

# The Dungeon Bowl™ Gazette

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### Issue III – Challenge Match Special

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The Dungeon Bowl Gazette Hosts the third challenge match of the new Blood Bowl season, featuring: **Team Duplo** (Skaven™) versus **Woody Woodpecker's Roadrunners** (Wood Elves)

The matches are coming thick and fast, almost too quick for the fans to realise they are happening, hence a mere 30,000 managed to turn out for today's special challenge match featuring two new teams on the block, the **Duplo** Skaven™ Team from the gutters of Luciesheim versus **Woody Woodpecker's Roadrunners** Wood Elf team, fresh from the Uetelhügel forest.

Both teams entered only 11 players for this trial match, no spare cash for any star players left over on the Wood Elf side – the Skaven™ Team managed to recruit the services of *Hakflem Skuttlespike* – good to see him back on the pitch again!

A stroke of luck gave team Duplo (they must be called this due to their great liking for the confection of the same name...the team coach refused to go into details...perhaps a major sponsorship deal is in the offing here?) access to a magic item at a discount (or perhaps it was the unbearable smell of *Skink "Stinko" Stinky* the gutter runner, who made the travelling magician drop this..)

Changeable weather today at the stadium saw an uneventful first couple of rounds, the only exciting moment being when *Olaf Greenleaf* (Wood Elf lineman) failed to connect with his block and slapped himself in the face, knocking himself out.

Team Duplo surged forward, *Hakflem* got the ball, was knocked down, picked himself (and the ball) up again and surged towards the Runner's End zone...to be hit by a poison dart thrown from the Runner's dugout (we thought the head coach looked particularly shifty today...but then again those pointy ears always do..). Luckily for Team Duplo (not to mention *Hakflem's* agent, who nearly passed out from shock at the sight of his investment rolling about in pain so close to the touchline), the poison coating must have been something *Hakflem* has come into contact with before and he managed to get up again after a couple of turns.

Some frenzied blocking ensued on the front line, memorably, two linemen collided, *Luke Nimblefeet* falling down when headbutting *Argl Ratsfur*...who came off worse and was knocked out.

Once again Team Duplo surged forward, Gutter Runner *Lurgo Hogsbreath* scooping up the ball near the front line, dashing towards the Runner's end zone, going for it....and slipping up inside the end zone, falling face-first into the turf...

The Runner's capitalised on this errant lack of coordination and Catcher *Sven "Hawkeye" Dashwood* ran up, threw a block...and only managed to hit himself.

Not to be outdone, Team Duplo Lineman *Orgl "Skunk" Foulheart* dashed forward in a blitz move, missed the tackle completely and also ended up face-down on the turf.

With the fans booing and hissing, the first half ended 0:0 and no casualties – the Runners' knocked out player woke up in time to rejoin, the two Duplo members still dreamed their dreams of chocolate.

A good team-talk gave the Runners an additional re-roll in the second half and an inspired blitz move by the Runners thrower *Eric "LongBomb" Halfroot*, allowed him to knock down his opponent, grab the bouncing ball and make an accurate Pass to Catcher *Sven "Hawkeye" Dashwood*...who was promptly knocked over by a quick blitz action from Duplo lineman *Lucius Ratsbreath*.

Sven got back up again, tried to dodge out..and promptly slipped and fell again.

The Duplo's thrower *Linus Hogsbreath*, having picked up the ball, tried to run with it, but failed to get clean away from Runners lineman *Olaf Greenleaf*, slipped, fell...and the ball bounced free!

Round 6 of the second half thus saw the first score of the match, as Runners' Catcher *Eric Dashwood* (Sven's twin brother) picked up the ball, handed it off to *Olaf Greenleaf*...who ran in the touchdown.

At the restart, two knocked out Duplo linemen joined the line-up again, but as the count had increased to four...they were right back where they'd started at the beginning of the second half...with only 9 players on the pitch. To cap it, the Runners had obviously found their stride, with a quick blitz move at kick-off, they flattened most of the Duplo front line...before the shocked Skaven™ team even had a chance to pick up the ball! Perhaps this was caused by the sudden downpour, as the weather changed, making handling and moving much more difficult (and we all know how little the Duplos like washing...). As the Duplos had tried to avoid the attention of the Runners' Wardancer *Hugo Bigfoot*, both he and Thrower *Eric Halfroot* stormed through the open door left by the Duplos.. .was this a rookie mistake...or a gamble that just didn't pay off?...either way, the Runners screened off the ball, as the *Dashwood* brothers joined them way up in the rear half of the Duplo side...

Totally unable to get a rat behind the ball, the Duplos tried to at least prevent a free move towards it...but *Sven Dashwood* was able to run rings round the opposition and scored another touchdown!

Even with the two remaining sleeping Rats waking up in time for the last kick-off of the game, not much more happened and we ended the game with final score: **Duplo 0: Woody Woodpeckers Roadrunners 2 (Casualties 0:0)**.

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