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THE FANTASY FOOTBALL ZINE



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**WELCOME TO ISSUE NUMBER EIGHT OF SPORK!,
THE ONLY ZINE DEDICATED TO THE WORLD'S
GREATEST SPORT: BLOOD BOWL.**

Well, it's been a little while since our last missive to you ravenous lot, but the presses have finally been rolling again and we have a brand spanking new issue to share with you.

A lot's happened in that time - we witnessed the entire second season of the **South Hampshire Association Tournament (SHAT)**, which saw three teams lying equal on points at the end of the campaign, and which could only be separated by the number of touchdowns scored. We won't spoil for you who took the crown, but you can find all the stats and statistics within these very pages.

Sadly, we had to wave goodbye to the Thunder Mountain Vulcans just before the season commenced - the coach was brought down with a bad case of the Hatchlings and was required to return to the Mountain to look after the young. More fool him, we say.

Still, it was a short but punchy campaign (in more ways than one) and a season for the ages - so long as the "ages" you are talking about are beverages, breakages and scrimmages...

Indeed, we'll be back next season but, until then: happy (en)trails!

- Viola Scuttlebutt (Editor)



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FEATURE

COOK WITH DRÜK



BRUTAL RECIPES FROM
***"THE ORC WITH
THE FORK"***

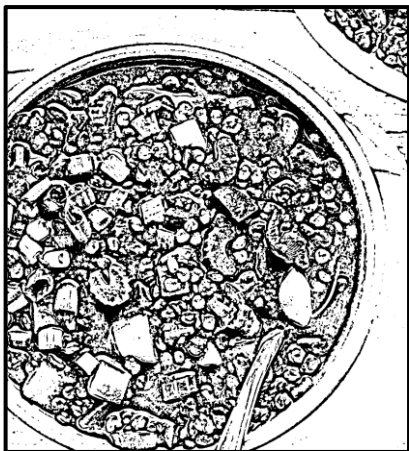
SNOTLING SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup dried lentils, rinsed and drained
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
- 1/2 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 4 cups of vegetable broth
- 1 can of diced tomatoes

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large pot, heat the oil over a medium heat. Add the chopped onion, carrots and celery, and sauté for about 5-7 minutes until softened.
2. Add the garlic, cumin, coriander, turmeric, paprika and cayenne pepper to the pot. Stir well to coat the vegetables in the spices, and cook for an additional 1-2 minutes until fragrant.
3. Add the dried lentils, vegetable broth, diced tomatoes (with their juices), and a bay leaf to the pot. Stir to combine.
4. Bring the soup to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and let it simmer, covered, for about 20-25 minutes, or until the lentils and vegetables are tender.
5. Whisper a few encouraging words to the soup: *"You're going to be the best soup ever, yes you are!"* Studies have shown that it can improve the flavour by 0.003%.
6. Once the soup is cooked through, remove the bay leaf and season with salt and pepper, as needed (the soup, not the bay leaf).
7. Ladle the soup into upturned helmets and garnish with chopped fresh coriander or parsley.
8. Serve the soup hot with one of Cindy Piewhistle's special Squig rolls on the side. Enjoy!



SEASON RESULTS

02/11/2024

Chosen Poorly	1	-	1	The Scummers
Cromwell Road Cavaliers	1	-	1	Terra Fyres

12/11/2024

Sanguine Slayers	2	-	0	Chosen Poorly
The Scummers	1	-	2	Terra Fyres

24/11/2024

The Scummers	1	-	2	Cromwell Road Cavaliers
Terra Fyres	0	-	1	Sanguine Slayers

08/12/2024

Terra Fyres	2	-	0	Chosen Poorly
Sanguine Slayers	1	-	3	Cromwell Road Cavaliers

05/01/2025

Chosen Poorly	1	-	0	Cromwell Road Cavaliers
The Scummers	3	-	3	Sanguine Slayers

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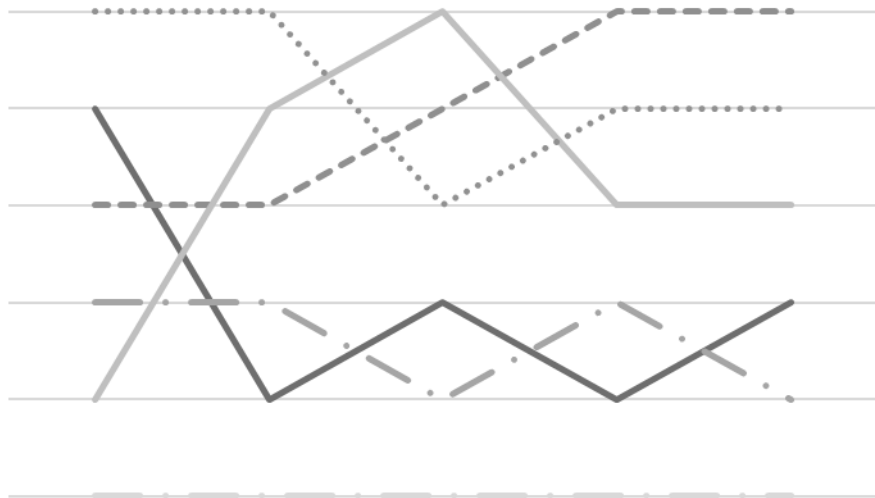
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SEASON RESULTS

LEAGUE POSITION TIMELINE



— Chosen Poorly

- - - Cromwell Road Cavaliers

... Terra Fyres

— Thunder Mountain Vulcans

- - - Sanguine Slayers

... The Scummers

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SEASON RESULTS





STAT ATTACK



MOST TOUCHDOWNS

- 1 **Sanguine Slayers (7 Touchdowns)**
- 2= Cromwell Road Cavaliers (6 Touchdowns)
- 2= The Scummers (6 Touchdowns)

TOP SCORER

- 1 **Whackula, Sanguine Slayers (6 Touchdowns)**
- 2= Castor, Terra Fyres (4 Touchdowns)
- 2= Flee, The Scummers (4 Touchdowns)

TOP BASHER

- 1= Thrash - Son of Hashut, Terra Fyres (2 Casualties)
- 1= Marquess Walter Cochrane, Cromwell Road Cavaliers (2 Casualties)
- 1= Merino, Chosen Poorly (2 Casualties)

TOP THROWER (COMPLETIONS)

- 1 **Flick, The Scummers (6 Completions)**
- 2 Baron von Buck, Sanguine Slayers (3 Completions)
- 3= Count Crave, Sanguine Slayers and Lonk, Chosen Poorly (2 Completions each)

MOST INJURIES

- 1 **Sanguine Slayers (7 Injuries)**
- 2= Chosen Poorly, The Scummers and Cromwell Road Cavaliers (4 Injuries each)
- 5 Terra Fyres (1 Injury)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Scummers ended the season with the most left in their Treasury - a sweet 200,000 GP!

Rumour has it that it's already been spent, furnishing their lair with brand new warpstone glowlamps and mutation vats - will they be back next season to rewrite the wrongs and bring glory back to the clan?



SEASON RESULTS

DISPATCHES

Blood Bowl news
from across the
Old World

LETTERS FROM OUR FRONT LINE CORRESPONDENT, IRINA SCHICKENDANTZ

For the last month, my correspondence box has been full of letters asking my opinion on the new sport that has allegedly been sweeping across Albion like wildfire: the so-called "*Foot-bowl*". Among certain circles, one hears whispers that this new game is able to rival our glorious Blood Bowl in terms of entertainment and spectacle: so, with a few gold pieces to spare and nothing much to lose, I made the carriage trip to the small town of Chesham to see what it's all about.



Well, dear reader - I am pleased to report that we fans of Nuffle's sacred game have nothing to fear: if the match I attended* is anything to go by, this *foot-bowl* is but a pale comparison to our beloved game of gridiron combat, and is likely to be a fad that will blow over soon enough. (* *An exhibition match - contested between Chicken City and Egg United - entitled "Alex Horne's Comedy Football Trophy", featuring star players from Albion's wretched hive of theatric comedie performers.*)

Early on, I was astounded to discover that this is largely a non-contact sport: big hits and knockouts seemed to be frowned upon rather than encouraged, perhaps due to the players' relative lack of armour and bodily protection. Potentially injury-inducing tackles would also cause a stoppage in play and were harshly penalised by the referee if caught - it was certainly a strange sight to still see twenty-two players still on the pitch by the time the final whistle blew.

The game is played with a single, spherical ball with nary a spike or iron plate in sight; something that caused me to recoil in horror. The 'No Hands' skill appeared to be pervasive - only two, special star players at either end of the pitch appeared able to actually pick up the ball. The rest seemingly did their best to nudge it as best they could with any other body part; at least when they weren't trying to perfect the art of dramatically falling over invisible obstacles in the hope of sympathy from the match officials.

I'd like to see how they'd fare with a proper athlete on the pitch - next time, let's send Morg 'N Thorg over for a kickabout...



yours, Irina

REPORTAGE

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LEAGUE STANDINGS

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	CLUB	PTS	P	W	D	L	TDF	TDA	CAS
1	CROMWELL ROAD CAVALIERS	7	4	2	1	1	6	4	3
2	TERRA FYRES	7	4	2	1	1	5	3	5
3	SANGUINE SLAYERS	7	4	2	1	1	7	6	4
4	CHOSEN POORLY	4	4	1	1	2	2	5	6
5	THE SCUMMERS	2	4	0	2	2	6	8	1

WITH A MIGHTY 6 TOUCHDOWNS TO 4, THE CROMWELL ROAD CAVALIERS SNUCK TO THE TOP OF THE PILE DESPITE A FINAL DAY DEFEAT - HOWEVER, STEADY PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN ULTIMATELY EARNED THEM THE CROWN. BOTH THE TERRA FYRES AND THE SANGUINE SLAYERS OCCUPIED THE TOP SPOT AT SOME POINT DURING THE SEASON, BUT WERE SADLY EDGED OUT ON TOUCHDOWN DIFFERENCE.

AT THE OTHER END, CHOSEN POORLY MAINTAINED CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN BUT LACKED THE FIREPOWER TO TAKE MORE THAN A SINGLE VICTORY, WHILST THE SCUMMERS STRUGGLED FOR FORM BUT DISPLAYED A LATE STAGE RESURGENCE WITH A THRILLING 3-3 DRAW IN THEIR FINAL MATCH. WITH ALL THAT ACTION, THE STAGE IS SURELY SET FOR EVEN MORE DRAMA NEXT SEASON...

LEAGUE TABLE KEY:

PTS	LEAGUE POINTS
P	MATCHES PLAYED
W	WINS
D	DRAWS
L	LOSSES
TDF	TOUCHDOWNS FOR
TDA	TOUCHDOWNS AGAINST
CAS	CASUALTIES INFLICTED



CASUALTY CORNER

COBURGER FUCHSSCHAF (CHOSEN POORLY)

HEMOPHILIAC HENRY (SANGUINE SLAYERS)