

The Palatine Area Advanced Squad Leaders (PAASL) #20 (sessions #78-80)

Once again I'll remind you that we have a numbering system that will now be used in place of "session #1" etc. I have kept the games played numbered, and will now use *those* numbers when listing "sessions". A session now refers to a night of game playing, and an individual game played has a number. For example the next game night discussed was the 78th session (night of gaming), and the 169th game played (individual games played at that session). Read on.

Our 78th session saw two players show up. Pellam and Berkout had to cancel. We played our last miniatures game of the summer as Timonen's Red Devils (British Paratroopers) tried to take Pegasus Bridge in **Ham and Bloody Jam**. The conscript German's under Bennett's direction held up well using a beautifully placed defense and some low rolls at critical times to demoralize his opponent. This was a miniature version of the historical map and Kleinschmidt had some fun trying to match his buildings to the historical photographs from Ambrose's book "Pegasus Bridge" (a great book, I recommend it highly; Ed.) Kleinschmidt spent his time moderating the game as it included night rules and special terrain.

The 79th session on 9/19/06, featured the Starter Kit #1 scenario **Released From the East**. The Germans here had to hold on to two of the three large buildings. Kleinschmidt defeated the gallant Hallet when his German's held the middle building. Pellam defeated Poffenberger's Russians (welcome back Jim, we really missed you) in a dramatic close combat for the left building. Berkout racked up his 1st victory, as he defeated Timonen's Russians in the last close combat of the last turn to win in the center building. Timonen was very helpful in reminding Berkout of the rules of the game.

Kleinschmidt had a great time and thanks you all for coming. You are a great group of guys.

Our 80th session (**#80, woo-hoo!**) was held on 10/24/06. We played S11 **A LONG WAY TO GO**. A German attacker had to exit 9 points to win against the American defender. The battle could have been fought upfront or in the back since the terrain was hills/city (upfront) or woods/bldgs further back. In our previous playing of this game the Americans won all 3, but this time while Timonen lost as the Germans with lots of ELR's against Kleinschmidt's defense, Bennett's Germans defeated both Hallet and Berkout on separate boards. They may have set up a few too many units too far up where they couldn't fall back and got caught as prisoners or surrendered for failure to rout.

And now for the awards....

Most R.O.F. - Jeff Hallet (a series of 6 or 7 folowed by a series of 4 or 5 on a MTR that unfortunately never penetrated the building it was firing at.)

Best Sportsman- Dave Timonen

The standings so far....

80% **Doug Bennett** (look out everybody, a new man to beat)
78% **Dave Kleinschmidt** (may have to settle for 2nd place from now on)
53% **Dave Timonen** (hangin' in there)
50% **Dan Sullivan** (grudge match against Joe to decide who's really in 4th place?)
50% **Joe Pellam** (grudge match against Dan to decide who's really in 4th place?)
45% **Rick Hollander** (still there)
38% **Jon Fujii** (missed a few lately, 3 wins puts you at 50%)
36% **Chris Walters** (got to love this guy)
34% **Greg Haas** (Germany again!?!)
33% **Keith Burkout** (up and coming)
25% **Jeff Hallett** (up and coming also)
25% **Jim Poffenberger** (we miss you buddy)
0% **Randy Nelson** (no where to go but up)