



## 1461- "O Bloody Times!":

### Lancastrian Situation Card

**Background:** Although Margaret triumphed at the second battle of St. Albans in February of 1461, the gates of Yorkist London remained closed to her. The depredations of the Northerners had driven the loyalties of the countryside and the capital away from her cause, and Edward, flushed with his first independent victory at Mortimer's Cross, threatened her lines of communications from Wales. Her soldiers were far from their homes, and were deserting in clumps. There was little she could do now in the south; she needed to regroup. Her forces made their way back to Yorkshire unopposed. She held a number of advantages in her hand; many of the northern Yorkist lords were dead, and their partisans cowed, leaving her unhindered in the north. Her battle lords had a couple of significant victories to their name, including one against the most famous warrior of the realm- Warwick. And she had been reunited with her husband King Henry, and could lend his prestige to any of her endeavours. However, she had almost as many negative factors against her. Henry's prestige was perhaps irreparably tarnished, and he was feeble and unable to make even a pretense of leadership. Her Welsh supporters were scattered, and her reputation in the south was terrible; both the roughness of her troops, and her own bloody deeds after Wakefield served to drive many into the Yorkist ranks. Taken all together, the Lancastrians and Yorkists stood squarely eye to eye in the esteem of Englishmen- a deterioration of her previous standing, but still not an irredeemable situation. Perhaps all that was left was for one last victory to be won. And so, as her nobles called in their friends from across the north, and the Yorkist pretender came up from the south, it seemed as if all England was in arms; and then an Eastertide snow began to fall...

#### Notes:

1. All active Lancastrians that start in either riding of Yorkshire already have all their Riding Retinue and Yorkshire Well-Wishers with them.
2. Margaret of Anjou adds +1 Influence to recruitment rolls in Northern shires. However, any Lancastrian trying to recruit in the South will have a -1 against him due to southern outrage at the recent depredations of Margaret's army of Northerners.

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## 1461- "O Bloody Times!":

### Yorkist Situation Card

**Background:** The London mob had perhaps saved the Yorkist cause by shutting their gates in the face of Margaret's victorious yet unruly army of Northerners, fresh from their victory at St. Albans II. For the moment, Warwick's reputation was tarnished; not only had he lost a great battle, but possession of the puppet Henry VI as well. Fortunately for him, few of the Yorkist lords of the south had fallen in the battle, although the loss of Richard of York and Salisbury at Wakefield must have made for much gloomy introspection, and expectations of disaster and flight.

Into this darkness, like a rising sun in splendour, emerged Edward Plantagenet, now the Duke of York himself. Crowned with victory from the field of Mortimer's Cross, he now sought to gain a second, more substantial diadem. Surrounded by his triumphant and sturdy Marcher and Welsh soldiers, and with an Arthurian form and bearing, he brought his case before the establishment of the south of England, and the men of Kent and London- that Henry was no longer fit to command, that Margaret was a bandit, and that their misrule and bloodshed must be driven from the land by a new king- Edward himself. The crowd, the burghers, and nobility acclaimed him, and the clergy agreed. Edward assumed the throne, but delayed the coronation until the God of Battles should ratify his usurpation.

Soon his great supporters were sent off to their powerbases to raise new followers; Norfolk to the east, Warwick to the Midlands. Edward with his Welshmen and Fauconberg with the men of Kent prepared to move north. It seemed all of England was mustering in the fields and town squares. Eastertide loomed....

#### Notes:

1. All active Yorkists have their riding retinue with them, and the full amount of Well-wishers from their first listed shire in which they have influence.
2. The Yorkist March Affinity have all their possible Well-wishers with them as well, along with 5 West Array contingents (the victorious army from Mortimer's Cross).
3. Edward of March, as the newly proclaimed King (but as yet uncrowned) gives his host (and all magnates within) a +1 influence when recruiting anywhere but in the North. Most of this sentiment is due to southern outrage at the recent depredations of Margaret's army of Northerners.


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# 1461- "O Bloody Times!": Yorkist Situation Card


## Active Magnates at Start: *All At London:*


### *The March Affinity:*

 ★ Edward Plantagenet,  
Earl of March (*D. of York,  
and King of England*)


 James Touchet,  
Baron Audley


 William Herbert,  
Baron Herbert


 Walter Devereux  
Baron Ferrers


 William Hastings  
Baron Hastings

### *The Warwick Affinity:*


 Richard Neville,  
Earl of Warwick


 William Neville,  
Baron Fauconberg


 John Scrope,  
Baron Scrope


 John Wenlock,  
Baron Wenlock


### *The Yorkist Affinity:*

 John Mowbray,  
Duke of Norfolk


 John de la Pole,  
Duke of Suffolk

 Edmund Grey,  
Baron Grey of Ruthyn

 Henry Bourchier,  
Viscount Bourchier

 Edward Brooke,  
Baron Cobham

## Inactive Magnates:

 William Fitzalan  
Earl of Arundel

## Duration:

This situation runs 5 turns in **March, 1461.**

## The Cause:

The Lancastrian Cause is: "Dieu et mon  
Droit"

Campaign Confidence starts at 7.

## Victory:

**Minor:** Clear Yorkshire of Lancastrians.

**Intermediate:** Kill any two of the following:  
Northumberland, Somerset, Clifford, Exeter,  
Devon, Wiltshire, and force the Lancastrian  
Royals into flight.

**Major:** Capture the Lancastrian Royals.


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# 1461- "O Bloody Times!": Lancastrian Situation Card


## Active Magnates at Start:


### *In Yorkshire, either riding:*


 ★ Henry Beaufort,  
Earl of Somerset


 Henry Percy,  
Earl of Northumberland


 John Clifford,  
Baron Clifford


 Ralph Greystoke,  
Baron Greystoke


 Andrew Trollope  
*and 3 Calais Garrison  
contingents*


 James Butler,  
Earl of Wiltshire


 Lionel Welles,  
Baron Welles


 Henry Holland,  
Duke of Exeter


 Thomas Courtenay,  
Earl of Devon

 Thomas Roos,  
Baron Roos

 Ranulph Dacre,  
Baron Dacre


 Henry Fitzhugh,  
Baron Fitzhugh

 John Neville  
Baron Neville


 Robert Hungerford,  
Baron Hungerford

## Inactive Magnates:


### *Anywhere in Cheshire:*

 Henry Grey,  
Baron Grey of Codnor

### *At Tenby, in Pembrokeshire:*

 Jasper Tudor,  
Earl of Pembroke

### *At Raby, in the East March:*

 Ralph Neville,  
Earl of Westmorland

## Duration:

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## The Cause:

The Lancastrian Cause is: "Dieu et mon  
Droit"

Campaign Confidence starts at 7.

## Victory:

**Minor:** Have no Yorkists in any Northern  
shire.

**Intermediate:** Kill Warwick, and any 2 other  
Yorkist Earls, and have no Yorkists in any  
Northern shire.

**Major:** Capture or Kill Edward of March.

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