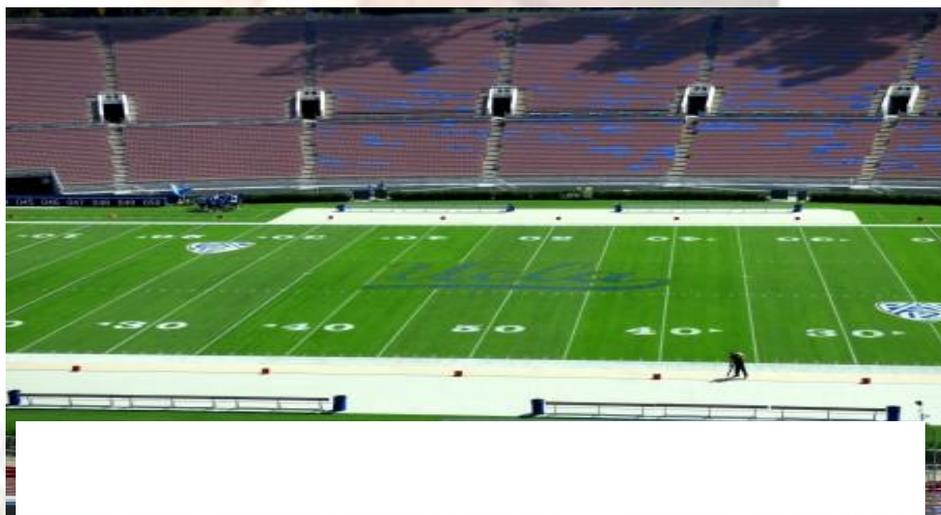


THE SKINK'UN

ATHENA BLOOD

BOWL LEAGUE

SEASON 9, WEEK 1 REVIEW



We always start in the spring...

NORTH DIVISION

SOUTH DIVISION

EAST DIVISION

WEST DIVISION

CENTRAL DIVISION

CUP & COFFIN CORNER

Welcome to the Skink 'Un, especially those of you new to the ABBL! The ABBL is an old league now with 230 teams having joined up to this point in its history with 71 coaches having registered teams since Season 1. The website has a [large section](#) on the Leagues' history covering all the seasons so far and is full of interesting little facts and stats so give it a read when you get a chance.

The Skink'Un staff gather data as seasons progress to rate both teams and coaches - up to date ratings are on the league tables within this report. Team ratings are based on tier, TV and the team's success or failure in games while Coach ratings are based on the success of all the teams each Coach has played with.

If anyone fancies having a go and helping out with the writing of the Skink 'Un, it would be very appreciated! It doesn't just go out to Coaches within the League, it also goes out to people not directly involved in the League but interested in what we are doing. I helped Dave with it last season but with other commitments I find it takes a little too much of my time. Only managed to get this done because I am recuperating from a virus and not training at the moment.

Enough of all that, this is going off for Dave to edit. The ABBL is an awesome league, I have been playing since season One - Daves organisation is second to none (guess he will edit that out) (*Ed* – Not this time Kev, Thank you!).

Kev Baker (mediocre blood bowl coach).



NORTH DIVISION

Team	Played	Un-played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Net T/D	Net Cas	Points	Skink un rating	Skink un coach rating
Super Vixens	2	10	2	0	0	2	3	8	53.8	35.9
Mileham Villans	2	10	0	1	1	-1	-1	3	53.6	49.3
M O S S	1	11	0	1	0	0	-1	2	31.8	65.5
Wolfenburg Bulls	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	65.9	36.6
Frosthald Falcons	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	49.0	34.7

Divisional Results

Mileham Villans 0 - 1 Super Vixens

M O S S 1 - 1 Mileham Villans

Inter-Divisional Results

Super Vixens 3 – 2 Cheese Weasels

The first game of the season in the North sees an upset win for newcomers, the Super Vixens. The Mileham Villans were last season's League Finalists so this is a big scalp for the Vixens, although, to be fair to the Villans, the team this season is literally a different squad and are the Villans in name only! Not to take away from the Vixens though who were in fine form and able to take advantage of the new Villans' still trying to get use to each other.

Second game of the week saw the Villans back in action, this time against the Slaaneshi Home-Owners Association, the Murderface Orgy Screaming Sirens (wonder what their locker room is like after a game...). MOSS scored in the first half but the Villans gradually wore them down as the game progressed allowing them to equalise late in the 2nd half and with only 7 players left, MOSS couldn't capitalise on their possession, ending their first match as a Draw.

Unusually for this early in the season we had an Inter-Divisional match! The Vixens hosted the South Division Cheese Weasels. A visit which paid off with a second high scoring win for the Amazons. They slipped 3 past the Cheese Weasels who got 2 in return in what sounds like a tight match. Unfortunately, all we got was "Crazy throwing antics by Skaven, lucky last ditch winner by Amazons". If you were there, drop us message by carrier pigeon, we'd love to know how it all went down! The win takes the Vixens to the top of the table in the North.

SOUTH DIVISION

Team	Played	Un-played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Net T/D	Net Cas	Points	Skink un rating	Skink un coach rating
Double Skulls and Crossbones	1	11	1	0	0	1	3	4	22.4	46.9
Cheese Weasels	1	11	0	0	1	-1	-1	1	56.0	34.9
Templehof Terrors	1	11	0	0	1	-1	-3	1	38.7	67.1
Red Tomb Raiders	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	41.0	62.8
Sunken City Stardrakes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54.9	54.9

Divisional Results

Templehof Terrors 1 - 2 Double Skulls and Crossbones

Inter-Divisional Results

Super Vixens 3 – 2 Cheese Weasels

The Goblins secure top spot in the South courtesy of their game against the Templehof Terrors with a last minute Touchdown securing the deal. The referee must have been a Goblin judging by the amount of times he agreed with the Double Skulls & Crossbones Management Team, this game having what must be a League record in overturned decisions! Brugal the ‘Ooligan got away with a Foul so blatant on the Werewolf Üç that it’s been archived in the RARG’s Hall of Infamy... If not for the sponge, that would have been one less Werewolf playing Blood Bowl! It was a masterclass in fouling and connivery from the Goblins and the Terrors will be eager to exact their revenge when the return match happens!

The other result affecting the South involved the Cheese Weasels travelling away to the Super Vixens in the North. The Cheese Weasels lost out due to a last-minute TD from the Amazons. The Gutter Runner, Warp Claw started his bid for Most TD’s, scoring a brace while the Rat Ogre, Tooth Rip began his Casualty tally and Cheese Thief set out to improve on his very own passing record.

EAST DIVISION

Team	Played	Un-played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Net T/D	Net Cas	Points	Skink un rating	Skink un coach rating
Old Forest Ocelots	3	9	1	1	1	-1	-1	7	58.7	25.6
Bite Club	1	11	1	0	0	2	-1	4	43.9	53.5
Diefurt Destroyers	2	10	0	1	1	-1	0	3	113.4	80.0
Beerwolfs Brawlers	1	11	0	1	0	0	3	2	58.0	72.7
D'Orcland Raider's	1	11	0	1	0	0	-1	2	38.9	56.4

Divisionl Results

D'Orcland Raider's 1 – 1 Old Forest Ocelots

Old Forest Ocelots 1 - 3 Bite Club

Beerwolfs Brawlers 1 – 1 Dietfurt Destroyers

Old Forest Ocelots 2 - 1 Dietfurt Destroyers

The D'Orcland Raiders vs The Old Forest Ocelots was the first game to be played for Season 9 and set the scene for the most common type of result in Week One – a Draw! Despite the best efforts of the Troll, Pete Tongue to throw a Team-mate in the dying moments of the game, it ended honours even.

The Ocelots were in action 3 times this first week and their second game saw them pay a visit to the Vampires of Bite Club whom they had resoundly thrashed in a pre-season friendly, 3-0. The tables were turned this time however as the Vampires repaid the favour in a surprisingly bloodless game with teleporting pads dominating the action.

Beerwolf's Brawlers hosted the Dietfurt Destroyers in their first game of the season with some trepidation. The Destroyers had won all 3 of their pre-season friendlies comfortably and were looking quite formidable. However, this didn't seem to materialise on the pitch as the Brawlers lost out on a last-minute winner due to their own drunkenness and some rather inconvenient moles under the pitch.

In the final match in the East (the busiest Division for week one) the Ocelots got their third game in against the Destroyers. The Old World Alliance team, despite dealing out 4 casualties, just couldn't stop the Amazons from running in the winner in yet another score to win in the dying seconds of a game, a recurring theme in the ABBL this week. The Ocelots top the Division as a result and it's all to play for in the East!

WEST DIVISION

Team	Played	Un-played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Net T/D	Net Cas	Points	Skink un rating	Skink un coach rating
Urban Terror	1	11	1	0	0	3	1	4	59.1	35.5
Chracion Wildcats	1	11	1	0	0	3	-1	4	51.7	43.6
Da Gobsnaperz	2	10	0	0	2	-6	0	2	29.0	33.4
Callous Cowboys	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	32.3	48.5
Black Magic	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	51.8	36.8

Divisional Results

Da Gobsnaperz 0 – 3 Urban Terror

Chracion Wildcats 3 - 0 Da Gobsnaperz

Da Gobsnaperz got going quickest in the West but their two games already played haven't gone their way. Firstly, they hosted Urban Terror who got an early score to put themselves in the lead. Da Gobsnaperz were unable to capitalise on their possession before the half ended after Shaz the Blitzzer was brought down inches from the Endzone. The second half saw a blitz on the Orc ball carrier from the Skaven Thrower Klootzak and a subsequent throw to Sukkel the Gutter Runner extending the lead to 2 and the final TD came courtesy of a Charge on the kick off and a last minute throw to the Lineman Mafketel for a 3-0 win.

Unfortunately for Da Gobsnaperz their fortunes didn't seem to improve in their next game – a road trip against the High Elves of the Chracion Wildcats. The end result was the same, despite playing on the Elves' super speedy pitch. The Wildcats end up in 2nd place courtesy of their worst Casualty Difference to the Terrors.



CENTRAL DIVISION

Team	Play ed	Un- played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Net T/D	Net Cas	Points	Skink un rating	Skink un coach rating
The Mean Greens	1	11	1	0	0	1	-2	4	25.8	28.0
Athletico Armillaria	2	10	0	1	1	-1	3	3	19.5	27.2
Caledor Firebolts	1	11	0	1	0	0	-1	2	43.6	32.5
The Stout Lads	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	48.9	35.0
Trickle Down Transylvanians	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.9	32.7

Divisional Results

The Mean Greens 1- 0 Athletico Armillaria

Athletico Armillaria 2 – 2 Caledor Firebolts

The first game of the Central Division saw a battle of ideals as much as a Blood Bowl match with the Gnomes of The Mean Greens hosting the Snotlings of Athletico Armillaria. The competition was fierce indeed with the Snotlings in murderous form. Despite this, the Gnomes went 1-0 up with some precision throwing of team-mates by Rowan Rootright providing a screen for the fox, Pip Pollenpaws to take advantage of and he ran the ball across the line. The Snotling's Trolls decided this wasn't going to happen again and casualtied both of the Treemen in the space of minutes! Despite only having two players left on the pitch by the end of the game, the Gnomes held grimly on while the Snotlings on the Pump Wagons argued amongst themselves and the Trolls watched them, the game forgotten. A golden opportunity to snatch a Draw from the jaws of defeat, lost in the most typical Snotling fashion you could ask for...

Armillaria were in action again for the 2nd match in Central for Week One, this time against the Elven Union team, the Caledor Firebolts. Pouring rain hampered the efforts of both sides but the Snotlings managed to beat up enough stinky Elves to give them the equaliser in the final moments of the game.

ABBL CUP

Season 9's Cup run starts with 16 teams playing in the Preliminary round, the victors go on to meet the other 8 teams in the Round of 16.

Bite Club			Wiccan Wonders
Super Vixens			Mileham Villans
Caledor Firebolts			Frosthald Falcons
Sunken City Stardrakes			Urban Terror
LA Rammos	1	0	Hochland Hounds
M O S S			The Stout Lads
Chracian Wildcats			Black Magic
Trickle Down Transylvanians			Dodgy Bodgers

Only one Cup game has been played in Week One with LA Rammos dispatching the Hochland Hounds. It was no easy victory however. The Tomb Kings began with possession and took out a few of the Hounds with no small amount of dirty play from the undead as fouls abounded! This, combined with the game happening in the Dead of Night and amidst a Thunderstorm, really dampened the Hounds' chances...

No less than 5 different occasions of lightning directly striking players from both sides made a massive difference to the game as the thunderstorm came to dominate play. When a player finally managed to pick up the ball in the second half, it was the Tomb King's Thrower, Throw Ra who grimly kept hold of it and finally walked over the line as the referee blew his whistle. LA Rammos are through to the Round of 16 while the Hounds are left to wonder what may have been...

COFFIN CORNER

WELL, PRETTY DISAPPOINTING: THE PLETHORA OF MAGIC SPONGES MEANS NOBODY DIED IN WEEK 1. THEY ARE NEARLY ALL USED UP NOW SO JUST BE PATIENT...