

Playing Weekly n°1

DBA

II/32a Later Carthaginian (attacking)

II/33 Polybian Roman (defending)

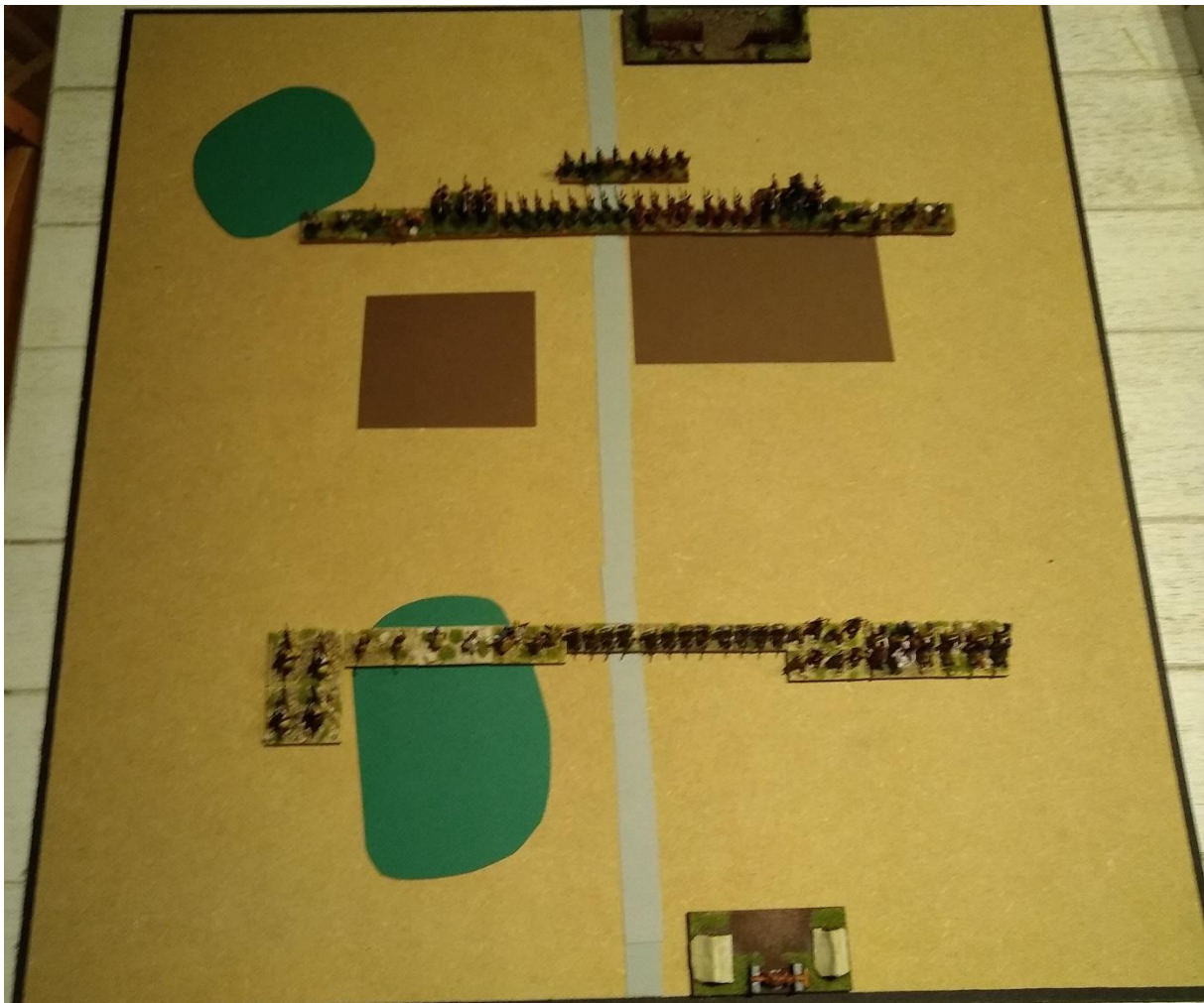
Welcome in what I would like to be kind of a weekly “webpaper”. One of my new year resolutions is to play more. Trying to edit this playing weekly will probably help me to focus on that.

I would like to focus on DBA, but I could also play some other games. I don't have many players around me, and even less playing DBA. And those non-DBA players are also playing rules I've never played. So I will quite always play as a beginner, and most of the time with beginners.

I would like “Playing Weekly” to be a way to have some feedback on my games. I will probably, especially in the firsts numbers, make a lot a strategical and rules mistake. Feel free to let me know if you find something I should change. It will in the future versions add some commentary about previous battle, so I would be able to improve my rule knowledge and my tactical and strategical abilities.

But enough talking, let's just jump into the fight !

Terrain and deployment:



Nothing special here. I've tried to keep it simple. Two forest and two plough, and a road. On the Carthaginian side, the forest was far enough from the edge to allow some unit inside.



The Roman, deploying first, chose a symmetrical formation, with the triarii in the back as reserve. I wasn't sure of the way to deploy this army, so I made something simple. I'll have 51 more opportunities this year to try some tricks in the deployment.

The army: 1xCv (Gen), 1xCv, 4x4Bd, 2xSp, 2x3Ax, 2xPs (I have no other option painted for now)

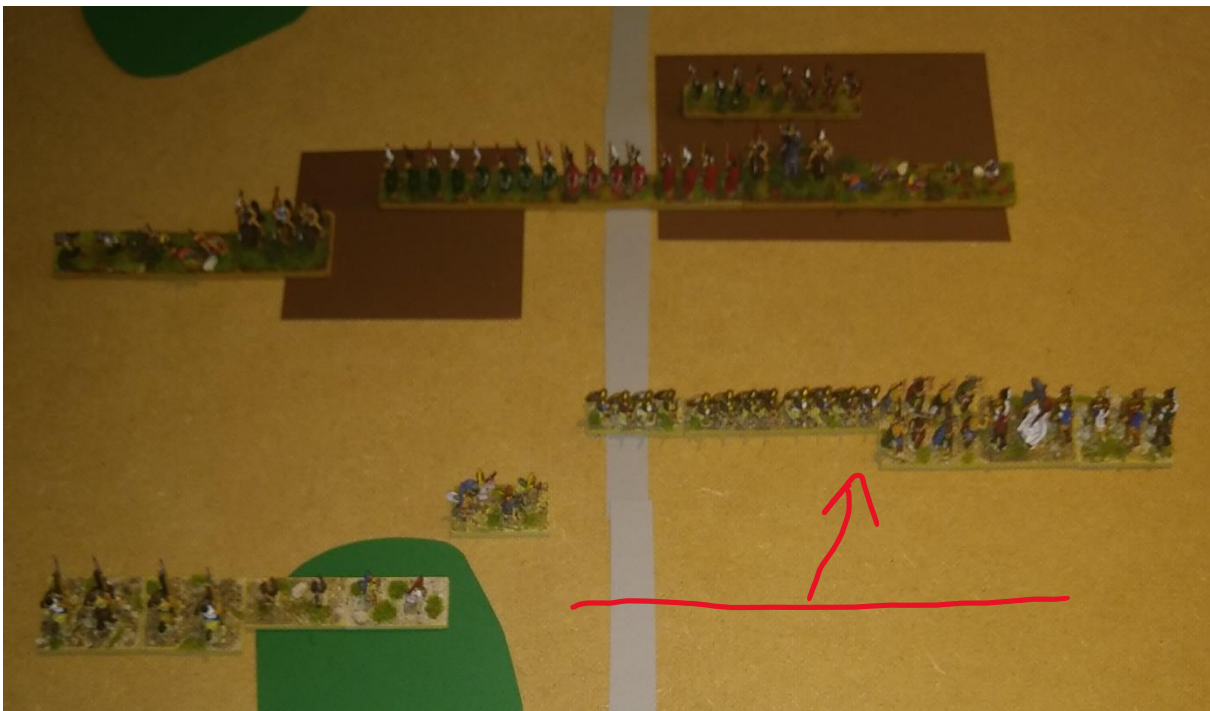


The Carthaginian tried something different, having better troops on their right flank, and lighter one, helped by the forest.

First Turn



The Roman move and the right flank push a bit forward, while the triarii are moving to the left to help.



As thought in the deployment, the Carthaginian army move their centre and their right, letting the psiloi and light cavalry around the forest to protect their left flank.

Second Turn



With only one PIP, the roman centre move forward, willing to crush the enemy centre.





The Carthaginians follow their strategy, pinning some of the centre enemy blades, and charging with their cavalry the roman left flank.

The fight ended in only Carthaginian recoils.



Third Turn



With only two PIP, the roman left light troop advance to deny the possibility of a big flank manoeuvre of the light cavalry. The only other move is one of the triarii walking more to the left.

In the centre, the hastatii are continuing to push the spears.





In response, the gallic warbands charge the Spanish auxilia, while the general attacks the psiloi.

The gallics are pushed back, but the velites are destroyed, while the hastitti keep pushing the spears away.



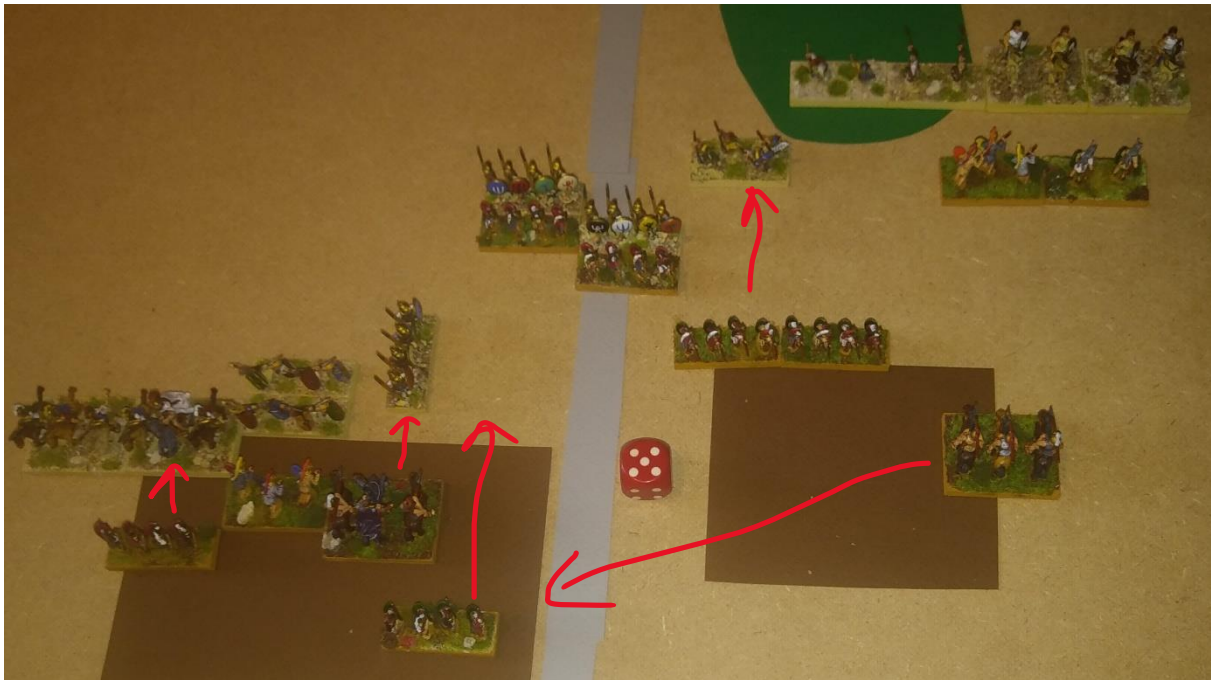
CARTHAGE: 1 ROME: 0

Rules question here:

Is there an overlap ?



Fourth Turn



For the first time, many PIP for the roman general. The non fighting hastatii charge the Spanish auxilia, destroying it.

The right cavalry change of flank, because the major fight should happen in the left. Both the triarii and the general charge, ending in the enemy general and spears recoil.

In the centre, still no decision between the poeni citizens and the hastatii, even if one spear manage to make the blades recoil.



CARTHAGE: 1 ROME: 1



The Carthaginian answer is deadly: The warbands continue charging their opponent, while the cavalries attack and flank the triarii. This ends in two more roman losses.

In the centre, the previously victorious spear is moving back to support their friends, who still are pushed back



CARTHAGE: 3 ROME: 1

Fifth Turn



Only one PIP to make a great return in what already seems to be a lost. The centre hastate charge one Carthaginian spear, deploying it. Will it be enough ?

CARTHAGE: 3 ROME: 4

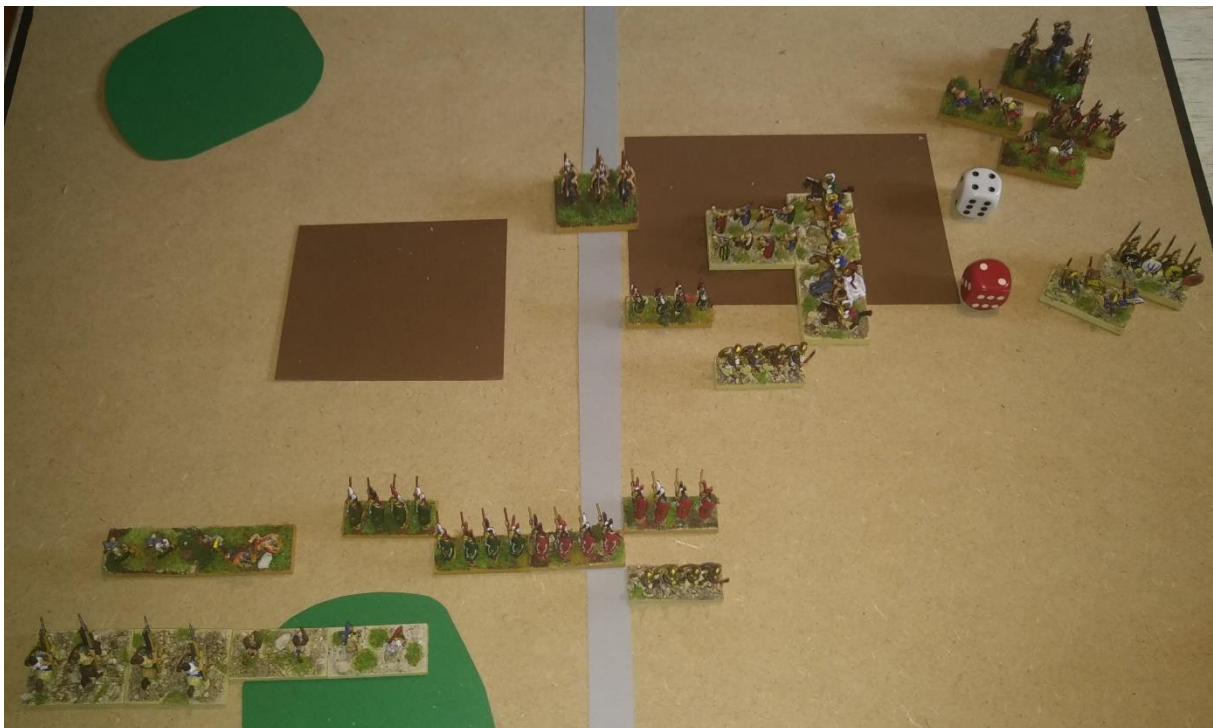




Five on the dice and only one kill to make the decision.

The Carthaginian right flank coordinate an attack on the enemy general, destroying him

CARTHAGE: 5 ROME: 2



Conclusion

A nice game, a bit one sided. The Carthaginian strategy was winning, facing a weaker opposition on the right side, while the roman didn't manage to take an advantage in the centre and near the forest.