

The Battle of the Amnias River 89BC

Scenario 1 for Conquerors and Kings ancient battle rules.

Setting the scene

The battle takes place south of the Black sea. Asia.

The Romans (who are a long way away) have encouraged (forced) the Bythinians to attack Pontus. Other local nations thought better of following the Roman suggestion.

This is because Pontus' ruler Mithridates is getting **very** powerful around the black sea.

After carrying out some major money making raids on Pontus the Pontics are on the back foot. The Pontics send out various forces to find the raiding army(s).

The Bythinians are advancing along a wide flat valley parallel to the river Amnias. Lovely.

This battle is the result of a Pontic searching force (no pike blocks) running smack into the face of the full Bythinian army.

At the head of this Bythinian army is the King of Bithiniya. Nicomedes IV , There are lots of kings with the same name in these Mithridatic wars. They tend to get killed regularly by assassinations , family fall outs and other bits of "bad luck".

The Bythinian army is capable and motivated by the promise of some good looting opportunities. The Pontic army is **very** experienced and highly motivated.

ADVICE

Do not read up on this battle. Enjoy playing it and then look up the details.

Deployment

- ◆ Skirmishers can be deployed in any zones wished by the players. Subject to the normal zone capacity and army deployment area.
- ◆ Where units have extra qualities such as armour, veteran etc the player can **choose** which particular units these are applied to.
- ◆ Generals do not roll for gifts but use those listed in the army make up.
- ◆ No scenario is applied to this battle.
- ◆ No piggy chase
- ◆ Normal victory conditions apply.
- ◆ There are no defender late/ losses applied.
- ◆ Battle tactics can be applied by the player as he sees fit.
- ◆ Assume all units are trained unless specified otherwise.

Pontic army

1x chariot Shock +veteran

4 x Cavalry. All armoured, 2x veteran, 2x shock

1x mounted skirmishers

4x auxiliary (peltasts) 2x Veteran, 2x armoured

4x Foot skirmishers

General1=The brothers Neoptolemus and Archelaus Gifts = Fight and valiant

General 2=Arcathias. Gifts = Fight and valiant

Battle tactics= Fury x 2, Die hard x1, Advance x2

Pontic army (Defending)				Start positions		
	Cav x 2 General 2	Cav x2	Chariot x1 Peltast x2	Peltast x2 General 1		
	Rough hill					
	Pike x1	Pike x2 Spear x1	Pike x2 Spear x1	Pike x1 Spear x1		
		Peltast x2 General 2	Cavalry x2 General 1			
Bythinian army (attacker)				Start positions		

This layout is for the normal CK battle table.

The river Amnias should be laid along the table side. It uses no zones and is just a nice scenic feature.

Bythinian army

6x Close order pikes. All unarmoured.

3x Close order spears. All levy. Unarmoured.

2 x Cavalry. 1x Elite

2x mounted skirmishers

2x auxiliary (peltasts)

5x Foot skirmishers

General1=King Nicomedes IV. Gifts = Fight

General 2= The high commander . Gifts = Morale and valiant

Battle tactics= Die hard x2, Brace shields x2, Keep order x1

What really happened at the battle of the river Amnias

This is written in Portuguese so that you are less tempted to read the result and try to emulate it.

After the game ends put this text into a translator program and see what happened. Also , you can read up on this battle through Wikipedia or similar.

Portugese

O exército bitiniano entrou na planície liderado por seu rei, Nicomedes IV.

Os bitinianos superavam em número o exército pântico adversário.

Os Pontics colidiram de frente com os Bythinians.

Os bitinianos repeliram isso facilmente com sua falange (lanceiros).

.Os Pânticos lançaram um ataque frontal bem-sucedido com suas carruagens.

Isso pausou os bythinianos.

Os bitinianos ainda estavam bem,

A parte de cavalaria do exército pântico contornou a colina acidentada e atingiu os bytinios pela retaguarda.

Neste ponto vital, o general bitiniano, rei Nicomedes, decidiu fugir.

A lenta infantaria bythiniana ficou presa. Eles logo se renderam.

Os Pânticos foram magnânimos no tratamento dispensado aos bitinianos.

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