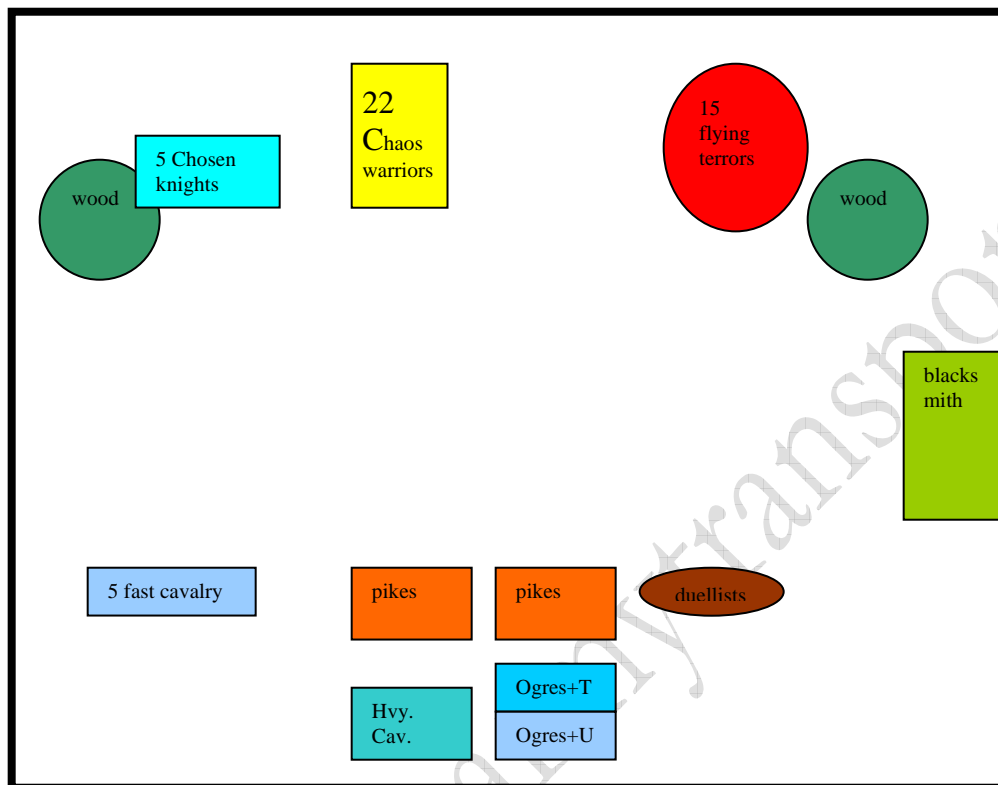


Chaos Rotters:

There was another guy wanting to play – with a chaos army. Nurgle. A really cheesy looking army – 22 chaos warriors with hero and halberds. 15 flying terrors. Five chosen knights. He had 3 spells and five magic dice (EDIT: Oh for the days when 5 magic dice seemed extreme!) He was a tad anal and seemed to have a fine opinion of himself, shouting advice throughout our game to the kid he had just beaten over the other side of the table.

Anyway – we deploy.



Round One:

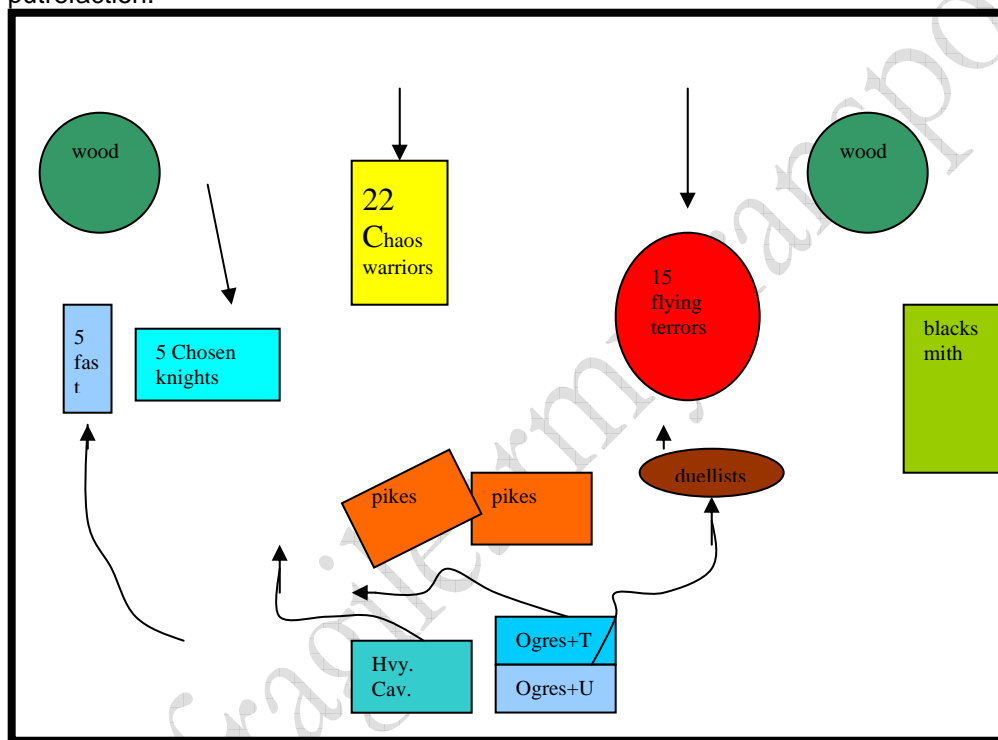
He gets to go first. Chosen knights and everyone march full forward. I have no idea how I am going to stop my pikes from being hit in the rear by flying monsters and the front by warriors and knights and utterly decimated. Anyway – Ulric has faced worse in his long and vicious life as general of the Free Legion..

My god did they advance quickly!!

My pikes wheeled to challenge the chaos knights to charge (as he had never played dogs before). When I asked if they were *chosen* knights he said ‘Yes they are, I don’t have to tell you that by the way, but they are.’ And I thought – fucking tosser. Fucking cheesy army and you’re a fucking tosser. Meanwhile he starts one of my pikes units rotting away and tries to kill the champion of another unit. Tossler.

EDIT: I should apologise for all bad language in this battle report. I find it hard, at times, to remember that this is a game with little toy soldiers and is not a life and death issue.

Anyway – I decided to go for the flare tactic variant because this was looking like a pretty formidable attack and I would need all the space and room I had to kill these bastards before they turned me into a pile of putrefaction.



Round 2:

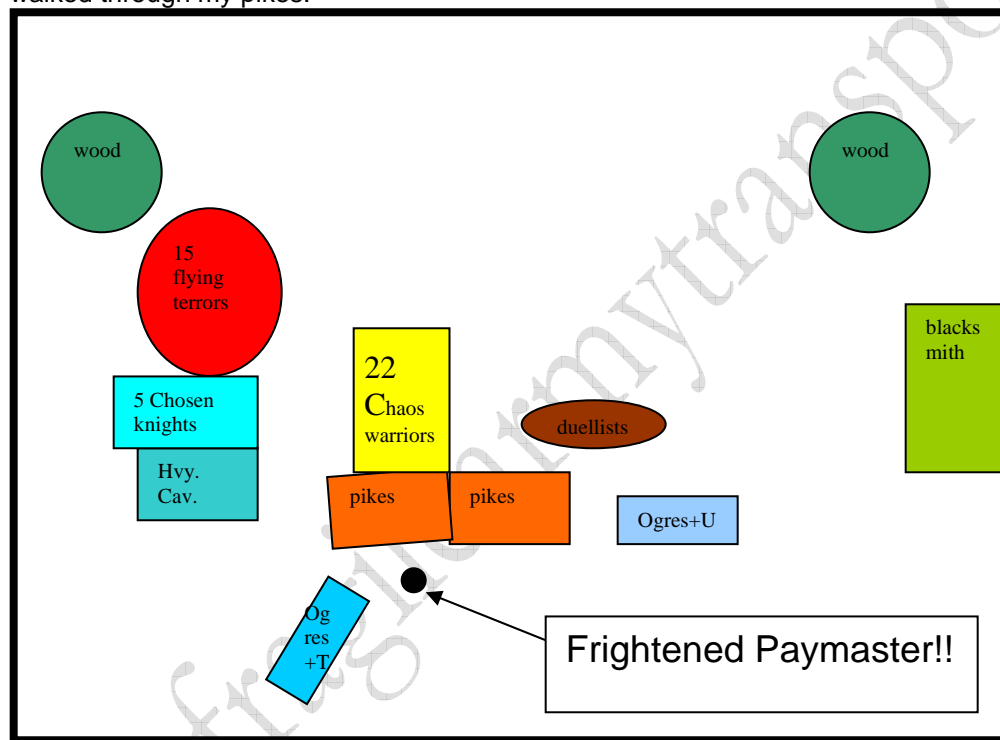
I didn't like playing this guy. He was a complete tosser. His flying terrors charged my fast cavalry who fled and ran off table. His chaos knights moved forward, and in my turn I charged them: lost 4 guys, killed one knight – but crucially held: phew! well done those hvy cavalry boys!!!

I lined up my pikes together to face his chaos warriors and they charge the unit on the left. He has like 2 heroes in the front rank and they pikes, and with a 2+ save (for foot troops!) I am unable to do more than kill one. Fun game....thanks..... I am thinking and I am also thinking there's no way I'm counting this battle in my score card.

EDIT: Actually, I did. For understandable reasons (read on good reader). Should have counted it double

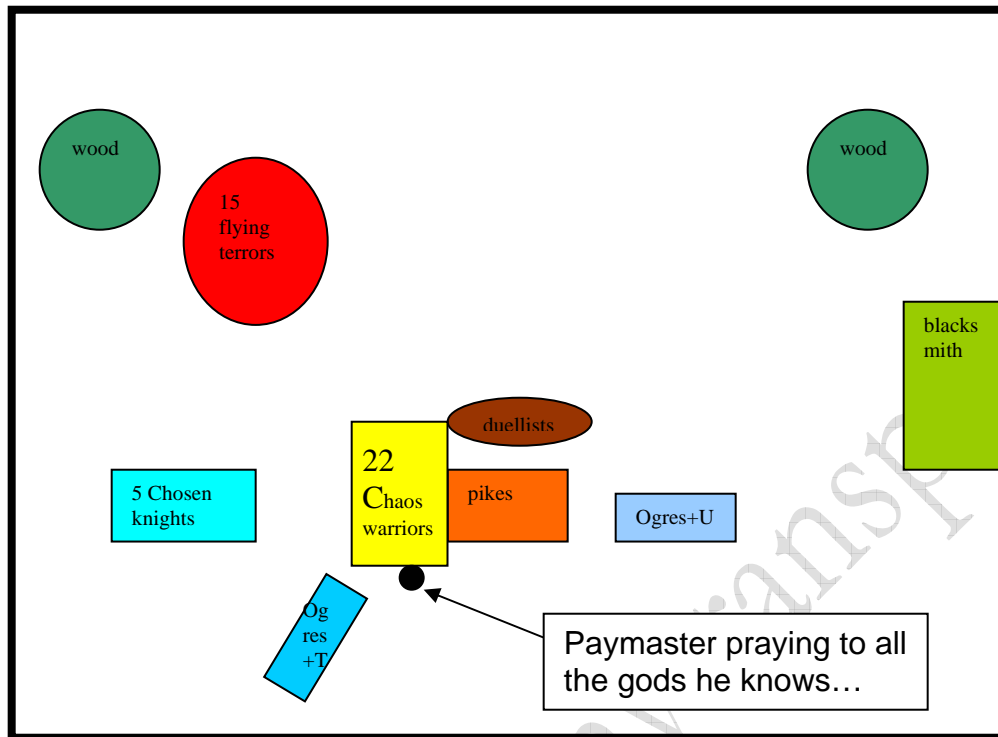
Pikes flee. Heavy cavalry are all killed (even with 2+ save – these monsters get 2 attacks, str 5 and god knows what else.) He does not pursue – I had lined up my ogres to counter charge and pursuers.

This battle looks like it's over. It looks more like it was going to be over when his chaos warriors overran my pikes and ran into my lone paymaster. OH MY GOD. One piddly little paymaster against a unit that just walked through my pikes.



Round 3:

The battle is looking like this:



My paymaster is about to be killed and my whole army is about to panic and flee off the table – but Ulric's Free Legion are not to be daunted. Even as soldiers fell down rotting to either side they stuck to the battle plan.

Diagram not really clear, but my ogres charge chaos chosen knights – will hit in flank – so they decide to flee. Hmm –failed charge.

Skirmishers charge the chaos knights in the rear. We start to resolve combat and I said – oh – panic test for flank charge. He rolls his dice. 10.

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Battle standard bearer?

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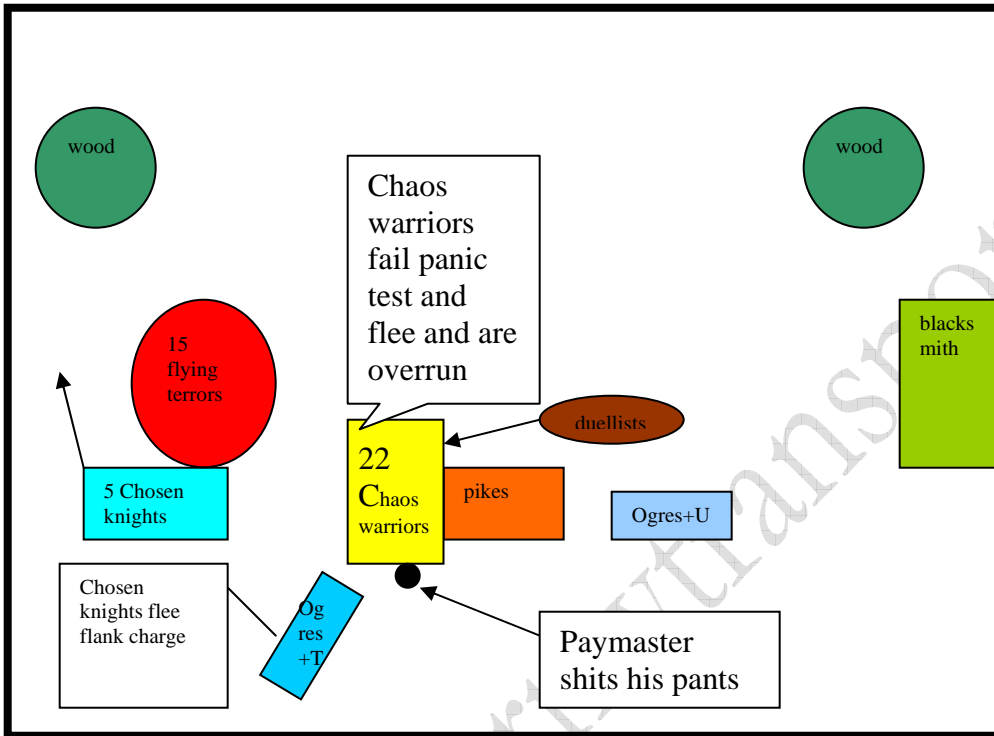
Ld? I ask.

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'Oh,' I say. 'They've panicked.'

He rolls 5 for their flee roll and my skirmishers roll 6. My 60 point skirmishers have just run down a unit worth about 700 points. AH-HAHAHAHAHA!! He's been such a knob all game I start to laugh and apologise and try to tell him he is so unlucky. My skirmishers pursue into the flying terrors.

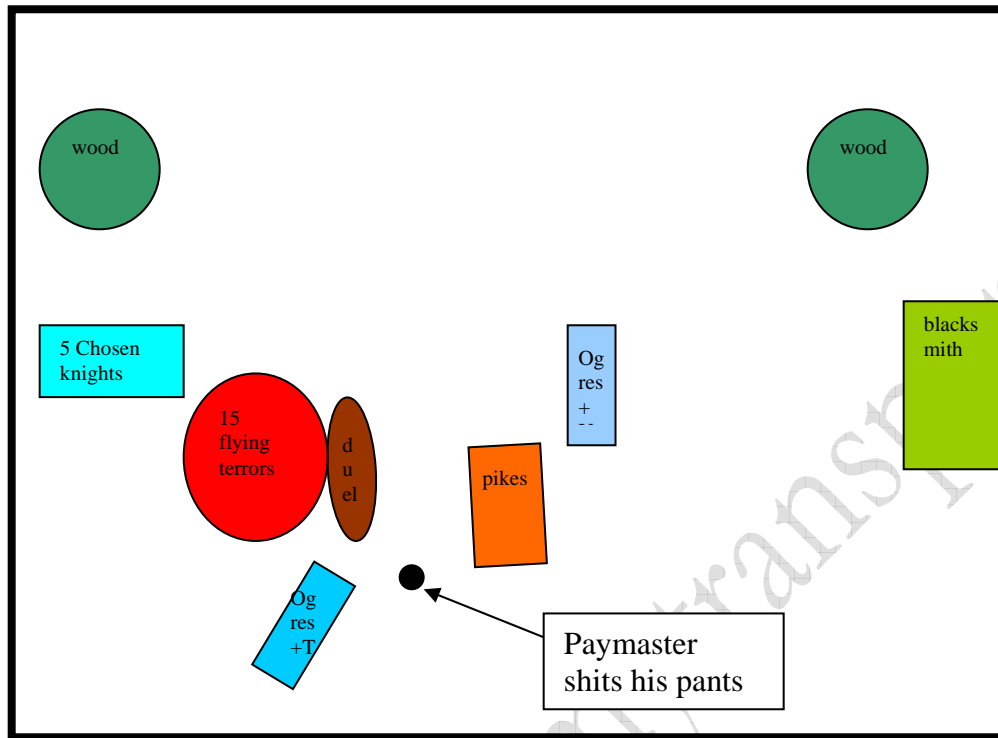
Action Replay:



Round 4:

Beginning of his turn he rolls for the chosen to rally – and they fail and rout off table.

The duellists blast the flying terrors apart in combat – and they lose the combat and pop back to the void.



He had one figure – the general on the table – and in the last round I manage to get a charge in and instead of having him fight he routs off table. I note that he has stopped issuing advice to the 12 year olds at the table next to us. I have cleaned the table!!

AH - happy me !!

What a great night's fighting!!