

Lords of the Earth

CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

Turn 91

1434 ~ 1437 Anno Domini

837 ~ 849 in the year of the Hegira

4071 (Wood Tiger) - 4074 (Fire Snake)

New for T73

[Noble House rules](#) have been added – please take a look at these here.

New [Spreadsheet](#) for the Renaissance has been created – this can be found here and must be used from now on.

Some tinkering with the [Religious Order rules](#).

I'm going back to standard movement rules – sigh – as it is just taking too much time to rewrite these. Please continue to give your orders in year chunks though – The newly created [spreadsheet](#) should help with this

New for T59

Paths to victory: There are several options open to a player when an NPN has been defeated

1. Take the victory conditions (see NPN rules) available for NPNs and allow the NPN to go its own way. This is a useful option if you do not want to increase your imperial size or bother with the NPNs internal affairs.
2. Keep it as either Pacified or Pacified Tributary. You will not get victory conditions but will get income from the NPNs Homeland/Friendly regions and

cities. Also, as the years from conquest marker goes up it may turn Friendly or Tributary. Using this option treats the NPN as a super-region.

3. Old school, you will have to take the regions you want and conquer each in turn. If the capital is taken then some of the NPNs ratings will be added to yours if higher. The NPN will cease to exist.

Dealing with hordes: Hordes can be dealt with a number of ways rather than just an outright battle. These are

1. Threaten them. Hordes respond to a show of strength and may leave you alone if confronted with enough force.
2. Bribe them. They are looking for gold and lands to settle or pillage so if you offer them it on a plate they may well go away. They may also just take it and attack anyway.
3. Use diplomacy. It does work and I suggest chucking in a royal princess or two.

You can also use a combination of the above. If the horde becomes a FA or A, you can direct its attacks or its path of migration.

New for T53

Restrictions on Royal Marriages: Due to the complications arising from these rules only K, H or P leaders can benefit from a Royal Marriage. Members of the Royal Family that have not come into play are not considered eligible. Also, Primate, Order and Secret Empire positions are not eligible for marriage bonuses. These are meant to be diplomatic arrangements between sovereign states.

New for T51

No Orders: If I don't get any orders in for a position and the player doesn't answer my emails then I'll put the position back to a NPN and put aside the players cash (if any) until they pick it or another nation up again.

New for T50

Request Royal Marriage: Used to ask a NPN nation for a bride for one of your Princes or a suitor for one of your little Princesses. Cost is 6AP, Charisma based. The leader doesn't have to be in the NPNs capital but if he isn't then he needs to be in your homeland/capital.

New for T49

Naval Reaction and Blockade: Naval Reactions can only occur when there is action in a Sea Zone that the fleet is based at. The fleet has to be

based from a port and not the Sea Zone. Also, the Reaction can only occur when your own lands or those of an ally benefiting from a Defensive Pact marriage bonus are attacked. It also applies to any merchant fleets you operate through the Sea Zone in the case of piracy. Naval Blockade's only work if your fleet is based in the same Sea Zone as the target port and you spend all (every single one) of your APs in the blockade. The fleet must be based from a port and not a Sea Zone.

New for T48

The use of fleets for Reaction and mitigating the effects of Pirates: My understanding has now changed since we GMs have had some discussion on the list. The use of Reaction has been explained on the Wiki and Patrol is no longer used in the Base Rules.

Reaction

- Take a look at this link for more info
http://www.throneworld.com/wiki/index.php?title=Basic_Rules_Leaders_and_Army_Actions#Reaction
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Trade Route Escorts

- This is specific to Lords 24. Units can be assigned to a trade route to act as static convoy escort using the G type leader. Note this is not as good as patrol as the warships assigned will only reduce the effects of piracy, not capture or destroy the pirates themselves.

Updated NPN and Primacy rules: Yep, been tinkering again but I feel a almost serene sense of satisfaction with my latest offering. See what you think.

Added the ability to hire mercenary captain when there is no mercenary company available: See the mercenary tables

New for T47

Improved cultivation at TL5: If a nation has reached the dizzy heights of TL5 than it can benefit from improved cultivation. You can Improve a cultivated homeland region from 2GPv to 3GPv, or any other controlled cultivated region from 1GPv to 2GPv. This is a level one megalithic construction.

New for T45

New Rivers: I've added in some new possible rivers onto the map. These are rivers that were once passable by light traffic (remember Cogs cannot travel on rivers) and have now become silted up. You can dredge a stretch of the river (along one region border edge) as a 0.5 level project.

Gripes:

Agro as conversion – this has restrictions (see 2.11.5.3) which I will be enforcing from now on.

Rivers can only support light ships – as far as I know Cogs cannot travel on rivers. This also includes Cogs built for trade.

New Primates: We have two new Primate positions this turn. Jumal Skyfather, which is an Estonian god and the Coptic Church based out of Axum.

New for T44

Minor islands and City States: I'll be allowing minor islands (Corfu, Jerba, Wight etc) and city states to be used as locations from T44. Just let me know the rationale behind why you want it separate and if reasonable I'll add it in. Once they are created as locations, they obey all the rules of islands etc. However, their Gpv cannot go above 0.

Flooding: The last few turns have seen a massive increase in the amount of flooding that has occurred. It appears that the years are getting warmer and wetter. As a result of this some of the minor rivers on the map are once again becoming passable to river traffic.

Denmark: Following on from the Minor Islands stuff, you can see that Denmark is now separated out to Jutland and Syaland (Zeeland).

Announcements and items of note

General Stuff: Please use my Paypal account (stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk) for all Lords' 24 payments. If you cannot use this facility then please let me know and I will see what I can do about filtering US funds to my account. I may also stop using the throneworld email address due to the mass of spam I'm getting!

Order Form: Please use the [standard excel order form](#)

from now on. I'll update the site with a link to it next week when I get some time. This is important as it helps me process the turn more quickly. THIS IS NOW MANDATORY.

Non-Payment: some of you still owe me some cash. Although it may come as surprise that this is not my main source of income, I see it only polite that you pay for the occasionally night out. So, if you're under zero next turn I'll not process you orders.

Version 6: Lords 24 uses version 6 of the basic rules

The Map: The map now includes India as well as Europe, Central Asia and Africa. I've greyed out repeated areas on the maps to make my life easier.

However, this means some player nations are split across more than one map. I may increase the size of the main map but I'll have to think on this.

Tithes and Tribute: I think these are automatically updated by the stats program, so no need to declare them in your orders.

Control of the Papacy and Religious Orders: In Lords 24 we will not always have a player Pope (or Caliph etc for that matter) and the following rules are used to determine which player faction controls the Pope's actions, Papacy Rules. I've also added some stuff about gaining support from their armies

How to make your GM happy (PLEASE READ! REALLY!):

Please send any and all Lords24 correspondence to stephenbrunt@yahoo.co.uk .

LORDS 24 WEB RESOURCES

The Lords Twenty-Four homepage is at:

<http://lords.throneworld.com/lote24/index.html>

All of the on-line resources, including order forms, mailing lists and web-sites for Lords of the Earth are summarized on this page:

http://lords.throneworld.com/?page_id=2

You can subscribe to the Lords 24 mailing list by pointing your web-browser at:

<http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/lote24>

...and following the instructions on that page.

VARIOUS FEES AND LEVIES

At the moment the turns cost \$5 – please pay up of you owe

We are using the latest v6.3.5 of the basic rule book that can be found here

<http://lords.throneworld.com/players/loterule/rules.html>

Africa and Moslem Spain



The Akramid Caliphate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)
Tiroman VI, Caliph of the Akramids



Walls of the cities of the Caliphate were extended as Tiroman VI discussed trade with his merchants. He was to father a daughter with Queen Brinn during these years. Prince Teague was promoted to Tiroman's heir and took his place at his father's side at court. It was left to Marteen to patrol the Caliphate's seas while Onika, Tano and Quinn continued to negotiate with the Ligurian Emirate in Olbia. Akramid missionaries had some success in Corsica and Bastia in converting the remaining Christian populations there.

The Mwene-Mutapa Empire

(Unkulunkulu Civilized Open Empire)
TjiKalanga, King of Mapungubwe

The years of quiet prosperity saw cities being built in the lands of the Swazi, Sotho, Zambia and the Khosia. King TjiKalanga commenced a programme of building roads between these new cities and the Mwene-Mutupa. He dispatched Vendalwe to improve relations with Malawi and to claim the Me'lela lands for the Mapungubwe. A young Malawi bride was obtained for TjiKalanga and made ready for the journey south. Despite failing to gain an audience with the chief of the Banhinem, Tinenda was successful at establishing Mwene-Mutupa's claim on Shona. Missionaries of Unkulunkulu were to spread the word of the first ancestor throughout Banhine, Shona, Me'lela and Swazi.

Arabia and the Middle East



The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Lamman, Sultan of the Buwayids



Agents of the Sultanate were still active throughout the Mediterranean in an attempt to gather technology from the West and Egypt. Their efforts however were thwarted by local forces. Investigations set in place by the Sultan showed that both the feared Al-Hasheshin and the old Fatimid regime still had supporters in the Sultanate. The Sultan ruled from Mesopotamia with his Sultana Saranee. Sadly, she was to die in late 1437 during childbirth. The child only lived for a few days after his mother's death. The region of Jordan was pulled further into the Sultanate but Raqqa remained a staunch ally. Most cities in the Sultanate prospered and grew in size during these years.

Western Europe



Norman Kingdom of France

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Philippe, King of France



Clermont and Limoges were to grow in size during these years and the road was extended from Burgundy through to Nivernais. King Philippe rules from Paris with his wife Catherine of Valois but no children were born to the couple. While Roger was left to protect the realm from Aquitaine, Guillaume was to assist the King at court.

The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Ludwig, King of the Germans



The death in 1434 of Sigimund was followed quickly by his wife Queen Marguerite of Cannes. Prince Ludwig was abroad in Poland to bolster support in the East when the news broke of his father's death. Although not that popular at court, there was no contest to his right to rule and Ludwig was crowned King shortly after his father's death. The Austrian and Lausatian wilderness was pushed back and those lands finally cultivated. Karlmann was to travel to the Salernese lands of Savoy and managed to reduce the province's ties with Naples. In Liguria, German missionaries were successful in pushing back the advance of Islam. There was some trouble in the province when local Iman's roused a mob to attack the garrison there but the riot was quickly put down

The Principality of Salerno

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Carlo Durazzo, Duke of Naples



Quiet times.

Scandia and the Out Isles



Kingdom of Orkeneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

Soren, King of Orkney and the Isles



Gold was once again sent to the allies of the Orkneys. King Soren oversaw the expansion of Thingvellir in far Iceland and the commissioning of several Caravel fleets in the Kirkval dockyards. Rutters were sent to the English and Le Marteau to enable them to travel east to Constantinople. His sisters Astrid and Vigdis were recruited to help the young king at the Kirkval court until Vigdis was sent with the rutters to oversee the English. Soren married a young bride from the House of Kirkval, although not fair of face or figure, the young Courtney did provide the king with a son. Bresi travelled to Amsterdam but could get little concession from the city burghers. Fulla moved out to the Hebrides where support for Le Marteau was strong. She managed to raise a Preceptory for the Order.

King Eadig of England ruled from London with his wife Queen Kendra. He ensured that the English merchants were efficiently providing the crown with as much tax revenue as possible before receiving Princess Vigdis of the Orkneys at the English court. Vigdis brought a gift of Orkneyjar rutters, enabling the English ships to reach as far as Constantinople to the east. A great proclamation was sent out across England and its possessions; henceforth, all regions would govern their own lands as long as they provided England with support in times of need. Prince Ceowulf was to assist his father in ruling England. He was to father two daughters by his wife, the Princess Freydis of Orkneys. The able Morlais of Gwynned assisted the English in rationalising the army, gathering remote garrisons and returning them to London.

Attempts to raise Preceptories for the La Marteau in the English lands failed; the Order has no status or support there

La Marteau de Dieu

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Tanguy, Hammer of God



Concerned with the recent news of hidden cults within other lands, Grandmaster Tanguy ensured that no such nefarious organisation existed in Kirkval. He then managed to recruit a few mercenary cavalry in the city; a difficult task given the island's lack of horses. Prince Latrell waited in the Order's Naskapi fortress for Brother Gidie before heading north to explore the lands of the Eastern Cree. Brother Ottar was able to raise an Estate for the Order in Thingvellir before returning to Kirkval. Attempts by the Order to raise Houses in the English cities and provinces failed. The Order had no support in the English lands. Some considerable success was achieved in converting the Moslems of Sardinia back to the true faith

Eastern Europe



The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

Peter, King of the Rus



Kiev's southern border with the Polovotsy was further protected as the Great Wall was extended down along the west bank of the Dnepr. Prince Ragnar and Sven were sent to Polovotsy to spread the word of Christ amongst the Moslem tribes of those lands. Sven was to suffer greatly from the journey south after contracting a wasting sickness; he was to die in 1436 as a result. During these years, Smirnov of Smolensk was also preaching in Levedia whilst Brother Raynir and Brother Olaf were active converting the Islamists in Moldavia. King Siegfried was to father three children with Queen Ingrid, a son and twin daughters

The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

Alexios, Emperor of East Rome



Constantinople grew in size during these years and its outgrown walls rebuilt. The Romans had some small success converting both Rhodes and Taman to the Catholic faith. With Emperor Alexios ruling from Constantinople, Admiral Katakalon kept a close eye on the East in case of invasion both the Moslem. Duke Stefan was to patrol the Mare Negri in case of attack from the north. Duke Isaac ensured the support of the Uighurs after spending these years in Thrace.

The Order of St Vladimir

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Dmitry, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir



The St Vladimir Order assisted the Rus in their attempts to convert Moldavia when Brother Hrolf travelled south from the Order lands in Goryn.

The Knights of Malta

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Frederick, Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta



Grandmaster Frederick of the Maltese Knights was to ensure that the island remained safe from any invaders as he commanded the Maltese fleet. Brother Hans was to travel to Crete where an Oratory was founded on the island. A Preceptory was also founded in the Morean lands. Frederick also ensured the protection of Valetta by increasing the size of the city walls.

The Noble House of Byzantium

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)

Cephalus, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium



Increased skill in the arts of navigation enabled Byzantium merchants to travel further from Constantinople. Before his death in 1437, Anastasius Makrembolites was to establish factories in both Morea and Thessaly. An agent was recruited for the company in Create by Ioannis. He was to miss out on control of the company as the more popular Cephalus was voted to chairman on the death of Makrembolites.