

OH TO BE A BARBARIAN

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The mist has risen exposing the scattered remnants of the mighty undead army. Orca my destroyer wipes clean his awesome broadsword, once again he has saved the day, and I love my barbarian army all over again.

If like me you are the warchief of a tribal or fanatic army, I'm sure you are getting used to them doing exactly the opposite of what you intended. There is nothing more frustrating than missile troops loosing off their precious ammo at nothing in particular because they have gone into bloodlust. Now I don't claim to be a great warchief, in fact some of my best fought battles have been defeats, but there are a few coes and don'ts that I've picked up on the way that may prove useful.



The Do's

Do buy warchiefs and battle leaders of the highest order. Their leadership is added to the command test and they are much less vulnerable than sooths, and cheaper.

Do give every command missile support be it wizard or otherwise. It stops enterprising enemy individuals in their tracks. Even poor bowmen can take out a hero at short range.

Do use individuals. My philosophy is, take them, use them, and abuse them. Don't worry if you lose them. your warchief and battle leaders high leadership should get you out of trouble.

Do use Blast spells, its cheap and effective on individuals.

Do have a rear guard. They can stop wrap around by making the enemy vulnerable to a counter attack.

The Don'ts

Don't use light armoured individuals against heavy armour, they usually come off worse. Use Blast spells or missile troops

Don't get caught in the wide open "killing fields" (large areas with no cover) by long range missile troops. Use hills and woods to cover you to your objectives.

Don't buy a two pound lump hammer and trash the opponents army if you are defeated it makes for long term bad feeling

Don't start a battle without a plan of some sort.

Don't worry about bad light. I've seen an army decimated before their good light arrived

I hope that this may be of some use in future battles. I can't help forgiving my barb's when they rout off the field, but when they stuff the enemy they are merciless and thats the sign of a true barbarian.