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GAME NEWS

Arena #386 [4-Sided]: Turn #10 was the last of this contest and saw Side #4 expanding their lead and winning the game! A victory for the LEGION OF WAR! Though soundly defeated Sides #1 (HORNETS) and #2 (NIGHT STALKERS) scored really well, both on the final turn and overall. This turn saw the game's third and final Bot casualty as Lieutenant Miles Zillio was forced to eject from his Gunfighter (VR=1.63, DR=2.43). The Best Bot Victory Rating was 5.54!

T#6: S#1: 1.64 S#2: 2.75 S#3: 1.15 S#4: 2.93
T#7: S#1: 2.16 S#2: 3.19 S#3: 1.19 S#4: 3.51
T#8: S#1: 2.33 S#2: 3.37 S#3: 1.25 S#4: 3.83
T#9: S#1: 2.75 S#2: 3.75 S#3: 1.36 S#4: 4.20
T#10: S#1: 3.09 S#2: 4.07 S#3: 1.46 S#4: 4.71

Arena #387 [2004 Championship]: This was the final turn of the CTF2187 2004 Championship and saw the casualty count rise as Lieutenant Big Al Fooman was forced to eject from his battered Patriot (VR=1.01, DR=3.54!). This turn saw some high scoring and solid holds on the top three positions and a relatively close battle for fourth place. All but two of the survivors were close to destruction and one was down to a single Engine! And the winner is... check the game results!

Turn # 6: Lowest: 1.01 Average: 1.59 Best: 2.19
Turn # 7: Lowest: 1.01= Average: 1.76 Best: 2.49
Turn # 8: Lowest: 1.01= Average: 2.08 Best: 2.90
Turn # 9: Lowest: 1.01= Average: 2.29 Best: 3.08
Turn # 10: Lowest: 2.09 Average: 2.73 Best: 3.52

Arena #388 [PACIFIC STORM vs. SHADOW WARRIORS]: Turn #9 saw little change in the comparative ratings as Side #1 remains securely in the lead. Both teams are scoring well and that means the hits are really starting to add up — next turn could see three new Bot casualties and the game's first CP Kill. The Best Bot Victory Rating was 5.28.

Turn # 5: Side # 1: 1.20 Side # 2: 1.12
Turn # 6: Side # 1: 1.45 Side # 2: 1.25
Turn # 7: Side # 1: 1.71 Side # 2: 1.42
Turn # 8: Side # 1: 2.11 Side # 2: 1.82
Turn # 9: Side # 1: 2.35 Side # 2: 2.05

Arena #389 [FRAG' DEN HENKER vs. LEGION OF WAR]: Turn #6 was bad news for Side #1. Not only did they continue to lose ground in the ratings but they also suffered their first Bot casualties with

Lieutenant Warchild ejecting from his Warmachine (VR=1.19, DR=2.84) and Lieutenant General Merlin D'Arcy ejecting from his Ranger (VR=0.87, DR=2.67).

Turn #7 saw a comeback of sorts for the beleaguered Side #1 as they outscored their opponents on a relatively high scoring turn but continued to take losses. This turn saw Captain Abraham eject from his Archer (VR=1.06, DR=2.50) and Lieutenant John "Sticky" Wicket eject from his Cobra (VR=1.55, DR=2.35). There have been five casualties so far this game (four Bots and a CP) and all have been from Side #1 — how much longer can they survive? The Best Bot Victory Rating was 3.88.

Turn # 3: Side # 1: 0.54 Side # 2: 0.75
Turn # 4: Side # 1: 0.70 Side # 2: 1.08
Turn # 5: Side # 1: 0.83 Side # 2: 1.56
Turn # 6: Side # 1: 0.98 Side # 2: 1.82
Turn # 7: Side # 1: 1.33 Side # 2: 2.14

Coming Up: We are now taking applications for Arena #390 and need just one team (three Bots) to start either a Fast 4-Sided contest or a Standard Paced 2-Sided contest (nine Bots)!



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GAME RESULTS

This month saw the end of CTF Arena #387 — the 2004 Championship! This year's tournament had relatively light casualties (25%) though all but two of the finishers, including the three champions, were close to destruction. Overall scoring was modest this year though curiously the last place Pilot had the best score ever for someone in last place! Honorable mention goes to Major Carl Fredricks for surviving with but one Engine in his Ranger and to Lieutenant Rambot for the game's lowest Damage Rating (DR=1.66 with 15 Engines!). This year's Champions were:

1st Place: Lieutenant General Tim "Volcano" Rextor piloting a 60-ton Raptor (his second consecutive win and the third year in a row the winner has piloted a Raptor) — Victory Rating=3.52, Damage Rating=1.85 (Dick Voog — winner of \$50 in game credits).

2nd Place: Major Carl Fredericks piloting a 70-ton Ranger — Victory Rating=3.34, Damage Rating=3.60! with one Engine remaining! (Robert Shurtz — winner of \$30 in game credits).

3rd Place: Colonel Samson Bot-Blaster piloting a 70-ton Ranger — Victory Rating=2.73, Damage Rating=2.29 (Johnny Jordan — winner of \$20 in game credits).

This month also saw the end of CTF Arena #386, a 4-Sided contest. Though the battle was often close and three of the four teams scored extremely well Side #4 was able to take the lead from the very first turn and held it through to the game's conclusion capturing the Team Victory with a rating of 4.71 — one of the best in Arena history! A great victory for the LEGION OF WAR. Honorable mention goes to Sides #1 (HORNETS, VR=3.09) and #2 (NIGHT STALKERS, VR=4.07) for putting up such a good fight and ending the contest with what would have normally been game winning ratings. The Individual Victory was awarded to Lieutenant Walks Softly who earned a rating of 5.54 while piloting a Ranger for third place Side #1. Honorable mention goes to Lieutenant Bili The Axe who had the second highest Victory Rating (VR=5.31) and fourth lowest Damage Rating (DR=1.51) while piloting a Ranger. The winning Team Members were:

Lieutenant Woad The Witless — 4.30
Lieutenant Bili The Axe — 5.31
Major Zhitnik Zezel — 4.51

All Hail the victors!



HALL OF FAME

Ratings are only for those Pilots who have completed games and do not include games in progress. Kills, however, do include games in progress.

Senior Ranking Pilots

General Dutchman
General Madmartigan
General Anthony Stark
General Cutthroat Collins
General Bolo
General Mad Dog
General Bastlor Grumock
General Riva Irongrip
General Mordius
General Lunatik
General Helen Narena
General Slime Sledge Hammer
General Rugal Ratslayer
General Solo McIntres
General Whispering Death
General Blood Shredder
General H.A.L. Mayne
General I.B. Tryon
General Angus McNarley
* General Jerek Loren
General Frontal Robotomy
General Richard Shadowhand
General Kael

Top Light Bot Ratings

Lt. Colonel Wan Tyn Sol Jr. — 8.30!
Lt. General Slanter Jax — 7.92
General Madmartigan — 7.82

Top Medium Bot Ratings

Lieutenant Findem And Fryem — 6.99
Lieutenant Bili the Axe — 6.89
General Slime Sledge Hammer — 6.37

Top Heavy Bot Ratings

Captain Mack Ross — 5.60
Captain Achilles — 5.21
Major Embo Slamboa — 5.01

Top Light Bot Pilots (3+ Game Average)

Major Odysseus — 6.07
Lieutenant Bad Karma — 5.67
Colonel Larry Underwood — 5.40

Top Medium Bot Pilots (3+ Game Average)

* Lieutenant Bili the Axe — 4.38
Major General Hawkeye — 4.34
* Captain Flaxen Fury — 4.28

Top Heavy Bot Pilots (3+ Game Average)

Lt. Colonel Augustus — 3.57
General Blood Shredder — 3.43
Major Cannon Fodder — 3.41

Pilots With The Most Individual Victories
General Solo McIntres — 7

Pilots With The Most Team Victories
General Anthony Stark — 16

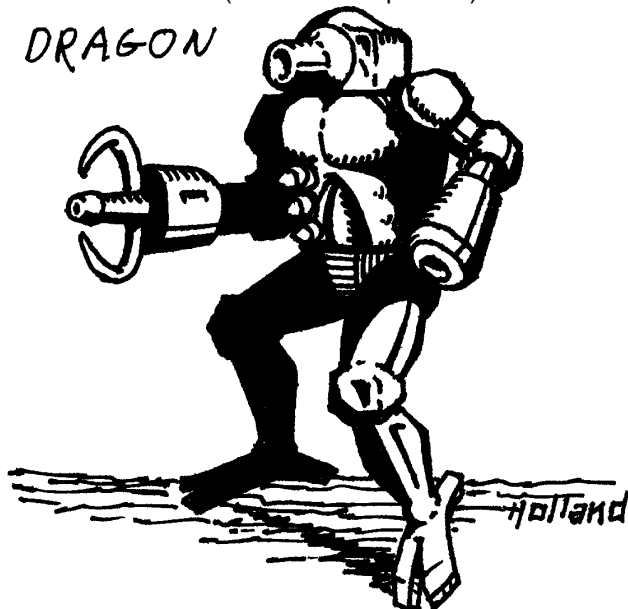
Pilots With The Most Bot Kills
Captain Grim Reaper — 7

Pilot With The Most CP Kills
General Blood Shredder — 10

Top 2-Sided Team Ratings
A#363 Side #2 (un-named) — 3.22!
A#385 Side #2 (Legion Of War) — 3.03
A#378 Side #2 (Dynachrome Brigade) — 3.02
A#326 Side #2 (un-named) — 2.89
A#186 Side #2 (Centurions) — 2.87
A#379 Side #2 (Legion Of War) — 2.85
A#327 Side #1 (Kzinti Fithp) — 2.83
A#294 Side #2 (4th Praetorian Guard) — 2.83
A#209 Side #2 (Black Company) — 2.83
A#346 Side #2 (Frag' Den Henker) — 2.82
A#114 Side #2 (Mechastorm) — 2.82
A#348 Side #1 (Lensmen) — 2.77
A#355 Side #1 (Frag' Den Henker) — 2.76
A#351 Side #2 (Kzinti Fithp) — 2.74
A#329 Side #1 (un-named) — 2.72

Top 4-Sided Team Ratings
A#359 Side #3 (Bot Busters) — 5.11
A#377 Side #4 (un-named) — 5.10
A#302 Side #2 (B'Hood of Thunder) — 5.07
A#386 Side #4 (Legion Of War) — 4.71
A#339 Side #3 (Intrepid Enterprises) — 4.48
A#366 Side #3 (Bot Busters) — 4.38
A#249 Side #4 (Intrepid Enterprises) — 4.40
A#263 Side #2 (Intrepid Enterprises) — 4.34
A#317 Side #3 (B'Hood of Thunder) — 4.28
A#319 Side #3 (Legion of War) — 4.22
A#161 Side #4 (un-named) — 4.21
A#375 Side #4 (Legion Of War) — 4.16
A#310 Side #2 (Assass./Intrepid Ent) — 4.12

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Top 2x4 Team Ratings
A#376 Side #2 (Kzinti Fithp/The Line) — 3.31
A#368 Side #1 (Legion of War) — 3.01
A#333 Side #1 (Berserkers) — 2.96

WHAT'S NEW

Looking over our records we noticed it has been quite a while since we revised the rule books and there have been a number of changes to the game system since the last revision. To make sure everyone is up to date on all the changes, and to simplify keeping track of the changes, we have assembled them all into a new document boldly titled "THE BEST OF THE COMMAND POST" (we hope to later expand it by including strategy articles and more). Covering Command Post Issues #55 through #158, this publication is FREE for the asking when your request is accompanied by a turn or payment to your account, otherwise we ask \$1.00 to cover postage and handling.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As reported earlier, we have just completed our 14th Annual CTF Championship Tournament. For comparison purposes we thought you might enjoy reading how the results of this year's tourney compare to the previous contests:

1991	Low: 0.91	Avg: 2.33	Best: 5.10	Casualties: 25%
1992	Low: 0.74	Avg: 2.11	Best: 3.35	Casualties: 30%
1993	Low: 1.15	Avg: 2.46	Best: 4.07	Casualties: 30%
1994	Low: 0.71	Avg: 2.35	Best: 4.10	Casualties: 25%
1995	Low: 1.96	Avg: 3.09	Best: 4.40	Casualties: 41%!
1996	Low: 1.56	Avg: 3.09	Best: 4.08	Casualties: 30%
1997	Low: 1.65	Avg: 3.63!	Best: 5.70!	Casualties: 41%!
1998	Low: 2.06	Avg: 2.72	Best: 3.38	Casualties: 33%
1999	Low: 1.94	Avg: 2.56	Best: 3.00	Casualties: 38%
2000	Low: 1.66	Avg: 2.75	Best: 3.73	Casualties: 33%
2001	Low: 1.70	Avg: 2.67	Best: 3.76	Casualties: 25%
2002	Low: 1.32	Avg: 2.58	Best: 4.00	Casualties: 25%
2003	Low: 1.17	Avg: 2.26	Best: 3.15	Casualties: 20%
2004	Low: 2.09!	Avg: 2.73	Best: 3.52	Casualties: 25%

Coming in July, our FIFTEENTH annual Championship Tournament! Sign up now! The first four signups get the coveted "pole" positions (ie. are set up in the corners of the Arena near the poles that hold the shields that protect the audiences from harm. Being in the corner, your flanks and rear are better protected during the opening salvos!).

SPREAD THE WORD

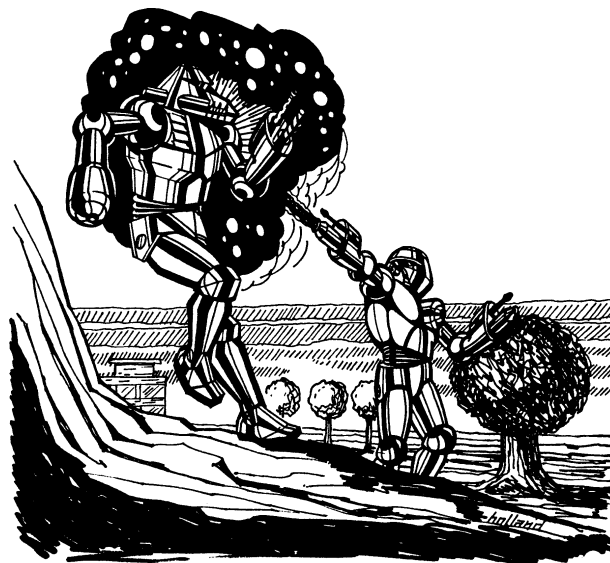
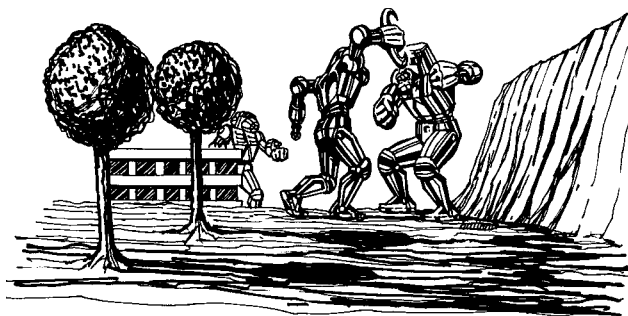
Do you know someone who might be interested in Play-By-Mail? Better yet, how about someone who might be interested in playing one of the games run by AGE (CTF, COD I, COD II)? If so, send us their name and address and we will send them our massive information package along with a special free gift. It's a great way to recruit a friend into the hobby.

IN MEMORIAM

With great regret we must announce the passing of Joseph "Joe" Holland, one time COD Player (55th Beasty), long time CTF Player (Dutchman, Pancho Villa, Carver 'Artout, Felix the Scout, and many others). Joe had the distinction of being the only CTF player on the Standby List for most of the game's history and probably set a record for the most teams created (besides being a founding member of the Dynachrome Brigade). But to us, more than anything, he was a friend — almost from the first day he wandered in on a CTF demo at an LA gaming convention. One of our "warmest" memories of Joe was playing paintball with him on one of the hottest days Southern California can muster and, in between half hour long sprints through the bush in the quest for victory, he would be swilling HOT coffee and having a smoke while everyone else was downing cold drinks and trying to catch their breath!

We will really miss Joe. His unique style, wonderful role playing, amusing banter, and the cute "hello dere" greeting that preceded every conversation will be missed. Our most sincere condolences to Joe's family and friends.

In addition to everything else he was, including a Vietnam vet, Joe was a talented artist. What follows is a montage of some his best work. Enjoy!



SPECIAL OFFER

July 1st is a special date for us here at Advanced Gaming Enterprises as it marks the NINETEEN year anniversary of our first processing turns for the original Crack of Doom Playtest (the company itself was actually formed several months earlier). In celebration and to show our gratitude for your dedicated and enthusiastic support we have the following special offer: Send in a single check for \$50.00 or more for your CoD or CTF account during the month of JUNE and we will deposit that money PLUS an additional \$4.00 into your account. That's right, an additional four extra dollars game credit, FREE! It's just our way of saying Thank You! [Note: This is a 'CASH ONLY' offer that includes checks and Money Orders but NOT payments made by Credit or Debit Card.]