

BLOOD BOWL

Zlurpee Bowl

Tournament report.

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After attending several Bloodbowl tournaments and having a great time at all of them. I thought it was a good time to give back and run a tournament of my own. With the experience I had watching other tournaments organizers and the information available on the NAF site (www.BloodBowl.net) I felt like I was ready.

Looking to run a tournament in Indianapolis I was already aware that there was a very large tournament each year at GenCon. I wanted to offer something a bit different, so I set out to run a smaller more personnel tournament without the distraction of a gaming convention held around it. I decided on a fall date that didn't conflict with any other Bloodbowl tournaments in the area. Also found a good location to hold the tournament at close to a major highway with several places to stay close by. Something I felt was important for the tournament was to establish an image that would set it apart from other tournaments. I came up with a Zlurpee (Slurpee like drink) sponsorship of the tournament and carried this theme into the trophies. Having the date, location, trophies, and a set of rules everything was ready to go.

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REMEMBERING ZLURPEE BOWL I

The tournament was set to be six rounds across two days, with the sixth round being a full positional round. So the top table would decide 1st and 2nd after the sixth round, rather than depending on tournament points to decide a winner.

After the 3 rounds of day one there were two undefeated teams. Jenny's Count Luther lead Undead squad 'Skeletons in the Closet' with 3 wins and no loses, and Tom's (Galak Starscraper) Halflings the 'Iron Chefs' with 1 win and 2 draws. They were set to square off in the first match of the second day. The Skeletons in the Closet would battle the Iron Chefs to a 1-1 tie. Both teams won their round 5 matches and would meet again in round six as the top two teams. This time the match would decide who took home the first place trophy and who would be left with second place. Though not as close as their first meeting the game wasn't decided until late in the second half when Jenny stopped a Halfling scoring attempt and took the ball the other way for the score. The game ended 3-1 with the Skeletons in the Closet being crowned the first Zlurpee Bowl Champion. Dealt his only loss of the tournament Tom would take second place along with best appearance for his nicely converted Halfling Chefs.



ALL THE AWARD WINNERS

1st Place: Jennifer Mitchell

2nd Place: Best Appearance: Tom Anders

3rd Place, Most Sporting: Frank Bradford

Freshbreeze Scoring Award: Taylor Mitchell

Art of Blocking Award: Mike Davis

LOOKING FORWARD TO ZLURPEE BOWL II

Not long after the tournament ended planning was started for the next Zlurpee Bowl. Having one tournament under my belt I wanted to make sure that Zlurpee Bowl II was 'Bigger, Better, and Zlurpier' than the first in everyway. I talked to the coaches at the Zlurpee Bowl and some of the coaches who were unable to attend. It was decided that a summer date for the tournament would make it easier for more coaches to attend. So Zlurpee Bowl II is set to be played on July 22nd, and 23rd. Along with the date change I have been doing several other things to help get the attendance up. The website has been revamped with frequent news updates. www.ZlurpeeBowl.com Also I'll be running a local one day tournament the Lil' Zlurp a month before the Zlurpee Bowl in an attempt to get the local Bloodbowl crowd excited about coming to Zlurpee Bowl II. I've also been hard at work on a stadium to be used as the top table at the tournament. Pictures of Zlurp-Zlurp Stadium will be available soon on the Zlurpee website. Along with these things I've stepped up the advertising of the tournament from last year. I think these changes and the experience of running a tournament should insure that everyone has a great time again this year, and hopefully we'll see a lot of new faces there as well.



Group shot. Check out the 'Both Down t-shirt on the far right!