

MOAB 2007

Southern Battle Gamers Convention

October Long Weekend (NSW)

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MOAB is a major war gaming convention run by the Southern Battle Gamers over the NSW long weekend in October at the Community Centre in Sylvania, where the club is based.

Terrain etc was as per normal. If an army had options, then these were chosen before deployment and could be changed for each game. However, if an army was able to dismount any elements, this had to be done during deployment.

This year we had twelve competitors, four of whom were new to my competitions. The numbers were down a few, as some previous players were unable to make it this year. On Saturday all the players played six rounds. At the end the top six qualified for the Champion's League on Sunday and the bottom six qualified for the Best of the Rest. However on Sunday, two players who had qualified in the top six were unable to return. Therefore it became two groups of five. These then played a round robin against all the other players in their group that is another four games each.

After each round their number of wins, then their number of points ranked the players.

- ❖ 1 point for each enemy element killed.
- ❖ 2 points scored for capturing an enemy camp or BUA.
- ❖ 2 points for killing an enemy general.
- ❖ -1 point for each element killed.
- ❖ -2 points scored for the loss of a camp or BUA.
- ❖ -2 points for the loss of the general.

I allowed one hour per game, but this year, unlike previous years, we had a number of draws. I intend to increase the time by another fifteen minutes, next year.

An Excel spreadsheet was used to capture the results for all three competitions. Although we started each new round as soon as the last was finished and the results tabulated, the players still had time to browse the many trader stalls, catch up with friends and get obtain refreshments and lunch.

The convention sponsors provided prize vouchers for the first three places of the Champion's League on Sunday. These were \$40, \$30 and \$20 respectively. Jeff Caruso of Point of the North provided an army and Martin Stewart provided a bottle of wine. David Brown won the army, as his Southern Dynasty Chinese army received the most votes from the other players. Victor Jarmusz won the wine, for allowing David Brown to capture his undefended camp with a Light Horse element that moved a number of times in one bound, to reach it.

Two players also require a mention. Firstly Mikey (Michael Richardson Jnr) who is only eight years old. Although unable to win a game on Saturday, he bounced back with two wins on Sunday. Good work. Second but never least, my wife, Mai. As she agreed to play on both Saturday and Sunday, it prevented us having a bye on the Saturday.

I would like to thank all the participants for their support and for the ease of running the competition. I look forward to seeing some of you again at the other DBA competitions in Canberra, Sydney and Wollongong in the future.

If you didn't attend this year, why not come along in 2008. You will enjoy the relaxed, friendly atmosphere and get to know some of the other Australian players of DBA. Plus play ten games of exciting DBA!

The final results were:

Saturday - Qualifying

Name	Armies	# of Wins	Points Score
Michael Richardson Snr	IV/57c Low Countries	5	18
John Thompson	IV/62 100 Years War English	4	13
John Geer	II/58 Alan	3	14
Victor Jarmusz	IV/55 Ottoman	3	6
David Brown	II/79b Chinese Southern Dynasty	3	4
Peter Braham	IV/22 Serbian Empire	2	5
Greg Kelleher	I/53 Saitic Egyptian	2	-4
Martin Stewart	I/22a New Kingdom Egyptian	2	-4
Heath Avery	IV/47 Golden Horde	2	-8
Maila Webb	II/47a Early German	2	-8
Steven Chellew	II/16a Asiatic Early Successor	2	-9
Michael Richardson Jnr	IV/59a Post Mongol Samurai	0	-27

Sunday – Champion's League

Name	Armies	# of Wins	Points Score
David Brown	II/79b Chinese Southern Dynasty	3	7
John Thompson	IV/62 100 Years War English	3	5
Greg Kelleher	I/53 Saitic Egyptian	1	2
Michael Richardson Snr	IV/57c Low Countries	1	-6
Victor Jarmusz	IV/55 Ottoman	0	-8

Sunday – Best of the Rest

Name	Armies	# of Wins	Points Score
Martin Stewart	I/22a New Kingdom Egyptian	3	10
Heath Avery	IV/47 Golden Horde	2	2
Steven Chellew	II/16a Asiatic Early Successor	2	-2
Michael Richardson Jnr	IV/59a Post Mongol Samurai	2	-4
Maila Webb	II/47a Early German	1	-6