

EURO WIF CON 2012: Gamereport Table 5

Players.

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Options.

We used RAW 8.7 with usual options including Oil, Offensive points. Each side has to play a minimum of two impulses a turn. We didn't play with FiF, Cruisers in Flames, CoiF and intelligence. Disbanding was not allowed. The America-Mini-Map was in use, no other maps. We agreed on nations just by mail and there was no special agreement concerning game end.

Setup.

Pacific:

Russia put only the usual units there with the majority in the west of the manchurian border.

Khabarovsk is empty. Japan setup against Russia, with a CAV in the north to block the railline. Against China, Canton is defended and the northern forces are setup forward against the Communists.

Europe:

Germany did a Poland first setup with some divisions against Denmark and a small group at the Yugoslavian border. Italy setup against France and breaks down her MTN.



Set-up in Europe (including the DOW on Poland)

September/October 1939

Weather: 1, 1, 3, 3

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

Germany starts with a DOW on Poland (+1 USE), attacks with small forces Lodz from two sides and takes it. Warsaw is empty and with a cunning move Poland activates it's Reserve to occupy Warsaw in it's first impuls (RAW 8).

CW and France DOW Germany (no USE) and Russia claims Eastern Poland (-1 USE). In their next impulse, Germany and Italy DOW Denmark (no USE). Denmark is done very fast. Warsaw fell and in the polish impuls suicidal attacks fail. In it's second Impuls Russia claims the Finnish Borderlands and the brave Finns decide to fight (-2 USE) but not to defend Petsamo. A little turmoil on the Allied side. After a few bottles of beer the Allies have rallied and Russia bring in further troops at the Finnish border.

In the third german impuls 2 corps and 1 Div are reinforcing Finland as peacekeepers. Germany built up troops bordering Yugoslavia. Finally Germany decide not to play the „Yugoslavian Gambit“ to get Bessarabia because of the Russian Campaign in Finland.

CW decides to mine the Norwegian Coast (RAW 8). The Die-Roll-of-Doom results in 10 Norwegian CPs for the Allies (and in -1 USE).

Pacific:

In China, Japan take one mountain hex in the north and Chengchow. (no USE). After the Russia-Finnish-War starts, Japan DOWs Russia (no USE). One impuls later Khabarovsk fell. The railline in the north is blocked. Japan fight in Siberia and in Northern China with full effort and occupies Si-An and threatening to outflank the Communists in the north. The Turn ends with an allied pass WITHOUT China!

US-Entry:

No Options.



SO39: Japan DOWs the SU!

November/Dezember 1939

Weather: 9, 5, 3

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

In its third impulse Germany DOWs Netherlands. The Netherlands unit is placed in the open (in fine weather). The three German airstrikes in the surprise on the unit fails, not allowing the Tank-Corps to overrun it. In the words of the CW-Player this demonstrates „the perfect allied assessment of limited German airpower“. So the CW reinforces Rotterdam with 2 Corps. But the 2 TRS are in Rotterdam, from a German point of view as „hostages“. The CW reinforces France with 4 BP.



Europe after the attack on the Netherlands

Pacific:

Only some Samurai-Shuffling.

US-Entry:

US-East-Coast-Escorts, Resources to China (+1 US Tension).

Januar/Februar 1940

Weather: 7, 6

Initiative: Allied

Europe:

CW Reinforces Amsterdam (for that reason the Axis were complaining loudly about the Initiative die roll). The German High Seas fleet (4 SCS) sortied in the North Sea sinking both of the CW TRS in this Theater. The Scharnhorst was damaged. By the way Gort drowned in this naval battle ... The Germans count for about 15 BP sunk! The British FTR2 and the 4 Corps in the Netherlands were OOS at the end of the turn. In Finland the Russians were reforming the Red Army, executing its own generals and luring around but there was no combat.

Pacific:

Only some Samurai-Shuffling this time in southern China.



Asia after the Russian „capitulation“

US-Entry:

No Options.

March/April 1940

Weather: 9 (Fine!), 6, 2, 5

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

Germany decides to exploit the good weather roll. Against the advice of the Japanese Tenno, the German player DOWs on Belgium. At this moment no one understood that this put the CW Corps in Amsterdam and in Rotterdam in Supply again! The German PARA drop in an empty Bruxelles. The

French counterattack on Bruxelles succeeded and killed the PARA. German took Amsterdam. The second german attack on Bruxelles failed with -/1. The Allies get an USE by supporting Belgium. In a naval battle in the North Sea the Deutschland sunk.

Pacific:

Only some Samurai-Shuffling in southern China.

US-Entry:

Ressources to western Allies (+1 US Tension).

Mai/June 1940

Weather: 4, 9, 7, 10, 1, 10

Initiative: Allied

Europe:

Germany plays an offensive chit on Rudnstedt and takes Bruxelles and Sedan. The Russian starts their Summer War vs. the brave Finns killing 2 corps. CW Ground Strikes, German Breakthroughs and a lot of wooling in the Ardennes. The Forest hex falls in the second Blitz attack. Italy DOWs France (only) and attacks in the alpes, taking one Hex.



Fall Gelb, JA40

Pacific:

Only some Samurai-Shuffling this time in southern China.

US-Entry:

Resources to USSR and Intern French CV.

July/August 1940

Weather: 5, 6, 8, 8

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

Germany takes hexes adjacent to Paris. A brave French Suicide attack kills Rundstedt.

US-Entry:

No Options.

September/Oktobre 1940

Weather: 7, 7

Initiative: Allied (Axis dr 10, Allied dr 9 +2 = Arrrrgh)



Fall Gelb, SO40

Europe:

A few French corps move into Germany threatening to align Yugoslavia. Germany surrounds Paris.

US-Entry:

No Options.

November/December 1940

Weather: 5, 7

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

In spite of flipping only two of the defenders of Paris with 6 Ground Strikes Germany takes Paris and declares Vichy (Morocco/Algeria/Tunisia, West Africa, Asian Minors, New Caledonia !!). Free French consists of: Syria, Indochina !!, Madagascar !!, French Equatorial (Home country), Pacific territories.

US-Entry:

No Options.

January/February 1941

Weather: 6, 6, 4

Initiative: Allied

Europe:

Germany takes Antwerpen killing the London MIL. Preparing operations in the MED.

US-Entry:

Gear-up.

March/April 1941

Weather: 4, 4, 11, 8, 10, 4

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

German SUBs don't find anything in any impulses. German SCS empties Faroer Gap, sinking the Exeter, losing the Admiral Sheer.

Germany starting a bombing campaign versus London. The first attack with 15 factors misses, the second attack with 23 factors misses too (only one hit). The Führer is complaining about not bombing London into stone age. A Stuka striking Malta does not hit the corps.

US-Entry:

Occupy Greenland/Iceland, Embargo on strategic materials, Relocate Fleet to Pearl Harbor.

May/June 1941

Weather: ?

Initiative: Allied

Europe:

CW reinforces Egypt. IT dows CW, sinking one TRS and 3 CP. CW evacuates Eastern MED after the second battle there in which CW loses the only FTR in Egypt. Another CW TRS is damaged. In Malta there are two flipped units but Malta not OOS, because of a single CW CP in the eastern MED. Germany rolls unsuccessfully four times to find the lone CP in the eastern Med and the Fuhrer is outraged.

US-Entry:

No Options.

July/August 1941

Weather: ?

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

After the third search roll in this turn, Germany sets Malta OOS and flips all three units in Malta. The +14 attack of course failed and the German MAR, PARA, Para Div are all killed. The assault on Egypt with the Schwimmpanzer and two other Divs succeeded. Suez is blocked with an invasion and Alexandria taken one impulse later from Libyan TER from the West without combat.

US-Entry:

No Options.

September/October 1941

Weather: 4, 4

Initiative: Allied

Europe:

Germany attacks Greece and is building up against Athens. The Allies evacuate Egypt. Germany takes the Suez Canal. Germany starts suicidal attacks on Malta with single Divs vs. the two flipped and OOS units.

Pacific:

Japan shuffles a lot in the Pacific.

US-Entry:

War appropriation.



Europe at the End of 1941

November/December 1941

Weather: ?

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

The +15 attack in rain on Athens fails of course, ending the dream of conquering Greece in 1941. The German attack on Malta continues with single Divs. The Russians conquer Persia with a +8 assault in Snow weather – of course no problem for the boasting Russian Propaganda Champion :-)

Pacific:

The surprise Port Strike on Pearl Harbor sinks the Lexington and the Saratoga. Major Allied command friction about the nature of the US Carrier Force in Pearl Harbor. „Suggestions“ about the Ranger and the Wasp were countered by the US player with the famous words „They have to die there“ (as a bait)! Japan conquers New Zealand and prepares for Singapore. US takes all entry actions against JP to gain tension and declares total war.

(the US was obviously far from being able to DOW JP or Ger/It due to lack of tension).

January/February 1942

Weather: all Blizzard

Initiative: Axis

Europe:
Nothing

Pacific:
Japan builds up operations vs. Australia via New Kaledonia.

US-Entry:
No Options.

March/April 1942

Weather: ?
Initiative: Allied

Europe:
IT takes Cairo. Germany takes Athens and aligns Hungary. Germany takes Malta with the fourth Wave of single Divisions.

May/June 1942

Weather: ?
Initiative: Allied

Europe:
GE and IT DOW the SU. Vitebsk is taken in the North. The first German attack on Kishinev fails (+14 attack). The Russian counter attack there generates the first GBA.

Pacific:
Japan starts a major campaign in Australia: one HQ, four corps, some divisions, Air and Fleet support. Sydney and Melbourne were taken and the CW manages in the last impulse to reconquer Melbourne!!! The US fleet intelligence is obviously superior to the Japanese (split 1-8) and part of the Japanese invasion fleet sinks.

July/August 1942

Weather: ?
Initiative: Allied

Europe:
Allied building a fleet in the Western Mediterranean. The Allies DOW Vichy and take Bone in Tunisia with a PARA. Large built up in Algeria.
Germany pushes in the north until one Hex of Kalinin and in the South the +13 on Kiev fails of course.

The Russians, which were retreated the impuls before to Kharkov and Stalion (leaving behind only one MIL in Dneprepetrows) are hurrying back and occupying the river line again. Operation Barbarossa is called off.

September/Oktober 1942

Weather: 5, 5

Initiative: Allied

Europe:

Operation Roundhammer occupies Brest. The First attack on Nantes (+10) failes.



Europe at the End of 1942

November/December 1942

Weather: 1, 4

Initiative: Allied

Europe:

Russia sinks the german CPs in the Baltic. The North Sea is cleared from CW ships. The Battle ion the Biscaya is a stalemate.

Pacific:

Slowly the CW fights down the oos Japanese presence in Australia.

January/February 1943

Weather: 2, 2

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

Nothing

Pacific:

Nothing

March/April 1943

Weather: ?

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

Zkhukov attacks in Storm with +7 and crosses the Dnjepr.

Pacific:

About this time the US started a surprise Invasion of Tokyo (a little bit illegal because one sea zone was skipped, but no one recognizes it early enough so it was executed). The final attack vs. one MI with +4 or so failed miserably, thus punishing the illegal move. The Fuhrer was very anxious.



Asia in 1943

May/June 1943

Weather: ?

Initiative: Axis

Europe:

Nothing

Pacific:

Nothing

Collapsing of the german based chronology occurred now :-)

So the further developments in a brief form.



Europe at the Beginning of Summer 1944

Europe:

The Allies in the West were contained in the Beach head in Brest until Summer 1944. Two additional attacks on Nantes failed. The Attack on Italy was given up in 1943. Algier holds until the End of 1944 with a german MTN and Algerian TER. The US PARA in Tunisia was evacuated.

An Allied landing in Denmark and two allied landings in the netherlands were contained and had to be evacuated. The CW player gets the „Most evacuated Allied troops from the Continent Award“ in the end of 1943. Starting from March/April 1944 the germans in France were confronted by one or two western allied Offensives each impuls, completely smashing the Seine line. The Germans hold Belgium and Metz and the Rhine in the end of ND44. A surprise landing in Italy finally brought the Surrender of IT in SO44 and the complete conquest of IT after the occupation of Tirana in ND44 with an invasion.

In the East the Russian get two snow Impulses from Winter 1942 on. In these two impulses the germans had initiative and were retreating before the Russiand Snow attack. The poor Russian Player had to be satisfied with broadcasting propaganda all the time („Stalingrad, every sevent second a german soldier dies“!). In the end (ND44) the German front was solid from Danzig to the south edge of the carpatians. South of bukarest there was whooling.



Europe at the end of ND44

Asia/Pacific:

The Allies breached the outer Perimeter, taking Rabaul, Kwajalein and Truk. Japan declared war on Russia again to get some terrain in Northern Manchuria. In the End of ND44 the Japanese core was not in danger and there was little Power to be able to be projected by the US who was as always reluctant to risk his little CV toys. Tokyo was defended at last by three units :-)



Asia at the End of 1944 (in Manila it's a Japanese TER)

We ended the game with the ND44 turn. Both sides claiming victory :-)