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Leader

Summer is winding down and autumn is on our heels. Just as with the passing of the seasons, changes bring about certain adjustments. And our magazine is no different. We have recently made a change in management which, as you would expect, involves a new approach to the handling and channelling of content.

Normally, on your first day at a new job, you arrive to find everything in disarray. This is my case, though a lack of knowledge about the publishing process is my main problem. I have worked hard over the past few weeks to get up to speed on the ins-and-outs of everything and to get the machine up and running again. Fully grasping the time needed for page-designing, computer programs and the minimum quality requirements for photographs and content has not been an easy task at all.

Like Mary Shelly's Frankenstein, my head has been replaced. It is the responsibility of me and everyone who one way or another make this publication possible to not only preserve the quality and interest of this magazine but to improve it as much as possible.

Luckily, we have exceptional contributors and an outstanding publishing team; with their experience and know-how we are sure to achieve a lot.

As of this issue, I will be at the helm. I am indebted to my two previous colleagues for their excellent work. Thanks to the foundation they laid, it is easier for those of us that come in after to make the magazine a bit bigger.

I would also like to thank you, our readers, for having always placed your trust in the magazine. I welcome you to share the bright future that lies ahead of us, since, as you know, *Wargames: Soldiers & Strategy* is the fruit of us all. If you have any suggestions, comments or would like to contribute, please get in touch with me, that way we can continue to grow.

Now that we have broken the ice, let's take a look at what we have in store for you in this month's issue. Although we had announced that this issue would be about the Panzer Divisions, we have had to change the publication dates. Instead, we offer you a fantastic dossier on the war in ancient China written by John Kersey. Thank you John for your great work.

Until the next issue. I hope you enjoy the magazine as much as we do.

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LEON RAMPANTE 2006

Every year, the “El Leon Rampante” painting contest is held on May 20th in El Escorial, Madrid. In this year’s edition there were around 900 works in practically all scales competing in various categories. As in previous editions, there was an unlimited number of prizes that were awarded based solely on contestants’ merits, so all those who deserved it did not go home empty handed. The main prize or best of show went to a diorama made by the famous modeller Mariano Numitone. His entry had several 54mm mounted Napoleonic figures with captured flags (Austerlitz) and all of



the pieces sculpted from scratch. In addition to the painting contest, there were other activities, such as painting courses, re-enactments, parades, a trade show, etc.

As proven in previous years, “El



Leon Rampante” is still the best painting figures contest in Spain. This, along with the beautiful backdrop offered by El Escorial and in the company of mates, made for an excellent weekend.

Author: Adolfo Ramos



DADI.COM

On November 25th and 26th, the 7th edition of DADI.COM will be held at the University of Crema. It is perhaps the biggest wargame convention in southern Europe and the second largest on the continent after Crisis.

The show is organised by our friends Dadi & Piombo and will have a large assortment of traders and games, not to mention a Basic Impetus tournament.

It is really a good excuse to do some travelling around Italy and to play a few games with wargamers from one of our neighbours.

Author: WSS Staff

HISTORICON 2006

HISTORICON 2006 was held from July 20-23rd this year in Lancaster, Pennsylvania USA. Over the course of the Convention, over 3000 participants from throughout the United States participated in what has become the largest annual historical miniature convention in America.

Opportunities for seeing and buying the latest books, rules, scenery and figures was provided by 93 vendors and exhibitors, who filled the exhibit hall to the brim. In addition, a large flea market was open every day, giving individuals the chance to shop their own wares.

For a \$35 admission fee, conventioners could play in at least 2 games per day. The Historicon community is a very friendly one, and anyone who found an interesting game in progress was encouraged to join in and help out. In all, there were over 540 individual games played out over the course of the Convention. While the Contention theme



this year was “Africa’s Independence”, games were offered on every topic imaginable. In addition to the individual games, a separate tournament hall was set aside for continuous playing of games such as DBx, Warrior and Armati.

Historicon is sponsored by the Historical Miniature Gaming Society – East, which also sponsors “Fall In”, which, you guessed it, is held in the Fall of each year (November 10-12 this year), and “Cold Wars”, which will be held in March 2007.

For any miniaturists interested in seeing the very best in figures and scenery, and more important actually getting to play hand on in some of the very best games possible, Historicon is the place to be. Next years Historicon is already scheduled for July 26-29, 2007. For more information on HMGS or Historicon, go to <http://www.hmgs.org/>. More photos of this years’ Historicon are available at <http://www.hmgs.org/hconpics.htm> and http://lshmwaco.org/miniature_photos/Historicon/index.html.

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If you consider yourself a good painter and would like to collaborate with the magazine and have the pictures of figures you painted published, send an e-mail to wss.manager@gmail.com to be a part of this great pro-wargames project. You can do it! We look forward to hearing from you.