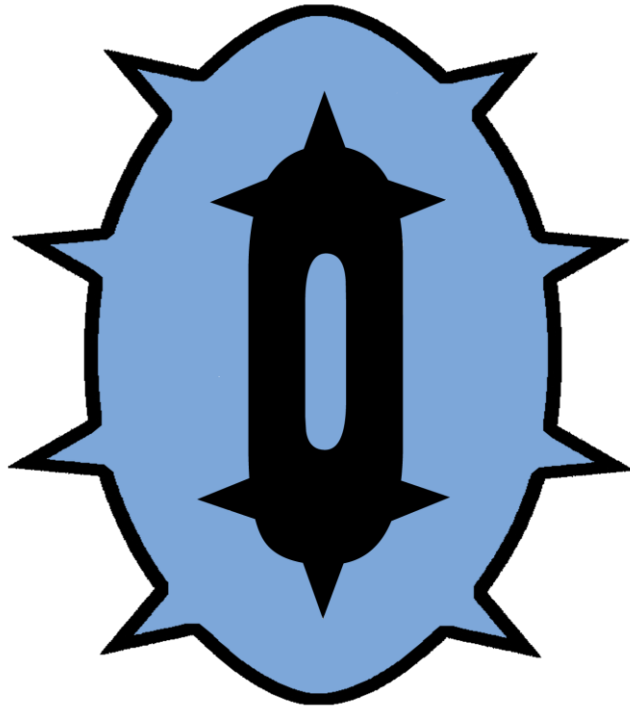


THE BAD NEWS BLUNDER

7 Cities Series: Round 5



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Join us for the 5th event of the
7-Cities Tournament Series.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

November 21 2015

10:30 - 11:00 : Registration
11:00 - 1:00 : Round 1
1:00 - 2:00 : Lunch
2:00 - 4:00 : Round 2
4:15 - 6:15 : Round 3
6:15 - 7:00 : Awards ceremony

WHAT TO BRING

- \$15 if NAF member, \$20 if not (extra \$5 will pay for membership).
- 3 copies of your team roster.
- Dice (1d8, 3 block dice), Blood Bowl board, dugouts and templates (some of these will be on-hand, but better safe than sorry).
- Your team (painting guidelines below under "Tournament Scoring").
- Pen or pencil.

WHAT YOU GET

- 3 Games of Blood Bowl.
- Custom dice: 2d6 with "7-Cities:Newport News" emblem.
(A 2nd set will be for sale, cheap!)

All items are limited and offered on a "first come, first served" basis.

TEAM CREATION

- Tournament teams may be purchased using 1,150,000 GC.
- Inducements may be purchased during team creation, including Star Players but excluding Wizards and Special Play Cards. These inducements are considered a permanent part of the team and may be used in each game.
- Opposing teams *may* have the same/duplicate Star Player(s), contrary to the rulebook. Star Players may be chosen as a team's 11th rostered player.
- Teams may be selected from any of the 21 official rosters as well as the 3 semi-official [rosters](#) (Chaos Pact, Slann and Underworld Pact).
- Skills and stat increases may be purchased out of your 1,150,000 GC budget at the following/usual rates:

Regular skills = 20,000 GC

Double skills = 30,000 GC

MA +1/AV +1 = 30,000 GC

(You may not buy increases to ST or AG)

These skills may be awarded freely except for the following restrictions:

- No more than one skill or increase per player. This means a player with a stat increase may not also receive a skill, and no player may have two or more skills added.
 - The same skill may not be selected more than twice. No more than two players per team may add Guard, for instance.
 - Players with ST of 5 or more may not be given double skills unless they play for a Goblin, Halfling, or Ogre team.
 - Star Players may not be given any skills or stat increases.
 - Rules for the Stunty Cup are on page 6 under "Prizes."
- A team's #7 player also receives one bonus skill, based on which of the 7 cities his team has chosen to represent. See chart, next page. This bonus skill ignores the first three rules above (i.e. it can be a 2nd added skill, it can be added if two players on the team already have it, and big guys can take it). There is no cost associated with this skill. The player who takes the bonus skill **must** be numbered with #7.

7-CITIES BONUS SKILLS

Each team must choose to align itself with one of the 7 Cities. Local coaches do **not** have to choose the city that they are actually from. The chosen city will confer a special skill to one of the team's players (#7), as indicated on the chart below.

Chesapeake	<i>As the newest of the 7 Cities, Chesapeake always has something to prove. Maybe an 8th city will be added one day, so it can stop being "the new guy."</i>	Bonus Skill: Dauntless
Hampton	<i>There might not be a lot going on in Hampton, but at least they've got a NASA facility. That's sort of cool, right? Right?</i>	Bonus Skill: Leap
Newport News	<i>Ah, industry. If you're looking for a manufacturing job or want to breathe some carbon emissions, Newport News is the place for you.</i>	Bonus Skill: Pro
Norfolk	<i>Norfolk is home to some of our nation's finest defenders, a fact which each of those defenders will be glad to detail at length.</i>	Bonus Skill: Guard
Portsmouth	<i>Portsmouth might have slipped from the list of the country's most deadly cities, but they're determined to get back there someday.</i>	Bonus Skill: Mighty Blow
Suffolk	<i>Suffolk is the biggest city in Virginia, at least so far as land area is concerned. No wonder it's home to so many speed traps.</i>	Bonus Skill: Sure Feet
Virginia Beach	<i>Whether through taxes, tolls or fines, the resort city knows how to remove valuables from residents and tourists alike.</i>	Bonus Skill: Strip Ball
Gloucester, Isle of Wight, Poquoson, Williamsburg, etc. (pick any one you like)	<i>You know why the region isn't officially known as the 7-Cities? Because all of these stunty little townships invariably spring up to complain about not being included.</i>	Bonus Skill: Titchy (may only be taken by a player that is already Stunty)

TOURNAMENT RULES

BORING STUFF

Games will be played using the rules from the Blood Bowl [Competition Rules Pack](#) with the following modifications:

- Illegal Procedure will not be used.
- Turns will not be timed, unless a game is obviously falling behind schedule. If a game is not finished within 2 hours, coaches will be given time to finish their last turn(s) and then it will be halted.
- Dice do not have to be shared unless *either* of the coaches participating in a match requests it.
- Rosters reset after every round. This means that injured players are restored to health and players gained through Raise the Dead are lost. This also means that there are no earnings or Fan Factor increases.

GENERAL 7-CITIES RULES:

- **"I think I just rolled a 14."** - Any injury roll of double 6s counts as a grisly, immediate and definitive death. Neither Regeneration nor an Apothecary can affect this injury. Necromantic and Undead teams that kill a player in this way may immediately Raise the Dead and add a zombie to their roster (normal restrictions apply).
- **Real weather** - Instead of rolling on the weather chart, the in-game weather conditions will be informed by the actual weather at the tournament venue. Consideration will be made in this order:
 - Blizzard:** If there is a single snowflake in the air, it's a Blizzard.
 - Rain:** If it's raining (or even sprinkling), it's Pouring Rain.
 - Sweltering Heat:** If the temperature is 95 or more, it's Sweltering Heat.
 - Very Sunny:** If the UV index is 9 or more, it's Very Sunny.
 - Nice:** If none of the above conditions are met, it's Nice weather.

Rolls of 7 on the kickoff chart will only result in the extra "drift" scatter before bouncing; there will be no actual change in the weather conditions.

SPECIAL BAD NEWS RULES:

They don't call this area "Bad News" for nothing. (Well, it's probably just because it sounds cool).

- **BOXCARS** - When a coach rolls a natural 12 (double 6s, in other words) on an armor or injury roll, the opposing team gains a free team reroll.
- **SNAKE EYES** - When a coach rolls a 1 followed by a rerolled 1 on **any** single d6 test (Dodge, Bonehead, Bloodlust, etc.), the opposing team loses one team reroll. If the opposing team has no rerolls, there is no effect.
- **TRIPLE POW** - When a block roll shows 3 "defender down" results (on one roll), the defender's armor is automatically broken. Roll for injury straight away.
- **TRIPLE SKULL** - When a block roll shows 3 "attacker down" results (on one roll), it may not be rerolled by any means and the attacker's armor is automatically broken. Roll for injury straight away.
- **"Did I even roll?"** - If a natural 2 is rolled for any armor roll (including fouls), the fallen player bounces back up from the ground and is no longer prone. If a natural 2 is rolled for any injury roll, it turns out that the injured player wasn't hurt after all and remains prone instead of becoming stunned or injured.
- **Play the odds.** - If a team has thirteen players, the one **wearing** #13 will gain an extra random skill. This will be rolled prior to the team's first game and will last for the entirety of the tournament. This can allow a player to have more than one added skill and Star Players **are** eligible. If the player already has the random skill, the roll is wasted and no extra skill is gained. Note that a team must have 13 players AND a player wearing #13 in order to qualify for this "benefit."

2d6	Bonus Skill
2	Really Stupid
3	Bloodlust (feed on any teammate)
4	Wild Animal
5	Stunty
6	Mighty Blow
7	Pro
8	Sidestep
9	Hypnotic Gaze
10	Regeneration
11	Fan Favorite
12	+1 ST

TOURNAMENT SCORING

Swiss Pairing:

The tournament will be conducted using the Swiss method of pairing. This means that after the first round (in which pairs will be selected randomly, but with an eye toward separating coaches from the same hometown or league), coaches will play against those coaches that have performed most similarly. So the coach with the most points will play against the coach with the second most points, etc.

A coach will receive the following points, to be recorded after each round of play:

- **+20 Win**
- **+10 Draw**
- **0 Loss**
- **+1 Each touchdown scored.**
- **+1 Per casualty** (only those casualties that would normally result in SPPs).

In addition, the following points will be awarded after the first round of play, based on the appearance of each coach's team (judged by tournament staff).

- **Painted +2 Points** The models are each covered with paint of some type, with no bare metal or plastic visible.
- **Detailed +2 Points** The models are each decorated with at least three colors of paint (not counting the base).
- **Numbered +2 Points** All of the team's players are clearly numbered.
- **Distinctive +2 Points** All of the positional players may be easily determined (following explanation, if necessary).
- **Ready for Blood Bowl +1 Points** There are no weapons (assassins and secret weapons excluded!) or other incongruous elements visible on the model.
- **Based +1 Point** Each model's base is finished with gravel, flock, etc.

Unpainted teams are *allowed*, but their use will obviously impact a coach's chances of winning the tournament.

ON SPORTSMANSHIP

There will be no prize for sportsmanship (mainly because ranking people on how fun they were to play against can only result in someone feeling bad), but that doesn't mean that anything less than polite behavior will be tolerated at this tournament. Any coach exhibiting poor sportsmanship may or may not be given one warning, depending on the severity of the incident. Subsequently, they will be asked to vacate the venue.

AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded for the following accomplishments:

- Champion (most tournament points)
- 2nd Place (2nd most tournament points)
- Best Appearance (selected by tournament organizer)
- Least Lucky (fewest tournament points - not including painting points)
- Stunty Cup (most points by one of the following teams:
 - Halflings per CRP
 - Goblins per CRP
 - Ogres per CRP
 - Lizardmen with no Saurus (only 0-1 Kroxigor, 0-16 Skinks)
 - Underworld with no Skaven (only 0-1 Troll, 0-16 Goblins)*Note: All Stunty Cup teams may select Star Players and other inducements as usual, with no extra restrictions.*
- Most Violent (most casualties)
- Most Touchdowns
- Best Defense (fewest TDs allowed)
- Team Spirit Award (Inspired by our brothers from Richmond. Awarded to a coach displaying noteworthy team spirit in the form of a touchdown celebration, custom jersey, team anthem, live cheerleaders, etc.)

No coach may win more than one award. Team Spirit and Best Appearance will be selected by the tournament organizer, and only teams painted by their coach will be eligible for the latter.