

WINTER GAMES 2005

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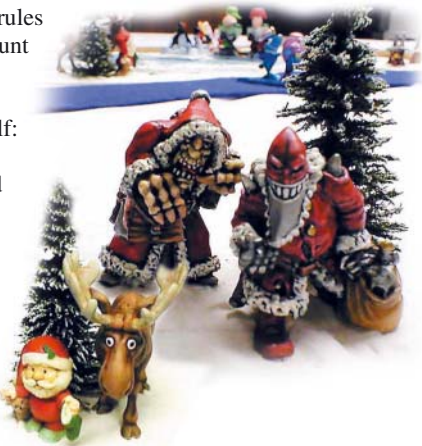


Wargames Research Group's "Hordes of the Things (HoTT)"-rules provide us with a good and simple basis to match a fair amount of units, good and evil, in a fantasy-like game.

In **WINTERGAMES**, the forces of the Good are lead by Santa himself: happy snowmen, cute little angels, Rudolf the reindeer and many more. The dark side features mean looking killerpenguins, big bad polarbears, greedy tax-collectors and other nasty things beyond imagination.

Suitable miniatures can be found at any penny-shop, Christmas-, street- or flea market. Products from "Magic KINDER Surprise" and the odd limited edition Christmas special wargames miniature are also of good use. The rules are really simple: Everything goes, as long as it fits on a base with 60mm frontage. Special rules can be agreed upon for the odd unit you field.

For the layout take a simple white sheet or special snow-fleece. Add speculatius, gingerbread or other Christmas cookies for roads and rough ground plus a batch full of miniature Christmas-trees for woods. For a lage eatable hill, you could also use a "Stollen", which is a typical german christmas cake, covered in powdered sugar. But please note that pastries will unavoidably leave stains on the white sheets. Small igloos, snow-covered buildings or a stable will provide good camps or villages. If you want to top it all, your local model shop will provide you



with artificial icicles and snow-powder plus all the materials necessary to build frozen lakes or rivers.

But keep it simple, after all **WINTERGAMES** is just a fun-game.

WINTERGAMES is best being served around Christmas-time with a glass of strong punch and "White Christmas" performed by Bing Crosby, or "Jingle Bells" playing in the background. But now we really get carried away ...



If you want to read more about **WinterGames**, please refer to Peter Tanner's feature in **Wargames Illustrated**, issue 147, because that's where we got the idea from. Pictures to give you more ideas can be found on our website which also shows aspects of our more serious approach to the hobby.

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