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Cynoscephalae ______ THIRD GAME BEGINS!!

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You will notice that the address for Marck Morrison is different from the one I originally gave you. Please make note of his new address.

Let's see. Cliff, Marck, Mark, and John Sokol are old friends(?) of mine and I know what kind of play I can expect from them. Robert, Clyde, and John Machir are new to me and I bid them welcome. Rest assurred that this game will not be dull.

In case you do not know from whence your game gets its namesake: The Romans excelled at outmaneuvering their enemies in the field. Their formations and tactic alike were flexible and in 197BC, against a Macedonian phalanx at Cynoscephalae, they demonstrated that this combination of mobility and adaptability was almost unbeatable.

The Macedonian phalanx was indeed an awesome sight. At Cynoscephalae the Macedonians stood shield to shield 16-deep, wielding 21-foot spears. The Roman and Macedonian armies each numbered about 26,000 men.

The bulk of the Roman line charged the main Macedonian phalanx while troops of the Roman right wing moved up to head off Macedonian reinforcements and, led by war elephants, engage a second, smaller phalanx. But the main Roman front,

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with their short swords, could not break the enemy formation and was thrown back. A roman tribune of the right wing then looked back and, seeing his countrymen in trouble, turned with a small force to attack the Macedonian rear. The Macedonians, holding 21-foot spears and heavy shields, could not wheel about to face the new threat. The Romans cut them to pieces.

When the battle was over the rigid phalanx had been routed and the Romans had broken Macedonia's hold on Greece. 8,000 Macedonians died; only 700 Romans.

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_____Armageddon Fall, 1902

ITALY OPENS UP AUSTRIAN FRONT: RUSSIA FINDS GOING TOUGH IN BALKANS! TURKEY, GERMANY MAKE STEADY GAINS!

AUSTRIA (J.H. Fleming) : A Gal-Rum, A Bud + A Ser (S) A Gal-Rum, A Vie (S) Italian A Ven-Tyo(nso), F Aeg (S) Italian F Ion-Aeg(nso), (r, Alb, Ion, OTB)

ENGLAND(Mark Zimmerman): F Iri-Mid, F NAt (S) F Iri-Mid, F Pic-Bre, F Eng (S) F Pic-Bre, A Nwy (S) Russian F Swe

FRANCE(Frank McIlvaine): F Mid-Bre(r, Por, NAf, OTB), A Par (S) F Mid-Bre, A Bur-Mar, A Gas (S) A Bur-Mar, F Spa(sc) (S) A Bur-Mar (r. Por, GoL, OTB)

GERMANY (Bob Sergeant): A Mun-Bur, A Ruh (S) A Mun-Bur, A Hol-Bel, F Den-H, A Ber-Mun

ITALY (Jerry Rogowski): A Mar-Spa, F Wes (S) A Mar-Spa, F Ion-Adr, A Ven-Tri

RUSSIA (Robin Smith): F Swe-H, A Ukr-Gal, A War + A Boh (S) A Ukr-Gal, A Rum (S) A Ukr-Gal (r. UKr, ots), F Sev (S) A Rum

TURKEY(Lee Kendter, Sr.): A Bul-Gre, A Con (S) F Bla-Bul(ec), F Bla-Bul(ec), F Aeg (S) A Bul-Gre

SUPPLY CENTER CHART, 1902

AUSTRIA: (4) ZYZ, Vie, Bud, Ser, ZYE, Rum ENGLAND: (4) Home, Nwy, ZEZ Remove 1 Remove 1 FRANCE: (4) Home, Por, Spa GERMANY: (6) Home, Hol, Den, Bel Remove 1 Build 1 ITALY : (6) Home, Tun, Spa, Tri Build 2 Remove 1 RUSSIA: (5) Home, Swe, Krin TURKEY: (5) Home, Bul, Gre Build 1

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Paris, August 1902 --- News from the front.

More and more bad news came streaming into the capitol today about the war being waged by the French forces. With the turnabout of the English forces and the Italian breaking their non-aggression pact things look dark for France. The French First Army, the invaders of Germany, barely were able to safely return to France while the French soldiers kept out the hated Germans. The English armies that the French put on the European continent showed their gratitude by invading French soil, but luckily there was no real harm done. In the south, Marseilles fell before a treacherous attack of the Italian army which

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swept in on that open city. Right now defeatists by the thousands are leaving France everyday by the last open route from Gascony into the Atlantic Ocean. Most are headed to Algeria in North Africa although some are headed towards the Americas. French officials, while discouraging desertion are said to favor keeping the seas open and the escape route free for as long as possible /Dunkirk was not as kind to you, was it Frank/. Although the situation is grave/looks like you are headed for it, too/, it will take much time for the French people to give up and perhaps help can be gotten from someplace else in time.

France: As I looked at this quarter's Diplomacy World (which has a cute picture of me on the cover) I looked at the rating list for this game. I guess Steve's star studded cast is pretty good for everyone had good ratings (lead by Steve himself). (Well after this game who knows what they will be). For those that are too lazy to read the listings, here they are:

> 84.2 (#8) Steve McLendon Lee Kendter 81.2 (#19)
> John Fleming 80.0 (#22)
> Mark Zimmerman 74.8 (#46) Frank McIlvaine 70.5 (#60)
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> Jerry Rogowski 58.1 (#115)
>
> Robin Smith 57.8 (#117)
>
> Bob Sergeant unlisted

entire list contains 238 names. /I personally do not put much faith in ratings systems. I certainly do not believe that I am the 8th best player in this hobby (No, J.H., I don't think I am 1st or 2nd either!). There are several players lower down which I think are as good or better than me. But thanks for the notoriety./

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<u> Thermopylae</u>

Winter, 1901

NO SALT TALKS IN THIS GAME!

AUSTRIA: Builds A Vie

GERMANY: Builds A Kie, A Ber

ENGLAND: Builds F Edi

FRANCE: Builds A Par, F Mar

COA: Marck Morrison

ITALY : Even

P.O. Box 1014

RUSSIA : Builds A War, A Mos

TURKEY: Builds F Con, A Smy

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Paris to Rome: That's "Ck", not "ek"!

Paris to Webster, Texas: I mentioned it to Harpo. He hasn't said what he thinks.

France -- The Continuum Saga of the Free-Lance Fanatic and the Singing Ganja Spider (with occasional appearances by Dr. J. Alphonse Pepper): Free's blue eyes sparkled from behind his photogreys just as they always did when Jasper torched a spliff/?/. "Hey, Jasper.... I mean, Sprig," (Free'd forgotten that the spider had changed his calling name again this week. At least it wasn't as bad as when it was every two days.) "was that the last corn husk?"

"Yeah, it's back to papers with the next one."

"Oh, well," Free shrugged and toked, "How 'bout menthol?"

"The Doctor is coming," Jasper coughed exhaling. "He called this morning. Said something about France, I can't remember what. Sounded like work so I didn't really listen. He's bringing me a fifth of Cuervo Gold. Must be something big."

"One of these days that attitude is going to loose you sweet Jamacan skin, Jangle."

"It's Sprig this week, Doc. You got that Tequila?"

"Sure do, here. You guys ready to travel?"

"Was he right about France?" Free hadn't been there before, except as a twinkle in his honeymooning parents' eyes.

"Yup, and you get to play politics again, Free."

"You mean I get to rouse rabble this time!" Jasper complained returning from the kitchen with his favorite Tequila chaser, sarsparilla. "That's our only problem, Free. We both get into the same game and you usually get to play it... Oh, yeah, speaking of religion, how's Munch doing with the symphony gig?"

"Not bad, but he wants us on call just in case," the Doctor was getting impatient. "You two ready to split yet?"

They nodded, blinked, and were in Paris. Free as the new Emperor and Jasper as his arch-rival radical, underground revolutionary, and dope smuggler.

Paris to Wanda June: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern send their best on your birthday.

All of you should receive a copy of Revision B to the House Rules. There are a few minor changes which you should all take note.

We have three people signed up for our fourth game. Thus, we are down to only four openings in the last game that we will have open until one of the current ones end.

Thank you one and all for replying to our survey. We will pretty much remain with our present format, but color covers will be used only for special issues. The maps were overwhelming favorites, so they will remain. This is why I am limiting myself to four games. I like the maps myself because I think they promote spectator interest, and with that it is usually easier to call in standbys.

I hope that a lot of you are planning to attend GenCon X in August. I am going and I know that Bob Sergeant is also. These things are always a lot of fun and I hope I will be meeting some of you guys up there in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Looking over the schedule, Bob, I don't know if I can hold up for four days from 9:00 am 'til midnight!

OK, let's get those orders in. In 1977K, Winter, 1902 and Spring, 1903; in 1977CQ Spring, 1902 are due by the deadline date.

On how to throw a curve; "You can only do it when you pitch, and pitch, and pitch."



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