The Empire march to war this month, their strength and ingenuity a wonder to all the world!

We Dwarfs are a proud folk, but we know that our kingdom is not as mighty as it once was. So we are grateful to the Men of The Empire, descendants of Sigmar Heldenhammer and his followers, who, in ages past stood shoulder to shoulder with us to smash the greenskin menace and drive them into the dark places of the world. Now our allies have the largest of all manling kingdoms, a vast realm where wizards strive to unlock the secrets of the universe, engineers create dangerously new-fangled contraptions (not as good as tried-and-tested Dwarf craft, if you ask me) and noble counts struggle as much with each other for power and influence as they do with the beasts of the wild.

Empire armies boast knights, cannons, rockets, monsters and other wonders, magical, mechanical and natural, but the heart of their strength lies in their infantry. Armed with halberd, sword, spear or gun, they may not be as tough as Dwarfs, but they are skilled at supporting another on the battlefield, with tactics that allow units to counter-attack or fire on another regiment’s foes. Oh, the Men of The Empire are friends to the Dwarfs indeed! (Apart, that is, from the Elector of Strirling, who still owes me a drink).

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As we write this, 2006’s massive participation campaign has just finished. Many battles were fought, scores settled and grudges made. It has been a phenomenal success, with more people signing up to play than in any other Games Workshop campaign to date. We all hope you had a great time, and you should all pat yourselves on the back for making it such a great event.

All of which brings us on to the next campaign! In the Summer of 2007, there will be another worldwide war, with accompanying internet site, that you can all join in with. This campaign is to be for Warhammer, and concerns the mysterious Nemesis Crown, an ancient Dwarf magical artefact of terrifying power. It has lain hidden from the eyes of mortals for millennia, until now.

Keep your eyes peeled for more details of the Nemesis Crown campaign over the coming months. And you might want to think about getting your Warhammer armies ready, because you’re going to need them...

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Our models are supported by evocative artwork, and we are now looking for talented illustrators to embark on our Art Apprenticeship Scheme and join the ranks of our artists.

Those interested in this apprenticeship will need to display an enthusiasm for and knowledge of the Hobby as well as the ability to be potentially great artists.

The candidates who are selected for consideration will be invited to create an illustration, in order that we can capture a realistic idea of their full potential.

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If you feel you have the necessary skills and talent to take on this challenge, then we would love to hear from you before 28th January 2007. Please send copies of recent work (do not send originals, as we are unable to return the material) with your CV and cover letter.

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A hive of activity, the Plaza Hobby Centre is located within the Plaza Shopping Centre (which is entered from Oxford Street), exactly half way between the Oxford Circus and Tottenham Court Road London Underground stations, on the Central line.

THE RUIN OF ARNOR
New Sourcebook and miniatures preview!

If you just can't wait to get a look at the new superbly sculpted miniatures and The Ruin of Arnor Sourcebook for The Lord of The Rings Strategy Battle Game, then come down to one of our Hobby Centres! From 20th January our Hobby Centres will be having special previews of the models and their rules, the full background of the Sourcebook and demonstration games - all two weeks before the main release!

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The Troll Chieftain, Buhrd³r, is just one of the many new releases that accompanies The Ruin of Arnor.
Our Windsor Hobby Centre is holding an Official Opening Party on the 6th January to celebrate the new store opening and Empire Launch!

**SPECIAL GUESTS!**

Three Design Studio special guests will be at the Opening Party from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

**Mike Anderson, Steve Saleh & Dave Thomas**

Guest sculptors Mike Anderson, Steve Saleh and Dave Thomas will be on hand, talking about the new Empire miniatures they worked on, sharing some tips and tricks, and revealing how they sculpt textures including chainmail and fur.

**SPECIAL EVENTS!**

**‘Duel’ painting competition**

Win signed copies of WD325 and the new Warhammer Armies: Empire book! Simply bring along a single model of two miniatures in battle, mounted on a 40mm base. There will be two categories, under 16 and 16 and over, and they’ll be judged by our special guests.

**Quiz our guests on the new Warhammer Armies: Empire book and miniatures.**

**Signings**

Get your new army book signed on the day it’s released, and feel free to bring along any other Games Workshop books our guests have been involved in.

**The Battle to Save Barak Varr**

Featuring the Dwarfs and Night Goblins, this campaign at the Windsor store has been ongoing since the release of the Orcs & Goblins in October and concludes on Saturday 6th January, as the forces of the Empire arrive by river, borne upon mighty vessels, to the rescue of the doomed fortress in one final apocalyptic battle!

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We take a look at the new model releases – State Troops, Pistolières and more...

BATTLE REPORT
Mannfred von Carstein has arisen from the grave. Can The Empire lay him to rest?
For me, the Empire is the most exciting fantasy realm ever created. Its grim, dark fantasy image is built on contrasts, such as science and superstition, sorcery and strength of arms. This is in no small part down to head artist John Blanche who, along with other notables such as Dave Andrews, Dave Gallagher and Gav Thorpe, have worked tirelessly over the years to define the imagery of Warhammer's largest realm of Men.

"I like juxtaposition," John explains mysteriously, "The science of The Empire is forced to mix with the madness of the Old World's religion and magic."

The new Empire army book tackles these strong, well-established themes in more detail than ever, and a lot more besides. Packed into the book is an awesome background section detailing the Empire's exciting history and place within the Warhammer world. It is a dangerous realm to live in, and its survival as a nation is down to the tenacity of common Men. Background guru Gav Thorpe describes the Empire as "Islands of civilisation in a sea of dark wilderness". It's a place where one cannot simply pay a visit to the nearest village without a group of armed guards in tow. Likewise, the common villagers aren't quite as weak and downtrodden as their Bretonian counterparts, because they live in a place where only the strong survive. In the Empire, the strapping farmhands are given swords or spears, and sent to war in the Emperor's militia.

The Empire's extensive history is covered in the new army book, from the earliest days of the Human tribes battling against the Goblins, Sigmar rescuing King Kurgan Ironbeard in the depths of the forest, the great slaughter in Blackfire Pass, and the forging of The Empire. The Skaven wars are explained, and how the heroic Manfred Ratslayer delivered the reeling Empire from the loathsome ratmen. Gorbad Ironclaw's Waagh! into Solland, that left it a blackened ruin, is detailed, as well as the wars of the Vampire Counts (Vlad, Konrad and Mannfred). The many provinces of The Empire are described; along with information on the great cities, and the organisations and leaders that help to make up the very fabric of The Empire itself — it's the most complete background section to date. However, Gav is keen to point out that the history of The Empire isn't all about massive wars.

"The timeline provides only a list of the big events," he explains. "There is almost constant conflict in The Empire — it's a nation under siege, both from within and without. The threats facing The Empire are multitudinous. Political tensions can boil over and fragment the realm, and when The Empire is fractured it is at its weakest." The age of Karl Franz is given more coverage than before in the new book, and rightly so. Karl Franz rules The Empire in what is deemed their golden age, and he returns as a character to lead your army. Likewise, other old favourites are back, such as Kurt Helborg and Ludwig Schwarzhelm. The army list has been diligently worked on, and has been made more flexible. Gav explains.

"There is no more need for appendices to the army list. Want a fanatical Sigmarite army? Fine, choose a Warrior Priest and take a unit of Flagellants as a Core choice. Want an Emperor's Guard army? No problem — Greatsword's have had their 0-1 restriction lifted, and you can take as many units of Reiksguard Knights as you can afford. The choice is yours."

In the book...

This 96-page Warhammer Army Book features:

- A complete history of The Empire, from the time of Sigmar to the reign of Karl Franz.
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Leaders of Men

Empire General

The Generals of The Empire are as varied as the armies they lead. Some are highborn nobles, like the Electors, who lead by virtue of their status, while others are grizzled veterans who have risen through the ranks and proven their ability in dozens of hard-fought battles.

The Wizard Lords that join an Imperial army are the most powerful sorcerers in The Empire. With the power to drag a comet screaming down from the heavens, or blast their foes with supernatural fires, they are a much-needed and feared part of any Empire force.

Battle Wizards

The Colleges of Magic

Founded in the wake of the Great War Against Chaos, the Colleges of Magic are where the Battle Wizards of The Empire learn how to harness their dangerous magical powers. Formalised in 2304, the Colleges of Magic monitor and train magic users within The Empire, as well as providing the Emperor's armies with magical support.

Sigmar's Truths

The Emperor, Karl Franz, is the latest of the princes of Altador to bear the crown of Emperor. His political mind has stood him in great stead through some of the recent calamities to assail The Empire. His ability to form strong bonds with distrustful allies has proven just as valuable as his expert leadership and considerable martial prowess. He now leads The Empire in what is truly its golden age.

Lords and Heroes

The Lord choices within The Empire army include the Empire General, the Templar Grand Master, the Arch Lector of Sigmar and the Wizard Lord. The General of The Empire (probably the one that will be fielded the most often) represents a skilled war leader. He could be an Elector Count leading his provincial army to war, or a hardened career soldier who has clawed his way through the ranks. Cheaper than any of the other Empire Lord choices, the General of The Empire is the best way of getting the all-important Leadership 9, without spending too many points.

The Templar Master represents the cream of The Empire’s fighting men, and can take on and beat all but the best enemy Lords. He also makes any unit of knights from the same Order that he joins Immune to Psychology.

The Arch Lector of Sigmar is something that’s always existed in The Empire background, but has never made it onto the tabletop until now. Basically, he’s a more powerful Warrior Priest. He can cast two Blessings of Sigmar, has a Leadership of 9, and can ride the awesome War Altar of Sigmar into battle. Cause Terror? Do Impact hits? Make friendly units nearby Hate the enemy? Yes please!

Wizards come last, not because they’re not good (the ability to steal someone’s soul or crush them with a mountain is very good), but because not much has changed. That said, with the choice on offer, not to mention the plethora of special characters, the competition is very hot in the Lords section of the army list.

The Captain of the Empire is the most basic Empire Hero, but don’t be fooled into thinking he’s just an average character.
Faith & Steel

Warrior Priests

Priests of Sigmar are inevitably bombastic, zealous individuals, but none more so than the fiery Warrior Priests. Warrior Priests bring the power of their patron god with them into battle, and bolster a unit's fighting ability no end.

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Equipment: Warhammer (hand weapon).
Special Rules: Blessings of Sigmar; Righteous Fury; Prayers of Sigmar.

Master Engineers

Master Engineers are drawn to the battlefield like moths to a flame, determined to test their latest inventions on the enemy, or to prove once and for all their method of range-finding or trajectory calculation is superior.

The Imperial College of Engineers

Without a doubt the grandest collection of eccentrics in the Empire, the College of Engineers is a place where imagination runs riot. Though most of their labours are oft-ridiculed, they have produced a number of potent weapons that benefit the Imperial armies greatly.

True, he's not as good at leading as an Empire General, and he's not as good at fighting as a Templar Master, but for 50 points, he's extremely good value. In my army, Hans Von Groppen is always first on my roster. He's fought for me for more than eight years now, and he's never (okay, rarely) let me down, and costs just 74 points with all his equipment. Now, with the great plastic kit made by Brian Nelson, there's never been a better time to squeeze another Captain or two into your army.

Warrior Priests are a staple of Empire armies on tabletops across the world, their Righteous Fury causing Hatred against all enemies in units they join. Now Orcs, Dark Elves and, well, pretty much everyone needs to fear them. What could be more characterful than a fiery rabblerouser in one of your units urging the Men on? There are several new Warrior Priest models sculpted by Dave Thomas, and only the most tasteless heretic could resist the guy with two hammers!

Engineers are now wackier than ever. So wacky, in fact, that they're a must-have for any Empire force. Take Dave Thomas' Mechanical Steed, for example. And Pigeon Bombs! Engineers are there to back up your troops, and their crazy inventions are now more varied than ever, so you can customise their style of support.

Core Units

As John Blanche put it, "The Empire is about the normal bloke, with a gun". Other armies get loads of huge monsters, Zombies, Orcs or specialised knights, but the Empire depends on the dog-faced infantryman, standing shoulder to shoulder against enemies that are bigger, nastier and stronger, but still coming out on top.

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Empire Troops

State Troops kit

The Empire army is built around blocks of State Troops, all of whom fight proudly for the Emperor and for Sigmar!

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Pistoliers
Pistoliers are young, hot-headed nobles, who willingly take upon themselves some of the most dangerous tasks expected of an Empire soldier, flanking enemy units and riding down skirmishers. Those that survive long enough are usually invited to join a Knightly Order or become Outriders.

Outriders
The Outriders are the drill instructors of the Pistolkorps, and are responsible for training the Pistoliers. In battle they either lead units of Pistoliers, reining in the worst of their enthusiasms, or they form units of their own, armed with deadly repeating handguns.

Repeater Handgun
Range: 24"; Strength: 4.
Special Rules: 3x multiple shots; armour piercing; move or fire.

Special and Rare choices
The Special and Rare sections of The Empire army include all the big guns – so they’re the favourite of many an Empire General. Great Cannons and Mortars are the hot choices in the Special category, but let’s not forget the elite soldiery.

Greatswords are the best infantry available to an Empire General. They’re skilled, brave and armed with enormous swords. Being Stubborn and wearing full plate armour helps, too.

Pistoliers are fast cavalry, specifically intended to harass the enemy’s flanks. Their multiple shots rule means they can put out a seriously intimidating amount of short-ranged fire, and they can even handle themselves in combat if they have to (ideal for charging in against the flanks of exposed enemy units). Never leave them unsupported, though, or you’ll regret it.
Outriders are back, and are quite different from Pistoliers in terms of usage. They have unparalleled firepower with good range, but they can’t move and fire. This means they need to get into a prime position as fast as possible and start pumping lead into the enemy. Just five of them can unleash 15 shots a turn, each with the power of a handgun.

Knighthly Orders now straddle the Core and Special categories. Inner Circle Knights are a Special Choice, but the extra pip of Strength puts them into a different league. If normal Empire Knights are good, Inner Circle Knights are great.

The Rare choices bring even more finely engineered death in the form of the Helblaster, Helstorm and Steam Tank. The Helblaster is an old hand in The Empire army. Its multiple barrels rain death on infantry formations and scare the pants off cavalry. The forthcoming plastic kit (out next year) features the potential to become a Helstorm Rocket Battery. This beauty delivers incendiary death from above, in a similar (but infinitely more destructive) way to a mortar. Sure, getting it on target is hard, but any unit hit by the Rocket Battery better have life insurance... because the next thing they’ll be seeing is Morr.

The Steam Tank is just that... a tank powered by steam — capable of crushing units under its steel-shod wheels. Although they cost 300 points, they’re well worth the investment in larger games.

Flagellant Warbands are the last Rare unit to mention — utterly insane religious lunatics, convinced that the end of the world is nigh. They never break and they’re hard to kill. Their new rules reflect their background better than ever, and provide a real advantage in combat.
he first sense to come back to Friedl was taste; the taste of blood. His own blood, he realised, spitting the crimson fluid from his mouth as he forced his eyes to open. He was looking at a bloodied patch of heather, his halberd lying close at hand. Friedl’s ears rang dully and he could smell smoke and burning flesh. He reached up to his cheek. The right side of his face was a crimson mask from a gash above his eye and Friedl winced as his inquisitive fingers probed the deep wound.

He felt a hand on his shoulder, and rolled over. Standing over Friedl was a broad man with a bushy beard, his uniform blue — the colours of Middenland. The soldier’s lips were moving but Friedl couldn’t make out a word. The black feather in his helmet marked him out as a sergeant. The Middenlander stuck his spear into the ground and helped Friedl to his feet.

With a rush, sound returned and Friedl felt dizzy for a moment. There were hoarse shouts, bellowed roars and the constant ringing of metal clashing with metal. Screams and explosions filled the air, and Friedl wanted to be sick.

“Where’s your regiment?” the Middenlander was demanding, retrieving his spear. He shook his head at Friedl’s dumb silence and stomped back towards his men.

Friedl glanced around, looking for the green and red of Hochland and the dragon standard of the Third Regiment of Foote. He caught a glimpse of green to his right, beyond the stamping horses of a squadron of Knights Panther, the armour of the riders covered in blood and dirt, the panther pelts over the knights’ shoulders matted with gore. He snatched up his halberd and began to walk towards them.

As he stumbled back towards the rest of his regiment, Friedl looked around groggily. All around, the line of the Empire army battled against the Beasts. A few dozen paces to Friedl’s left, a regiment of spearmen, the Middenlanders, braced themselves to receive a charge as a dozen bull-headed Minotaurs ploughed towards them. There was an almighty crash of snapping wood and shouts as the Minotaurs hit home, and the Middenlanders reeled backwards under the impact. Yet they held and pushed back against the gigantic Beastsmen, some slipping in the mud, defiant shouts on the lips of others. A moment later, the regiment’s detachment of swordsmen, their shields held before them, flanked the Minotaurs, their monstrous opponents towering above them.

Friedl was deafened again as a thunderous blast rolled over the battlefield from the artillery battery sited on the hill behind him. A hail of swirling rockets screamed overhead while cannonballs and mortar shells roared past. A ripple of explosions tore into the approaching Beastsman warbands, tossing mud, gore and limbs into the air. The barrage was accompanied by a fiery blast of magical energy, as a Battle Wizard of the Bright College stalked amongst the Empire regiments hurling flaming death. The snap of handguns firing joined the crackle of burning fires.

The Knights Panther had broken off and were circling right, to the east. Now Friedl could see his regiment clearly, by their somewhat relaxed look they were awaiting orders from the Count. There were a lot fewer of them than had started the battle, and Friedl caught sight of patches of green or red cloth lying in the long grass, the corpses they covered thankfully hidden from view. Ahead of Friedl’s regiment, loincloth-clad Beastsman rushed forwards, their near-naked bodies covered with crude war paint, their weapons nothing more than clubs of wood and stone. Over the heads of the Hochlanders, Friedl spied a gleaming figure atop a rock. It was the Count, resplendent in his armour and lion-skin cloak, his Runefang glowing with power as he held it over his head, signalling the counter-charge.

Friedl broke into a shuffling run, his head pounding with pain, and he shouted out. From the back ranks of the Third Regiment of Foote, a few faces turned towards him and they called out encouragement. Friedl heard the order to march barked out by the sergeant even as he reached the regiment, drawn into their ranks with pats on the back and grins.

Friedl made his way back to his place in the second rank, and caught the glance of Sergeant Pols as he looked over his shoulder.

“Thought you were dead,” the sergeant said with a smile.

“Still time for that,” Friedl replied grimly, looking up at the Beastsman hurling towards the Hochlanders.

The sergeant looked to the front and bellowed out an order. As one, the halberdiers halted. Another command and they raised their weapons, taking up a fighting stance. The weapon felt heavy in Friedl’s tired arms and he fought hard not to tremble with fatigue. He fixed his attention on the approaching Beastsmen as blood caked on his face.

The battle for Erstedorf would go on.
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We take two of the Warhammer game’s toughest characters and pitch them headlong into mortal combat with one another. Will the evil of Mannfred Von Carstein win out, or will the nobility of Kurt Helborg take the day? Read on...
For this month’s battle report, we thought we’d pit two ancient enemies against one another – the Empire and the Undead – in a 3000 point-game.

Each army is led by a fantastic character model. One is the dastardly and evil Mannfred Von Carstein, the hardest dead man this side of the Mountains of Mourn, the other Kurt Helborg, who takes a similar title for the living. The warlords have not met in combat in the Warhammer world, but that doesn’t mean a thing when it comes to slugging it out on the table-top! Especially when you’ve got as pesky a baddy as Mannfred, who will just not agree to stay dead.

Scenario
This battle was fought using the standard scenario from the Warhammer rule book.

The armies were 3000 points each, and the recommended size of the battlefield for such games is 6' x 4'. However, the hobby team have made such a great terrain set especially for the Empire, along with Dave Andrews’ gorgeous new buildings, that we couldn’t resist expanding the gaming area to 8' x 4'. This was not a problem, as there was plenty of terrain, including a large river, giving tactical challenges.

Preliminaries
Adam won the roll-off for the table edge, and chose the north edge by deploying one of his units there, because it had a nice big hill in the middle of it! Adam also won the dice roll for the first turn. Pausing only to chuckle about the coming artillery barrage, he picked up his tape measure, and battle commenced.

Empire Terrain
See more of this fantastic terrain next month’s White Dwarf, and visit: www.games-workshop.co.uk/empire

Kurt Helborg
Grand Marshal of the Reiksguard, Kurt Helborg’s might is second only to that of the Emperor himself. Helborg is one of the most powerful models an Empire player can field, and is best used at the head of a unit of Reiksguard Knights (check out his special rules).

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Equipment: Runefang, Laurels of Victory and full plate armour.

Mount: Barded Warhorse.

Special Rules: The Emperor’s Chosen. Any unit of Reiksguard Knights led by Kurt Helborg becomes Stubborn as well as Immune to Psychology.
For the Glory of Sigmar!

Adam: There's no army for Warhammer I enjoy using as much as the Empire, and the new Army Book makes it more exciting than ever... especially since I have 3000 points to play with, allowing me to take some of the really cool stuff. My first choice was Kurt Helborg. Helborg is monstrously hard, equipped with both the Laurels of Victory (each wound caused counts as double for combat resolution purposes) and a Runefang (wounds automatically, no saves), and makes a superb general for any Empire army. To back him up, I chose a Level 4 Bright wizard, whom I dubbed Hagan Schreiber, and Isaak Lanze, a Level 2 Celestial wizard. With two Dispel Scrolls and a Power Stone between them, they should be able to hold off the torrent of magical death Pete's likely to throw at me. I added Benedick Stern, the Warrior Priest with two hand weapons, because the model is so incredibly cool. He provides an extra Dispel dice - very useful, not to mention the fact that he causes any unit he's in to hate the enemy. The next addition was an Engineer - that clockwork horse is too cool to ignore, so Garramond Kerr, complete with pigeon bombs and a repeater handgun joined, the army. Lastly, I included a Battle Standard Bearer, who has the fantastic name of Dolphus Hund, with the Griffon Standard (doubles rank bonus).

With a gratuitous amount of characters duly selected I turned my attention to the regiments of the Empire. I love nice chunky blocks of troops, so I took good-sized units of Halberdiers, Spearmen and Swordsmen, each of these I complemented with a detachment. The Warrior Priest and Bright Wizard joined the Swordsmen, and Dolphus Hund went into the Halberdiers.
A large amount of firepower was the order of the day to deal with the restless dead, so I chose two units of handgunners, one of twelve and one of ten – a nice solid core around which my army could fight. An Empire Great Cannon (a must have against almost any foe) and a Mortar (my favourite piece of artillery), together with the handgunners, formed the basis of my long-range fire.

I decided to take two big units of knights. One of these was ten Reiksguard – it would be rude not to make full use of Helborg’s special rules (see page 31). I made the Reiksguard Inner Circle too – though this made them into a Special choice, it gives them Strength 4. This unit of Helborg’s would be my hammer, and I planned on setting them up right in the middle of my army. I also took ten Knights Panther, to operate as a flanking force.

So, my army had a solid infantry base, good fire support and a mobile strike force. But I still had plenty of points! and I realised I could make my long-range firebase pokier with a Helstorm Rocket Battery. This became a firm favourite of mine during play testing, because of its awesome potential. Now, hitting with it is harder than convincing a Flagellant to look on the bright side, but when it does... oh boy. I’ve had more than my fair share of success with these beauties in the past, so it’s got to be worth the risk.

I also took unit of Outriders – they can put out an incredible amount of firepower (15 shots at Strength 4 each turn), and fire all round, so they should come in useful in dealing with Vampire Bats, Dire Wolves and other, annoying fast Undead units intent on eating my guns.

Enough, there are Zombies to bash!
Mannfred's Damned Legion

Pete: Finally, after years of painting miniatures for the Design Studio I get the chance to play with them!

Not only will I be fielding a Vampire Counts army but leading it will be one of the most famous Vampire Counts, Mannfred Von Carstein. This monster of a character is a Vampire Lord and a Level 4 wizard, combining excellent fighting skills with awesome spell-casting. However, taking Mannfred leaves the rest of my character choices restricted, as he takes up a Lord and two Hero slots! He also costs a whopping 690 points. The points cost of the standard Empire fighter is low, so it means that they can field massed ranks of troops, outnumbering my more expensive Undead. With this in mind I have chosen to add two Level 2 Necromancers (Lucius and Boris) to help Mannfred bolster numbers in the infantry. This will make sure that my greatest weapon – Fear – is used effectively. A Wraith carrying the Cursed Book completes my character choices. Wraiths are ethereal so cannot be hurt by anything that isn’t magical, and cause Terror. The -1 to Hit all enemy models within 6" of the Cursed Book suffer, will certainly help the fighting potential of my Skeleton and Zombie units.

For the core of the army I chose two solid units of Skeletons and one of Zombies. These units will head across the battlefield, soaking up the inevitable firepower of the Empire army. Once there, they should tie up the enemy infantry until my more effective combat units arrive. Two decent sized units of Ghouls could either act as a tough skirmish screen for my infantry units or disrupt the Empire’s advance with their two poisoned attacks each. Two small units of Dire Wolves will
move in support of my combat units as they head towards the Empire lines.

The special choices are where the Vampire Counts army excels. Grave Guard are one of the best infantry units in the game. Each of these Undead has Strength and Toughness 4, a 3+ save in combat and comes with the Killing Blow special rule. I was confident that they'd defeat any of the Empire infantry in a straight-up fight.

To accompany Mannfred I felt obliged to take a big unit of Black Knights. Just like their infantry equivalents these combat monsters have the Killing Blow special rule giving them the edge over any Empire Knights that they may come across. Equipped with the Banner of the Barrows (hit on a 3+ regardless of Weapon Skill), even if they lose a few of their number to the Empire artillery they should still be able to break a unit or two when they arrive at the other side of the table.

Speaking of artillery, I needed some way to deal with those annoying war-machines that would undoubtedly be pummelling my army as it made its way across the board. A unit of Fell Bats would be able to get across there pretty quick and a unit of two Spirit Hosts bases should cause a few headaches for the gun-line. Being ethereal like the Wraith, they can only be hurt by magic, so should be able to ignore most of the Empire firepower.

Finally, my sneaky trick is two Banshees. Another ethereal unit, their scream attack could cause havoc because of the Empire's average leadership. My plan was to field one on either flank and let them sweep across, screaming at any juicy targets they can find. As long as I can keep them away from spell-casters, they could just tip the game in my favour.
For the Emperor!

Spell Selection

Bright Wizard (Level 4)
Fireball: Range 24*. D6 S4 hits.

Flaming Sword of Rhun:
Caster gets +1A, +3S, hits on 2+.

Conflagration of Doom:
One unit on table gets D6 S4 hits. Continues to burn. Wall of Fire: Range 24*. Models in front rank take S4 hit. Remains in play. If unit moves, whole unit takes hits, then dispersed.

Celestial Wizard (Level 2)
Portent of Far: Range 12*, Rolls of 1 get re-roll.

Forked Lightning: Range 24*. D6 S4 hits.

Von Carstein (Level 4)
Invocation of Nehek:
Range 18*. Cast on 3+7+11+ adds D6/2D6/3D6 models or 1/2/3 wounds.

Hand of Dust: Caster gets only 1A per turn, auto-kills.

Hellish Vigour:
Range 18*. Unit strikes first and re-rolls misses.

Curse of Years: Range 24*, kills on 6+. Chance to kill increases by 1 per turn.

Necromancer (Level 2)
Invocation of Nehek

Hellish Vigour

Necromancer (Level 2)
Invocation of Nehek

Gaze of Nagash: Range 24*. D6 S4 hits.

Turn 1

The Empire's combat units struck forth onto the field of battle. Adam had already declared that he was going to be bold with his Knights, and stayed true to his word. The Knights Panther ignored the potential threat of the Banshee on the east flank, aiming themselves at Mannfred, while the Reiksguard cantered forwards to be certain of a charge next turn. The Outriders advanced along the river, hoping to set themselves up for a fusillade.

In the Empire Magic phase, Adam rolled two Irresistible Forces, unleashing a Conflagration of Doom and a Fireball. However, despite the magical barrage not a single Undead model fell. In the Shooting phase, the Mortar fired long, the Rocket Battery fired a dud, and the Engineer's pigeon bomb exploded harmlessly in the air. The Great Cannon redeemed the Empire, however, by sniping at Mannfred. Although a Black Knight took the hit for the Vampire Lord, it certainly gave Pete the shakes. Finally, a crack shot from the Nuhn Handgunners' Marksman picked off the Black Knights' Hell Knight.

Mannfred's horde advanced cautiously, wary of the magic and guns of the Empire, despite Adam's poor showing so far. The Banshees moved along the flanks, toward the Knights Panther and Outriders.

The Vampire Counts' Magic phase began in stark contrast to the Empire's. Lucius miscast, losing a Magic level, wounding himself, and forgetting the Invocation of Nehek. Boris failed to raise any Zombies, but did manage to fire his Rod of Flaming Death (magic missile, D3 S4 hits, causes panic) at the Swordsmen.

The Warrior Priest's Sigil of Sigmar (magic resistance 1) did not protect them, and they lost a model, though they passed their Panic test. Adam's relief lasted mere moments, though, as Mannfred Von Carstein cast Curse of Years on the Knights Panther. Adam couldn't risk this spell being successful, and used his first Dispel Scroll of the game. Finally, one of the Banshees wailed at the Knights Panther, beating their Leadership and causing two of them to drop down dead with fright!

36 WHITE DWARF MARCH OF THE DAMNED
To challenge or not

Adam failed to wipe out the Skeletons in a single turn, thanks largely to the Wraith's Cursed Book. However, he could have maximised the damage caused by Kurt Helborg by issuing a challenge. So why didn't he? Well, if he had, the Skeleton champion would surely have accepted, and the Wraith would have survived the combat. Had this happened, the effects of the Cursed Book would have continued – something Adam couldn't allow.

Turn 2

Helborg smashed into the unit of Wraith-led Skeletons (a). The rest of Adam's battle line either advanced in support or, like the Knights Panther and Halberdiers, moved back to get out of charge range.

The Magic phase went well for the Empire. Lanzo destroyed the Banshee on the east flank with Forked Lightning – Adam's third Irresistible Force – while the Bright Wizard killed the other Banshee with Conflagration of Doom (yep, you guessed it, cast with Irresistible Force). The artillery again purred rather than roared, as the Rocket misfired and the Cannon fell short. The Mortar, however, slew six Grave Guard (b), in spite of their Banner of Doom (+ward save)! The Handgunners felled a Black Knight, while the Outriders, thanks to their 360-degree field of fire, killed two Fell Bats. In combat, Pete revealed the Wraith’s Cursed Book, which prevented the knights from winning.

The unit of Wolves in the centre charged the nearby Militia detachment, and the Fell Bats charged the Outriders, who stood and fired. The Zombies crashed into the flank of the Reiksguard, and it was on to the Magic phase. Mannfred summoned two Dire Wolves behind the Empire lines. Boris raised six Skeletons into the unit fighting Helborg, and Adam was forced to Dispel to prevent Mannfred doing the same. Finally, with Irresistible Force, Mannfred cast Curse of Years at the Spearmen (c), slaying three.

In the Combat phase, the Outriders wiped out the Fell Bats, while the Militia destroyed the Dire Wolves. In the centre of the field, five Skeletons and two Zombies fell, but it was not enough to wipe out the Undead, and the Reiksguard were stuck.
**Breakthrough**

**Turn 3**

Determined to tip the balance of the Reiksguard combat, a small Swordsmen detachment charged the Zombies, while their parent unit marched towards the nearest unengaged Skeletons. The Engineer attempted to charge the Dire Wolves on the east flank, but failed to reach them. The Empire Wizards failed to cast a single spell, nor did they dispel *Curse of Years*. The Empire's shooting wasn't much better. The Mortar scattered and hit the Talabheim Swordsmen, killing four of them, while the cannon misfired. The Outriders did manage to break the nearest unit of Ghouls, but that was all the Empire could muster. The Combat phase was decisive, with the Swordsmen helping Helborg's knights to smash through the Undead lines.

In the Vampire Counts turn, Mannfred's Black Knights charged the Talabheim Halberdiers. The summoned Dire Wolves charged the Rocket crew, who fled and were chased down. In the Magic phase, *Curse of Years* slew nine more Spearmen, before Mannfred ended the spell only to cast it again on the Knights Panther, who all survived this turn. Boris raised some more Skeletons into the large unit, summing 11! In Combat, Mannfred's unit of Black Knights destroyed the Halberdiers, and caused their Militia detachment to flee.

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- The Engineer failed a charge against the Dire Wolves. Very unfortunate, as they still blocked the path of the Knights Panther, thus protecting Mannfred's flank.

- The Warrior Priest found it hard to use his powers, as Pete kept a dice or two in reserve to counter these low-level Bound Spells.

- The scattering Mortar was typical of Adam's luck with the artillery dice. He was fortunate, though, that he lost so few men.

- Kurt Helborg's Laurels of Victory double the combat resolution value of all the wounds he causes. These, combined with the Swordsmen's flank charge, ensured that the Empire did just enough wounds to wipe out the Skeletons and Zombies.

- The Helstorm Rocket Battery was destroyed by Dire Wolves. It certainly suffered from "shiny new model syndrome!"

- *Curse of Years* is deadly. Nine Spearmen died this turn from its effects. But Pete opted to lift the spell in order to target the Knights.
Unholy Power

Mannfred’s Black Knights charged a large unit of Halberdiers and destroyed them in a single turn. Mannfred’s impressive profile, combined with the lances and heavy armour of the Black Knights, won the day. As a bonus for Pete, Mannfred Von Carstein’s Sword of Unholy Power boosts his Dispel pool when he causes Wounds!
Unstoppable Evil

Turn 4

Short of options, the Knights Panther and Engineer both charged the Dire Wolves. Likewise, the Spearmen in the centre attempted to get to grips with the Spirit Hosts, and the Swordsmen, led by the Bright Wizard and Warrior Priest, threw themselves into battle against the Skeletons before them. Helborg ordered his knights to turn about, and they began to advance towards their own lines, hunting Mannfred.

In the Magic phase, Adam used four dice to ensure Curse of Years was dispelled, which meant that he didn’t manage to cast anything else. However, he needed his Knights Panther to survive, so prioritised wisely. In the Shooting phase the Mortar overshot, but the Outriders and Crossbowmen continued to whittle down the Grave Guard, killing four. With the Black Knights bearing down on them, the Talabheim Handgunners opened fire, and to Pete’s dismay, slew four of Mannfred’s knights! In combat, the Knights Panther and Engineer ploughed through the Dire Wolves and both overran 11th towards the Spirit Hosts. This move denied the waiting Chouls a rear charge. The Spearmen didn’t fare so well against the Spirit Hosts, as they won the combat but failed to wipe out the ethereal creatures. In the fight between the Swordsmen and the Skeletons, the Bright Wizard cut down the already wounded Necromancer, while his men hacked into the Undead ranks. However, their victory was only marginal, and both sides held.

Pete’s turn began with Mannfred’s Black Knights charging the Handgunners on the hill, while the Grave Guard charged the flank of the Swordsmen. In the Magic phase, the remaining Necromancer—who was also now in combat—raised a unit of Zombies in front of the Reiksguard Knights, positioned so that they would redirect the Knights away from the large combat that was raging near the centre of the field. Mannfred then miscast, ending the Magic phase early.

In the Combat phase, the Swordsmen killed the second Necromancer of the turn, but the Grave Guard inflicted heavy casualties. The Swordsmen broke and fled, but were not caught by the shambling horde. Mannfred and his Black Knights tore apart the Handgunners on the hill, and this massacre caused the nearby Militia detachment to flee again, towards the table centre. The Spearmen in the middle again failed to destroy the Spirit Hosts, and with that the turn ended.

Mechanical Ingenuity

Though the Engineer and Knights Panther wiped out the Dire Wolves in a single phase, it was actually a close fight. Adam rolled very badly for his Knights, and the combat resolution was just enough to kill the last Wolf. Good job, then, that the Engineer’s Clockwork Horse inflicts D3 Strength 4 impact hits, or the combat would have been rather embarrassing for the Empire army.
**Fresh from the Grave**

Pete couldn't have picked a better time or place to cast Invocation of Nehek. Eight Zombies clawed their way up through the dirt track to form a new unit directly in front of the Reiksguard, angled so as to deny them any fortuitous overrun moves next turn. Adam had his revenge though – the Necromancer who caused him such chagrin was chopped down by the angry Empire Swordsmen.
No Quarter Asked

Turn 5
The Reiksguard took but a moment to catch their breath, before spurring their steeds on into the Zombies before them. The Knights Panther charged the Spirit Hosts in the centre. To Adam’s relief, the Swordsmen and, more importantly, the Bright Wizard, rallied and turned to face the horde behind them. Obviously tiring, Hagan Schreiber miscast, allowing Pete to cast a spell in return. Mannfred chose a top-level Invocation of Neherek, forcing Adam to use his final Dispel Scroll. The Great Cannon crew loaded a grapeshot to see off the approaching Ghouls, but to no avail. The Mortar tried to help them out, but without success, and killed two Ghouls, but not enough to stop them. The Crossbowmen and Handgunners opened fire at the Skeletons, dropping five of them. In a short and sweet Combat phase, the Reiksguard (a) rode over the Zombies almost without pause, and overrun the Dire Wolves, while the howling Spirit Hosts were finally laid to rest.

Pete’s turn began with the Skeletons and Grave Guard charging the Swordsmen again, who held firm. The Ghouls on the east flank charged the Great Cannon.

Mannfred employed his free spell, and cast Curse of Years on the Knights Panther. Though Pete was unlucky with his rolls to wound, he did manage to kill the unit’s Preceptor. Finally, Mannfred scored an Irresistible Force, and summoned forth 15 Zombies, which assembled before the Reiksguard (b). In the Combat phase, the Ghouls wiped out the Great Cannon crew. Mannfred could only slump in his chair as neither he nor Pete could score more than three wounds in the main fight. The Swordsmen lost, and Fear made them flee (c). Chasing them down, the Skeletons overran into the Crossbowmen on the hill. The Reiksguard had more luck, easily killing the Dire Wolves, although they had nowhere to go except into another wall of Zombies!
The Final Challenge

Those watching the game shouted "Boo, hissy!" as Helborg turned down Mannfred's challenge. But Adam had the right plan. He knew that Mannfred and Helborg would fight to a standstill, and the only way he could win was with combat resolution. The Wights have no Ward save, and thus fell easily to Kurt's Runefang. Adam was, however, very lucky that none of the Black Knights attacking Helborg scored a Killing Blow.

RESULT

The Empire 2041
Vampire Counts 1534
Marginal Victory
The Empire

Turn 6

Adam moved his troops nearest the west board edge so that they could claim two table quarters. There were no charges, and the poor Celestial Wizard couldn't cast any spells due to Mannfred's skills. The Mortar tried a speculative shot at the Black Knights, and managed to kill one. The Engineer, meanwhile, released one last bomb-bearing pigeon at the Ghouls on the west flank. Finally succeeding with his invention, the hapless bird flapped into the midst of the Ghouls, exploding in spectacular fashion. Three Ghouls died, and the rest fled the field, leaving Adam in control of both western table quarters. In combat, the Reiksguard again wiped out a Zombie unit, and overran, hoping to move just far enough to present their frontage to Mannfred's Knights. The gamble paid off, and the two Generals faced each other across the smoky battlefield for the first time. Elsewhere, the Skeletons saw off the Crossbowmen, which caused the Mortar crew to flee in panic.

In the final turn, Mannfred's Black Knights went for glory and charged Helborg's Reiksguard. To boost his chances, the Vampire Lord cast Hellish Vigour on his unit. The magical barrage continued, with Curse of Years killing two members of the Swordsman detachment, and an Invocation of Nehek raising 11 Zombies to contest the southwest quarter.

In the Combat phase, the arrogant Vampire issued a challenge. To his disgust, the Reiksguard Champion accepted on behalf of his Lord. Cutting down the whelp, Mannfred watched in dismay as Helborg slew four Black Knights! After a turn of frantic hacking, the magic animating the Black Knights faltered, and Mannfred was left alone and wounded in front of the proud Reiksguard. There was no easy way out of this predicament for the evil count...
Bloodied but unbowed

Hero of the Hour
The hero of the match is obviously Helborg, but an accolade should go to the Hochland long-rifle wielding Champion in the Handgunner unit. That plucky blighter killed off the Black Knight Champion. Note to self: I must add some of these to my existing Empire army.

Adam: As the smoke clears, there's not a lot left... at least not at first glance. All of my war machines are crewless, two of my large infantry regiments have been butchereed to a man and I've managed to lose two of my key characters. Somehow, it's not all that bad though - amid the flurries of poor dice rolls, the fleeing soldiers and the rampant butchery, it seems that I managed to kill a fair few of the Undead monstrosities.

Obviously the key moment was Kurt Helborg and the Reiksguard Knights taking Mannfred Von Carstein's charge on the chin, and then wiping out the Black Knights, but even without that, the battle would probably have gone in my favour (only just, mind you).

Against any other army (Tomb Kings excepted) my shooting would have counted for far more, and that was my first problem I think. I placed too much stock in the shooting phase and just how much destruction my artillery and missile troops would cause. Because Pete didn't have to worry about Panic checks and could resupply most of his units with Invocation on Nehek, I'd have been better off if I'd dropped one of the units of Handgunners (and perhaps a war machine) for a block of Flagellents. Whilst I'm normally one for disciplined troops, there's a definite advantage to never, ever running away.

Especially against the Undead... ah, the benefit of hindsight.

With that said though, with the obvious exception of the Helstorm, more or less everything pulled its weight. I'm so disappointed it didn't show what that little rocket firing monstrosity is capable of - trust me, as soon as the cameras are away, it'll hit first time!

Given my time again, I'd listen to my inner voices, and not the mocking tones of the guys in Games Dev. I'd take a fighting Captain and whack him on a horse, ready to ride out and cause trouble. My lack of experience using a Battle Standard showed, I think and I ended up wasting it - while I almost always use a Captain on a horse (I only took the Standard Bearer because people tease me about my Captain). But lesson learned - either practice with a Battle Standard, or stick to what I know. I'd also rethink my deployment a little - Pete's a tournament player and he outplayed me.

From Pete's side of things, I'd have taken one less Necromancer, and looked to cram a Vampire Thrall in. With him leading the Grave Guard he could have hacked his way through my infantry units with ease. That said, Pete didn't do a bad job, the battle was much closer than the Victory Points suggest. Perhaps just being a little luckier would have made the difference. But maybe not.
Out for the Count

Pete: There were certainly not a lot of models left on the board by the end of the game but alas, counting up the victory points, the Empire had scored a narrow victory over the Undead legions.

What went wrong? Well, not a lot really. Other than some ridiculous luck on Adam’s part, scoring so many irresistible forces while I promptly miscast, it wasn’t a bad performance. I played the game to my army’s strengths but made one or two tactical errors which resulted in the fortunes of the battle swaying towards Adam. I was extremely pleased with Mannfred, accompanied by his unit of Black Knights, he seemed unstoppable and casting a free spell every turn in addition to his own casting dice he proved a bit of a one-man army. However, letting him run off from my main force was probably a mistake. It is always tempting to charge forward with a mounted general, but I think that this battle proves the point that having him at the centre of your army is probably more important. Allowing my infantry to march towards the Empire lines would have meant that they arrived sooner and could have silenced the gun line faster. The Grave Guard and Skeleton units proved that causing fear they are a match for any infantry the Empire can throw at them (as long as they outnumber them).

The other mistakes I made were smaller in significance. In hindsight I would not have charged my Zombies into the flank of Kurt and his Knights. It served little purpose and with Kurt winning the combat every turn on his own (those Laurels are a real killer against Undead) it was never likely that I was going to send him running.

The Spirit Host unit became a little trapped behind the building once it lost the ability to march, but this was less a tactical blunder – I was ignoring tactics in preference of drama. Honest! The Empire troops on the hill would have had quite a shock when the ghosts of their dead came floating through the building in front of them. I think that is something to remember for next time.

If I played this battle again I think I would be more inclined to deploy Mannfred Von Carstein and his knights in the centre of the army allowing the entire force to cross the table quicker.

I think Adam played a really solid game with the army he had selected. Possibly protecting his Wizard Lord better would have been wise as, had it not been for a few lucky get-outs, such as when I rolled five attacks but only managed to hit with one, or the Ghouls failing their panic test before charging in to finish him off, he would have been killed far sooner. I don’t think I would have engaged as quickly either, as once the close combat started a lot of Adam’s Empire ranged units became redundant. Still, he won, but only just.

Hero of the Hour

My pick of the bunch for the Undead side is undoubtedly Mannfred. He is worth every point in a game of this size and kept me in the fight even when luck was turning against me.
WARHAMMER

WHO WILL CLAIM THE NEMESIS CROWN?

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN COMMENCES

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The Elves have a long and noble history, and Middle-earth just wouldn’t be the same without them. Mat Ward peers deep into his palantir to reveal their secrets.

The Elves are crucial to Middle-earth and The Lord of the Rings story, and they form a vital part of what makes J.R.R. Tolkien’s stories so memorable. In his tales, the Elves were the first of all races created, and are the most powerful — immortal, magical beings.

Though they are a shadow of their former glory, the Elves saw great prosperity during the Second Age. With the shadow of Morgoth removed, the Elves were once more able to enjoy the world in all its splendour and set upon many indulgent works. One such exercise would come to doom them, for they were deceived by Sauron, the Dark Lord, into crafting the Rings of Power, magical tokens which had the power to dominate the entirety of Middle-earth. When the Elves became aware of Sauron’s schemes, it led to a series of devastating wars that left the Elven cities shattered and their power a fraction of what it once was. At the time of The War of The Ring, the Elves are much diminished and growing apart from the mortal world. Yet they are still a force to be reckoned with. Amongst their number, the mightiest and oldest are those Elves whose memories stretch back into the Second Age and beyond. Though few in number, they

A High Elf Captain of Eregion, there are not many Evil creatures that can go toe-to-toe with him.
HERALDRY OF THE FIRSTBORN

In times past an Elf warhost would sport the heraldry of a dozen mighty houses. Now, there are few with the strength to battle Sauron’s evil.

Eregion

Once the greatest of all the Elven realms in Middle-earth, there are still some of the Firstborn clad in the blue and gold that was the High King’s livery. Their lives and strongholds concealed from the eyes of mortals.

The House of Finrod

The Firstborn of the House of Finrod no longer have armies, nor even a home. Most have taken up lives as wanderers and rings, much as has Gil-galad Inglorion – one of the most famous of the House to still live.

Rivendell

The armies of Imladris are but a shadow of the Elven hosts whose marching shaped the fortunes of the world, yet they are still powerful enough to shield Rivendell from the attentions of Sauron’s servants.

The Grey Havens

Standing upon the edge of the great sea, the Grey Havens serve as the link between the mortal world and Valinor. The armies of the Havens are maintained to protect the great ships that there lie at anchor.

The Elven Realms

Above, you will find some suggested colour schemes for the four great legions of Elves in the Second Age. Most familiar is Eregion, the army of which features at the beginning of The Fellowship of the Ring film, for it was troops from this region that followed Gil-galad at the Battle of the Last Alliance. The rarest of the Elves of Middle-earth are those of the House of Finrod, who now mostly live as wanderers or rangers, or simply live alongside their brethren in Rivendell, Mirkwood or Lothlórien. Rivendell, or Imladris, is the most famous of the Elven realms, notable for its ruler, Lord Elrond Half-elven, who still maintains his domain as a safe haven against the dark powers. Finally, we have the Grey Havens, from where the great ships take the Elves from Middle-earth to the fabled land of Valinor.

are the most stalwart opponents of Sauron.

With the release of Legions of Middle-earth there’s a golden future for the Elves, with several distinct army lists now available for them. These allow you to create all kinds of Elven armies, but in this article we’re going to look at those Elves who have dwelt in Middle-earth the longest. These “Second Age Elves” have been part of the Citadel range for The Lord of the Rings strategy battle game since the very beginning, and over time, their ranks have swelled further with new Heroes such as Erestor and Cirdan.

Over the next few pages you’ll find collecting and tactical advice for the armies of the most ancient of the Elvish fastnesses – Rivendell and The Grey Havens, as well as Eregion, the lost Elven Kingdom of old. There’s also a brand new scenario for you to play.

Elven Heraldry

Though there is no concrete information within the story of The Lord of the Rings regarding the heraldry and uniforms of the Elven realms, we’ve asked the ‘Eavy Metal team to provide their own interpretations which are loosely based on colours in the New Line movies. The miniatures shown above have been painted in a way that seems fitting to their background, in colour schemes that look great on the tabletop. All are valid army uniforms.
As in any battle game, you need to play to your strengths. In the case of Elves this is pretty easy, as they have lots of strengths to take advantage of!

Formation (1) can advance or retreat at will, peppering the foe with arrows as it moves. With the Defence of six Elves in front, most incoming fire will need 6s to wound, as will any enemy cavalry that gets to charge home. Once the enemy are within charge range, reverse the formation so the spears can support the archers.

Formation (2) offers similar tactical options. The archers can either volley fire or shoot through the gaps in the line of spearmen when the enemy get close.

Against Strength 4 enemies, such as Wargs and Uruk-hai, formation (3) comes into its own. The enemy will still need 5s to wound your Elves, but the spears allow you to get twice as many attacks into the combat – always a bonus with Fight 5.

The winner’s guide to Elves

Deadly archery: Elves set the standard for exceptional missile fire, with a high Shoot value and Strength 3 Elf bows to boot. This means that you’ll be hitting two-thirds of your targets with every volley and, more often than not, killing a third of the foes you hit – not bad odds at all.

Peerless fighters: There is no race in the game that can match the Fight value of Elves – even the basic Warriors have Fight 5, which will beat all other man-sized warriors and most of their Captains too!

Unflaging resolve: Courage 5 is a useful ability to have, particularly when facing Terror-causing creatures, such as Trolls or Ringwraiths. It also means your force is less likely to turn tail and run when things go against you.

Unyielding Armour. Heavy armour makes your Elves much more survivable than those from other realms, such as Lothlórien. Combined with a shield, it can raise your Elves’ Defence to 6, leaving them all but immune to the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

Alone Against the World

Of course, this level of specialisation and skill comes at a price – literally. As each of your Elves weighs in at around 10 points, you can expect to be outnumbered at least 3:2, and sometimes even 2:1. To counter this, you’ll need to have your Elves support one another properly, maximising the effectiveness of your weapon options. The examples above are tried and tested means of getting the best out of your warriors, but they’re by no means the definitive list of tactics available to an Elven host.

Top Tip

All Elves are Woodland Creatures, allowing them to move through forest terrain without penalty. A cunning Elf general will lure his foe into dense forests to use this movement ability to his advantage. This is especially useful against enemy cavalry, who tend to shy away from bonus-sapping difficult terrain.
GUARDIANS OF THE HAVENS

This example army has been chosen to a value of 500 points - a good starting size - and combines a balanced mix of troop types as well as plenty of Heroes to provide strong leadership. Although the force will almost always be outnumbered, Cirdan’s magical powers will help keep the Elves alive and in the battle.

1. Cirdan of the Havens
   The heart of the army, Cirdan should be kept close to as many friendly models as possible to maximise the effects of his magical powers.
   90 points

2. Galdor, Elf Captain
   With heavy armour and shield.
   80 points

3. Fiedel, Elf Captain
   With heavy armour and Elf bow.
   80 points

4. Fidel’s Cohort
   7 Elf Warriors with heavy armour and Elf bow.
   77 points

   None can match the archery of the Elves. These Warriors can swiftly thin the enemy ranks or slay marauding Trolls.

5. Galdor’s Cohort
   8 Elf Warriors with heavy armour and Elven blade. 8 Elf Warriors with heavy armour, shield and spear.
   168 points

   This group is best suited to working as a unit where each Elf can support his friends. But if this fails each warrior can fight quite capably on his own.
HEROES OF THE ELVES

Elf army lists boast some of the best Heroes in the game, with a slew of mighty individuals ready to chance their arm against Sauron’s servants.

**Gil-galad**
The High King of the Elves causes Terror, has an increased Stand Fast! and receives +1 to rolls on the wound chart. If this isn’t enough, he has an unparalleled Fight of 9 to spell it out, this allows him to go one-on-one with no lesser a dastard than Sauron, the Lord of the Rings and to slice Trolls to pieces with ease!

**Elrond**
Another Terror-causer, Elrond is an ideal addition to many Elven armies. Though not quite as lethal in melee as Gil-galad, Elrond is no slouch at chopping up Orcs, and even has a respectable battery of magical powers as well.

**Glorfindel, Lord of the West**
Last of the “big three” High Elf Heroes, Glorfindel has the martial prowess to threaten a Mordor Troll. He’s also resistant to magic, so it’s no surprise that even Nazgûl are frightened of him...

**Top Tip**
Like regular Warriors and Captains, many of the Heroes named here have access to various options. Most often, this will be a horse, which is a useful upgrade for these already powerful models. Some can also take Elven cloaks, which make the tactic of ambushing through woodland terrain even more deadly!
Elladan and Elrohir
Not one, but two deadly Elf Heroes, Elladan and Elrohir are a powerful team, able to cut their way through almost anything with their twin Elven blades. Each of the brothers can fight normally with 3 Attacks, fight two-handed with 2 Attacks, or use four dice with the shielding rule.

Erestor
Inexpensive and deadly, Erestor makes for an excellent disruption agent, able to hunt down enemy Captains and banner bearers and take them out of the fight early on. He can easily inflict several wounds with his deadly throwing daggers each turn or use them to open a pathway to his main target.

Arwen Evenstar
Elrond’s daughter does not share the rest of her family’s combat prowess, but makes up for it with the incredibly effective Nature’s Wrath spell, with which she can knock dozens of foes to the ground.

Círdan
Not much of a fighter, Círdan is nonetheless able to stiffen your battlelines. His magical abilities can thwart enemy shooting, buttress the resolve of your troops, or weaken that of your foe.

Gildor Inglorion
A master of all trades, Gildor is an accomplished fighter and a moderate spellcaster – a quick, well-timed Immobilise spell is always very handy for dealing with Trolls.

Legolas
The sharpshooter from The Fellowship, Legolas’ bow is a welcome addition to any Elf force. Simply the best archer in the game, the prince of Mirkwood can reach out and kill his own points value in enemies in very short order.

Galadriel, Lady of the Galadhrim
Deadly in combat and terrifying to behold, this warlike aspect of Galadriel is equally capable of killing her foes and making them run for the hills with her Terror special rule!
THE FORGING OF ALLIANCES

Legions of Middle-earth makes it easy to choose themed armies for your army. Here some of the most appropriate allies for Elf armies.

The Grey Havens and Eregion
When selecting allies, make sure that they either compensate for the weaknesses of your main army, or make its strengths even more formidable. This is as true for Elves as any other force and potential allies should be chosen with care. Of course, you may be selecting allies purely on the basis of a narrative theme, but such is the design of The Lord of the Rings game that you'll find most such “historical” alliances are as powerful as ones chosen for purely gaming considerations.

Thranduil’s Halls
An alliance formed with the realm of Mirkwood allows you to bulk out your army with the cheap Wood Elf Warriors without compromising your high Fight, Shoot and Courage values. If that were not enough, you’ll also get access to Elven cloaks and one of the most effective “disruption troops” available to the Good side: Wood Elf Sentinels.

The Wizards
In larger games a Wizard or two can be a worthy addition to a High Elf force. Gandalf, Radagast and Saruman all have their unique advantageous traits, but all can neutralise or otherwise severely hamper an enemy Hero with a timely Immobilise, Sorcerous Blast or Panic Steed.
The Army of the High King
Eregion and the Grey Havens can ally with the Army of the High King, a match up that not only mimics the narrative of the Last Alliance but also helps the Elves compensate for their lack of numbers. Having mighty Heroes of your own, you’re not likely to want to field Isildur or Elendil, but the option is there. Also, even the basic Warriors of Númenor are more than a match for Orcs, Goblins and corrupted Men.

Eagles!
At the present time, the forces of the Elves lack cavalry, which can put them at a slight disadvantage when at war with Sauron’s insidious servants. To counter this, consider enlisting the aid of the avians of the Misty Mountains, who are swift-moving and incredibly deadly.

Fangorn
For the ultimate in hitting power, consider an Ent or two to back up your Elves. Ents have great stats all the way across the profile and make for incredibly intimidating foes. In fact, they are your best defence against an Elf’s worst enemy – Trolls. The only downside is that this prowess costs a lot of points, all but guaranteeing that you’ll be outnumbered by your opponent.
BATTLE FOR THE TOWER HILLS

When Elendil sailed out of the ruin of Numenor he brought with him seven palantir, fabled seeing stones of Westernesse. These he sited mostly around the realms of Gondor and Arnor, the better for the two kingdoms to converse, but Elendil set the seventh and final palantir in the Tower Hills, within the bounds of the Grey Havens.

In the years to come, several of these seeing stones were lost, or fell into the hands of Gondor’s enemies. Yet the seventh, watched over by the Elves of the Havens, remained unforsaken and unsullied for centuries. Even so, this palantir was almost lost at the time of Arnor’s fall, when the armies of the Witch-king swept across Eriador like a dark plague. Having sacked Fornost and crushed much of Arnor’s armies, the Sorcerer-king turned his eye towards the Tower Hills, knowing that a great power lay concealed there. Before the fires of Fornost had cooled, a mighty portion of the Nazgûl’s army was on the march once more, the Tower Hills their destination, the palantir their prize...

The Witch-king’s minions did not find the hills unguarded, however. The Elves have been watching his progress with dismay, and Cirdan mustered a force in defiance. Though the Elves were outnumbered many times over, the armies of the Witch-king had not reckoned with the enchantments that guarded this land...

Starting Positions
The Good player deploys his force anywhere within 12”/28cm of the centre of the board. The Evil player then deploys his force anywhere within 3”/8cm of the edge of the board.

Scenario Set-up
The scenario is played on a board 48”/56cm by 48”/56cm, representing part of the defences of the Tower Hills. There is a single large building in the centre of the board, surrounded by at least three medium-sized forests.

Special Rules
Fear is the key: The Witch-king’s servants fear failure and the wrath of their master even more than they do the cold steel and deadly aim of the Elves. The Evil force cannot be broken in this scenario, though they will still take Courage tests for Terror.

Enchanted defences: Various protective measures were put in place when the Tower Hills were first inhabited, some of them involving skills and magics long since lost even to the Elves. In this scenario the enchanted defences have the following effects:

- Healing Energies. Whenever an Elf suffers a wound, the Good player may roll a D6. On a result of 4 or more the wound is avoided, exactly as if a point of Fate had been expended. Note that Fate may still be used to prevent the wound if this roll fails.

- Charms of Defiance. At the start of each turn, the player who wins priority must nominate a model on the Evil side. That model immediate suffers the effects of a Sorcerous Blast spell (the direction the model is blasted in is chosen by the player who lost priority).
PARTICIPANTS

GOOD

- Up to 500 points' worth of models chosen from the Grey Havens, Rivendell or Wanderers in the Wild army lists. You may include up to three Heroes, but must take at least one. Up to 33% of the models may carry a bow.

EVIL

- Up to 750 points' worth of models chosen from the Angmar, Dol Guldor or The Dwellers Below army lists. You may not include Heroes. Up to 33% of the models may carry a bow.

RECOMMENDED FORCES

GOOD

- Cirdan of the Havens.
- Elf Captain with heavy armour and shield.
- Elf Captain with heavy armour and Elf bow.
- 23 Elf Warriors; 8 with heavy armour and Elf blade, 7 with heavy armour and Elf bow and 8 with heavy armour, shield and spear.

EVIL

- 36 Orc Warriors; 12 with shield, 12 with spear, 6 with two-handed weapon and 6 with Orc bow.
- 2 Cave Trolls with Troll chains.
- 3 Bat Swarms.
- 6 Giant Spiders.
- 6 Wild Wargs.
- 4 Spectres.

OBJECTIVES

- The Good side wins if it manages to kill or drive off the Evil force before being overwhelmed.

- The Evil side wins if all the Elves are slain.

- If all the Heroes on the Good side are slain, the best result the Good player can achieve is a draw.
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Though he is as old as the hills, and has watched implacably over generations of gamers from his imponderable lair of obsidian, the mysterious being Jervis Johnson was apparently young once, too...

Maybe it's something about this time of year that makes me get all nostalgic and dewy-eyed for things past – either that or my wife and kids are right and senile dementia really has set in early for me (Hrm, your family may have a point – it would explain so much! – Granbrindal). Whatever the reason, I've found that The Lord of the Rings miniatures, and the games we've been playing recently, have triggered off all kinds of memories of growing up in the 1970s and the wargames I used to play back then.

I know that many of you readers are not quite as old and crusty as I am, so it may be difficult for you to imagine what being a teenager in the early '70s was really like. For a start we had no fashion sense whatsoever – I have especially vivid memories of a favourite pair of two-tone trousers, which for some reason I felt were perfectly set off by a pair of grey platform boots with soles that must have been at least three inches thick. Shudder...

We also didn't have things like video recorders or computer games, and there were only three TV channels, none of which showed anything for young teens after 5.30 in the afternoon. I know, I know, what did we do to pass the time? Speaking personally, I had three important hobbies. The first of these hobbies was listening to music. This was pretty much de rigueur if you were a teenager in the '70s; after all, there was very little else to do. I was especially into what is now called "prog rock" – my favourite bands were Yes and Genesis, and I would disappear off into my room for hours to listen to the incredibly-long "concept" albums they brought out (As an aside, I recently rediscovered prog rock and saw Yes live as my birthday treat last year. How sad is that?).
But by now some of you will be wondering, quite rightly I suspect, what all of this has to do with The Lord of the Rings game. Well, the second of my hobbies was reading science fiction and fantasy books. So, while I was listening to these monstrously lengthy albums in my room, I read voraciously, and one of my favourite books, alongside Dune and Conan, was The Lord of the Rings. I still have the very copy of The Lord of the Rings that I read

"By now, you will be wondering, quite rightly, what this has to do with The Lord of the Rings."

And it was here that two of my different hobbies came together. After I read The Lord of the Rings for the first time, it soon occurred to me how cool it would be to play a wargame based on the battles I'd read about in the book. I quickly set about coming up with some rules, but my main problem was finding miniatures for the game – they simply didn't exist! But necessity is the mother of invention, as they say, and I set about converting the historical miniatures I did have. So some modelling putty and paper cloaks turned my Romans into Orcs, while a new lick of paint turned Robin Hood and his merry men into the Grey Company, and so on. These early efforts on my part are now long lost, which is probably just as well because, while they may have looked like Orcs and the Grey Company to me, it's unlikely anybody else would think so, especially if they are used to the Perry twins' superlative work on the Citadel Miniatures range for The Lord of the Rings Strategy Battle Game.

But beggars can't be choosers, and soon I was cheerfully engaged in re-fighting some of the battles from JRR Tolkien's masterwork. In a roundabout way it's this experience as much as anything that led me to doing the job I do today. What I learned back then was that
wargaming is a flexible and diverse pass-time that is easy to tinker with so that it becomes the perfect hobby for you. Having learnt this with those early The Lord of the Rings games I just kept on tinkering – and I’m still doing it today.

I’m happy to say that The Lord of the Rings strategy battle game more than lives up to this ideal – in fact, it actively encourages players to explore all the

explore The Lord of the Rings hobby in all of its huge diversity and depth. The result is a game that not only brings JRR Tolkien’s book to life, but which also serves to provide inspiration for all kinds of projects. Whether it’s making a carefully detailed model of Helm’s Deep, collecting an army of Easterlings, playing a campaign based on The Fellowship’s epic journey, or just fighting battles with your mates to see

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different aspects of the hobby, and is arguably the most flexible and diverse game we make. The huge miniatures range and the accompanying Sourcebooks cover all of the characters and warriors described in the book (and even some that aren’t, but that were included in the movies), allowing you free rein to pick whichever army you may wish to collect. The Journey supplements provide information and inspiration if you wish to recreate the battles described in The Lord of the Rings. And, finally, Legions of Middle-earth provides everything a player needs to know in order to collect a tabletop wargame army and then use it to prove that they are the greatest General that Middle-earth has ever seen.

All of this means that, while I was only able to scratch at the surface of what JRR Tolkien had created when I was playing games in the ’70s, nowadays it’s possible to explore the world of Middle-earth in all its glory, and try out things that I could only have dreamt of doing back then. Or, to put it another way, we’ve tried to provide you with the tools you need to

who’s best, pretty much everything you need is available somewhere in the range of supplements and miniatures we make.

And I guess that is why seeing The Lord of the Rings being played fills me with such nostalgia; it reminds me just how exciting and inspiring the whole hobby was when I started out.

The only difference is that now I can watch LOTR on DVD, play the computer game, and get Citadel miniatures for all of the things I read about in the book too... well, nostalgia is all well and good, but let’s not get too carried away, eh? It’s much more exciting today.

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Welcome to the first in a new run of Painting Workshop. Over the next few months we're going to be looking at a wide variety of techniques and painting styles in a series of articles that will build, step-by-step, into a comprehensive guide to painting Citadel miniatures. Some of the things we're going to cover include drybrushing, army painting, layering, blending, batch painting, hard edge highlighting, and washes, among other things.

In this article though, we're going to start at the very beginning and take a quick look at the tools, paints and brushes we make, and how to prepare your miniatures for painting.

**PVA Glue, Sand and Flock**
These materials are all used to finish your models off by giving it a nice base. A good base can make a model look really special, so we'll be looking in detail at basing in a future Painting Workshop.

**Pin Vice**
This small, hand-held drill, comes with a number of different-sized drill bits. It is used when pinning large models to make the joins stronger.

**Green Stuff and Sculpting Tools**
A two-part epoxy modelling putty, Green Stuff is extremely handy. You can use it for anything from building up bases, to filling in small gaps in models, to even sculpting entirely new parts on converted miniatures. It is this material that our own Citadel Miniatures design team use when sculpting.

**Citadel Paint Station**
This specially designed tray is perfect for keeping your hobby materials in one place, makes them easily transportable and protects your table too!

**Cutting Set**
This craft knife takes scalpel blades and is used for cutting small pieces from frames, and cleaning flash and mould lines from plastic and metal models. The mat is made of rubber, giving you the perfect surface on which to cut your models without wrecking the dining room table!

**Pliers and Tweezers**
Both of these tools have bent noses, and are therefore great for holding fiddly pieces of a model in place while the glue dries.

**SuperGlue**
Use for bonding any Citadel Miniatures component to another. Best used when joining metal to metal and plastic to metal. Citadel Superglue comes with a brush for easy application.

Learn how to make your army look brilliant with our issue-by-issue breakdown of miniatures painting techniques.
**Brushes**

Like our paints, our brushes are made specifically for the purpose of painting Citadel miniatures.

- **Large Flat Drybrushes**
  - Drybrushing large areas – scenery pieces, monsters.

- **Small Flat Drybrushes**
  - Drybrushing – man-sized figures with lots of detail.

- **Tank Brush**
  - Applying large amounts of paint to large models – tanks.

- **Fine Detail Brush**
  - Very fine detail – eyes, teeth, gems, spirit stones.

- **Detail Brush**
  - Detail and highlighting – belts, sword blades.

- **Standard Brush**
  - Medium areas of colour – cloaks, chainmail.

- **Basecoat Brush**
  - Predominant areas of colour – power armour, fur.

- **Large Brush**
  - Large areas of colour – Horses, Wraithlords, Trolls.

- **Small Drybrush**
  - Drybrushing small to medium areas of colour – chainmail.

- **Large Drybrush**
  - Drybrushing medium to large areas of colour – scales.

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**The Citadel Colour**

**Paint Range**

Citadel Colour is an acrylic paint range that has been specially formulated to paint Citadel miniatures. The 67 colours have been made so that it is supremely easy to highlight and shade your miniatures, as there are lighter and darker versions of pretty much all the colours. For example, if you want a good strong green, you could use Goblin Green highlighted with Scorpion Green and shaded with Snot Green. Not only that, these paints are formulated with many of the techniques we’re going to be talking about in mind.

We also make a range of ink washes, which can be used in a number of ways. Washing is a technique in itself, and will be discussed in a future issue.
**Brush care**

You wouldn't catch Karl Franz rushing to battle with a rusty piece of iron, and nor, figuratively speaking, should you. As our brushes are natural products, they need to be properly looked after. But if you take care of them not only will they last longer, you'll find that they are easier to use as they'll keep their points and will continue to hold paint.

1. At the end of every painting session clean all your brushes in cold, clean water and use a little soap if necessary. Don't use hot water to clean brushes as this can unseat the bristles.

2. Maintaining a good point is important. After cleaning, draw the bristles along a tissue, rotating the brush as you go. This will draw the bristles back into a point, as well as drying out the brush.

3. Don't throw away the plastic sleeves the brushes are supplied with. Fit them at the end of every session then store all the brushes point uppermost in an old mug, jar or dedicated paintbrush holes in the Citadel Paint Station.

4. Only cover half the bristles of the brush with paint. If paint gets into the base of the bristles it can cause the brush to spread apart and lose its point. When you stir or mix your paint, use an old brush, a cocktail stick or something similar, rather than the bristles themselves.

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**Cleaning your models**

Before you start daubing on the paint or even shake the spray can it is important to prepare and clean your model. Plastic models will often have mould lines formed from the injection moulding process whilst metal models will have pieces of flash that should be removed.

1. Mould lines like this one on this Outrider's helmet can be easily scraped away with a hobby knife or file.

2. The shoulder and arm joint of this Great Unclean One has a noticeable gap. With a sculpting tool and some Green Stuff this can easily be hidden.

3. Bits of flash on metal miniatures and plugs on plastic models can be removed with the trusty craft knife. Hold the needed securely and cut down onto the cutting mat.

4. Wrap the sausage of Green Stuff round the model, covering the gap. It doesn't have to be precise – the real work comes in the final stage.

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**Green Stuff**

Green stuff is a two-part epoxy putty that, when hardened, is extremely resilient. It is perfect for filling in unsightly gaps between joints and smoothing over any uneven connections.

1. Cut off a small piece of the blue and yellow parts of the putty. Mix and knead the two bits together until you have a consistent, green-coloured putty. Roll the Green Stuff out into a thin sausage, about 3mm in diameter.

2. Smooth the Green Stuff with a Citadel sculpting tool. Dip the tool frequently into water to keep it wet and make the Green Stuff easier to work. Use it first to plug the gap, then smooth and sculpt the putty so it forms a smooth join.
Spraying

Our spray has been formulated to provide a good base for Citadel Colour. It provides a slightly rough texture that helps the paint adhere to the model better, making painting easier. There are several ways of undercoating (you can see one in Citadel Toolbox, WD 322). One good way is to use a "spray stick". One of the great advantages of a stick is that you can move it around, even turn it upside down, to make sure the entire model is sprayed!

1. We use a 2"x1" wooden baton.
2. Attach your models to the stick with double-sided adhesive tape. Provided you press them down firmly, they should not fall off.
3. Leave a space at one end to act as a handle, otherwise your hands will get painted, too.
4. Make sure the models are spaced out and turned so that the spray will get most areas. This also makes it easier to paint - you can even complete the whole painting process while the models are stuck to a stick!

SAFETY TIP
ALWAYS SPRAY IN A WELL-VENTILATED AREA!

White vs Black
Using a Chaos Black undercoat means that a lot of shading is already done. Mouths, eye sockets, gun barrels and other deep recessed features on miniatures can be left the undercoat colour, and many items of wargear and equipment look good black. But it can be difficult to paint bright colours over black.

A Skull White undercoat, on the other hand, will give you a much cleaner, crisper finish, especially if you want vibrant colours like bright red, yellow or white. You will have to paint every part of the model by hand, however. Similarly, whereas black opens up lots of possibilities to use drybrushing to get a good finish quickly, white allows you to use washes to the same effect. Experiment a little with both, and find the one you prefer most.

After Spraying
Touch up the miniature with thinned Chaos Black paint to cover those crevices spray finds hard to reach. The Tank Brush, Large Brush or, as here, a Drybrush, are all good for this.

Alternative Techniques
1. Put the miniatures on a base inside an old cardboard box (see Citadel Toolbox, WD 322)
2. Wear a disposable latex glove and hold the miniature while spraying. As you can freely move the miniature (because you’ve actually got it in your hand) this is the best way to guarantee full coverage.
The new plastic Empire General kit is a modeller’s dream come true, with options galore for making a mighty hero for your Empire army. We take a look at what you get...
Mounted General

With 24 components, it's never been easier to customise your Empire characters with all manner of weapons and wargear.

Mounted Assembly

Key

1. Lance
2. Great weapon
3. Great weapon arm
4. Runefang
5. Mace
6. Pistol
7. Cherub pennant
8. Left hand dagger
9. Shield 1
10. Shield 2
11. Sheathed sword
12. Bevor
13. Head 1
14. Head 2
15. Head 3
16. Horse head
17. Standing body
18. Mounted body
19. Banner top
20. Banner pole
21. Warhorse left side
22. Warhorse right side
23. Cloak
24. Hatchling Griffon

Standard
Optional
General On Foot

As shown here, the wealth of accessories on the sprue allow you to customise your hero as much or as little as you like.

Empire Captain.

Empire General.

Army Standard Bearer.

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The hatchling Griffon makes a great scenic base embellishment.
Conversions

All our plastic Empire kits are interchangeable, allowing you to really go to town on your heroes!

Talabheim Captain

A This head is taken from the State Troopers kit, and makes this hero look like a seasoned veteran.

B, C The sword and arm with helmet are taken from the Knightly Orders box set.

D The shield is taken from the State Troopers box set.

A The colours of Talabheim are red and white.

A The shield echoes the laurel wreath on the helmet.

H The existing heraldry on the barding was carefully scraped away before the new shields were added.

Talabheim General

E The horse's crest has been replaced with the banner top from the Knightly Orders kit.

F The cloak is taken from an Outrider, and adds a little extra volume to the model.

G, H These two shields from the State Troopers sprue have been added to tie in the model's heraldry more closely to Talabheim.

Middenheim General

I The poniard was taken from the State Troopers sprue, to give this hero a back-up weapon.

J The wolf cloak is part of the Knightly Orders kit, from the Knights of the White Wolf sprue.

I The sword has been inverted by snipping off the pommel and blade and swapping them round.

I A simple grey and white drybrush makes the pelt look as though it is from a white wolf.

Key

X Empire Generals
X Knights of the Empire
X State Troops
X Pistoliers
Modelling Elector Counts

Helmut Feuerbach
By Dave Andrews

This model, put together from components from the Empire General and other kits, represents the missing Elector Count of Talabecland, Helmut Feuerbach. He is depicted here as he was when he rode out to battle the forces of Chaos - a battle from which he has not yet returned.

Armour
The black lacquered armour is simple to achieve, and very effective. Just paint the armour plates Chaos Black, don't bother with highlights, and apply a few layers of 'Ardcoat for a gloss finish.

Feathers
Though Helmut was Elector Count of Talabecland, he also ruled it's capital, the city-state of Talabheim. As a result, he wears white feathers in addition to the red and yellow, to signify his status as Count of Talabheim.

Heraldry
The shield is painted in the red and yellow of Talabecland. The eagle device is often used throughout the Empire to represent the goddess Myrmidia, but in Talabecland it is a symbol of Tal, god of the wilds. One of the Elector Count's hereditary titles is also "Beloved of Tal".

Runefangs
The plastic Empire General kit contains a Runefang, allowing you to create any of the Elector Counts from the box set. Notice that the blade bears the Master Rune of Alaric the Mad, the trademark of the Runesmiths who forged the Runefangs.

The Elector Counts are the rulers of the Empire, by whose word the vast armies of the realm march to war. Initially, the Electors were chieftains under the rule of Sigmar, and each ruled a vast province of the Empire. Over time, provinces rose and fell, and some cities grew in status to become ruled by an Elector in their own right. Over the course of centuries, the Empire evolved so that there are now ten Electors, though there were once 12, each of whom rules a vast province. These Counts are hereditary rulers whose families have long and famous histories, and it from their ranks Emperors are chosen. The current Emperor, Karl Franz, is also the Prince of Aultdorf and the Elector Count of the Reikland.

When the time comes to crown a new Emperor, the Counts put forward their candidates, and each gets to vote on their preference, hence the name "Elector". There are other Electors, who also have the power and privilege to cast their vote. During the time of Karl Franz there are five such individuals - three from the cult of Sigmar, one from the cult of Ulric, and the Elder of the Moot, representing the Halfling population of The Empire. The Sigmarite votes are traditionally cast on behalf of the Count of the Reikland, whilst the cult of Ulric vote almost invariably goes to the Count of Middenheim, should he be contesting the election.

As a symbol of their status, each of the ten Elector Counts, as well as the Reiksmarshal Kurt Helborg, carries a Runefang - a legendary blade forged by the Dwarf Runesmith Alaric the Mad. Twelve such blades were created for Sigmar's chieftains, and are now handed down through the generations.
**Sword**
The sheathed greatsword is made from the Runefang with the hand shaved off it. Dave has embellished the blade with details made of green stuff, and a skull cut from a State Trooper’s shield.

**Pennants**
Dave has cut the pennants from plastic standards on the Empire General frame. The yellow ones are painted with the sign of a cross – a common emblem of the Empire symbolising unity. In this case, that unity probably refers to the province of Talabecland and the city-state of Talasheim.

**Pistol**
The Elector’s pistol is taken from the Empire General sprue, but had the hand shaved away from the handle. This is a simple conversion, which shows the versatility of plastic models.

**Head**
Because it’s so easy to chop and change plastic components, Dave has taken two heads from the General Kit, sliced off the bits he wanted and glued the parts together. Now Helmut Feuerbach has the beard and eye-patch of one head, with the elaborate headgear of another.

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**Province**  | **Elector**  | **Runefang**
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Averland | Disputed | Mother’s Ruin
Hochland | Aldebrand Ludenhof | Goblin Bane
Middenland | Graf Boris Todbringer | Legbiter
Nordland | Theoderic Gausser | Crow Feeder
Ostland | Valmir von Raukov | Brain Wounder
Ostermark | Wolfram Hertwig | Troll Cleaver
Reikland | Emperor Karl Franz | Dragon Tooth
Stirland | Graf Alberich Haupt-Anderssen | Orc Hewer
Talabecland | Helmut Feuerbach (missing) | Stone Breaker
Wissenland | Emmanuelle von Liebwitz | Blood Binger
Solland* | Eldred (last Count) | Grudge Settler
Drakwald* | Konrad Aldrech (last Count) | Beast Slayer

*These provinces are lost. Kurt Helborg carries the Solland Runefang, while Beast Slayer is kept in the Imperial armoury to be loaned to a general in times of direst need.

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Hot wire cutters are commonly used by your local florists, where they are used to create bases for flower arranging. You can get them from our Hobby Centres, because this wonderful little tool is also great for making fantastic scenery out of polystyrene without your desk looking like it has just survived a blizzard.

**Polystyrene**

There are four main kinds of polystyrene of different densities. The higher the density of the material, the harder and more durable it is. The higher density materials are more commonly used for home insulation. In the Design Studio we tend to use hard pink or orange polystyrene, as it means our scenery lasts longer. Although these products make great terrain, they can be difficult to get hold of and expensive. However, white polystyrene used in packing materials can do the same job for free!

- **ORANGE**
  - Very high density (insulation and surfboard cores).

- **PINK**
  - High-density (insulation, modelling etc).

- **BLUE**
  - Medium density (insulation, packaging, flotation devices etc).

- **WHITE**
  - Low density (packaging, insulation, bean bags, ceiling tiles etc).

**Making Craters**

Here's a great tip for getting several craters from one piece of polystyrene.

1. Draw the shape of a crater and cut it out at an angle.
2. Turn over the core of your first crater and cut out its interior at an angle.
3. Repeat until you run out of polystyrene, and you'll have several craters.

Paint the craters with PVA glue and cover in wet sand. Once dry, simply drybrush up to fit in with the rest of your terrain set. You can also use a matt varnish to protect them against handling and prolong their lifespan.
The far future of the 41st Millennium might be awash with frighteningly powerful guns, but tough armour and fast transports means there’s plenty of opportunity to hit people with sticks. Alessio Cavatore and other crack Games Developers investigate the art of assault...

**Assault Troops**

**Assault** is a very important part of Warhammer 40,000, especially if you need to shift a well dug-in enemy that is sitting on an objective inside dense cover like a building.

There are absolutely dozens of different kinds of assault specialists. Every army has them, even long-range armies like the Tau and Imperial Guard. Although all assault specialists differ in ability, the general principles of using them are the same. I’m going to look at some of these generalities, while my fellow Games Developers reveal some of their favourite tricks. Remember though that most Warhammer 40,000 armies depend on mutually supporting elements. You’ll need other kinds of models too, though later I will show you my pure assault army...

**Getting there quickly**

Even if you are Khârn the Betrayer, it does not help if you get shot to pieces miles away from the enemy. (This is known as the “Genestealer axiom”. Genestealers exemplify this problem – rock hard in close assault, but vulnerable to guns. My advice for these guys, by the way, is to give them a Broodlord, Infiltrate, and hug cover!).

In order for your assault troopers to get to grips with an enemy that is refusing to play fair and is trying to blow you away from a distance, you need speed.

In essence, you are trying to reduce the number of turns your assault specialists will spend under fire before charging in, and there are several ways to do this.

**Transport** are very good, as they both allow your assault specialists to move faster and protect them from small-arms fire. If you have the option, you should always buy a vehicle for your assault infantry.

Units with the Fleet special rule, Jump Infantry, Bikes and Beasts/Cavalry, are faster than normal infantry and don’t need a transport. They are the most effective assault troops. Transported units need to spend time disembarking – they can’t assault the turn they get out of their transport (unless, of course, their vehicle is open topped), these faster troops, on the other hand, can maintain the momentum of an assault by destroying one enemy and immediately moving into position to charge another.

Another way of getting there fast is by special deployment. Units with the Infiltrate, Deep Strike, Scout, Turbo-boost and similar special rules can begin the game near the enemy, zoom at high speed towards them, or just appear out of thin air in the middle of their army, putting the pressure on from an early stage.

**Getting there safely**

Even though these fast troops can close quickly, they will still be exposed to one or more turns of fire from the enemy army – no matter how they approach, they are almost certain to have to spend a movement phase getting into position. It is imperative therefore to be careful on how you get to the enemy lines.

First of all, use the terrain! The extra speed of your units is best employed jumping from cover to cover rather than rushing headlong towards a waiting gun line. It’s better to arrive slightly late and in one piece than reach the destination a turn earlier, but severely battered... or not at all.

It’s also often better to concentrate all your assault specialists on one side of the battlefield (preferably the one with the most terrain) rather than spreading them out. This means that you can land one decisive blow, as the units can support each other. It also saves them from being shot at by the entire enemy army, as some of them will be out of range, or unable to draw line of sight.

Finally, remember you’ll need to support your advance with your own firepower. Suppress enemy tanks and annihilate enemy heavy weapons. This is where your other units come in – make the enemy feel he needs to shoot back at your big guns, so that he does not concentrate on your assault troops.
Chaos Space Marines Attack

Possessed 1 and Khorne Berzerkers 2 are the assault specialists of the Chaos Space Marines, but the great thing about the army is that all the units are dangerous in combat. Aspiring Champions 3 with mutations and spiky bits are the equal of most armies' commanders, and I can put one in every squad! This means it doesn't matter who reaches the enemy – they are sure to do some damage.

My other nasty little trick is to bind Bloodletters 4 to a Daemon Icon 5 – my opponent thinks he's safe from assault, but the extra distance provided by summoning puts them in range for a devastating charge 6.
Imperial Guard

On the face of it, the Imperial Guard may not appear to have a great abundance of assault troops, but there are a number of units that can fill the role when needed. Rough Riders are great on the charge, their hunting lances often proving the bane of Space Marines and Necrons. Other good units are Command Squads, accompanied by Commissars, Priests or Sanctioned Psykers, every character tooted up to theA nine with power fistspros or power weapons. If that fails, don’t forget the value of overwhelming firepower. It’s not strictly assaulting, but if you can wipe out the enemy squad in one round of shooting, you won’t need to fight in hand-to-hand anyway. A Command Squad toed up with plasma guns and plasma pistols is a good example of this kind of ranged death-dealer. Just remember your medic!

By Andy Hoare

Harlequins

The children of the Laughing God are utterly lethal and can mix it up with any troop type in the game. Not only do Harlequins have a veritable bucket of attacks, they ignore difficult terrain, benefit from an invulnerable save and have access to Rending attacks. If you also take a Shadowseer armed with hallucinogen grenades then your Harlequins all count as having plasma grenades, enabling them to assault units in cover with no negative effects. This makes them a particularly good choice for cityfighting. Simply put, Harlequins can go anywhere, charge anything and give it a good kicking.

By Matt Ward

The best tools for the job

Kitting up your assault troops is a tricky proposition. It’s very easy to get carried away and end up with too few, over-armed models. Likewise, you have to be careful you don’t end up with a horde of wimpy generalists who lack the tools to tackle specific threats.

Having the highest, or at least equal, Initiative is essential, so frag and similar grenades are a good buy if you have to dislodge enemies from a defended position (a must in any Cities of Death game).

Krak grenades or, even better, meltabombs, are also useful, allowing your troopers to damage armoured vehicles. They enable your assault specialists to do a spot of impromptu tank hunting and are vital if the enemy has Dreadnoughts — nothing spoils a battle like watching a Dread freely dismember your favourite unit because they have no means of hurting it.

Although you’re no doubt keen to get on big, cracky, power swords, let’s consider ranged weaponry for a moment. It goes without saying that heavy and rapid fire weapons are pointless for assault troops, as these guns don’t allow them to fire and charge into close combat. But giving your shock troops the right ranged weapons can help their cause. Long-range assault weapons like Big Shootas are great (Orks are spoil for good assault weapons), because they allow troops to lay their own covering fire as they advance. Buy as many as you can! Short-range assault weapons are not a bad choice, of course, but I wouldn’t spend too many points on them. There are two risks in firing before you charge. The first one is that you kill too many enemies. Your opponent can be clever, and remove the models nearest you, putting you out of assault range of the survivors. The other risk is that the target unit might fail a Morale check for being shot at and run away, again leaving the chargers out of range. If either of these things happen it can leave a unit stranded in the middle of nowhere, ready to be shot to pieces in the next turn, and not safely hidden in the middle of a big ruck.

So the lesson is: fire only if you sure you will have the range to charge regardless of the casualties you inflict, and if you’re sure the enemy will not run away, like if they’re Fearless, for example.

On the other hand, equipping the unit with one or more tank-busting short-range weapons like a melta-gun or plasma pistol is a good idea, because sometimes you will be out of assault range anyway. It’s good to diversify the roles of your units a little.
**Speedy Scarabs**

My favourite Necron combat specialists are the lowly Scarab Swarms. These blights can cross the battlefield with Turbo-boost, guaranteeing them a Turn 2 assault. Simply hurl them forward, let them weather a turn of shooting thanks to their Turbo-boost vulnerable save, and pin down your enemy’s most dangerous unit. A squad of Devastators or Imperial Guard Heavy Weapons squad will find itself in the fight for its life (and probably lose it) against a decent-sized unit of Scarabs, who can slink off looking for more prey once they’re done. They don’t count towards your phase-out limit; they’re fearless and really quite cheap... Forth, the impetuous Scarab Swarms!

By Adam Troke

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**Gaunt Horde**

Of all the myriad assault options open to the Tyranid player, my favourite is simple but effective. I always equip my (many) Hormagaunts with toxin sacs, giving them Strength 4. Hormagaunts are traditionally used for tying up enemy units until the bigger critters arrive, but with up to 96 (yes, 96) Strength 4 attacks per unit hitting those enemy units in the first wave, there’s often not much left by the time the reinforcements lumber in. As my old gaming partner Alessio has proved to me, the downside is when your opponent gets wise to the fact that it’s the first wave he has to really worry about and starts to “shoot the little ones”. However, with Leaping and Fleet of Claw, he doesn’t get much chance.

By Phil Kelly
Space Marine Assault

Crimson Furies
Traits:
No mercy no respite,
We stand alone.

Master of Sanctity
Melta-bombs, jump pack, frag grenades, master crafted Crozius Arcanum, Adamantium Mantle and plasma pistol.
191 points

Epistolary
Melta-bombs, jump pack, frag grenades, master crafted force weapon, combat shield, bolt pistol and Fury of the Ancients.
170 points

5 Scouts
Sergeant with Terminator honours, melta-bombs, power sword and plasma pistol.
103 points

5 Scouts
Sergeant with terminator honours, melta-bombs, power sword and plasma pistol.
103 points

10 Assault Marines
Furious charge, melta-bombs and two plasma pistols. Includes Sergeant with Terminator honours and power fist.
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I love Assault Marines and I wanted an entire army of them. So I collected a new army representing the 8th Assault Company of the Crimson Furies Space Marines, a chapter of my own creation. In their case I have disregarded all my normal “balance is best” combined arms ideals, and instead have put together a very strongly themed army. Themed, that is, on getting up close and personal.

For Troops I have picked two units of Scouts, for HQ two tool up characters, and I finished my 1500 points with three super Assault Squads with Furious Charge, thanks to the “No mercy, no respite” trait (see Codex: Space Marines, page 43 for details). In background terms, I see this army representing a couple of Scout squads infiltrating the enemy lines and calling in the 8th Company, who jump from the back of their Thunderhawks right into the heart of the enemy lines. In game terms I see it winning. As you can see from the army list (left), the theme of the army is close combat, as every model has a pistol, close combat weapon and grenades and a jump pack, if possible. The one and only long-range attack I have is the Librarian’s Fury of the Ancients psychic power, which I use to try and pin the enemy as the Crimson Furies advance.

In scenarios with the Deep Strike and Infiltrate special rules I find it very funny not to deploy anything on the table and let the opponent deploy his entire army with nothing to fight. Through experience, however, I have learned that this army suffers from being very small and if the table does not have a lot of terrain they are normally shot to pieces before getting anywhere. In Cities of Death games, on the other hand, they are really hard, as even the Scouts make a good close combat unit. The assault squad led by the Chaplain is absolutely horrendous on the charge – Space Marines with 3 Attacks each at Initiative 5 and Strength 5, backed up by the Chaplain with his Rosarius and the Sergeant with his Strength 9 power fist. Best of all, all of them re-roll their misses!
(though not too much!). Not only can a meltagun or two make it easier to cope with a unit of Terminators, but, again, they also let you kill off vehicles if the opportunity arises.

Let’s have a look at close combat weaponry, the vast assortment of swords, axes, claws and all the other sorts of nasty implements carried by the warriors of the 41st millennium.

First of all, always take additional close combat weapons. All respectable assault troops must have two weapons – the extra attack doubles their chances of hurting the enemy. Enough said.

Power weapons are great. Even against armies with lots of cheap, low-armour troops, like Orks, Imperial Guard or Tyranids, having a power weapon means that more enemies stay dead. Of course against 4+ or the 3+ power armour save, they are essential, not to mention opponents with the dreaded 2+ save!

Power fists, especially in the hands of a Strength 4 model, are the most lethal close combat weapons of all. Though they can be difficult to use in some situations. The fact that everybody is able to attack before the model with the power fist may mean that, before he can unleash his terrible might, he gets his head kicked in.

The best solution to this is to hide the power fist in a large squad, giving it to a unit upgrade character like a Veteran Sergeant, then enemies first have to kill all of his comrades, allowing the power fist armed model to wreak havoc for longer.

**Tooling up Characters**

As Independent Characters are usually very good at close combat, it is a good idea for them to join assault units, so that the unit benefits from the leadership and fighting skills of the character. In return, he can hide in the unit, stopping the enemy from targeting him with ranged weapons.

Independent Characters work best in units if equipped with power weapons rather than power fists. A power weapon means they can use their high Initiative to strike first and kill models with their many Attacks and high Weapon Skill and Strength. If you give them a power fist and have them join a friendly squad during an assault, you risk being seriously disappointed. You see, Independent Characters count as separate units in close combat, so if the friendly squad kills any enemies before the character gets to strike, the opponent will often remove the models in contact with the character, stopping him from attacking! Worse, they could tell the character before he gets a chance to fight at all, which is extremely upsetting. In fact, be careful with positioning in assault – make sure a cheeky opponent can’t negate your squad’s or your character’s attacks by removing dead models cleverly.

Of course, there are all kinds of wicked variations on the power weapon. My favourite is a pair of master-crafted lightning claws, which give re-rolls on missed hits and failed wounds! Try this, and you’ll never go back. It’s awesome.

Alessio Cavatore

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Dark Eldar Lords and Incubi

One of the best assault units in the game is a Dark Eldar Lord accompanied by deadly Incubi. Equipping your Archon with a Shadowfield, Combat Drugs and an Agoniser, he should be more than capable of taking on enemy characters, while his bodyguard of power weapon-wielding Incubi, with their high Initiative, can pretty much outlaw even the dedicated assault troops of other armies. If you mount them in a Raider they can get to where they’re needed – just make sure you protect their transport in the first couple of turns, otherwise your expensive assault unit could spend the game walking!

By Gav Thorpe

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Orky Kunnin’

The majority of Ork armies are built with assaults in mind. Kunnin’ Warbosses can choose from Stormboyz and Trukk Boyz who can get there quickly (Trukk Boyz can also assault out of their transport), Skarboyz with their Strength 4 who can deal a wound blow when they get into combat, and Burna Boyz who can use their Burnas as power weapons to cut through enemy armour. Of course a bodyguard of Nobz can go head-to-head with the best in any army – especially when equipped with Mega Armour. But when it comes right down to it, my favourite assault unit is the classic troop selection Slugga Boyz. They’re cheap. They have choppas. There’s loads of them. And on a battlefield where there is lots of terrain, they are likely to get to an assault range and unleash a flurry of green rage! In Cities of Death games the Orks are simply brutal.

By Jeremy Vetock
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Neil Langdown has lived the hobby dream – young painter wins Golden Demon statuettes before joining ‘Eavy Metal and then commencing training as a Citadel Miniatures designer.

Neil joined the ‘Eavy Metal team in 2002, when the call to join the Earth’s finest miniatures company came, saving him from a life of wood and drudgery.

“I was framing pictures for old ladies in a craft store,” says Neil, “so it wasn’t a hard decision to come to the Studio!”

Likewise, the decision to employ Neil was easy. Not only is he a top chap, but he’d been winning Golden Demon statuettes since 1997 – seven in all.

“2002 was going to be my last year entering ‘The Demon’, but then I won three awards: a gold, a silver and a bronze – one of each colour!” Buoyed up by his success, he applied to a ‘Eavy Metal painters job he saw in an advert in White Dwarf. He’s been turning out models for our books and WD ever since.

As you might expect of someone who paints to such a high standard, Neil started painting when very young, only eight years old! He learned much from the Masterclass articles in White Dwarf (see page 88 for its revival), but advice from his local GW staff was also invaluable, and it was they who encouraged Neil to enter Golden Demon.

Neil was developing his skills through the so-called “Red Period”, when the fashion for painting was with very vibrant (some might say garish) colours. This was a major influence on Neil’s painting style, and he is known for his use of bright hues. “One of the joys of painting the Skull Pass boxed set figures,” Neil smiles, “was that I could give the Night Goblins red spear shafts again! Seriously though, you have to be aware of what influences you, but you shouldn’t copy colour palettes wholesale, and I think my style is an amalgamation of the more realistic colours we use now with the tones of the early ’90s.”

Despite this love of brightness, Neil enjoys painting in a variety of styles. “I consider painting The Lord Of The Rings figures a real treat. It’s a totally different technique. Painting Gandalf or Legolas, you know that real people have inhabited those roles and costumes, so the movies anchor the models to a kind of reality.”

He also enjoys new projects. “I like doing tasks that take me out of my comfort zone. When I was asked to do the Engine of the Gods (see opposite) it scared me a little, but I was also looking forward to it because it was such a big challenge. The same with the Orc Battle Standard Bearer (see page 86) when I was asked to paint the Red Sun straight on the banner as if it was an illustration.”

Neil’s next challenge is his greatest, as he has recently been taken onto our Trainee Sculptor’s course. Classic figures sculpted by Neil Langdown coming soon? “I certainly hope so!” he replies.

The Green Knight

This is Neil’s favourite figure. He was inspired to do it by Mike McVey’s original paint job, but Neil’s version is more understated, with no banners and a simpler design on the reins.
The Engine of the Gods

This is a piece Neil is particularly proud of. The Engine of the Gods was converted for the Warhammer Realms: Lustria book. Numerous components went into the creation of this unique model, including a Carnosaur head and a Forgeworld Kroot Great Knarloc body. Note how the wires holding the gyroscope elements of the model have been carefully hidden. Don't look too hard – you can barely see them at all!

Slayer – UK Games Day model 2006

To fully exploit the humour inherent in this model, Neil recreated the yellowy-gold skin of the Golden Demon, as this was the colour he was when he featured on the Citadel Colour paint sets in the 1990s.

Wood Elf Spellsinger

Neil wanted to give the feeling of rising power coming up from the earth. The cloak was the key to this. Starting at the bottom of the cloth with earthy brown colours, he slowly blended it into a rich green.
Dogs of War Giant

When constructing the Giant, Neil used the many accessories to full effect, like the poor peasant dangling from the Giant's hip. Also note the flashes of bright colour on the shields, which show Neil's distinctive style.

Orc Battle Standard Bearer

With this model Neil was tasked with painting the Evil Sun symbol directly onto the model's banner, which he did freehand. The bright, almost crimson, red on the Boar's armour again shows Neil's preference for intense colours.
Gandalf in cart

Neil wanted this model to look like a still from the movie. To that end he added the scenic base, the staff in the back of the cart and reins made of green stuff.

Ork Nob in mega-armour

This Ork Nob is a member of the scrounging Death Skull clan and was painted at the time of the Cities of Death release. Neil made the armour look like it had been scavenged from pre-fabricated Imperium buildings and vehicles. Note the stencilling showing the origin some of the pieces of scrap the Ork has "acquired".

Saim-Hann Wraithlord

The Wraithlord was painted in the usual red and white Saim-Hann livery. To break up the red, which is a big block of colour, Neil decorated the right leg of the Wraithlord with the craftworld's serpent rune.
The Imperial Engineers' Guild is constantly coming up with madcap inventions to aid the armies of the Emperor in times of war. The latest contraption to leave their workshops is the Mechanical Steed, more properly known as Meikle's Equine Effigy of Dynamic Locomotion. This clockwork creature is truly a marvel to behold, as is the Citadel miniature that represents it.

We asked none other than 'Eavy Metal painter Neil Green to divulge his secrets in painting the new Master Engineer model. Here's how he did it...

Preparing the Model
After cleaning up the miniature using a hobby knife and a set of files, Neil assembled the model and undercoated it with Chaos Black spray paint. Notice that Neil has left the weapon arm detached to allow him to get at all the parts of the Engineer. You might find it useful to attach the arm to a separate base or long section of brass rod while painting it, something to hold to stop your fingers coming into contact with the fresh paint job.

If you pin the arm and not glue it, you can swap and change the weapons on the model from battle to battle (see below). The best place for this is just below the stub that joins the arm to the body. Two pins are even better, and make sure they are slightly longer than if you were gluing the pieces or they'll fall off. Check the fit of each piece as you assemble the miniature - it's well worth taking the time to do this before you commence painting.

Master Engineer with Hochland Long Rifle

Additional weapon options

- Repeater Pistol
- Repeater Handgun
- Grenade Launcher

Learn the deepest secrets of the 'Eavy Metal team in this regular series of advanced painting workshops.
Step 1: Painting Metal

Neil began by painting all the metallic areas on the model, because these areas are not only the largest portions of the miniature, but are also the messiest to do.

STEEL STAGE 1

BASE: 50% Chaos Black
50% Boltgun Metal

SHADE: 75% Chaos Black
25% Boltgun Metal

HIGHLIGHT 1: Boltgun Metal

BRASS AND GOLD STAGE 1

BASE: Brazen Brass

SHADE: Scorchted Brown (wash)

HIGHLIGHT 1: Brazen Brass

At this stage, all the brass and gold areas are base coated with Brazen Brass. Shade this with a thin wash of Scorchted Brown, then reset the base colour by applying more Brazen Brass to the raised areas.

BARDING

BASE: 50% Chaos Black
50% Boltgun Metal

SHADE: 75% Chaos Black
25% Boltgun Metal

HIGHLIGHT 1 (edges only): Boltgun Metal

The brighter parts of the horse are basecoated with a 1:1 mix of Chaos Black and Boltgun Metal. Apply a single coat of the armour wash, then highlight all the raised areas with Boltgun Metal. Paint the Orc banner on the base the same way.

Top Tip

Armour Wash

While most painters use a wash of Black Ink to shade metallic areas, Neil's trick is to mix up a dark grey colour from 75% Chaos Black and 25% Codex Grey, and then water this down before applying it as a shading wash. This not only gives the effect of greyish steel, but also matts down the finish.

BARDING

The armoured barding looks black, but is actually a very dark metal colour. Paint the armour with a 1:1 mix of Boltgun Metal and Chaos Black. To darken the colour down, apply at least three applications of the special armour wash, (see left). Finally highlight the very edges with boltgun Metal.
Step 2: Metal Details

Before moving onto the more colourful parts of the model, it's time to highlight all the metallic areas. When you've finished this stage, don't forget to change your painting water to avoid getting metal flecks in the other paints.

BRASS AND GOLD

The brass parts of the model are highlighted with a mix of 75% Brazen Brass and 25% Mithril Silver. The gold parts are layered with Shining Gold, then highlighted with Burnished Gold. Give the gold decoration a thin wash, mixed from Chestnut Ink and Liche Purple. Finally, mix up three parts Shining Gold with one part Mithril Silver, and apply this as a fine edging highlight.

Top Tip

Shading Gold

Just as when shading areas of steel, Neil uses a rather unorthodox mix. A small amount of Liche Purple added to your Chestnut Ink wash will make the gold look less artificial. Adding other colours to the mix can create a range of effects - green in particular is useful to simulate aged gold.

BARDING STAGE 2

HIGHLIGHT 2: Chainmail

GOLD STAGE 2

HIGHLIGHT 2: Shining Gold
HIGHLIGHT 3: Burnished Gold
SHADE: 90% Chestnut Ink 10% Liche Purple
HIGHLIGHT 4: 75% Shining Gold 25% Mithril Silver

STEEL

Highlight all the bright steel areas with Chainmail, then apply final highlights of Mithril Silver.

BARDING

Finish off the dark barding by applying a very fine edging highlight of Chainmail.

BASE

The Orc banner on the base is highlighted with Chainmail, but then a rust effect is applied in all the recesses, by painting on a thin mix of Scorched Bronze and Blazing Orange.
Step 3: Adding Colours

Now that all the metallic areas are finished, it's time to move on to the other colours. Neil has two methods at work here: Firstly, he likes to work from the "inside out", meaning that he starts with inner layers, such as flesh, then works his way up to the outer clothing and details. Secondly, and unusually for an 'Eavy Metal painter, he likes to get all the areas to a similar stage before going back and applying the final highlights.

SKULLS & STOCK STAGE 1
- **BASE**: Bestial Brown
- **HIGHLIGHT 1**: Snakebite Leather

SKIN STAGE 1
- **BASE**: 50% Vermin Brown
- **HIGHLIGHT 1**: 50% Vermin Brown
- **HIGHLIGHT 2**: 50% Dwarf Flesh

LAURELS 1
- **BASE**: Dark Angels Green
- **HIGHLIGHT 1**: 50% Dark Angels Green
- **SHADE**: 50% Goblin Green
- **SHADE**: 50% Black Ink

RED STAGE 1
- **BASE**: Scab Red
- **HIGHLIGHT 1**: 50% Scab Red
- **HIGHLIGHT 2**: Blood Red

RED
- All of the red parts of the model, such as the horse decoration, the horse's eyes, the Engineer's clothing and some of the internal clockwork mechanism, are painted Scab Red. Highlight this first with a 1:1 mix of Scab Red and Blood Red, then with pure Blood Red.

BOOTS STAGE 1
- **BASE**: Scorched Brown
- **HIGHLIGHT 1**: 50% Scorched Brown
- **HIGHLIGHT 2**: Bleached Bone
- **SHADE**: Chaos Black (wash)

BOOTS
- Begin with a base coat of Scorched Brown, and highlight this with a 1:1 mix of Scorched Brown and Bleached Bone. Apply a very thin wash of Chaos Black, then leave the boots for now.

LAURELS
- The horse's tail and mane are made up of laurels, a symbol of honour in The Empire. These are painted with a flat coat of Dark Angels Green. The leaves are individually layered with a 1:1 mix of Dark Angels Green and Goblin Green, before being shaded with a thin wash of Dark Angels Green mixed with Black Ink. The wash will probably stain the leaves a darker shade, so use the Dark Angels Green and Goblin Green mix again to re-highlight them.

At this stage, the skulls and wooden areas are painted in exactly the same way. Base coat these areas with Bestial Brown, then highlight them with Snakebite Leather. Try to apply the highlight in lines on the gun stock, to simulate wood grain.

The Engineer's skin tone is quite dark, showing his years as an apprentice slaving away beside a hot forge. Begin with a base coat of Vermin Brown, then apply a 1:1 mix of Vermin Brown and Dwarf Flesh for the first of the highlight stages.
Step 4: Final Highlights

At this stage, Neil highlighted all the areas he'd done so far to completion, before painted the outermost layers and, finally, adding the fine details.

Top Tip
Painting Eyes
Paint the Engineer's eye with a sliver of Chaos Black (a). Next, add a little Fortress Grey to Skull White, and paint this on as a fine line, leaving the black showing as a keyline around the edge (b). Finally, use the point of your finest brush to dot in the pupil (c).

SKIN STAGE 2
- HIGHLIGHT 2: Dwarf Flesh
- HIGHLIGHT 3: 75% Dwarf Flesh
- HIGHLIGHT 3: 25% Bleached Bone
- HIGHLIGHT 4: 75% Bleached Bone
- HIGHLIGHT 5: 25% Dwarf Flesh
- SHADE (very thin*): 50% Bronze flesh
- 50% Snakelite Leather

*see (1) for more information

SKULLS STAGE 2
- HIGHLIGHT 2: Dwarf Flesh
- HIGHLIGHT 3: 50% Bronze flesh
- HIGHLIGHT 3: Snakelite Leather
- HIGHLIGHT 4: 50% Bronze flesh
- HIGHLIGHT 5: 50% Bleached Bone
- 50% Skull White
- HIGHLIGHT 6: Skull White

*see (2) for more information

SKIN
Layer the skin with Dwarf Flesh. Next, make a 3:1 mix of Dwarf Flesh and Bleached Bone and apply this as the first highlight stage. Gradually increase the amount of Bleached Bone for further highlights, until it makes up 75% of the mix.

BOOTS STAGE 2
- HIGHLIGHT 2: 50% Scorched Brown
- 50% Bleached Bone

GUN STOCK
Paint the wood grain, using the same colours as for the skulls. Don't highlight to Skull White. Mix up a thin wash of Chestnut Ink and Dark Angels Green, and apply this around the brass decoration as deep shading.

RED STAGE 2
- HIGHLIGHT 3: Blazing Orange
- HIGHLIGHT 4: Fiery Orange
- HIGHLIGHT 5: 50% Fiery Orange
- 50% Skull White

RED
All of the red areas are highlighted with Blazing Orange, then with Fiery Orange. Any particularly sharp edges are given a last, very fine highlight with a 1:1 mix of Fiery Orange and Skull White.

BOOTS
Make a 1:1 mix of Scorched Brown and Bleached Bone, and apply this as a final highlight to the boots.

SKULLS
Highlight the skulls with a 1:1 mix of Bronzed Flesh and Snakelite Leather. Then highlight, progressively finer, with: Bronzed Flesh; Bleached Bone; 1:1 Bleached Bone/Skull White; Skull White.
Step 5: Finishing Touches

Neil finished the model by painting the scrolls, lettering, moustache and other fine details. The white areas were also left until last as they can get dirty through handling.

**BEARD**
- BASE: Codex Grey
- HIGHLIGHT 1: Fortress Grey
- HIGHLIGHT 2: Skull White

**WHITE**
- BASE: 50% Space Wolves Grey 30% Skull White
- HIGHLIGHT: Skull White

**SCROLLS AND COAT LINING**
- BASE: Graveyard Earth
- HIGHLIGHT 1: 50% Graveyard Earth 50% Bleached Bone
- HIGHLIGHT 2: Bleached Bone
- HIGHLIGHT 3: 75% Bleached Bone 25% Skull White

**LAURELS 2**
- HIGHLIGHT 2: Goblin Green
- HIGHLIGHT 3: 50% Goblin Green 50% Bleached Bone

*see (3) for more information

**COAT LINING & SCROLLS**
Paint these areas Graveyard Earth. Apply a highlight of 1:2 Bleached Bone/Graveyard Earth, then a layer of Bleached Bone. Add Skull White to Bleached Bone for an edging highlight.

**SCROLLWORK**
All of the writing and scribbles on the scrolls are painted with thinned-down Chaos Black. Neil recommends using a fine brush and holding your breath while painting!

**LAURELS**
Each highlight is worked out further toward the edges. Start with a Goblin Green layer, then add Bleached Bone to later highlights, until your mix is 3:1 Bleached Bone/Goblin Green.

**BASING**
The standard ‘Eavy Metal method of basing is as follows: Cover the base in modelling sand. Once this is dry, cover the sand in Brown Ink. Again, wait for it to dry, then drybrush the base with Bubonic Brown, before using Citadel Superglue to stick small patches of static grass to it. Paint the rim of the base with an even coat of Graveyard Earth, attach the gun arm, et voila! Your Engineer is ready for action.
Prince Yriel, Autarch of Iyanden

The bastard scion of Iyanden nobility and former Corsair Prince of the infamous Eldritch Raiders, Prince Yriel’s fate is forever entwined with the ghost-haunted Craftworld of Iyanden. After becoming an Outcast, Yriel and his loyal raiders returned to Iyanden in its hour of need. The Eldritch Raiders destroyed the bio-ships of hive fleet Kraken, with Yriel doomed himself by using the Spear of Twilight to slay the foul tyrant leader of the Tyranid menace.

**THE EYE OF WRATH**
Gained from an audacious raid, the Eye of Wrath is a monocular device that can unleash a devastating energy-tetempest.

**FORCESHIELD**
Without the forcsheild Yriel would have perished long ago. For now the shield wards off the baleful energies within the spear.

**PERSONAL BANNER**
Prince Yriel proudly displays two banners. As an Autarch of Iyanden Yriel carries the Shrine of Assuran banner - the symbol of the craftworld that represents the flame of hope for the Eldar of Iyanden. Alongside it is the banner of the Eldritch Raiders – the rune emblazoned upon it once struck fear in all who encountered it.

**THE SPEAR OF TWILIGHT**
The cursed blade of the House of Ulthanash, the spear is a weapon of such immense power that those who wield it are doomed. Yriel took the Spear of Destiny from its resting place in the Shrine of Ulthanash to save Iyanden, but in so doing Yriel’s soul was forever bound to the eldritch weapon.

The ‘Eavy Metal team is the most talented group of professional miniatures painters in the world. Their work on our Eldar characters is truly awesome.
Autarchs are the supreme commanders of the Eldar warhost. They have chosen the Path of Command and their authority, experience and skill is held in awe by seer and warrior alike. Before treading upon the Path of Command, all Autarchs will have spent many human lifetimes in the Aspect temples and so are capable and highly skilled warriors.

**INTERCHANGEABLE AUTARCH COMPONENTS**

1. Swooping Hawk wings
2. Reaper launcher
3. Fusion gun
4. Warp jump generator
5. Back banners
6. Power weapon

**HELMET**

This Autarch helm uses the same technology as a Banshee Mask.

**FORCESHIELD**

The Eldar favour subtle field projectors over restrictive armour.

**Biel-Tan**

This helm incorporates Mandiblasters in its design.

**JUMP GENERATOR**

The hierograms of the Eldar are complex and have many meanings.

**Saim-Hann**

The complex icon embroidered on this cloak is an Eldar ward of fortune.

**ALAITOC**

Autarch helms are ancient craftworld heirlooms, and are all works of art.
Farseer

Just as Eldar who are trapped on the Warrior path become Exarchs, so Seers who progress too far along the Witch Path become Farseers. They are the eldest and most experienced of the craftworld's advisors. Even in battle Farseers can bring their scrying powers to bear, seeking out enemy positions and bringing doom upon them.

Warlock with witchblade

Warlock with witchblade

Warlock with witchblade and shuriken pistol

Warlock with singing spear

Ulthwé

A staff is often used by a Farseer to focus his arcane psychic powers.

This cloak is decorated with the Eye of Isha, symbol of Ulthwé.

Singing Spear

Farseers have martial skill and can be deadly close combat.

This cloak is embroidered with thorns, symbolic to Biel-Tan.

Biel-Tan

Saim-Hann

These psychically attuned weapons can only be used by Eldar psykers.

This cloak is decorated with the Cosmic Serpent, sacred to Eldar.
Eldrad Ulthran, Farseer of Ulthwé

Greatest of all the Farseers of Ulthwé, Eldrad Ulthran has steered the Eldar away from peril on many occasions. He has become a figure synonymous with wisdom, foresight and self-sacrifice.

**GHOSTHELM**
A Ghosthelm masks a Farseer’s presence from the perils of the warp.

**ROBE**
Eldrad’s robe is adorned with the Farseer rune – the Eye of Farsight.

**STAFF OF ULTHAMAR**
This potent artefact can channel Eldrad’s immense psychic powers. It can also be used as a powerful weapon. The staff is wreathed in Psychic energies, and many Warp-spawn have fallen to it.

The Avatar of the Bloody-Handed God

Deep within every craftworld, sitting atop a smouldering throne, is the dormant form of the Avatar – the physical embodiment of Kaela Mensha Khaine, the Bloody-Handed God. When a craftworld is roused to war, the Avatar is awoken and none may stand before it.

**FACE**
The fearsome visage of the Avatar causes many foes to flee.

**BLOODY HAND**
The constantly dripping blood is a sign of Khaine’s sanguinary nature.

**WAILING DOOM**
The Wailing Doom is a mighty weapon of immense power that only the god incarnate can wield. The runes upon the blade writhe and the weapon itself screams for victims to be split asunder by its impossibly sharp edge. No armour in the galaxy can halt the Wailing Doom.

“I yearn to take my place within the Dome, but there is so much yet to do.”

Eldrad Ulthran
SHOWTIME!

Games Day was again held at the Birmingham NEC and was absolutely huge compared to the previous year's event. White Dwarf Journalists Jon Carter, Rob MacFarlane and Rik Turner tell all.

THE FORUM

Jon: Once again the anticipation of the queuing thousands waiting patiently outside was tangible, not at all dampened by the cold or rain. Having passed through the hallowed doors, as in previous years a steady trickle of hobbyists made their way to the Citadel miniatures, the hobby areas and beyond.

Chief amongst the sites to see were the Games Workshop and Forge World retail stands where many pre-release boxed sets of models - including Eldar and Orcs & Goblins - and the special Games Day miniature were on sale. The demand was so great that the staff just couldn't keep up! In fact, by midday, all the new boxed sets had sold out - we'll just have to bring more next year...

Aside from the retail stands, the main focus of the Forum Hall was the hobby zones with the Bring and Battle tables, and the Conversion and Art competitions. Tables were also available where hobbyists could build scenery, practice their painting skills on a Dwarf or Goblin miniature as featured in WD321, or for those who couldn't wait to get their new purchases home, simply sit down and start to build their own models. And yet, despite all these tables, enthusiastic hobbyists could still be found huddled in small groups in the quieter recesses of the hall, furiously removing the plastic wrappers from new model kits and building their new purchases were they sat!

The Forge World stands had some great new models on show including the fully finished massive Tau Manta (first previewed at last year's event), which would make a truly impressive centrepiece for any Tau Commander's army. Other models on show and available to buy included the special edition Forge World Slann, the Death Corps of Krieg and, in extremely limited supply, the new Eldar Avatar!

Once again the Forge World design team were present to answer any questions about their models, latest projects or just to give advice on sculpting. Their latest project was also on show - a new game entitled Aeronautica Imperialis, soon to be released. This is an Epic scale game of aerial combat set in the 41st Millennium and, from the demonstration games taking place at Games Day, it looks absolutely great!

Elsewhere in the Forum, the Conversion competition attracted huge interest, steadily growing in prominence and
prestige, equalling that of its big sister, the Golden Demon competition. Some entrants to this year's Conversion competition had even travelled from as far away as Lithuania just to take part!

This year's challenge was to create a Warhammer General from the copious amounts of sprues available. Hobbyists were given the rare opportunity to let their imaginations run wild, armed with clippers, poly-cement and a miniature base.

The task of judging the 1,500 entries fell to Aly Morrison who selected the winners from a short list of 30 of the very best conversions. It wasn't necessarily the standard of the conversions which was being judged, rather the ingenuity of design and the parts used. Congratulations to James A Hanson for his steam powered Empire General winning entry!

Meanwhile, the Bring and Battle tables really put the 'game' into Games Day. Here hobbyists could book a table for an hour at a time and pit their wits and skill against one of the other 8,500 enthusiasts. The whole area had a fantastic atmosphere, resonating with the sound of rolling dice.

To keep the games short, the Combat Patrol, Border Patrol and War Party rules were employed, allowing players to play exciting games with smaller, skirmish-sized forces. For some, these games provided an excellent opportunity to trial ideas for future Grand Tournament armies, while others simply wished to take part and play as many games as possible. Many units and war machines had been purchased only hours before from the retail stands, having passed through the assembly and painting tables, before heading out onto the fields of battle, embarking upon their first crusades against unknown opponents.

Scrap Demon Facts

- There were over 1,500 entrants to this year's Conversion competition to win a Scrap Demon!
- The first entrant began making his conversion within 15 seconds of the doors being open – he ran all the way!
- Just one hour in, more than 200 people were happily cutting, clipping, sticking, gluing and generally having a great time!
- One gentleman from Lithuania bought his ticket from Direct and flew over just to enter the Conversion Competition!

Art Competition

Congratulations to:

- Greg Wale
  15 Years and Under category: Orc Boyz Regiment
- Devon Thomas
  16 Years and Over category: Night Goblin Squig Hopper

You can see both Greg and Devon's winning entries for the Art Competition in more detail on the Games Day pages of the website:

www.games-workshop.co.uk/gamesday/2006-season
THE ARENA

Rob: The Arena was home to a massive range of games, set across beautifully crafted tables and hosted by Games Workshop's fanatical staff and club veterans.

The Lord of The Rings Strategy Battle Game zone included a battle in the forest home of the Wood Elves, a struggle for control of Osgiliath across three tables, and a Mega Battle featuring a clash between the forces of Good and an army of Balrogs! Worthy of special mention was a three-dimensional table built by St. Aidan's Wargames Club, which folded out to reveal a massive cross-section of the Mines of Moria!

Warhammer, fresh from the release of a new rulebook, had plenty to offer - the Games Workshop Hobby Centres in East Anglia laid on a Mega Battle featuring massed ranks of Greenskins threatening to overrun an impressively detailed Dwarven hold; Northumbria Adventurer's Guild provided a gunnery range to give artillery officers a chance to prove their range-guessing abilities; and the Hobby Centres from the Thames Valley hosted an extremely impressive battle between Elven Dragon Princes and the Grundenberg, a Dwarven airship built by the Reading Hobby Centre.

Warhammer 40,000 has always had a tradition of striving to produce the largest battle, and this year was no exception. The Warhammer 40,000 Mega Battle pitted a colossal Imperial Guard force, levied from all across the Midlands region of Hobby Centres, against a mighty Necron phalanx, newly awoken from their tombs by the C'tan Deceivers. A complete artillery company, sentry Battlegroup and Ogryn Army Corps were in the field, facing off against converted Necron Tomb Crawlers, each of which dwarfed Super-heavy tanks in size! One gamer, dressed from head to toe as an Imperial Commissar, was delighted to see an Ogryn dressed in the same attire, accompanied by another equipped as a Techpriest!

Also featured was a battle in a Tau city hovering above the sea, and a collaborative effort by the Nottingham and Leicester Hobby Centres which had yielded a sprawling Cities of Death urban layout, complete with gigantic suspended roadway running high above the city streets!
The Arena

BRONZE
Ben Komet & Matt Cexwish

BRONZE
Jonathan Taylor-Yorke

BRONZE
Jakob Rune Nielsen

Give me a hundred spacemarines. Or failing that give me a thousand other troops.
- Rogal Dorn

Albert Moretó Font
Albert became the 2006 UK Slayer Sword Winner with his incredible Black Orc Warboss, shown above.

The home of the Wood Elves comes under attack from the forces of Sauron

Thousands of enthusiastic hobbyists from all across the country gather to witness Games Day 2006
THE PAVILION

Rik: The Pavilion played host to Golden Demon and the Design Studio, and this year they had a massive surprise in store. To celebrate the release of the new Battle for Skull Pass boxed game for Warhammer, the sculptors and painters had produced a scaled-up replica of the boxed set – models, dice, templates, range-rulers, scenery and rulebooks were all on display, at three times their actual size! Throughout the day, Alessio Cavatore, the writer of the new rulebook, and other Games Designers and Sculptors ran a series of demonstration games. The display went down very well; one keen hobbyist pleasingly asking if the Design Studio were going to do a similar game next year using The Lord of the Rings figures!

Meanwhile, the Warhammer World Scenery team had some of their creations on hand, to show hobbyists how the fantastic terrain was created for the gaming arena in Nottingham, and the ‘Eavy Metal, Hobby and Games Development teams were all out in force to answer questions from fans about their work, and to give some early glimpses of forthcoming projects, like the updated Eldar Harlequins for Warhammer 40,000.

The Pavilion Hall also saw the return of Black Library and Black Industries, replete with book signings and sneak peeks of forthcoming projects. Also in attendance were computer games companies THQ, Mythic/GOA and Namco, each of whom had brought demonstration versions of their latest contributions to the worlds of Warhammer and Warhammer 40,000 in the form of Dawn of War: Dark Crusade, Warhammer Online: Age of Reckoning, and Warhammer: Mark of Chaos.

However, the biggest crowd-pleaser, as ever, was Golden Demon and the quality of entries was as high as ever. Special commendation should go to Team Spain, who had travelled in force from their homeland, only to sweep the event, taking home several Golden Demons and the coveted Slayer Sword – congratulations to Albert Moretò Font for his stunning Black Orc Warboss!

Once again, the day proved to be another great Games Day and, thanks to the efforts of Event Manager Brian Aderson and everyone else involved, a celebration of the very best of gaming, painting and modelling in the Games Workshop Hobby. See you next year!
The Pavilion

BRONZE  Joe Hill
BRONZE  Sven Jonsson
BRONZE  Adrian Bay
BRONZE  David Olorenshaw

Coming Soon...
Golden Demon Winners

As in previous years, you'll soon be able to see all the winning entries from this year's Golden Demon competition in the 2006 Golden Demon Winners' Booklet.

Hobbyists clamour around the video monitors to see the latest computer game previews

Visitors to the White Dwarf stand could get their magazines signed, meet the team and see their armies
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- The event was held on one day so there was no need to sort out accommodation – since Rob’s missus was 8 months pregnant this was very important. (Lucky he was allowed out at all!)

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Rob's a 20 year veteran Dwarf player and I had just finished a 2,000 point Dwarf army so it seemed the natural choice for us to form a Dwarven alliance and use this opportunity to add to our armies. Dwarves have some very good core choices and since there were restrictions on the number of special and rare units you can take this clinched the decision.

These lists were designed to be able to deal with a wide range of opponents. We felt that the basic four Dwarven dispel dice could cope with any enemy magic. The Bolt Thrower would be able to target any big beasts or chariots, while we took an Organ Gun to deal with any skirmishers who could quickly out manoeuvre our Dwarfs. The Quarrellers and Thunderers were there to thin the enemy lines before the units of Warriors engaged them in close combat. Our only major concern was if we met an all skirmish army were we could be overrun, outmanoeuvred and picked off.

We arrived at the Alexandra Palace bright and early after a breakfast of bacon and eggs. The event was arranged like a mini Games Day with the retail stands selling Cities of Death pre-releases and the Forge World stand proudly showing off their new Death Corps design sketches as well as a few models. Both of these stands were busy, but most of the crowds seemed to be around the participation games put on for the open pass holders and the scenario workshop table. So popular were they, neither of them seemed to have a spare place the whole day! There was also a painting competition with categories for each of the main games. The standard of entries was very high indeed showing that the Southerners aren't slouches when it comes to painting.
James McLintock and Vince Sinanan (Lizardmen and Wood Elves)  
Off to a good start then, our opponents had brought along our worst nightmare! To add to our woes James and Vince were both experienced gamers.

The game started well with the Organ Gun and Master Rune of Challenge dealing with the Skinks – targeting these early on was important as they can get really annoying if they are allowed to slowly whittle down your units using their poisoned shooting. The Bolt Thrower prepared the eagle for the rotisserie, killing it in one shot. In return their Saurus Hero wiped out our Organ Gun while the Dryads killed the Quarellers.

It was then that I noticed that while he had been entering the painting competition, Rob had made the decision to keep the Thunderers in reserve. The plan was to come on at the flank of the Salamanders and blast them as Rob had quickly identified these as the main threat. However, they must have wondered off to the local tavern to sample some local ales. This left our opponents the opportunity to outmanoeuvre us and shoot our army to pieces while the stunts tried in vain to get into combat. The Salamanders were indeed particularly devastating and by the time the Thunderers arrived in turn 5, the game was already lost. The result was 3-17 to James and Vince.

Tom Arnold-Forster and Ben Dunleavy (Wood Elves and Dwarfs)  
Tom and Ben were two friends from their local store and had bought the unlikely pairing of Elves and Dwarfs.

Their fast cavalry and scouts tried to sweep around our flank while their
remaining infantry set up in a solid batteline. Our plan was to deal with their Organ Gun before moving up to contest the objective. Try as we might the dice gods abandoned us, as three rounds of shooting with our handguns, Organ Gun and Bolt Thrower failed to kill anything but a crew member. This game will be remembered for Tom and Ben’s ability to roll no less than three 10s for their Organ Gun hits, showing just how effective it can be. Each of their rounds of shooting was withering, critically damaging each of our units in turn. Without any units remaining that could contest the objective they easily won the game, the result was 0-20 game points to them, a massacre!

It was at this stage that we started to get a bit worried. We’d just got beaten by two fifteen year old players, proving that a good general can beat anyone. If the rest of the Northern Wasters found out about this we’d never live it down – we are supposed to be experienced veterans after all! We were beginning to wonder if we would be better off retiring to a pair of comfy slippers and a pipe.

Peter and Bill Kennedy (Orcs & Goblins and Skaven)

Our game three opponents were a father and son team fielding the very characterful alliance of Orcs and Skaven. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we did not get to know Peter and Bill very well as we all hurried to finish the game. The terrain in the middle of the board prevented their blocks of infantry from reaching our units while also preventing our shooting units from targeting them. Despite the Warlock Engineer casting an ultimate force Warp...
Having completed a Beasts of Chaos army, Joe came to the realisation that he wasn’t very good at painting hair, so decided his next project would be Dwarfs, claiming the only way to get good at something is to do it a lot!

**PAINTING GUIDE**

**Orange**
- Bestial Brown
- Blazing Orange
- Bleached Bone

**Green**
- Dark Angels Green
- Snot Green
- Bleached Bone

**Armour**
- Chaos Black
- Boltgun Metal
- Codex Grey
- Chainmail

Round 4

**Scenario:** Capture

**Army 1:** Dwarf Slayers
- Dragon Slayer
- Slayers
- Brotherhood of Grimnir
- 2 Doomseekers

**Army 2:** Wood Elves
- Spellsinger
- Dryads
- Treekin

Lightening late in the game, we were able to kill their characters and do enough damage to win by a massacre.

Our relief was palpable, we could now at least claim we won a game and restored some of our honour!

**Jo Hennessy and Kelvin Last**

(Dwarf Slayers and Wood Elves)

Dwarfs and Elves, it must be catching.

Jo and Kelvin were a joy to play against, both veteran gamers with very nicely painted armies. Rob also plays Slayers so knew just how nasty the Brotherhood of Grimnir and the Doomseekers can be. Their tactic was to utilise the trees to deliver the Dryads and Doomseekers into our lines but our magical defence was able to prevent them casting any spells.

With everything else charging towards us we had to rely on our shooting to deal with the Slayers while our warriors managed to break the Treekin and pursue them in the direction of the objective. After four turns Rob rolled to see if the game would continue and promptly rolled a 1. The game ended immediately with us contesting the objective. With the damage we had done we had enough victory points to give us a second massacre.

Both of us had a great tournament, although we started with a few losses we ended strongly, finishing 46th.

Regarding our game plan and army, our plan to take no magical defence paid off, and we’d both definitely take Organ Guns again for the sheer fun factor!

The award ceremony began shortly after the final game, and we were lucky enough to win the Best Army award, for our combined army selection and painting, which was a huge honour and another award to take to the vault.
CONFLICT
REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

CONFLICT SCOTLAND  Sunday 4th March
Crowne Plaza, Congress Road, Glasgow, G3 8QT

CONFLICT SOUTH-WEST  Sunday 11th March
British Empire & Commonwealth Museum, Clock Tower Yard, Temple Meads, Bristol, BS1 6QH

CONFLICT NORTH  Sunday 27th May
Royal Armouries Museum, Armouries Drive, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS10 1LT

CONFLICT SOUTH  Sunday 3rd June
Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace Way, Wood Green, London, N22 7AY

Get your Conflict tickets now by calling 0115 91 40000 or by visiting your local Hobby Centre.
Instore this January

WINTER WAR

Prelude to War

Army Building
Not sure whether you need to take a Hellblaster Volley Gun or an Empire Steam Tank? Can't quite get what you want in your 1,500 point Space Marines army? Our staff can help.

Painting and Modelling
Get helpful and insightful tips on how you can develop and improve your painting and modelling skills.

Tactical Advice
Need to best your friend's all conquering Hormagaunt horde army? Can't quite figure out a way to get round those Railgun Guns? Have a chat with our hobby experts!

Small Games
Test out your new army lists, painted models and strategies in the heat of battle using Combat Patrol, Border Patrol and War Party!

The 2007 gaming season begins with Winter War! The perfect lead up to Conflict, Summer Campaigns, Campaign Weekends and the Grand Tournament season!

- There will be a League for each system – Warhammer, Warhammer 40,000 and The Lord of The Rings.
- Each league will have three divisions – Beginners, Hobby and Veteran.
- Hobby Centres not running a league will run a campaign, where the actions of your games and fellow commanders will influence future battles!
- Winter War will finish on Saturday 4th February 2007.

Will you muster to the roll call and lead your troops to victory?

Sign up at a store near you now!
**Winter War: Leagues**

During Winter War many of our Hobby Centres will be running Instore Leagues, in which your newly assembled generals and armies can prove their worth in battle against a variety of opponents from your area. Successful warlords will accumulate points and infamy as they achieve ever more victories in a wide variety of games and events. But don’t worry if you favour more attrition-based warfare, as points are awarded for volume of battles fought as well as victories – even the most stalwart warriors of the Imperium may eventually fall before the relentless onslaught of Chaos!

Even forces that arrive late to the field of battle (the warp is notoriously fickle) can take part – so don’t worry if you miss a few games early on, after all, achieving victory against an established warlord can only bring greater glory!

Turn to page 116 and find your nearest store to discover if they have a Winter War: League in motion and how you can lead your forces to victory!

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**Winter War: Campaigns**

As well as the one-on-one struggles of the Winter War Leagues, some of our Hobby Centres will be running a story-driven campaign in which your army can join forces with likeminded warriors against the foe and leave their mark on the pages of history. As battles are won and lost, the outcome will have repercussions that affect the coming conflicts. The ultimate outcome of the story rests in your hands. Store Campaigns see armies with the same goals work together to achieve victory through a series of detailed events and scenarios leading up to a final cataclysmic battle! Forces decide strategies and conduct diplomacy as a team – working together to achieve supremacy!

Contact your local Hobby Centre to see if they’re running the Winter War: Campaign and how you can join in!

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**CONTACT YOUR STORE FOR DETAILS**
Instore this January

HOBBY ACADEMY!
Dedicated to beginners

Got your new models for Christmas, and want some help on what to do next? All Games Workshop Hobby Centres throughout the UK will be running special days to help you get the most from your new purchases. The Hobby Academy is the ideal place to start. Dedicated to beginners, each day will focus on how to paint and play with your new miniatures. Some of the activities below will run throughout each of the academy days for Warhammer 40,000, Warhammer and The Lord of The Rings:

Painting
Learn the basics from scratch or hone your hobby skills with the help of your local Hobby Centre’s dedicated staff. Can’t quite get the right shade of yellow for your tyranid army? Help is at hand.

Basic Gaming
Not sure about the difference between moving and charging? Need more info on channelling the winds of magic? If there is any aspect of the rules of any of our games that you’re having trouble with, the Hobby Academy will provide you with the skills you need to meet your foes upon the plains of battle!

Centrepiece Miniatures
Learn how to forge mighty war machines and adorn your characters with a suitably shiny paint scheme that will make these army centre pieces really stand out!

The Final Battle
Each of the January Hobby Academies taking place in store will finish with a huge game in which you can field your newly assembled and painted armies alongside those of your allies, taking on the advancing hordes of the enemy!

Hobby Overload
On 28th January – a celebration for everyone who’s taken one of the Hobby Academy days! Get stuck into all aspects of the hobby from scenery building to non-stop gaming. This is one bash not to miss!

Each day will be set aside for a particular game system.

- Sunday 7th January – Warhammer
- Saturday 13th January – Warhammer 40,000
- Sunday 14th January – The Lord of The Rings
- Saturday 20th January – Warhammer
- Sunday 21st January – Warhammer 40,000
- Saturday 27th January – The Lord of The Rings

See page 116 for your local store
SEMINAL AUTHORS VISIT WATFORD

On 9th September 2006, hordes of Warhammer fans descended on Games Workshop Hobby Centres around the world, aiming to be amongst the first to get hold of the brand new edition of Warhammer! But hobbyists visiting Games Workshop Watford in England had another reason for visiting their Games Workshop store that day – the arrival of three Black Library legends!

Dan Abnett, Graham McNeill and James Swallow threw caution to the wind and braved the fans to sign copies of their books and take part in a Q&A session. Dedicated readers began queuing from 11.00am to meet the authors, even though the signing didn’t officially start until 1.30pm. At the appointed hour, over 130 people poured through the doors and for the next hour and ten minutes the authors furiously scribbled their names and imparted knowledge of projects past, present and future to their fans!

Watford seemed to attract a thoughtful crew during the Q&A session, provoking questions such as “How do the authors handle the dichotomy between good and evil in the Warhammer 40,000 universe?”

Unfazed, the author’s leapt in with insightful and enthusiastic answers to the tough questions posed.

The day drew to a close at 4.30pm and after a few last minute signings, the authors bid a fond farewell to the Harlequin Centre in Watford and the great crowd of fans who made the day so special!

Big thanks go to Dan, Graham and James. Also to Sam Sedghi of Games Workshop Watford and the Area Manager Andy Wheale for making everyone feel so welcome!
Upcoming Events
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- 1st January ......... WD328 (April)
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Events diary abbreviation guide
WH ................. Warhammer
40K ............. Warhammer 40,000
BB ............... Blood Bowl
WAB ............ Warhammer Ancient Battles
WPS ......... Warhammer Players’ Society
WECA .......... Warhammer English Civil War
Epic .............. Epic Armageddon
LORDR ......... The Lord of The Rings
GW .......... Games Workshop
GT .......... Grand Tournament

JANUARY

GAMES WORKSHOP presents:

DOUBLES WARHAMMER 40,000 TOURNAMENT

Date: 13th and 14th January, 2007
Venue: Warhammer World, Nottingham
Age Limit: 12+
Details: Compete in a fun tournament with a friend as an ally. You will need a fully painted 500 points force for Warhammer 40,000. Play at least six games over the weekend, using a variety of fast-play scenarios. Points are awarded for gaming and there is a special award for Best Painted Alliance. Tickets cost £70 per two player alliance, and include lunch on both days and an evening meal on the Saturday night for both players.
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Date: 3rd and 4th February, 2007
Venue: Warhammer World, Nottingham
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Details: Qualifiers from the heats compete for their 2007 ranking in the Grand Final. They need a fully painted 2,000 points Warhammer army and will play six games over the weekend, with the winner being recognised as Warhammer Grand Tournament Champion 2007.
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WINDS OF WAR 2007 WARHAMMER 40,000

Date: 10th February 2007
Venue: Harman’s Water Community centre
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Date: 17th-18th February 2007
Venue: Warhammer World Lenton
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Contact: Conrad.Gonsalves@ge.com
Website: http://www.player-society.com

MARCH

GRAND TOURNAMENT: Final
WARHAMMER 40,000
Date: 3rd and 4th February, 2007
Venue: Warhammer World, Nottingham
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