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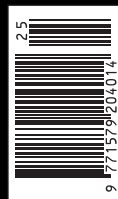
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# Leader

**H**ello again. Unfortunately, summer is over and it's back to work for us all. Let the countdown begin for next year's lazy, hazy days of summer. On the bright side, however, soon our paint won't dry too quickly, we will be able to get together with our tireless comrades-in-arms and, once again, we'll start thinking up those projects that never get further than the "miniature purchase" stage (it seems to me like this happens to quite a few of us).

Riding on this wave of good spirit, I'd like to hop up on my soapbox for a moment to share my thoughts on a few things. The first that comes to mind is 40mm figures, the latest craze on the miniatures market. A friend of mine, a painter of large-scale figures (54mm and up), is surprised every time I show him 40mm minis. He doesn't understand why we prefer this scale to the miniatures manufactured by Andrea or Pegaso, among others. I think this is the ongoing argument between wargamers and collectors. But is using this scale for battles really feasible for most wargamers? Sincerely, I have my doubts about this. The amount of room one needs for storing and gaming becomes a problem, not to mention the time required to paint a large army in this scale.

Now, space and time constraints aside, I completely agree that the result of gaming with large-scale figures is absolutely spectacular. Whenever I see those huge gaming tables, I'm always amazed. But I have to admit not everyone can afford to have such impressive layouts. That's why I think that 40mm is the perfect scale for representing periods in which smaller scale battles are more common. Really, there are endless and extremely interesting skirmishes that can be simulated in this scale. Lately, I've been hooked on the Wild West. I've always loved western films like *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*, and this scale lets me create a spectacular representation of the famous shootouts from those movies.

That's it from me for now. I hope you find enough interesting information, inspiration and entertainment in this issue. One of the highlights this month is the dossier on Finland's participation in WWII, a subject that, generally speaking, has received little coverage. However, it is more important and has a greater interest among wargamers and military history buffs than one tends to think. As always, I hope you enjoy reading the magazine as much as we did putting it together.

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