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GAME NEWS

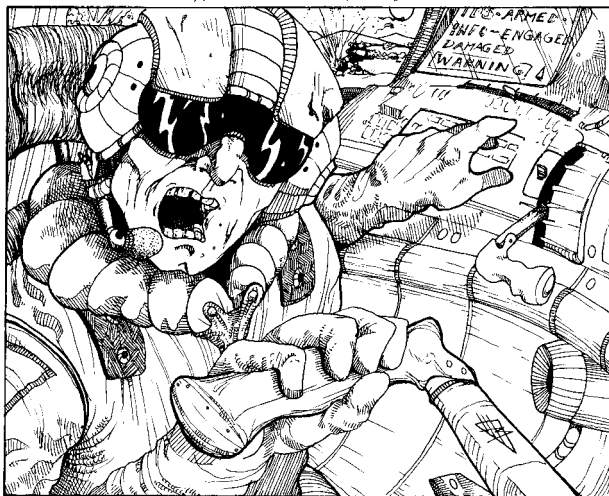
Arena #363: Turn #9 saw impressive scoring by both teams, especially for so late in the contest. Side #1, despite being hopelessly behind and down by one Bot, was able to hold their own point-wise. The next turn will be the last and the outcome is certain. The only question remains who will become casualties and who will survive! The Best Bot Victory Rating is 6.43!

Turn # 7: Side # 1: 1.15 Side # 2: 2.41
Turn # 8: Side # 1: 1.39 Side # 2: 2.60
Turn # 9: Side # 1: 1.73 Side # 2: 2.96

Arena #364: Turn #7 saw Side #1 retaking the lead for the first time since turn #4 as they gain a slight edge over Side #4. Much further back in the standings we have a virtual dead heat for third place between Sides #2 and #3. Next turn should be intense as the scoring battles are very close and we have two Bots close to destruction. The Best Bot Victory Rating is 3.30.

T#5: S#1: 2.20 S#2: 1.17 S#3: 1.17 S#4: 2.36
T#6: S#1: 2.53 S#2: 1.26 S#3: 1.32 S#4: 2.56
T#7: S#1: 2.78 S#2: 1.53 S#3: 1.52 S#4: 2.72

Arena #365 [Frag' Den Henker vs. Dynachrome Brigade]: Turn #6 saw no change in the comparative ratings as Side #1 maintains the barest of leads. This situation could change dramatically next turn as this turn saw the game's first casualty. This unfortunate honor fell to Major A.J. Rimmer who was forced to eject from his battered Warmachine (VR=0.63, DR=2.83) leaving Side #1 outnumbered eight Bots to nine. The Best Bot



Victory Rating is 2.85.

Turn # 4: Side # 1: 0.82 Side # 2: 0.84
Turn # 5: Side # 1: 1.10 Side # 2: 1.08
Turn # 6: Side # 1: 1.40 Side # 2: 1.38

Arena #366: Turn #3 saw another incredible scoring run by Side #3 which allowed them to greatly expand their lead. Sides #1 and #2 both scored well this turn and are now in a virtual tie for second place. Trailing the pack is a distant Side #4. As might be expected from such strong scoring, CP attacks were the order of the day and next turn will likely see the game's first CP Kill. The Best Bot Victory Rating is 2.15.

T#1: S#1: 0.16 S#2: 0.07 S#3: 0.09 S#4: 0.04
T#2: S#1: 0.36 S#2: 0.30 S#3: 0.72 S#4: 0.25
T#3: S#1: 0.64 S#2: 0.63 S#3: 1.51 S#4: 0.40

Arena #367: Turn #1 saw a tie for the lead as Side #1 and #4 move into to first place with Sides #2 and #3 trailing behind. Not coincidentally, as you might have guessed from the scoring, Sides #1 and #4 are going head-to-head while Sides #2 and #3 are facing off against each other on the opposite end of the Arena. Next turn will likely see the first CP assaults and some really high scoring. The Best Bot Victory Rating is 0.47.

T#1: S#1: 0.24 S#2: 0.09 S#3: 0.05 S#4: 0.24

Arena #368 [Special 2x4 Match, Legion Of War vs. Sisters of Silicon]: Turn #1 saw this contest getting off to a great start as both teams scored well. Side #2 currently has a slight lead due mainly to their lighter tonnage as both teams have virtually identical Victory Points. Side #2 is keeping each of their two squads close together forming two hard-hitting battle groups which may prove to be an advantage over Side #1's more dispersed formations. Next turn will likely see continued high scoring as the first attacks against the Command Posts begin. The Best Bot Victory Rating is 0.60.

Turn # 1: Side # 1: 0.25 Side # 2: 0.27

Coming Up: We are now taking applications for Arena #369. We are close to starting a new Fast Paced 4-Sided contest.

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HALL OF FAME

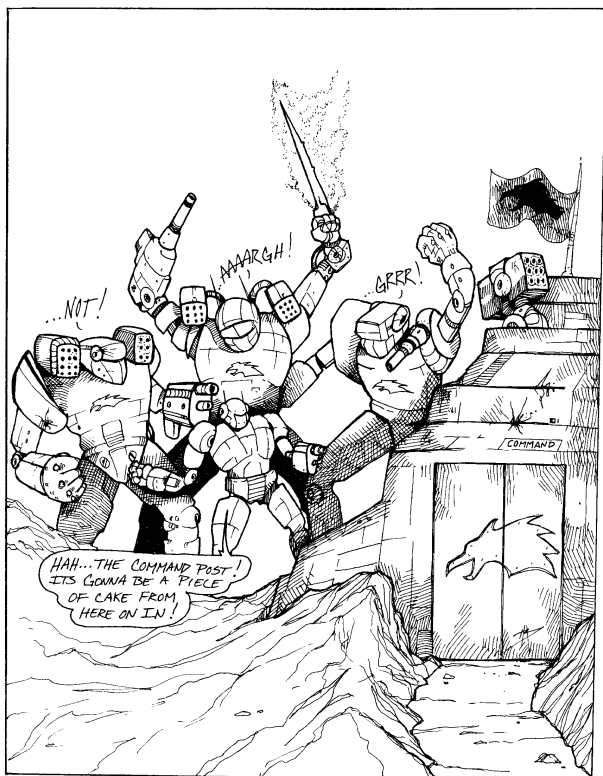
Pilot Ratings do not include the results of Face-to-Face games. Ratings are only for those Pilots who have completed games and do not include games in progress. Kills, however, do include games in progress.

Senior Ranking Pilots

General Dutchman
 General Anthony Stark
 General Cutthroat Collins
 General Bolo
 General Bastlor Grumock
 General Riva Irongrip
 General Lunatik
 General Rugal Ratslayer
 General Solo McIntres
 General I.B. Tryon
 General Angus McNarley
 General Kael

Top Light Bot Ratings

Major Wan Tyn Sol Jr. — 8.30!
 Major General Slanter Jax — 7.92
 Lt. General Madmartigan — 7.82
 Captain Condor — 7.65
 Colonel Otto Von Braun — 7.52
 Major Odysseus — 7.45
 General I.B. Tryon — 7.40
 Major Eric Sunsword — 7.30
 Colonel Artemis — 7.18
 Colonel Phantom Shadow — 7.15



Top Medium Bot Ratings

Major General Slime Sledge Hammer — 6.37
 Major Roger Dawkins — 6.20
 Lt. Colonel Chico Delgado — 5.87
 Lt. Colonel Jerek Loren — 5.60
 Lt. Colonel Egoan Mor — 5.51
 Lt. Colonel Draka Deathdealer — 5.39
 Lieutenant Brian Boru 5.30
 Major Hammerhead — 5.20
 Major General Hawkeye 5.16
 Lt. Colonel Tlepolemus — 5.07

Top Heavy Bot Ratings

Captain Mack Ross — 5.60
 Captain Achilles — 5.21
 Major Embo Slamboa — 5.01
 Lieutenant Hagen — 4.99
 Captain Krunch — 4.86
 Brig. General Botman — 4.80
 Colonel Oliver Stone — 4.75
 Lt. Colonel Storm Chanter II — 4.60
 Major Cannon Fodder 4.52
 Lt. Colonel Dana Malh — 4.48

Top Light Bot Pilots (3+ Game Average)

Major Odysseus — 6.07
 Lieutenant Bad Karma — 5.67
 Colonel Larry Underwood — 5.40
 General Kael — 5.32
 Captain Condor — 5.17
 Major U.B.1 Snotlicker — 4.77
 Lt. Colonel Ian McTaggart — 4.73
 Brig. General Botman — 4.66
 Lt. General Madmartigan — 4.62
 Major General Arlos Terminator — 6.62

Top Medium Bot Pilots (3+ Game Average)

Major General Hawkeye — 4.34
 Lt. Colonel Draka Deathdealer — 3.69
 Captain Stephen Maturin — 3.66
 Lt. Colonel Tlepolemus — 3.52
 Brig. General Merlin D'Arcy — 3.48
 Captain Thor — 3.36
 Lieutenant Ian Sane — 3.31
 Major Odysseus — 3.26
 Major General Slime Sledge Hammer — 3.25
 Captain Whiplash — 3.22

Top Heavy Bot Pilots (3+ Game Average)

Lt. Colonel Augustus — 3.57
 Lt. General Blood Shredder — 3.48
 Major Cannon Fodder — 3.41
 Lieutenant Hagen — 3.36
 Brig. General Botman — 3.30
 Captain Antannyn Rykker — 3.27
 Captain Vercingtorx — 3.25
 Captain Krunch — 3.24
 Lieutenant Marc Aragon — 3.16
 General Kael — 3.06

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
Lieutenant Grim Reaper — 7

Pilot With The Most CP Kills
Lt. General Blood Shredder — 10

Top 2-Sided Team Ratings
A#326 Side #2 (un-named) — 2.89
A#186 Side #2 (Centurions) — 2.87
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#302 Side #2 (B'Hood of Thunder) — 5.07
A#339 Side #3 (Intrepid Enterprises) — 4.48
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#310 Side #2 (Assass./Intrepid Ent) — 4.12

Top 2x4 Team Ratings
A#333 Side #1 (Berserkers) — 2.96

BULLETIN BOARD

Player Notice

I am pleased to announce the tenth anniversary of the SISTERS OF SILICON [TM34]. A decade ago, reports would state that female pilots ejected from their bots or achieved victories by sometimes referring to them as 'him,' I felt a desire to make sure this changed by clearly identifying a Pilot's gender. The Sisters of Silicon began as a way for female pilots to unite under one banner while remedying the situation, not to mention finding power and support amongst other women in the Arenas. Soon, amendments were made to include a Pilot's gender in all press releases and information, and the problem quickly became remedied. The Sisters of Silicon clicked as a fighting unit and stayed in business.

Today, our ranks carry many awards and honors, though we've had our share of fallen heroes. Though the primary need for which it formed gave way to equality as the status quo, the team is recognized for our reputation as both fighters and good sports. The SISTERS OF SILICON [TM34] also has two official subteams: LADIES OF METAL

[TM57], for women who like to rock hard and roll punches fast in a firefight; and the new contingent WOMEN OF WEAPONRY [TM55], for those women with Arena awards who live on the edge. The first inductees to the Women of Weaponry, overseen by Lt. Colonel Lauraic Vileslayer [PN768], are: Lt. Kibitz [PN177], Capt. Tatiana Romanov [PN749], Cadet Ssella Doomstalker [PN788], Lt. Elora Danan [PN833], and Mjr. Lela [PN870].

If you're interested in proudly wearing the insignia of the first and foremost all-female Pilot team, it's as easy as notifying the Arena officials. However, dropping a diplo to the Team Commander is also greatly appreciated. Here's to ten years of the Sisters of Silicon!

Shannon Muir
On behalf of Lt. Colonel Femme Fatale [PN742]
Commander, SISTERS OF SILICON [TM34]

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Player Notice

To: Lady Death [PN678]
From: Lady Death Primus [PN261]

You were indeed the victor of our little dance. This time.

Shield Maiden and I have signed on with the SISTERS OF SILICON. Though not the victors, we both were impressed with how they handled themselves in this contest and others. Next time you see either of us, it will be wearing the insignia of the first and "prime" female team in the Arenas. And as you've tangled with the LADIES OF METAL contingent before, you may very well see us again.

Farewell for now.

AGE ON-LINE

Our presence on the Internet is growing rapidly with a number of resources currently available.

TALES OF CTF2187: A great new site contain the best of Shannon Muir's game related fiction and more! Check it out at:

<http://members.aol.com/shannonelisemuir/>

ORBO's CTF2187 HOME PAGE: Want to check out a great archive of old CTF newsletters? How about player bios, many with color photos? All that plus lots of other useful information is available at the CTF website. Special thanks to Orbo (Rob Fackler) for his efforts in setting and maintaining this cool site: Check it out at:

<http://yourpage.blazenet.net/orbomaxx/ctfhome2.htm>

Brigadier General Them Bones [PN323] of the Berserkers [TM5] has set up a Chat Room at:

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/ctf2187>

Brigadier Them Bones [PN323] of the Beserkers [TM5] has also started an email discussion list to keep everyone up to date on game happenings and other topics of interest such as Pilots, Teams, Strategy, Bot Designs, etc. The mailing list is FREE.

For those of you unfamiliar with a mailing list, here is how it works. Folks interested in a common topic must JOIN (aka SUBSCRIBE TO) the list. All of these "members" will then receive all postings to this list and can also respond and/or post their own messages. All sorts of folks can have all sorts of topics going at the same time — so long as it is strictly CTF related.

To join, send a blank email to: CTF2187-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

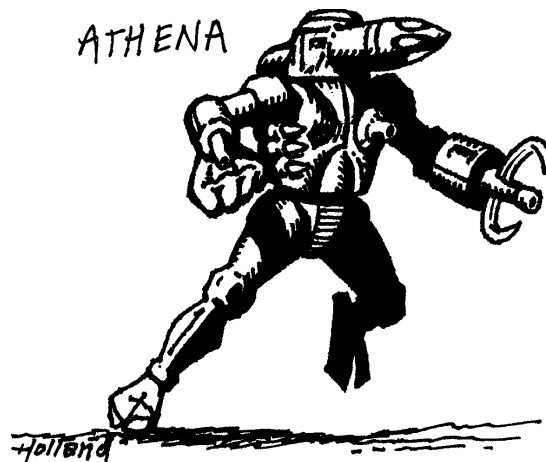
If you prefer to get all of the postings in one "batch" mailing a day (rather than each one sent to you individually) then immediately send a SECOND email to: CTF2187-digest@yahoogroups.com

If you want to learn about the happenings in the CRACK OF DOOM (I and II) check out the following message boards:

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/conclavecodiichat>
<http://www.neosoft.com/~lanza/ICONdiscuss1.html>
<http://communities.msn.com/CODlandIIChaoticForum>

[Ed: These sites are not supervised nor supported by AGE but they can be interesting and useful none-the-less. However, as with any message board or unofficial website, don't believe everything you read! When in doubt, ask the GM.]

Of course, don't forget to check out the AGE site which contains all sorts of nifty downloads (House



Rules, CC/RC Form, etc.). It is still in its infancy but is expected to grow and evolve rapidly over the coming months and of course feedback and suggestions are encouraged. Check it out at:

<http://www.ageforfun.com>

WHAT'S NEW

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new teams to the Arena. The first is the WOMEN OF WEAPONRY [TM89] a subteam of the SISTERS OF SILICON and commanded by Lauraic Vileslayer [PN768]. The second is the SHADOW WARRIORS [TM90] which is commanded by General Rugal Ratslayer. Though small teams, both consist entirely of veteran pilots and therefore constitute a force to be reckoned with. Good luck to the new teams!

NEW BOT STATUS REPORT

The following Bots are currently in limited production and are available to Test Pilots only (Test Pilots are expected to present a Bot Evaluation Report at the end of the testing period). Detailed information on any new Bot is available to a Test Pilot at the time of his or her assignment or to any Pilot by ordering the Bot Tech Spec Manual (\$3.00).

PATRIOT (70-ton Medium)
Test Period 1/02 to 7/02

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.

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.