

TABLETOP WARGAMING FOR EVERYONE

NEW ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL RULES SET FROM SLITHERINE SOFTWARE UK LTD AND OSPREY PUBLISHING

Slitherine Software UK Ltd and Osprey Publishing are pleased to announce the development of a new, fully accessible rules set for ancient and medieval tabletop wargaming. The new game, with a current working title of *Art of War*, will provide an exciting and enjoyable challenge for anyone interested in re-creating the desperate struggles of ancient and medieval civilisations. An extensive set of companion volumes will also be published, detailing hundreds of armies throughout the era, including the troops of the world's greatest generals like Rameses, Alexander the Great, Caesar and Charles the Bold.

IN DEVELOPMENT

Art of War has been created by some of the best known names in the wargaming world, working to a specific brief. JD McNeil, Business Development Director of Slitherine explains more:

“We wanted to create a rules set that was accessible to everyone, that someone new to wargaming could play as well as the seasoned veteran. We set out to create a system, which uses simple language that is clearly set out for beginners and yet has enough depth to stretch and hold the attention of veteran gamers. The feedback from our legion of testers indicates that we achieved this beyond our expectations.”

The game has been developed for the past twelve months by a collaboration of experts well known within wargaming circles, including Richard Bodley Scott, co-author of the very successful DBM wargames rules, Simon Hall and Terry Shaw, both past World Wargaming Champions, along with Iain McNeil and JD McNeil of Slitherine who are again both ex-World Wargaming Champions. It features a variety of innovative developments including the ability to fight ‘what if’ conflicts – Caesar versus Richard the Lion Heart – as well as historically accurate scenarios.

SLITHERINE AND OSPREY

So how did Osprey publishing become involved? JD explains:

“We needed a partner to help us develop a visually appealing product. One that knew how to convey a lot of information in an easily readable format and who could also provide artwork of the highest quality that would really bring the book to life. There was really only one place to go.”

The design team at Osprey Publishing are currently working on the fully illustrated full-colour rule book and companion volumes, using the library of artwork from their extensive range of titles covering the ancient and medieval periods. Additionally, the photographic skills of Duncan McFarlane, editor of *Wargames Illustrated* and respected gamer will feature throughout as well as a variety of explanatory diagrams and maps to aid understanding and gameplay.

Osprey Publishing Chief Executive William Shepherd is happy to be working with Slitherine:

“Slitherine have a formidable reputation in computer gaming for strategists and history enthusiasts everywhere. Their expertise and involvement with wargaming gives them a very clear idea of what they wanted to achieve with *Art of War* and when we looked at what they had done we knew it was a game we really wanted to help bring out.”

COMING SOON

Art of War will be available complete with two companion army list books from a variety of outlets in early 2008. More army lists and add-ons will be released during 2008 and onwards.

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SLITHERINE SOFTWARE LTD.

Slitherine Software UK Ltd. is a privately funded and independent UK developer and publisher. Since launching its Slitherine Strategies brand the company has released numerous historical strategy games including *Legion*, *Legion Gold*, *Chariots of War*, *Spartan*, *Gates of Troy*, *Legion Arena* and *Cult of Mithras*. They are dedicated to bringing highly playable and approachable strategy games to the mass market. Slitherine Software is uniquely placed to deliver due to their experience within the industry and also the wider gaming community. Two of their founding members are also world champions in tabletop wargaming, giving them an incomparable insight into the workings of strategy games.

Slitherine, in collaboration with **THE HISTORY CHANNEL**, is now adding a further great title to its portfolio: *The History Channel: Great Battles of Rome*.

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