

# Winter War



## Winter War 2015 Umpires Report

For the eighth consecutive year, Winter War was hosted by the Monday Knights at the Auburn Bowls club. Winter War 2015 saw 16 players from the greater Melbourne area, as well as those travelling from Bendigo, Sydney and Port Macquarie, compete in a 1550pts Early War Flames of War competition.



Period, Points, Scenarios and player ranking by wins for Winter War 2015 were chosen to aid Team Australia (Patrick Williamson, Scott Norwood, David Rea and Walter Spivak) in their preparation for the upcoming ETC (European Team Championship).

Also keeping in the European Team Challenge theme, Winter War also included a "team challenge". There was representation from Teams ETC, One, Badga and Monday Knight.



There were several Winter War and Early War themed tables provided to challenge players. The Russian Village table set up by Patrick Williamson presented particularly challenging lines of site and it was great to see Darcy Jones's New Zealanders fight it out with Scott Bartel's Afrika Korp on the desert table. The best of the player provided tables were the three snow tables - one provided by Django Upton and two innovative airline-transportable snow tables provided by David Rea. The players choice for best table was Django's snow table.



Richard Taylor, Einon Zepnick and Walter Spivak were all in contention for the Best Saturday only player, with Richard Taylor's Japanese taking the award (two games, two 6-1 wins)



Scott Norwood with French Recon had the daunting task of taking on the huge Soviet Strelk under the command of Paul Collins in the round three



Fighting Withdrawal scenario - with Scott pulling off the upset for the round by pushing the tide of Soviet troops back. The player dinner at the Glenferrie Hotel was well attended with most players enjoying a pub feed over a beer or two (not to mention the odd tequila) while telling our favourite war (gaming) stories. The



player dinner is set to feature in future Winter War competitions.

Day One ended with Tyler Jefferson and Andrew Oates of the Monday Knights on top of the leaderboard and set to play each other in the first game of Day Two. In this show down between Czech Panzer armies, although Tyler was threatening both objectives, unlucky remount rolls and flak wagons that would not die saw Andrew Oates emerging victorious.





With Patrick Williamson strategically forfeiting 3-4 to David Rea in round 4, this set up the final round play off between Andrew Oates and David Rea. Playing No Retreat on the Russian Village table, the Czech Panzers ground away at the Aussie Div Cav, however in the end the final result was 5-2 for David Rea. The



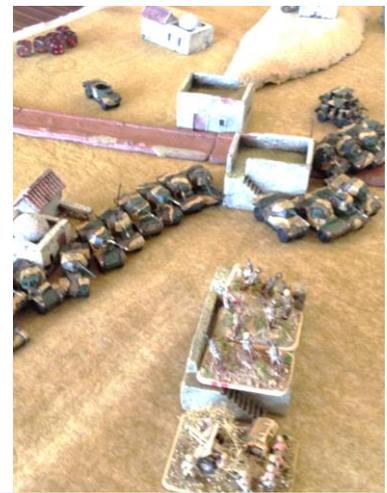
other top table game in the final round between Tyler Jefferson and Scott Norwood's French Recon was a bloody affair for the Czech Panzers also resulting in a 5-2 score.



In line with the ranking system to be used by the 2015 European Team Challenge, players were ranked by number of wins .The champion of Winter War 2015 was Scott Norwood with his French Recon, with David Rea and Andrew Oates second and third place respectively. Interestingly, had player ranking been based on Victory Points, the composition of the top three ranked players would have been very different. In the Winter War team challenge, the top three players of team ETC beat out team ONE by two wins. The top three Team ETC Players were Scott Norwood, David Rea and Patrick Williamson.



There were many excellent painted armies presented at Winter War 2015. Richard Taylor's Japanese and Gus Zepnick's French featured highly in the player votes. It was the excellent DAK Recon army painted by Scott Bartel that won Best Army - by a single vote!



Special thanks should go to those who have come before me - thank you to Walter Spivak for inaugurating the Monday Knights Winter War and for running it for the past 7 years. Thank you to Nigel Brand (who was unfortunately unable to attend due to sickness) for all the behind the scenes assistance. Thank you to Tyler, Andrew and Scott for manning the Bar. Big thank you to Gus from Zepnix Games for the Awesome prize support. Of course, thank you to all you players who travelled from near and far. I hope you all enjoyed Winter War 2015.

| Rank | Name               | Nationality | Axis / Allied | Army  | Notes    | Team           | Wins | Points | Awards, Count Back Notes              |
|------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|---|----------|----------------|------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 1    | Scott Norwood      | French      | Allied        | Escadron de Reconnaissance                  |          | ETC            | 4    | 23     | First Place, Team Challenge Champion  |
| 2    | David Rea          | Australian  | Allied        | Divisional Cavalry Squadron                 |          | ETC            | 4    | 22     | Second Place, Team Challenge Champion |
| 3    | Andrew Oates       | German      | Axis          | Czech Panzerkompanie                        |          | ONE            | 4    | 21     | Third Place                           |
| 4    | Alex Inglis        | French      | Allied        | Escadron de Reconnaissance                  |          | ONE            | 3    | 23     |                                       |
| 5    | Patrick Williamson | French      | Allied        | Reserve Compagnie de Fusiliers - Voltigeurs |          | ETC            | 3    | 22     | Team Challenge Champion               |
| 6    | Tyler Jefferson    | German      | Axis          | Czech Panzerkompanie                        |          | Monday Knights | 3    | 20     |                                       |
| 7    | Paul Colins        | Soviet      | Allied        | Strelkovy Battalion                         |          | ETC            | 2    | 19     |                                       |
| 8    | Django Upton       | French      | Allied        | Active Compagnie de Fusiliers - Voltigeurs  |          | ONE            | 2    | 12     | Best Table                            |
| 9    | Richard Taylor     | Japanese    | Axis          | Hohei Chutai                                | Sat Only | Monday Knights | 2    | 7      | Best Sat Only Player                  |
| 10   | Alex Frang         | German      | Axis          | Leichte Pionier Kompanie                    |          | Monday Knights | 1    | 11     | Strength of Schedule 100              |
| 11   | Darcey Jones       | New Zealand | Allied        | Commonwealth Rifle Company                  |          | Badga          | 1    | 11     | Strength of Schedule 77               |
| 12   | Einon Zepnick      | German      | Axis          | Leichte Panzerkompanie                      | Sat Only | Badga          | 1    | 10     |                                       |
| 13   | Walter Spivak      | Finnish     | Axis          | Panssarikomppania                           | Sat Only | ETC            | 1    | 9      |                                       |
| 14   | Scott Bartel       | German      | Axis          | Motorcycle Reconnaissance                   | Sun Only | Monday Knights | 1    | 7      | Best Army                             |
| 15   | Gus Zepnick        | French      | Allied        | Escadron de Reconnaissance                  |          | Badga          | 0    | 10     | Most Enjoyable Player                 |
| 16   | Phil LeHunt        | German      | Axis          | Leichte Panzerkompanie                      | Bye Army | Monday Knights | 0    | 1      |                                       |

