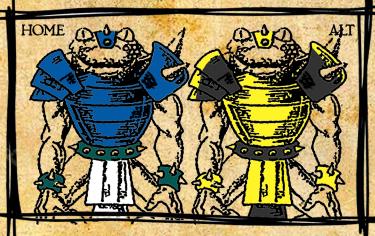
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