

Pharsalus 48 BC: Caesar and Pompey -- Clash of the Titans

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Comment:

Approximately half of the text is dedicated to narrating the campaign leading up to the historic engagement and the battle itself. In addition to the excellent battlefield maps -- which capture the field of Pharsalus at certain points during the day, there are a number of terrific illustrations. In terms of tabletop potential, the only limit is the imagination of the wargamer. The entire action does not have to be gamed in order to get an idea of Pharsalus, in order to have an entertaining afternoon or evening. One could focus on Caesar's left (where Marc Antony commanded), or on the right flank, where the Great Man was in the thick of it against Labienus and his thousands of cavalry.

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