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²⁴⁸⁹⁻⁹⁰ Season PREVIEW



And now on the ABC, Bob Bifford and Jim Johnson look forward to the upcoming 2489-90 NAF season...

"Can you feel it, Jim?"

"Gee, Bob, maybe we should save that until after the show. I don't think the viewers really want to see-..."

"No, Jim! I mean, can you feel the excitement of the all-new NAF season!!! "

"Oh, you bet I can! It's been a roller coaster of an off-season, there've been more twists and turns than a High Elf's hairdo! Every team has strengthened their squads over the summer- well, maybe not the Hobgoblin Team- but other than that it's been a frenetic few months, and I think we're going to see carnage on an industrial scale when we kick-off next week."

"Ah, nothing says 'new season' like some good old fashioned gratuitous violence dressed up as sporting achievement! Which teams do you like this year, old buddy?"

"Well, Bob, the Scramblers have really caught my eye. They've been splashing the Warpstone over the summer and have developed some new mutations that are, to be perfectly honest, terrifying; I can't wait to see them take the field! Then there's the continuing transformation of the Evil Gits. Coach Whipdeath has been cutting their underperforming players left right and centre- so much so that he actually broke his knife! But It hasn't taken him long to sweep away the remains and he's replaced them with some of the evillest gits in the Known World. In fact, many pundits are now tipping them as the team to watch this season! How about you, Bob, what caught your eye over the summer break?"

"Well, since you're asking, Jim, I managed to get two weeks away at the Cobracopana beach resort on the sunshine coast of Lustria. Great food, beautiful beaches, but those Amazon gals-boyoh-boy -can they ever rock a swimsuit! What a sight for an old Ogre's eyes!"

"Umm... well, thanks for that, Bob."

"Y'Know what else I found out while I was on vacation, Jim? I got talking to this one guy, a mage who's real high-up in one of them colleges of magic, anyway, he thinks that we're now living in a parallel universe!"

"A parallel, what?"

"A Parallel Universe. He called it an incredibly rare phenomyn... phonomern... phunoman, ah I dunno what he called it, but he said it was a one in a billion occurrence and that it happened right before last season's Blood Bowl final. I 'aint big on the technical stuff, but he said that just before the kick-off our reality sprouted off from the dimension that we'd all been living in and formed a whole new Universe!"

"Wow, you don't say! Actually, I think I've read about this back when I was researching the Chaos All-Stars. If I remember rightly, it's called an 'Eldritch Hiccup', it means we are just one reality amongst countless billions."

"..."

"Bob! Bob, are you okay?"

"wha... oh, sorry, Jim. I was just thinking about all those other universes and it suddenly made me realise the ultimate futility of our existence. Whoo-eee!"

"Oh, I don't know, Bob, look on the bright side: At this exact moment, there's probably another Jim and Bob sitting right where we are, but instead of previewing the new season they're crying into their microphones because commissioner Three-Horn has run off with everyone's money and bankrupted the league! Ha, ha, ha!"

"Ha, Ha, Ha! You got some imagination, you old bloodsucker! Honestly, can you really see good old Nikk doin' somethin' like that?"

"Well, Bob, as the man himself says, 'this is Blood Bowl, buddy, anything can happen!'"





2489-90 Season PREVIEW

In case you're from another dimension or reading this from an alternate future where games have a set duration, here's a quick recap on how the NAF decide their regular season games...



90 seconds, Hobgoblin Team vs Oldheim Ogres (2487-88)

Longest Ever Game

19 days Darkside Cowboys vs Kishargo Werebears (2473-74)

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.

THE BLOOD

Every summer, when the NAF publishes the list of fixtures for the coming season, there is much scratching of heads amongst fans of the world's greatest game (and this is only partly down to the fact a majority of them can't actually read), it's because the NAF still insists on using 'Nuffle's Sacred Calendar' to schedule games. The calendar is a relic from the early years of the NAF, when Roze-El was commissioner and Blood Bowl was more of a ritual than a game. It has its own names for the days of the week and months of the year, all of which are proscribed by Nuffle himself (confusingly, the NAF uses the standard Imperial calendar to date the seasonsthe current year being 2489). Nuffle's commandment that game only be

played on Moonsday and Thrudsday between the months of Dismember to Hoon was solemnly observed for decades, however, since the 2470s, commercial pressure from advertisers has led to the grand finals now being played on Shatterday and Stunneday. Despite this sacrilege, commissioner Three-Horn has said the NAF does not intend to adopt the standard Imperial calendar anytime soon (the fact he is a majority shareholder of the company that prints Nuffle's Sacred Calendar, is entirely coincidental!).

BOWL CALENDAR

Nuffle's Sacred Days of the Week							
Moonsday [®]							
Chewsday [™]							
Winceday□							
Thrudsday□							
Fireday							
Shatterday [™]							
Stunneday =							

Nuffle's Holy Months¤					
Month =	Imperial Equivalent				
Jabbury	Nachexen□				
Ferally	Jahrdrung¤				
Starch	Pflugzeit¤				
Peril¤	Sigmarzeit				
Slay¤	Sommerzeit				
Hoon	Vorgheim ^a				
Crueleye¤	Nachgeheim ¹²				
Hawkgust ^u	Erntezeit¤				
Schleptember	Brauzeit¤				
Orctober	Kaldzeit¤				
Nomember¤	Ulriczeit¤				
Dismember¤	<u>Vorhexen</u>				

Before a ball or head gets kicked in anger...

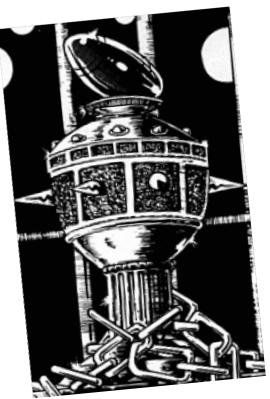
The Trophy's Aiready Got Our Name On It

Yep, you heard it here folks. It may only be Dismember, and the season hasn't even started yet, but we know whose name's going to be on that trophy come Hoon. Bloodweiser, of course!

Heck, we don't like to toot our own trumpet (like some companies we could mention), but it was us who came up with the idea of awarding this trophy, in the first place!

So, next time you hear that loser Bugman droning on about how many Xs there are on his barrel, remember, they're all just small beer compared to the old world's #I beverage amongst blood sports fans: Bloodweiser Beer.

Whether you're making a killing at work, or just watching one on the field, make sure you accompany it with an ice cold bottle of 'Blood'. It's the Beer of Killings!





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2489-90 Season PREVIEW

BLOOD BOWL

MINNER ODDS

Darkside Cowboys Reikland Reavers Elfheim Eagles	5/1 7/1 9/1
Chaos All-Stars	10/1
Galadrieth Gladiators	_
	11/1
Dwarf Giants	23/2
Skaven Scramblers	12/1
Gouged Eye	25/2
Champions of Death	13/1
Vynheim Valkyries	13/1
Orcland Raiders	15/1
Middenheim Marauders	16/1
Albion Wanderers	17/1
Dwarf Warhammerers	, 35/2
Westside Werewolves	18/1
Oldheim Ogres	21/1
Nurgle's Rotters	23/1
Dark Renegades	26/1
Khain's Killers	27/1
Creeveland Crescents	28/1
Athelorn Avengers	29/1
Bright Crusaders	30/1
Naggaroth Nightwings	31/1
Lustria Croakers	32/1
Arctic Cragspiders	33/1
Bluchen Berserkers	34/1
Evil Gits	35/1
Bruendar Grimjacks	36/1
Worlds Edge Wanderers	37/1
Everbold Unicorns	40/1
Asgard Ravens	41/1
Southstorm Squids	50/1
Underworld Creepers	61/1
Icecastle Wolves	62/1
Scarcrag Snivellers	200/1
Lowdown Rats	300/1
Greenfield Grasshuggers Bluebay Crammers	800/1
Stunted Stoutfellows	900/1 1000/1
The Hobgoblin Team	1,000,1
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CHAOS CUP ODDS

4/1
8/1
9/1
13/1
15/1
16/1
17/1
18/1
19/1
20/1
21/1
22/1
23/1
30/1
40/1
100/1

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TEAM OF THE YEAR ODDS

Darkside Cowboys	4/1
Galadrieth Gladiators	7/1
Dwarf Giants	8/1
Skaven Scramblers	10/1
Vynheim Valkyries	11/1
Orcland Raiders	12/1
Dwarf Warhammerers	15/1
Nurgle's Rotters	18/1
Creeveland Crescents	20/1
Athelorn Avengers	21/1
Lustria Croakers	22/1
Evil Gits	23/1
Worlds Edge Wanderers	28/1
Everbold Unicorns	30/1
Asgard Ravens	31/1
Southstorm Squids	40/1
Lowdown Rats	100/1
Greenfield Grasshuggers	300/1
Bluebay Crammers	400/1
The Hobgoblin Team	500,000/1



2488-89 NAF **Standings**



The charts for each conference reveal the following facts about the teams, in this order: Games Won, Lost, Tied (*=match abandoned), Points For, Points Against, Fatalities For, Fatalities Against. Matches WN/LO/TD do not include Blood Bowl championship or Chaos Cup games. Fatalities For include game officials and members of the public.

NFC Conference							
Central Division Darkside Cowboys Athelorn Avengers Evil Gits Everbold Unicorns Greenfield Grasshuggers	WN 13 10 7 6	LO 3 6 9 10	TD 0 0 0 0 0	PF 42 39 30 27	PA 19 28 35 36	FF FA 20 4 10 7 18 10 13 8	
Northern Division Dwarf Giants Vynheim Valkyries Nurgle's Rotters Asgard Ravens Lowdown Rats	WN 15 10 9 3 2	LO 1 6 7 13 14	TD 0 0 0 0 0	PF 47 38 29 27 12	PA 12 23 28 43 45	FF FA 112 0 34 8 109 3 21 9 22 9	
Eastern Division Skaven Scramblers Creeveland Crescents Dwarf Warhammerers Southstorm Squids Bluebay Crammers	WN 14 10 9 5	LO 2 5 6 10 14	TD 0 1* 1* 1	PF 46 37 34 25 14	PA 19 22 26 42 46	FF FA 41 3 15 5 67 8 4 12 3 13	
Western Division Galadrieth Gladiators Orcland Raiders Lustria Croakers Worlds Edge Wanderers Hobgoblin Team	WN 11 10 8 7	LO 5 6 8 7 16	TD 0 0 0 0 2* 0	PF 37 33 33 33	PA 25 25 33 33 48	FF FA 9 5 36 2 4 1 28 2 33 28	

Blood Bowl Championship

Quarter Finals

Darkside Cowboys bt. Galadrieth Gladiators 3-2 Skaven Scramblers bt. Dwarf Giants 3-0

Semi Final

Darkside Cowboys bt Skaven Scramblers 3-2

Blood Bowl XXVIII

Darkside Cowboys bt. Reikland Reavers 3-2

Passing: season Athelorn Avengers 2796 paces/ single game Darkside Cowboys 356 paces Rushing: season Skaven Scramblers 2012 paces/ single game Galadrieth Gladiators 198 paces Fatalities: season Dwarf Giants 112/ single game Dwarf Giants 67

Orcidas Team of the Year

Darkside Cowboys

AFC Conference							
Central Division	WN	LO	TD	PF	PA	FF	FA
Reikland Reavers	13	3	0	41	21	15	1
Gouged Eye	10	6	0	38	24	45	5
Underworld Creepers	7	9	0	30	35	28	16
Naggaroth Nightwings	5	11	0	28	36	10	8
Bluchen Berserkers	5	11	0	26	36	70	10
Northern Division	WN	LO	TD	PF	PA	FF	FA
Champions of Death	11	5	0	38	26	33	-
Middenheim Marauders	10	6	0	38	23	14	8
Albion Wanderers	9	7	0	35	31	10	3
Arctic Cragspiders	7	9	0	32	34	28	6
Icecastle Wolves	5	11	0	23	37	5	12
Eastern Division	wn	10	TD	PF	PΑ	EE	FA
Chaos All-Stars	14	2	0	46	18	38	2
Oldheim Ogres	12	4	0	40	26	41	9
Khain's Killers	8	8	0	32	32	35	8
Bright Crusaders	7	9	0	29	36	18	8
Sacrcrag Snivellers	1	14	1*	12	46	2	16
Western Division	WN	LO	TD	PF	PA	FF	FA
Elfheim Eagles	16	0	0	48	20	5	3
Dark Renegades	10	6	0	40	26	16	-
Westside Werewolves	8	8	0	33	31	31	6
Bruendar Grimjacks	6	9	1*	31	32	18	6
Stunted Stoutfellows	0	14	2*	8	45	0	18

Blood Bowl Championship

Quarter Finals

Reikland Reavers bt. Champions of Death 3-0 Elfheim Eagles bt. Chaos All-Stars 3-2

Semi Final

Reikland Reavers bt. Elfheim Eagles 3-0

Passing: season Elfheim Eagles 3577 paces/ Single game Elfheim Eagles 327 paces Rushing: season Reikland Reavers 1976 paces/ single game Middenheim Marauders 201 paces

Fatalities: season Gouged Eye 45/ single game Chaos All-Stars 25

Chaos Cup Games

Quarter Finals

Gouged Eye bt. Underworld Creepers 3-0 Middenheim Marauders bt. Westside Werewolves 3-2 Khain's Killers bt. Oldheim Ogres 3-2 Albion Wanderers bt. Dark Renegades 3-1 Semi Finals

Gouged Eye bt. Middenheim Marauders 3-1 Albion Wanderers bt. Khain's Killers 3-2

Albion Wanderers bt Gouged Eye 3-2





AFC CENTRAL

REKLAND REAVERS



After the disappointment of losing Blood Bowl XXVIII to the Darkside Cowboys had faded, Helmut Zwimmer's team could look back on another highly successful season. They were the first team appear in two consecutive Blood Bowl finals since the Scramblers in the 70s, and although they didn't win the ultimate prize, the fact they yet again beat an incredibly strong Gouged Eye side to the AFC Central title is a testament to the quality of this team. With the benefit of a very soft schedule, hopes are high the Reavers can achieve an unprecedented 'threepeat' as AFC champions and get their hands on the Blood Bowl trophy again.

Odds 7/1





When the history books record this era for posterity, a special footnote needs to be reserved for the Gouged Eye. They have an absolutely exceptional team, packed with stars and future hall of famers, yet they have rarely made the playoffs during the 80s. Why? It's because they have the misfortune to be in the same division as the Reikland Reavers, and only one of them can qualify. The Reavers are heavy favourites this season, due to their easier schedule; but do not rule this Eye team out! If they can beat the Reavers in week 2, the odds on them taking the division (and the Blood Bowl) will dramatically shorten. Otherwise, save your money and back them in the Chaos Cup, where they are strongly fancied as favourites.

Odds 25/2

UNDERWORLD GREEPERS



As far as an unholy alliance between Goblins and Skaven go, the Creepers are pretty good... but that isn't saying much! The AFC Central is probably the strongest division in the NAF and with this team's propensity for self-inflicted injuries, they simply won't have the staying power to sustain any sort of form through the season. Their main hope is the Chaos Cup and inflicting the odd shock on a big-name team.

Odds 61/1







Head Coach Ivan Bloodshed defiantly slammed his critics, by claiming his Berserkers will be the surprise team of the coming season. It's true Slarga Fourstike and Scylla Anfgrimm are brutally good players, but the consensus was Bloodshed wasted the Berserkers' first choice in this year's Crush on the Hikeman trophy winning Minotaur Icehorn Bullfrost. The team is in dire need of some offensive firepower not another murderous blocking beast!

Odds 34/1

Pity the Nightwings, stuck in the AFC Central division with the exceptional Reikland Reavers and Gouged Eye, they stand no chance of challenging for the Blood Bowl this season. As compensation they've begun to focus more on winning the Chaos Cup. There have been few changes to last season's underachieving first team, so their fans have fairly low expectations for the coming campaign.

Odds 31/1





AFC EASTERN





Who knows what to expect from this strange team? Just when it looks like they're on a roll, the vicissitudes of the chaotic magic that always seems to surround them erupts, often to their disadvantage: Grand pianos falling from the sky, balls turning into kittens and fields flooded with mulligatawny soup, anything can- and frequently does- happen. Any side that boasts Morg'th Nh'throg on its roster is going to be competitive, and their AFC East challengers look distinctly average this season. Will their dark gods back them through the playoffs though?

Odds 10/1





A fact that is often missed about this team is that they actually have some great ball players (They were desperately unlucky to lose last season's Chaos Cup semi-final to the eventual winners), the only thing that lets them down is their insistence on trying to murder the opposition at the expense of winning games. If they ever decide to start focusing on scoring touchdowns rather than goring opponents, they could be one of the season's surprise packages.

Odds 27/1





The Ogres have been the main challengers to the Chaos All-Stars in recent seasons, and it's not hard to see why: When Ogre players hit their stride, they are pretty much unstoppable. However, doing this regularly has proven beyond them- they are easily distracted, always hungry and, to be frank, not too bright. There's no sign they've got any players who can offer them the on-field leadership they need, so their fans will be hoping they save their best performances for the toughest opponents.

Odds 21/1





Here is living proof that blind faith and pious devotion to Nuffle will only get you so far. The Crusaders' insistence on sticking to the rules always costs them crucial games, there's no sign of that changing this year. Their best hope of success lies on the shoulders of the highly rated rookie Thrower Egon Saintlyburg.

Odds 30/1





With their commitment to not using Trolls or secret weapons, the Snivellers are a bit of an oddity. Their players actually try to learn new plays and in match situations, they can prove hard to break down. However, we are talking about Goblins here, as soon as their players start leaving the field on stretchers and in coffins, expect the usual string of 0-3 defeats.

Odds 200/1





AFC MORTHERN





Tomolandry boldly brought some of his former players out of deep freeze last year and won the division in an exciting comeback against the Middenheim Marauders. This all came to nothing, as the Champs were steamrollered by the Reikland Reavers at the first hurdle in the playoffs, but they are still one of the league's most competitive teams. The brutal power Ramtut III terrifies most opposition into committing so many players into trying to stop him, their surprisingly effective offense are able capitalise on the resulting gaps in the defense to score freely.

Odds 13/1





After their shock win in last season's Chaos Cup, the Albion Wanderers coach Bob Berobsson genuinely believes they stand a chance of winning the division this year. They've used the prize money from their trophy win wisely and have strengthened their squad. This, alongside a determination to prove they are more than one-off, could see them provide some surprises in the race for the AFC Northern title.

Odds 17/1

WIDDEN SERVICES



The perennially competitive Marauders will make tough opposition for any team facing them this season. Goran Slaver's brutal tactics are tailor made for this ultra-violent team, from team captain Uthar Hagg's ref killing punches, rising star Karla von Kill's haymakers, and Withergrasp Doubledrool's one-two punch, there's every chance they can win the division should the Champions of Death fall even a little below top form. If they do end up in the Chaos Cup, they will be well worth backing as potential winners of that trophy, as well.

Odds 16/1





Captain Wormhowl Greyscar continues to be the only thing holding the team together. When he was injured last season, the team suffered badly without his leadership and blocking prowess. The Cragspiders' policy of only recruiting from their fearsome tribe may build an unbreakable team spirit but losing several veterans last season has them in dire need of on the field experience.

Odds 33/1





The league's newest team remain an underwhelming proposition. Despite being Norse, their Berserkers are easily neutralised by all but the weakest teams. It looks like being another difficult season for the Ice Castle faithful.

Odds 62/1





AFC WESTERN





There is growing optimism at the Vale that this will be the Eagles' year. Last season, their unbeaten 16-0 record imploded in the playoffs as they were thrashed by the Reikland Reavers at the semi-final stage. Coach Ashblade says his team has learned from this experience and has attempted to strengthen their defense over the recess. The AFC West looks like it's theirs for the taking, and with Valen Swift and Soaren Hightower powering the offense, no endzone is safe from their awesome aerial attack. If their defense shows up, it's not hard to see why they're being tipped to return to the Blood Bowl final.

Odds 9/1





The Grimjacks are a team in transition, and we're not just talking about their Werewolf players!

As many have noted, they are looking more and more like an undead team. With the league's best Chainsaw loony Helmut Wulf and the monster Blocker Frank N. Stein on the roster, the Jacks are sure to cause fatalities, but their sclerotic offense will struggle to capitalise.

Odds 36/1





Without the resources of the NAF's premier teams, the Renegades have had a difficult time finding the players to guarantee them the wins necessary to get out of the division. The fact Tuern Redvenom ended speculation about his future and signed a new contract during the recess, has given them some hope. They're currently dark horses for the Chaos Cup.

Odds 26/1

NEGTGIPE NERENOLIEG ///

Since the arrival of Wilhelm Chaney, the Werewolves have made dramatic improvements. The young lycanthrope has proven to be the leader of the pack they've always needed; during his tenure as captain, they've taken some impressive scalps but never quite strung together a run of good form that has seen them challenge for the AFC West. If this young team can control their wild side, and Chaney stays healthy, they are well worth an outside bet to give the Eagles a run for their money.

Odds 18/1





After the heady heights of their 5 wins in 2487-88, last season was a real disappointment for the Stouts. The Sock Exchange has not been kind to them, they'll need to save their appetite for their week 7 heavyweight contest against the Grasshuggers.





NIFC CENTRAL

DARKSIDE COWBOYS



The Blood Bowl champions remain the team to beat. The excel on both offense and defense. Hubris Rakarth proved himself to be the NAF's undisputed top Blitzer when he won his duel against Griff Oberwald in the final of Blood Bowl XXVIII. He leads a fearsome defensive unit, whose ability to cause turnovers won the Dark Elves many games and ultimately the world championship. On the other side of the ball, Thrower Moravis Curfew had a superb 2488-89 season and has silenced those critics who said he'd never live up to the reputation of his illustrious predecessor Jeremiah Kool. He leads a potent offense, equally comfortable running or passing the ball into the endzone. With no obvious challengers in the NFC Central, the Cowboys can focus all their energies on the playoffs, it's hard to see who will be able to stop them.

Odds: 5/1 (Favourites)



The Grasshuggers have had a great preseason touring Tilea. They managed to eat record amounts of Pizza and pasta, and their amazing discovery of the local delicacy Tiramisu has their belt buckles bulging like never before. It didn't seem to bother them that they lost every game!

On the pitch, however, expect them to get the usual absolute walloping!

Odds 800/1





On paper, the Avengers have a strong team, a very strong team. Whilst their passing attack doesn't generate the headines of the Elfheim Eagles and super star Blitzer Jordell Freshbreeze is constantly marginalised in favour of the Gladiators' Lucien Swift, they are every bit as good when they click into gear. Unfortunately, the Avengers share a division with the Darkside Cowboys and are unlikely to progress to the playoffs.

Odds 29/1





During his short time as head coach, Bargull Whipdeath has rung the changes. The Gits have strengthened their squad dramatically, with many of the no-hoper Goblins that malingered on their roster throughout the 80s getting mercilessly cut (Only the intervention of the players' union stopped Whipdeath going further, and fully decapitating them!) Their bigname signing Cannon Ball Bennie from Gouged Eye is sure to make an impact, so why aren't they better value to do well this season? The answer's simple they're in the same division as the all-conquering world champion Darkside Cowboys!

Odds 35/1





With an exciting offense and good home form, the Unicorns can cause the odd upset, however, their youthful enthusiasm usually gets the better of them leading to unforced errors on both sides of the ball.

Odds 40/1





NIFC EASTERN





No team in the NAF can match the raw speed of the Scramblers, their ability to pull defenses apart is legendary. The return of fat rat Glart Smashrip has many in Skavenblight salivating; no, it's not because of all the extra Kenmucky Fried Chicken they need to feed the obese star, it's because Smashrip may he the missing part their championship puzzle, offering them some much needed muscle (and bulk) on the line of scrimmage.

Odds 12/1



Perpetually stuck in midtable and lacking the glamour of the Reikland Reavers or Middenheim Marauders, the Crescents have struggled to attract the best human collegiate talent and have a roster lacking in depth. If their starters can stay healthy, they may provide a shock or two, but its most likely star Catcher Hoshi Komi will be the only thing keeping them competitive this season.

Odds 28/1





With the various death dealing weapons that the Warhammerers regularly sneak on to the pitch, they'll always have a chance against even the best teams. However, the said weapons are just as likely to backfire to their detriment. Coach Axeheim has been slow to replace their lost players after their expensive mishap with TNT late last season saw their playoff hopes go up in smoke (and flames, and body parts!).

Odds 35/2





The Squids show no signs of improvement: Even though their offense is powered by Elf Throwers and Catchers, their passing attack constantly misfires; their running game lacks any punch and, other than the tentacles of their Squidmen mutants, their defense has proven ineffective at stopping opponents running the ball.

Odds 50/1





The Crammers ended the 2488-89 season being crowned as the NAF's top Halfling team. With 'only' 14 losses, 1 win and 1 draw. Hopes are high they can improve on this and get a couple of matches abandoned... who knows they might only lose 12 games this year!

Odds 900/1





NIFC MORTHERN





The nature of the Giants playoff loss to the Skaven Scramblers surprised many last season. Their inability to stop the super-fast Skaven catchers revealed the great weakness of their terrifyingly brutal defense- they are slow. Very. Very. Slow. However, if they can turn their games into battles of attrition, they become almost unbeatable. Both their power running game and killer defense are capable of inflicting crippling casualties on the opposition, which more than compensates for their lack of pace.

Odds 23/2

NURGLE'S ROTTERS



The Rotters' end the 80s as a decade of missed opportunities. They have suffered from the dominance of the Dwarf Giants and Vynheim Valkyries, meaning the glory days of the 70s are now a distant memory. There's a bad smell about this group of players (as well as hundreds of airborne diseases) and they're not expected to make much of an impact this season (other than spread a few plagues to the different venues they visit).

Odds 23/1

VYNHEM VALKYRIES



Unlike many of the top teams in the NAF, the Valkyries take pride in the fact they have no marquee star players to grab the headlines, instead, their vicious berserkers simply grab the opposition by the throat. After narrowly losing out in the race for the NFC North last year, 'Mad' Jake McDead's team of crazies are determined to win back the division.

Hopes are high that they can repeat their form of 2 seasons ago, which powered them all the way to the Blood Bowl final.

Odds 26/2

ASGARD RAVENS



With the disaster that was the 2488-89 season out of the way, the Ravens have had a chance to regroup. Their squad has been strengthened during the recess, but their lack of financial resources means they are relying on untested rookies and weary veterans to make a push for a winning season.

Odds 41/1





This season, things are going to get very ugly very quickly for the Rats. I mean, just take a look at their line of scrimmage... their linemen have got some of the ugliest faces in the entire league!

Odds 300/1





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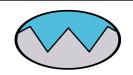
Last season, the Gladiators won the NFC West in a thrilling race against the Orcland Raiders before being outclassed by the Darkside Cowboys in the quarter final. After that loss to their bitter rivals, Lucien Swift vowed that 2489-90 would see the Gladiators return to the Blood Bowl for the first time in almost twenty years. The fact that the Reikland Reavers' Griff Oberwald has usurped him as the league's top Blitzer has filled the Silver Bullet with a new resolve to regain his crown. If he proves as good as his word, Ulthuan's finest may well prove to be the team to beat this year!

Odds 11/1









LUSTRIA CROAKERS



This enigmatic team from Lustria keep themselves to themselves. Consequently, it's hard to know what to make of their team, since they only recruit Slann from their secretive local leagues. Lottabottol and Quetzal Leap are bona fide stars, but the Croakers rarely seem to rise to the challenge of the Raiders or Gladiators in the NFC West.

Odds 32/1

ORCLAND



Owner, King Ironclaw Faceripper was so furious at losing out to the Galadrieth Gladiators last season that Head Coach Cruel Eye very nearly lost his job (and head), it was only the intervention of influential team captain Grishnak Goblin-Throttler that saved him. Grish wasn't motivated by any affection for his coach, it was simply that the Ogre lets the veteran Thrower do whatever he wants on the field of play, leading many to criticise the Raiders as being a 'one Orc' team.

Calls for Greaser Geargrinder to take over as the team's first choice thrower will intensify should Grish get off to a bad start. A watershed season awaits: Is Goblin-Throttler's reign of terror nearing its end or can the grand old Orc make one more shot at glory?

Odds 15/1

The team's well documented financial problems have largely been resolved by the fortuitous discovery of a seam of gold near the team's home stadium. Unfortunately, most of this has been used to erase their significant debts. Their new signings are all untested rookies, time will tell if they can develop into a team capable of challenging the Gladiators for the NFC West.

Odds 37/1

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