

GLADIATOIRES

BLOOD FOR ROSES

Guide to the Gladiators

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This guide provides further details to differentiate the famous gladiators in Gladiatores: Blood for Roses, highlights their strengths and weaknesses and suggests tactics on how to use them.

	Special Abilities	Notes and Tactics
<p>MARCUS ATTILIUS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Play this card as a FEINT card (gain 1 favour). 2) Search Discard deck for a PARRY card and add it to your hand (can be played as your action in your turn). 	<p>Marcus is the consummate up close fighter. Strong in Effect moves, he starts every combat with 2 DISARM. Use these wisely to draw cards from other players. Second his PARRY and TWINSTRIKE will make sure there are PARRY cards in the Discard deck for him to draw again with his 2nd ability. He is weak however in starting Attacks so make sure you draw enough to keep him alive.</p>
<p>ASTYANAX</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Draw 1 card from any deck. Then discard 1 from hand. 2) Play as a DODGE but discard 1 card (gain 1 favour). 	<p>Astyanax is a showman, always seeming to run rings around his victims. His DODGE ability allows him to chuck spare cards he doesn't need to use his signature move to keep away from opponents. With 2 PARRY and 2 CLEAVE cards, he can surprise victims by suddenly getting up close and personal.</p>
<p>KALENDIO</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Entangle. Play after a BLOCK or PARRY. Targets must play same card again or discard 2 cards. 	<p>Kalendio is the perfect opponent for Astyanax because his ready (net) entangle ability shuts down Astyanax' PARRY cards. Kalendio's ability effectively cancels a gladiators use of 2 of the main Defense cards unless the target player has plenty to spare. Add his LEAP and STRIKE or VIPERSTRIKE cards to his deadly spear and Kalendio can finish off opponents easily.</p>

ACHILLIA



- 1) Play after target uses a PARRY. Target takes a wound (gain 1 favour).
- 2) Discard a card as if it was a DEFLECT.

The queen of the twin blades, **Achillia** is adept at confusing her opponents into missing the deadly 2nd sword when they must PARRY her blows. She favours sword (card) play, getting enemies into long chains of counter moves, using her DEFLECT, DISARM and finally double STAB cards to finish opponents off.

TETRAITES



- 1) Play after target uses a DEFLECT. Target takes 1 wound (gain a favour)
- 2) Discard a card as if it was a SHOVE card.

Since he is such a veteran, **Tetraites** allows you to choose his balance of attack and defense cards. Wielding his trusty spear this warrior already has 2 deadly THRUST cards that can dispatch opponents with ease; although he tends to use them later on in combats when his opponent has run out of effective defense. With 2 FEINT cards he can easily handle DODGEing opponents and with swift STABS or DISARMS he can often draw victims into his DEFLECT traps.

BRITTANICUS



- 1) Discard a card as if it was a LEAP.
- 2) After causing a wound, target also discards a card.

Britannicus is a thug, but a very good one. Not so well known (2 starting favour) but tough (5 life), his LEAPing assaults using CLEAVE and TWINSTRIKE gain favour from the crowd as he brutally bludgeons his foes using GRAB and his heavy shield, draining them of stamina. His battles are all about SUBDUE-ing the enemy rapidly.

LUCIUS FELIX



- 1) Play after target uses a BLOCK, target takes a wound (gain 1 favour).
- 2) Discard a card to play as a STAGGER.

Lucius is also a veteran of many battles and his innate toughness (5 life) shows it. Trained as a Thracian, his wide shield is ideal for BASHs or to STAGGER foes. It also provides a perfect opportunity for his signature move, tricking enemies into blocking so he can wound them with his curved sica. Gladiator players often forget this ability.

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LEANDROS***



- 1) Discard a card to play as a STAGGER. Target must also discard a card.
- 2) Trigger the ability as if it was a LEAP card (gain 1 favour) then play an attack card.

[Note: The printed Leandros gladiator card is missing his life points (of 4)].

A newcomer to the arena **Leandros** likes to play with his victims as a human lion. Pouncing on his opponents to STAGGER them and reduce their stamina, he favours LEAPs followed by STRIKES. Make sure you arm him with decent attacks otherwise this strategy will become his weakness! A couple of DEFLECT cards will help to keep his stamina going for longer battles.

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