

WARMMASTER

Nerviens' Tournament 2005

The 2005 French Warmaster Tourney

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The 4th Nerviens' Annual Warmaster Tournament was held over the weekend of April 30th and May 1st, in the north-west of France, in a town called Monchaux, near Lille.

Despite several last minute cancellations, a respectable number of 14 players did join the event. Previous editions of the event

had seen English and Dutch players joining, this year the 'international' input was restricted to a Belgium delegation. The target for the weekend; 4 games of Warmaster, with two rounds scheduled each day.



Photo, from left to right :

Eric Cheron, Fred Mangeot, Stan Gallen, Dorian Pierre, Alexis Tavernier, Nicolas Porry, Stéphane Ménager hidden behind Jacques Desbordes, Pascal Olivier, Jean-Yves Troffigué, Fred Devaux.

In the front row: Bruno Guille, Christof Simons, and Yan Rothier.

EVENT SET-UP

Each round in the event is scheduled for 3 hours, players select armies of 2000 points with 2K min/max selection. For this years event we opted to allow the updated lists from the Fanatic website. The only restriction in army selection was that players could not choose any magic items. Instead we used the cards system as published in Fanatic! Magazine.

So for the fist game, each player picked up 4 item cards and 3 tactical cards. And at the beginning of each of the other 3 games he could take another 4. Given that a player could play 4 cards on a game, you can imagine that each game came with its lot of nasty surprises!

It had been decided to reward great commitment in battle by granting additional victory points on the following conditions:

- For control of the game's 'central' objective - 200 points.
- Winning the game – half the difference of the 'normal' VP's scored.
- Breaking the opponent's army – 500 points !

The fighting was bloody and with the larger number of turns allowed for with more than 3 hours available for each game, withdraws were common.



FINAL RESULTS

Generalship

1	Alexis Tavernier	Chaos	7,154 pts
2	Nicolas Porry	Khemri	4,876 pts
3	Pascal Olivier	High Elves	4,597 pts
4	Jacques Desbordes	Lizardmen	4,488 pts
5	Eric Cheron	Vampire Counts	4,262 pts
6	Christof Simons	Orcs & Goblins	4,238 pts
7	Fred Devaux	Vampire Counts	4,210 pts
8	Stephane Ménager	Daemon Legions	3,942 pts
9	Yan « AlgoFlash » Rothier	Dwarfs	3,828 pts
10	Fred Mangeot	Khemri	3,122 pts
11	Dorian Pierre	Khemri	2,851 pts
12	Jean-Yves Troffigué	Dark Elves	1,985 pts
13	Bruno Guille	Kislev	1,933 pts
14	Stan Gallen	Chaos	1,901 pts

* As you can see there where no Empire, Bretonian and Skaven armies mustered for the event, but a significant 33%+ of the armies fielded is Undead! (editor: is this a French? thing, or will we see this trend at CtA as well).

Also worth to noting that the number of armies from the 'original 6' is still more than 50% of the armies played.

PAINTING

Once again Christof Simons (BE) ruled over the painting contest with his magnificent Orcs & goblins army!

For next year he promised to field a new army! (I can't wait to see it ...)



Christof's winning army was very detailed. He used a white undercoat. The finished army had very nice stands.



Christof's greenies vs Jacques's blue-skins

Along with numerous Warmaster blisters (one of them being the great Emperor Dragon), rare prizes were supplied by the reactive Fanatic department of Games Workshop UK : rulebooks signed by Rick Priestley, Jervis Johnson and Andy Hall, exclusive preview of the Araby elephant ... thanks a lot to you guys !

And as my conclusion, I'd like to thank all the players for their fair-play and their enthusiasm.

We hope to see you all on the next year issue of our Warmaster Tournament !