

The Battle of the Metaurus, 207 BC

Hasdrubal Barca has brought an army from Spain to reinforce his brother Hannibal. If the two armies are allowed to link up, this will reanimate Carthaginian fortunes in Italy. Hasdrubal is advancing down the east coast, while Consul Marcus Livius with his outnumbered army has been retiring before him. Meanwhile Consul Gaius Claudius Nero has rushed north with reinforcements, mostly cavalry and light troops capable of rapid movement.

Hasdrubal, an experienced General, has found out about Nero's arrival and knows he is now outnumbered. He has decided to withdraw into Gaul and find another route to join his brother. But it is hard to disengage so close to the enemy and a night time retreat has gone badly wrong when, misled by local guides, the army found that a promised ford across the Metaurus does not exist. With the Romans hard on his heels, Hasdrubal has no choice but to accept battle.

The River Metaurus borders the Roman left/Carthaginian right. On the opposite flank, the Carthaginian left occupies high ground, covered by a ravine to its front. The land between the river and the high ground is flat and open.



Hasdrubal at the Metaurus, 207 BC				
Morale: 15 victory medals				
Description	Ammo	VPs	Save	Notes
Centre				
Hasdrubal Barca, general on horse		2	2+	
Libyan Spearmen, veteran		2	6+	
Punic Spearmen, veteran		2	6+	1 hero
Celtiberian scutarii veteran javelinmen	2	2	6+	+ 1 Shock missile, 1 hero
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Iberian scutarii javelinmen	1	2	7+	+ 1 Shock missile
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African elephants, deep		1	7+	
Light infantry javelin	2	1	8+	
Light infantry javelin	2	1	7+	
Right Wing				
Hamilcar, general on horse		2	2+	
Gallic Cavalry, javelin	2	2	7+	1 hero
Iberian Cavalry, javelin	2	2	7+	
Numidian Light cavalry, javelin, veteran	3	2	6+	
Iberian caetrati Light infantry javelin	2	1	7+	
Light infantry javelin	2	1	7+	
Balearic Light infantry, sling, veteran	4	1	7+	
Left Wing				
Alambic, general on foot		2	2+	
Ligurian Warriors, raw		3	8+	1 hero
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Ligurian light infantry sling	3	1	8+	
Ammo resupply points	13			
Camp				

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Morale: 12 victory medals				
Description	Ammo	VPs	Save	Notes
Right wing				
Consul Claudius Nero, Heroic General on horse		2	2+	
Triarii, small, veteran		1	5+	1 hero
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Hastati & Principes legionaries		2	6+/5+	+1/1 Shock missile
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Velites Light infantry, javelin, veteran	3	1	6+	
Velites Light infantry, javelin	2	1	7+	
Left wing				
Consul Marcus Livius, General on horse		2	2+	
Equites Romani Cavalry, javelin, veteran	3	2	6+	1 hero
Equites Romani Cavalry, javelin	2	2	7+	
Equites Romani Cavalry, javelin	2	2	7+	
Equites Latini Cavalry, javelin	2	2	7+	
Centre				
Propraetor Porcius Licinius, General on horse			2+	
Triarii, small, veteran		1	5+	
Triarii, small, veteran		1	5+	
Hastati & Principes legionaries		2	6+/5+	+1/1 Shock missile, 1 hero
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Velites Light infantry, javelin	2	1	7+	
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Ammo resupply points	9			
Camp			-	