

# Nords vs Old Dominion

1500 points, Scenario 12 "Grind them down"







Turn 1/2. Stalkers and Raiders move up, each containing a character. I made a mistake here, as I forgot that Stalkers have *Vanguard*, otherwise I would have scored 7 points first turn. Now I scored 0.

The Old Dominion moved up some Prodrmoi (the empty bases) with their Mounted Strategos, and claimed 1 point. The regiment of Praetorians in the back are not deployed.







Turn 2/3. I used my many character cards to force him to go first with almost everything. He went with his Prodrmoi and Strategos into my Stalkers with Blooded, and killed them all after two rounds of combat. Just the strategos and one stand remained. He also deployed both his Praetorian blocks on the left, forcing his way into the middle. On the left I deployed some Bow Chosen, and he countered with more Prodrmoi (the ghosts).

I decided to shoot his Strategos with the remaining stalkers, and the Praetorians with the middle bow chosen. In hindsight I should have shot the Strategos with the Bow Chosen, and then charged in with my Stalkers and Blooded. You'll see why soon ;)





Turn 3/4. On the left, there was a big standoff between the Praetorians and the Raiders, with the Jotnar coming around the flank so threaten. No one wanted to be the first to advance. In the middle he finally decided to smash my Stalkers, charging them first with the Prodromoi and then with the Xiliarch and his unit.







Turn 4/5. On the left, his cav went into the Bow Chosen, killing one stand after taking some wounds from arrows the turn before. The Varangians decided to march into the middle, not really having any good targets.

In the middle I went for it with the Raiders and Jarl, charging into the flank of the Xiliarch and his unit. With some good dice I managed to take out two stands and put some wounds on one more, before the Xiliarch slaughtered my Jarl.

The Bow Chosen in the middle failed to do much damage to the Praetorians (I should have shot the Prodromoi+Strategos instead), and on the right the grind continued.







Turn 6/7. My success in the middle was short-lived, as the Xiliarch reformed and killed my Raiders. He then moved into the bigger block of Praetorians, and went after the Jotnar.

On the right flank and middle both my units of Bow Chosen went down to the light ("light") cavalry, and the Varangians continued to march through the center.

The small unit of Praetorians charged my remaining Raiders to block them from flanking the big unit, but no matter. The Xiliarch and Praetorians slew the Jotnar outright anyway.





We called the game at turn 7 or 8, with this being the look of the table. My Jotnar was about to be picked off the table (we rolled the dice and they got him in one go). The score ended up 14-18 (I think), and I realised how much I need to pay attention to my special rules and positioning.

I could have scored at least 7-10 more points turn 1-2, just by positioning and remembering *Vanguard*. Alas, it was not to be. Next time =)

Thanks for reading. More to come.

