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## Leader

We are back with you in the second issue of the new phase. We have received many letters and e-mails commenting on the new magazine format, and we would like to thank you all for the warmest of receptions, the encouragement, the suggestions and the constructive criticism. In this month's issue, we have begun a "Letter to the Editor" section that will include any information that could interest readers, such as corrections, additional data, special points or questions of general interest. Our natural modesty prevents us from publishing praiseworthy letters, but not the ones that criticize us, just as long as the criticism is constructive and it helps us to continually improve and to make a magazine that better suits our readers' tastes. In next month's issue, we will also include a free announcement section for private individuals in which you may publish events and games, ask for club members or sell, exchange and purchase figures, books and anything having to do with our hobby. Therefore, we encourage you to send us everything you wish to publish to the e-mail given on the side or to our magazine address. In addition, we are going to start a new section dedicated to analyzing new figures and scenery that will help you get familiarized with the up-and-coming news in this fascinating hobby. Lastly, we are going to insert a survey so that you can tell us everything that you do not like or what you think we should include or change, always with the aim of making Wargames, Soldados y Estrategia a magazine for all.

Thanks for your support.

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# News

## XI Internacional Tournament *Jaume I el Conqueridor* in Barcelona

To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the Alpha Ares club from Barcelona has decided to organize a conference on the 6th and 7th of December with the aim of bringing together many wargame enthusiasts, on the one hand, and of getting more people to know about this hobby, on the other. For this purpose, they have prepared a series of activities, among which are the following:

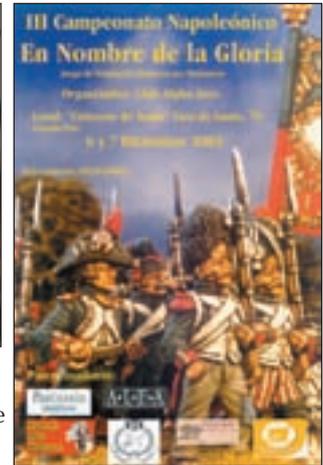
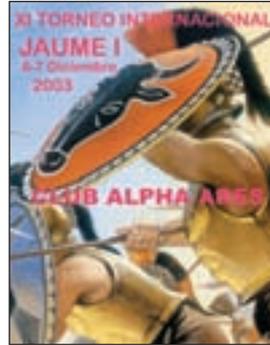
- Official Tournament of DBM
- Napoleonic Competition, which will use the "In the Name of Glory" rules and will have its author, Dave Marks, who will be the referee of the different matches.
- A demonstration of World War II with the participation of the public.
- 15mm, 25mm and diorama painting contest. Trophies and prizes for the participants.
- Association lunch and dinner.

The conference will take place in the "Cotxeres de Sants", Sants Street, 79 (near Sants Station) and the opening hours for the public will be the following:

- Saturday the 6th, from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm and from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm.
- Sunday the 7th, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Contact numbers: -DBM Tournament: Toni Torres 630565216 -Napoleonic Competition Dermot 934545883

The Alpha Ares club helps interested individuals find accommodations in nearby hotels.



## COLOURS 2003

On the 13th and 14th of September, Colours 2003 was held at Newbury Race Course. Traditionally, it has been held in the Hexagon in Reading, however, the location had to be changed at the last moment due to asbestos problems. This is probably why we found fewer visitors and exhibitors at the show than in other occasions. However, some supporters committed to this type of event were not missing, such as Caliver Books, Front Rank, Redoubt Miniatures or Bicorn Miniatures. Vendel Miniatures' stand, which had their range of the campaigns of Alexander Magnum, was especially interesting. There was also a huge presence of different historical and re-enactment societies. The Napoleonic Association display outside was a highlight of the show.

## SELWG 2003

On the 19th of October, SELWG 2003, which is probably the second most important event in the UK, took place at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. On this occasion, we were able to see a wider variety of exhibitors that included, in addition to those mentioned in Colours, Old Glory Corp, Hovels, Dixon Miniatures and Battle Honours, among many others.



# Readers Letters

When I read the article on the Tercio of Idiaquez (Idiaquez's infantry regiment) in the Battle of Nördlingen, I was surprised to see the high figures of Swedish deaths that the author cited, 22,000 out of a 25,000-strong force. Are these figures correct or do they refer to casualties (deaths, injured, prisoners, deserters...) more than to deaths? Thanks and congratulations on your magnificent magazine.

Julio Navarro (Madrid)

Out of all of the sources I consulted when I wrote this article, I think the most rigorous one with regard to determining the casualties of the Protestant army was *Viaje, suceso y guerras del Infante Cardenal D. Fernando de Austria, 1631-1636* (Journey, Events and Wars of the Cardinal-Infante Ferdinand of Austria) by Diego de Aedo y Gallart. This Spaniard witnessed the events, owing to the fact that he belonged to Cardinal Infante's court. According to the author, 8,000 Swedes died in the same battle and 9,000 in the general chaos of the retreat. To these figures we must add between 4,000 and 5,000 prisoners and wounded. Saying that there were around a total of 22,000 losses might ha-