



## 1459- The White Swans Lancastrian Situation Card

**Background:** York and the Nevilles struck a terrible blow at St. Albans I in 1455. The Duke of Somerset, the Earl of Northumberland, the Lord Clifford and the Duke of Buckingham's son, the Earl of Stafford, were all slain, in some cases before the very eyes of their kin. Others were wounded, including the King himself. All this blood cried out for an answer; so thought much of the nobility, particularly the slain men's kin- and so thought Queen Margaret of Anjou as well. The Queen worked diligently in the following months and years to limit York's Protectorate, and fan the flames of discontent that had only recently flamed against the Lancastrian regime, but which now turned on the presumptuous Duke. Margaret withdrew the Court from turbulent, pro-Yorkist London, and established it in the midlands, closer to the lands of her friends. It became a base for the discontented Lancastrian faction, where they would assemble in the summer of 1459, to strike out at their Yorkist foes.

### Special Rules:

1. \*Henry Holland was still not fully trusted by Margaret, so he may not command an host on his own, nor more than a ward in battle, in spite of his rank.
2. †Baron Stanley: Stanley may be recruited by either player. The first player who nominates him and rolls successfully gets him for the turn (one try per turn). He moves and acts as a treacherous commander. If alone in a host, he will always evade combat. On subsequent turns, the opposite side may attempt to recruit him from their enemy's faction.
3. Andrew Trollope: if Yorkist Campaign Confidence is at 3 or lower, the Lancastrian player may attempt to turn Trollope if they have a host nearby (within 2 spaces). On a 9+ (may be rolled for each turn), he and the Calais garrison change sides, and are placed in the nearby Lancastrian host. If the nearby host contains Henry Beaufort, add +2 to the roll.

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## 1459- The White Swans Yorkist Situation Card

**Background:** With his enemies lying dead in the streets of St. Albans, it seemed that Richard of York had finally triumphed over his foes, and would achieve the prominence that he felt was his right. However, he still had a difficult time with much of the nobility, who only grudgingly gave him a second protectorate when King Henry fell ill again some months after the battle. They worried over York's broken oath of 1452, but his popularity with the commons could not be ignored, and the realm had to be brought to order. Even so, in the new year Henry recovered, and Queen Margaret procured York's dismissal; a long period of distrust ensued, with the court withdrawing to more favourable lodgings in the Midlands, York to his lands in the Welsh Marches, and Warwick to Calais. Even the various feuds were renewed, as the dead lords of St. Albans were replaced by their sons, and disturbances continuing in Devon and battles in the north. A reconciliation was attempted, with restitution given to the slain lord's sons, and oaths of peace taken by all parties, including York and Margaret. It was not to last; the uncertainty, feuds, French and Scots raids drove the country's morale down, which was raised only by the naval victories of Warwick, cementing his popularity with the commons of Kent and the coast. In a meeting of council, Margaret attempted to replace Warwick as Captain of Calais with the new Duke of Somerset; Warwick refused, and his men and the Queen's men fell to blows. Warwick fled to Calais, claiming Margaret sought to assassinate him. Margaret gathered her partisans around her at Leicester, and all knew that open war was inevitable.

### Special Rules:

1. A Recruitment roll may only be made once for each Yorkist Magnate in the game. If failed, the player remains Inactive thereafter. The Yorkist player may add a applicable Influence modifier from any single Active Magnates in the same shire.
2. †Baron Stanley: Stanley may be recruited by either player. The first player who nominates him and rolls successfully gets him for the turn (one try per turn). He moves and acts as a treacherous commander. If alone in a host, he will always evade combat. On subsequent turns, the opposite side may attempt to recruit him from their enemy's faction.
3. The Duke of York may place a Fortified Camp at start.
4. Warwick and Montague arrive at London (from Calais) one either turn 1 or 2; roll a 1D6 at the end of turn 1: on a 1-3, place them in London. On a 4-6, place them there at the end of turn 2.
5. Andrew Trollope: if Yorkist Campaign Confidence is at 3 or lower, the Lancastrian player may attempt to turn Trollope if they have a host nearby (within 2 spaces). On a 9+ (may be rolled for each turn), he and the Calais garrison change sides, and are placed in the nearby Lancastrian host. If the nearby host contains Henry Beaufort, add +2 to the roll.

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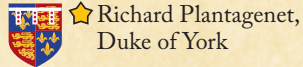




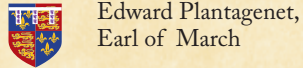
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## Active Magnates at Start:

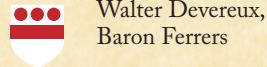
*At Ludlow in the Welsh Marches:*



★ Richard Plantagenet,  
Duke of York



Edward Plantagenet,  
Earl of March



Walter Devereux,  
Baron Ferrers

*Arriving at London, on turn 1 or 2:*



Richard Neville,  
Earl of Warwick



John Neville,  
Baron Montague

*At Middleham, in the East Riding:*



Richard Neville,  
Earl of Salisbury

## Inactive Magnates:

*At Framlingham, in East Anglia:*



John Mowbray,  
Duke of Norfolk

*At Swansea, in Pembrokeshire:*



William Herbert,  
Baron Herbert

*At Chirk, in the Welsh Marches:*



Richard Grey  
of Powis

*At Pleshey, in Essex:*



Henry Bourchier,  
Viscount Bourchier

*Anywhere in Kent:*



John Clinton,  
Baron Clinton

*At Lathom, in Lancashire:*



Thomas Stanley,  
Baron Stanley†

## Duration:

This situation runs **5 turns** from **Late September** to **Mid-October, 1459**.

## The Cause:

The Yorkist Cause is: "Evil Councillors, **Avaunt!**"

Campaign Confidence at start is at 5.

## Victory:

**Minor:** Drive Lancastrian leaders into exile (by driving their Campaign Confidence to zero).

**Intermediate:** Kill either Buckingham or Somerset, and force the Lancastrian Heirs into exile.

**Major:** Capture Maragret of Anjou and Edward Prince of Wales.

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## Active Magnates at Start:

*With King Henry at Leicester in the East Midlands: With Queen Margaret and Prince Edward at Coventry:*



★ Humphrey Stafford,  
Duke of Buckingham



John Talbot,  
Earl of Shrewsbury



James Butler,  
Earl of Wiltshire



John Beaumont,  
Viscount Beaumont



James Touchet,  
Baron Audley



Henry Holland,  
Duke of Exeter\*

*At Taunton, in Dorset:*



Henry Beaufort,  
Earl of Somerset



Thomas Courtenay,  
Earl of Devon (14)

## Inactive Magnates:

*At Alnwick, in the East March:*



Henry Percy,  
Earl of Northumberland (3)



Thomas Percy,  
Baron Egremont

*At Raby, in the East March:*



Ralph Neville,  
Earl of Westmorland

*At Arundel, in the Cinque Ports:*



William Fitzalan,  
Earl of Arundel

*At Lathom, in Lancashire:*



Thomas Stanley,  
Baron Stanley†

*At Tenby, in Pembrokeshire:*



Jasper Tudor,  
Earl of Pembroke

## Duration:

This situation runs **5 turns** from **Late September** to **Mid-October, 1459**.

## The Cause:

The Lancastrian Cause is: "Presumptuous Peers!"

Campaign Confidence at start is at 7.

## Victory:

**Minor:** Force Yorkist Heirs into exile (by driving their Campaign Confidence to zero).

**Intermediate:** Kill either Salisbury or Warwick, and force the Yorkist Heirs into exile.

**Major:** Kill Richard of York.

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