

LECHAEUM - 391 BC**★ Athenian vs Spartan****Historical Background**

The Battle of Lechaem (391 BC) was an Athenian victory in the Corinthian War. In the battle, the Athenian general Iphicrates took advantage of the fact that a Spartan hoplite regiment operating near Corinth was moving in the open without the protection of any missile throwing troops. He decided to ambush it with his force of javelin throwers, or peltasts. By launching repeated hit-and-run attacks against the Spartan formation, Iphicrates and his men were able to wear the Spartans down, eventually routing them and killing just under half. This marked the first occasion in Greek military history on which a force entirely made up of peltasts had defeated a force of hoplites (heavy infantry).

The stage is set. The battle lines are drawn and you are in command. The rest is history.

**War Council**

Athenian Army
Leader: Iphicrates
Take 5 Command cards.

Spartan Army
Leader: unknown
Take 4 Command cards.
Move First

Victory
6 Banners.

Special Rules

- Peltasts represents the ancient Greek version of the "Dogs of War", and who occupied a class of troop unit somewhat between the light javelin men and the phalanx. Therefore All Auxillia in the battle may evade enemy infantry if attacked by them in close combat. Follow the normal rules for evasion found in the rulebook.

- Spartan Light Cavalry Reinforcements (2xLC) come into play using "Mounted Charge" or "Order Mounted" cards.