

God Save King James! (but which one?)

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The Battle of Sedgemoor 5/6th July 1685

The so called 'Monmouth Rebellion' of 1685 although brutally suppressed was in fact the beginning of the end for the House of Stuart. James Scott, Duke of Monmouth and bastard of Charles II had the backing of many influential politicians and nobles who wished to see a Protestant King returned to the throne of England, by any means including armed uprising.

James Scott landed at Lyme on 11th June with some weapons, some money and some dreams of glory. His claim to the throne can be argued as semi legitimate at best. He ended his brief life at the hands of a royal executioner.

The largely Protestant people of the West Country turned out for him but not in the numbers hoped or anticipated.



1st Battalion the Royal Regiment of Foot Guards who fought at Sedgemoor. The regiment had two under strength battalions present at the battle

The adventure ended in a night to dawn debacle outside the village of Westonzoyland in Somerset on ground known as the 'Sedgemoor'. Attacking over a drainage ditch called the Bussex Rhine, the Rebels met with disaster. Their disorganization compounded the defeat at the hands of the numerically inferior Royal Army who showed little mercy. I have chosen to represent the point where half of the Rebel cavalry have fled after meeting some opposition whilst negotiating the Upper Plungeon (crossing on Royal right). Now the main infantry force of roughly 2,500 men are approaching. Many 'rising stars' were at the battle such as, a young John Churchill and also Patrick Sarsfield.

The figure to man ratio is roughly 1:10. The figures are a mix of various manufacturers. Some of the units are drawn from my Grand Alliance collection others have been painted especially for the game. The rules I use for games of this type (small battles with large unit size) are an adapted set of Foundry's now out of print **1644**. For larger set piece battles in the period 1680-1715 I use a self penned set of rules; **Under the Lilly Banners** which you can download free if you are a subscriber to my website www.leagueofaugsburg.com. The site is dedicated to wargaming, figure painting and modeling has over 400 photographs from my collection and an active Forum in which many matters serious and frivolous are discussed.

For the keen eyed and period knowledgeable amongst you I have taken a few liberties with history for gaming effect. The Bussex Rhine depth and width has been exaggerated to accommodate figure bases. Some of the Rebel infantry units are slightly smaller that they should be (put it down to stragglers and desertion). There is some debate about the dress of the King's Regiment of Footguards (Coldstream Guards) at this date. Did they wear green facings or blue? I have chosen to show them in transition with the Musketeers still in their green faced coats whilst the pikemen have been issued with the new blue faced crimson coats! All terrain and figures are by Barry Hilton, the village is from Adrian Howe's collection. Please feel free to ask questions!

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