

BLOOD BOWL BABBLE

Schnitzel Bowl II. – Extra
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Hi there Blood Bowl Fans,

J&C like to welcome you once again to Vienna to another edition of Schnitzel Bowl.

J: Howdy and welcome to sunny Vienna. Hey C, can you give us a short briefing on the coaches before we start the tournament?

C: Of course. This year we have coaches from Hungary, Germany, Italy, Slovakia and Austria.

J: Slovakia?

C: Yes, J. They haven't registered so we didn't have any clue. Now they are here and we are very happy that they showed up at sign up.

J: So how many teams will we see?

C: Currently 26 teams signed up and the jumper team is standing by. One registered team isn't here yet - Jakob.

J: I just tried to call him and woke him up - he won't arrive in time looks like the jumper team won't see any action this weekend. Hmm C, isn't your team around to watch the tournament?

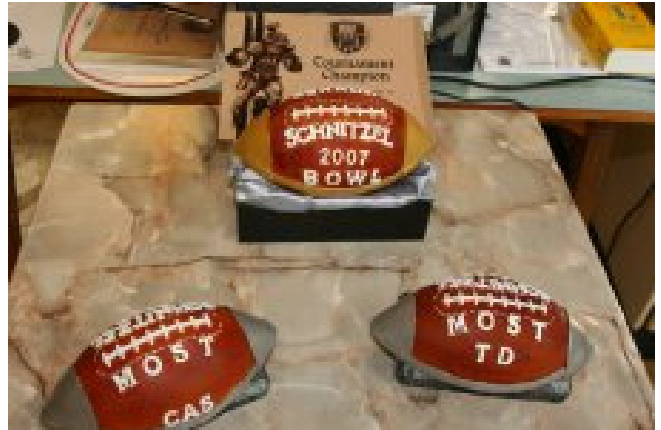
C: yes why?

J: Well, I don't think we need 3 organisers up here, why don't you grab them and lead them into the tournament so the jumper team can also play?

C: Unexpected, unprepared hell, yes!

J: Ok sportsfans, here we go. First I will tell you the changes to last year. First of all the rules of the game changed to LRB5, but for Halflings we made the

exception so they can still buy their Master Chef and ingredients. What would a Schnitzel Bowl be without Halflings?



Furthermore we got new field markings. The endzones now show the "Schnitzelbowl" text and in the middle of the field you see a big plate with an even bigger schnitzel painted on the grass.



Another change this year are additional trophies for different categories. Frank for example sponsored 6 Goblin apothecaries. Each round, the team that suffers the first casualty will get one. Right from the start one of the Rex Farsight statues will be given away for the first tournament interception - probably the hardest statue to get.

Round 1

J: The draw is taken, let's see if we have some interesting match ups ... Uhhh, right away in stadium 1 Teg's Halflings have to face Dwarfs. C's Necromantic team is also facing a tough Dwarf team will he regret jumping in?

Just got news from stadium one ... the first Halfling suffered a casualty, so the first Goblin apothecary is given away. In stadium 9 coach "kleines Wölfchen" is starting to dance again, let's see what he will perform during the weekend.

A little side bet between coaches Don Pedro and Wuckal says that Pedro has to pay Wuckal two drinks if he doesn't cause a casualty in each game (by a Halfling, not by a Tree). Guess Wuckal can start drinking it does not look very good.

Most games are over and teams went to eat their lunch, only a few teams are still out there battling it out. Like last year Franks "Gays'n'Roses" and Beatrice team (Valkyries this year) are the last that will finish their game, but what's that? The ball is picked off by the Norse - we have our first tournament interception ... faster then expected!

Round 2

Drawing is done, and the teams are heading out again - except the Hungarian teams where are they? We can't wait that long, we have to let the other teams start playing - we got a tight schedule.

Not even 5 minutes played and the first casualty was suffered, surprisingly

enough it was no Halfling, a big Saurus from Oli's "Los Nurglos Echsos" just died. While the officials ran out to present the trophy, unfortunately a second Saurus' game has ended - this will be a tough game. The coach isn't too happy with the trophy understandable.



Panico with our lovely waitress

But action around stadiums continue, in stadium 13 an Ogre from the "Todesschlund Globetrotters" just picked up the Snotling holding the ball he's throwing him the Snotling lands and TOUCHDOWN!!! The Rex Farsight trophy goes to the - once again - dancing coach.

Back to stadium 10 where a Lizardmen player tried to loose his frustration by fouling one of the Dark Elf players. Too bad that they were already two man short and the ref got clear line of sight - looks like he really deserves one of the Schnitzel Bowl I. referees.

Screaming in stadium 14, Oligob, a Goblin from the "Red Troll verleiht Flügel", is carrying the ball, protected by his team mates, but the Norse pack is trying everything to stop him will they manage it? he's closer, he's closer, he's in TOUCHDOWN! Oligob scored the important tie.





Round 3

Round 3 has another interesting match-up, “*The Shire*”, Don Pedros Halfling team, is taking on Shlominus’ Goblins. The games just started and in almost record time the first casualty was scored. Again a team playing against the “*Har Ganeth Widowmakers*” is suffering. Hungarian coach Ordas is handed the Goblin apothecary trophy. This time although Manuel who made the Cas also got a trophy for it - the Bubble Bird.

A very interesting game develops on table 1. The stadium is dead quiet, the first half close to an end and still no score.



Screaming in stadium 13 where the feature game is going on, the Halflings take on the Goblins. The Treemans throw the little 'flings around the field and knock the ball loose. The Goblins are looking for revenge and try to bring their chainsaw into the game – with not much success so far.

What a lucky streak for “*Gays'n'Roses*” in Stadium 1, within just 4 or 5 turns they got ahead 3-0, wow. This round is also very friendly, all games are in the second half and not one player got ejected. Looks like the Schnitzel Bowl I. referee trophy will stay with us. No wait, Kithor just committed a foul and got caught!

Round 4

Another day, another set of games. The current overall leaders are “*Bonesmith FC*” in overall Rankings, “*Trenitalia*” in most Cas (14) and in most TD we have a tie between “*Gays'n'Roses*” and the “*Tipsy Gipsy Woodland Detox*” (8). After the first day only three teams have won every game: “*Gays'n'Roses*”, “*Bonesmith FC*” and “*Darkside Evolution*”.

Speaking of “*Darkside Evolution*”, they are still missing as well as “*P.A.N.S.Y.*”. We've heard that they went home to Slovakia to sleep. I hope they know it's a two day tournament and they listened to the announcers about the Vienna city marathon this weekend.

First block, first Cas in stadium 6! One of the “*Undertakers*” was taken under one more Goblin Apothecary is sent away.

Not only two coaches and their teams are missing, our lovely waitress also overslept and is late.

Back to stadium 1 where the “*Gays'n'Roses*” have a chance to score, all they

need is a 5+ pickup and a 2+ dodge. The player tries to pick up the ball, it's still wobbling, he grabs again and TOUCHDOWN! 1:0 for the pink Wood Elfs.

Meanwhile the "*Har Ganeth Widowmakers*" prove to be real Dark Elfs and fouled one of their opponents – too bad he got ejected for this, they obviously need a bribed referee, but it got them one Halfling Schnitzel Bowl I. referee.

A pass from a "*Green War*" player is sailing through the air right into the hands of another player on their team, he's free and can go untouched all the way – getting them one Rex Farsight statue.

SCHNITZEL ALL YOU-CAN-EAT

Like last year, tons of Schnitzels have been provided by the organisers and a dozen Halfling Master Chefs. One of the many reasons coaches from all over Europe love to come to Vienna. Hopefully not the only one.

There are various variants of Schnitzels with different side dishes and the coaches and the players seem to like it.



Round 5

This year the Elf teams turn up to be very strong. Franks Wood Elf Team "*Gays'n'Roses*" lead the field with a two

point lead over Dalibors Dark Elf called "*Darkside Evolution*". Table two brings another Wood Elf vs. Dark Elf matchup where two Manuels bring in their teams named "*Har Ganeth Widowmakers*" and "*Green War*". The most interesting and funny matchup will probably be the Halfling Clash in stadium 14 – can't wait to see Halflings flying around the whole field.



As in all games before the first casualty is made just minutes into the game. The "*Über Zwerge*" just killed "*Odin's Children*" Snow Troll. Coach Victor in a stadium nearby claims to have caused the first casualty, but hey – to get the statue you also have to inform the organisers.

The Halfling clash also gets a bonus, instead of flying around they foul and one player of the "*Modena Underground Cowards*" is sent off the pitch.

Round 6

Final round, coaches and their teams are looking forward to end this bloody weekend. One team already almost secured his tournament win. Frank's "*Gays'n'Roses*" lead the field with 3 points, which means that their opponent, the "*Har Ganeth Widowmakers*" have to win 5-0 to tie in points and in the net touchdown

rankings. Their +3 net Cas would outscore Franks -4 net Cas.

Hell brakes loose in stadium 9. "Trenitalia" just caused the first Cas and also fouled another player and got ejected for this.

"Green War" is throwing deep and the catcher can reach the endzone untouched by any Skavens – this wins them the Rex Farsight statue. In the last stadium hell broke loose when the fans storm the field, knocking down many "Los Nurglos Echsos" players resulting in three easy Touchdowns for the Halflings. In stadium 13 coach Beatrice is trying everything to get the most Cas trophy, screaming to their players that they have to bite, scratch, spit, foul, just do anything to get more Cas. They tried but they failed, the Cas leader before round 6 – "Trenitalia" (leading by 1 Cas) just broke Imre's Wood Elfs apart and inflicting seven (!) casualties in their final game.

The winner of Schnitzel Bowl II. is also decided: Frank's "Gays'n'Roses" beat the very offensive playing "Har Ganeth Widomakers" - trying everything to score the required TD's – 5:2.

Analysis

Franks Team had a perfect weekend,

winning every game they started! Thanks to their great performance they also claimed the Most TD trophy with 20 TD (with 7 TD difference to their followers). The Most Cas trophy was hard fought all weekend long, but 7 Cas inflicted in the last game gave Matteo and his "Trenitalia" the trophy. The two Halfling teams finished 26th with „The Shire“ coached by Don Pedro and 18th with „Modena Underground Cowards“ coached by Teg. Our new Slovakian friends finished 7th and 8th and show that very good Blood Bowl is going on there.

Like last year (giving away all trophies to Spain) the hosting nation proves to be very friendly to their guests, giving away all the trophies to non-Austrian coaches again.

Farewell

So the trophies are handed over to the winnings coaches and the fans start to leave. There is no more to say then just: „We hope you enjoyed Schnitzel Bowl II. and we are looking forward to see you again next year!“.

J&C

P.S. Don't forget to bring a friend – actually bring two! ;-)

