

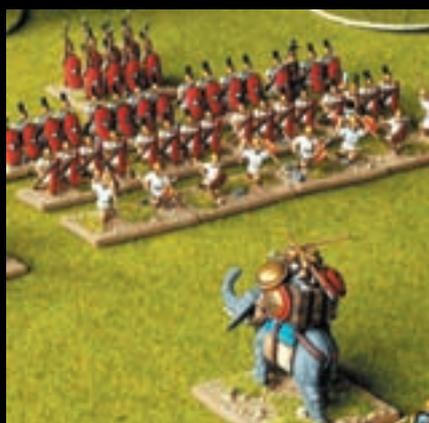
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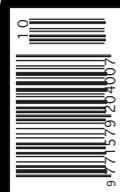
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Leader

Greetings! Here we are again with yet another issue of our particular view of the world of wargames. The central theme of our magazine this month couldn't be more current. The outcome of the Italian Wars established the future distribution of powers in Europe (well, in some ways it was a bit more aggressive than the situation today...but not by much!). In the absence of constitutions or agricultural policies, what was at stake was the control of Northern Italy. This territory was a key point of geostrategic importance on the routes between the Mediterranean Sea and Central Europe and one of the economic engines of the time. The Battle of Pavia was so significant that it ensured Spanish hegemony for at least one century and forced France out of the spotlight.

The *Wargames: Soldiers & Strategy* team hope you have a great summer. We also hope you have the chance to rest up for our next encounter in September when we return to celebrate a relevant anniversary: that of the Battle of Berlin and the end of the Second World War in Europe. See you then!

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III "2 DE MAYO" SHOW Alcorcón - Madrid (Spain)



This May the "El Último Tercio" association celebrated the "2 de Mayo" Simulation and Strategy Show for the third consecutive year in the castles of San José de Valderas in Alcorcón, Madrid. It was given the name "2 de Mayo" in honour of the popular revolt led by the inhabitants of Madrid against the French invasion. These shows have become a reference in Spain for the world of simulation and strategy with historical and fantasy miniatures. It's a must for any die-hard fan.

This year, the guys from "El Último Tercio" were lucky to have the invaluable support of clubs from all parts of Spain. The Landwehr club from Málaga did an excellent job for the second year in a row. They amazed visitors with their brilliant 4x3m diorama of the Battle of Leipzig with more than 7,000 figures. The Alpha-Ares club from Barcelona came in force. On the one hand, they set up a game of the Battle of Talavera using the "Le Gran Armee" rule set that was open to the general public. They even used a computer during the game! Their historic simulation won the admiration of amateur (and expert) onlookers. They also organised a representation of a British assault on a small French fort during the Franco-British wars in XVIII-century Canada. The various clubs from Madrid didn't want to miss out on the fun either. Club Dragón organised open games of DBM for amateurs, and club A.M.S. presented an excellent recreation of the Battle of La Albuera in 15m using their own magnificent rule set, "Serrez les Ranges".

The organising club made their presence felt as well. This time round they set up four dioramas. One was a representation of the Battle of Brunete that was backed up with extensive historic documentation; this was one of the dioramas that the visitors liked the most. Following their naval tradition, they set up a deployment of different naval formations from the Punic Wars.



This diorama had nearly 1,000 period ships in 1:300 scale. They also organised indispensable open games for the Second World War in 20mm using a rule set they designed themselves called "Generales". Lastly, they gave visitors a touch of entertainment with their recreation of the prehistoric period with a smoking volcano and all that was based on the set of rules "Settlers".

But, not all of the dioramas and representations were historic-based. Club Cota de Malla, who collaborated with El Último Tercio in the organization of the event, made us smile and grimace with their "MagmaBowl". It consisted of a Blood Bowl stadium on top of lava where the slightest error would fry players to a crisp. Both the youngest and not so young visitors had a blast during the numerous games that were played.

The contributions from the shops and even the attendees themselves also surprised us. Mars Ultor from Valencia captured the attention of the youngest onlookers with their "Hellish Fortress" and their great stadium for Blood Bowl displayed by Ociojoven. Librería Atlantica's presence was more classical. They



encouraged people to put themselves in the shoes of Nelson or Churruca in their Napoleonic naval war demonstrations. As you can see, it was a fun-packed weekend. There was also a representation of the shoot-outs from the game "Gangsters" organised by some creative attendees. The table and the players' props and outfits made their recreation of the 1920s in Chicago truly fabulous.

But, one of the activities that dazzled the public the most was the reenactors' representations. During the entire weekend, organisation members mingled with crowd wearing Napoleonic-era uniforms, those of the Volunteers of Madrid to be exact. They would stop to have their photo taken with anyone who asked. The main course was served up by the Historic Recreation Association "I Legio Gemina" from Tarragona. Those present were astonished by their demonstrations of Roman weapons (made out of the original material and according to period norms), formations, combat methods and even orders given in Latin.

We can't forget about one of the weekend's leit motiv: the Tournaments. As usual with fantasy games, the Warhammer tournaments attracted a huge crowd of youngsters who came to participate in the tournaments and open games or just to see the magnificent armies and games. "In the Name of Glory", based on the rules that share the same name, is the only historic Napoleonic-period tournament currently being developed in Spain. It has attracted strong backing thanks to the sponsorship of the Spanish company Fantassin. This time around, the first prize trophy, the Great Imperial Eagle, flew to Barcelona. The last match held in Barcelona was won by a member of "El Último Tercio". But, the latest encounter allowed club "Alpha Ares" to take their revenge on them.

Theme games were also represented at this year's event. Given the huge number of activities programmed this year, the tur-