

## First Battle of St Albans, 22 May 1455

The following pictures and report are from our playtest of the First Battle of St Albans scenario. The scenario was written for the Perfect Captain's Coat of Steel rules and is also posted on our website.

Lancastrian troops defending the barricades await the Yorkist assault.



For those that note such things, I apologise for the figures; of course Lord Scope wasn't at the battle and if he was he probably would have been on the other side of the barricade...but look at the beautiful streetscape. So these are my troops masquerading as Henry Beaufort's.

Henry VI waits with his small force in the Market as the battle begins.





The Yorkist's begin their advance towards the barricade. This is Richard Duke of York on the Yorkist right flank.



After a brief exchange of arrows, in which the Lancastrian's lost two bases, the Yorkist's charged the barricade and easily forced their way across...at the height of the battle Richard was saved by the brave actions of a stout ensign.



On the other flank the Yorkist's are held back time and again by Henry Beaufort's men, suffering heavy casualties.





In the closing stages of the battle the Yorkist's have found their way through to the market and the King is surrounded as his troops at the barricade give way.



It was an enjoyable game and the scenario worked well with the Perfect Captain rules with just a few tweaks for fighting in the streets as indicated in the scenario. The initial loss of bases by the Lancastrian's was unexpected and showed that perhaps a further tweek of the rules or scenario was required.