

The Second Battle of Shibono Pass

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The Setting:

The Winter Battle of Shibono Pass serves only to confirm that the opposing forces will meet again in Spring. Spring is here.

The mountain daimyo formally accepts Inoue as his overlord. Together, they seek allies for the coming fight. A prize is obtained when they concluded a treaty with the Nichen sect of Buddhist monks, whose famous Abbot is always ready for a good fight. Inoue makes a gift of the mountain pass to the Nichen sect, along with a tax on the mountain's produce. In exchange, he receives a pledge from the Abbot to build a fortified monastery that will secure Shibono Pass against any incursions from the north.

Geography favors the Inoue interest. Being on the southern slopes of Gonjo Mountains, the pass is sufficiently open to allow the monks to take possession of the Pass early in Spring. Mobilizing a huge workforce of mountain peasants, they quickly set to work on the foundations of the Abbey/fort.

In the face of these provocations, Minamoto is far from idle. Using his considerable treasury, he recruits a much larger army, increased by almost a third by the Uesugi clan. His political agents foment conflict on Inoue's southern border, thereby spreading the enemy forces thin over a large territory. His intelligence confirms that Inoue is understrength in the Pass for the fight that is inevitable, and also that progress on the monk's fort is proceeding more quickly than expected.

Minamoto understands that his best, and possibly last, chance is at hand. Bringing in the last of the forces that will assure his 3:2 advantage on the field, he set the battle in motion.

The orders of battle that follow are formulated for a variation of the *Fire and Fury* rule set called *Daimyo Fury*.

MINAMOTO

Kikkawa	Hatamoto			
Ashigaruino	Hatamoto			
Bito	Messenger			
Saba	Samurai		7/5/3	

HATANO

Tai commander

UZAMASA

Sub commander

Hidari	Samurai		8/6/4	
Hidari	Ashigaru/arquebus	E	9/7/5	Sk
Hori	Yumi		7/5/3	Sk

NANBU

Sub commander

Oda	Ashigaru/blade		8/6/4	Sk
Mano	Ashigaru/arquebus		9/7/5	Sk
Ashigaruoka	Ashigaru/arquebus		10/6/4	Sk
Satome	yumi		6/5/3	Sk

IMAWAGA

Tai commander

ADACHI

Sub commander

Mouri	Samurai		7/5/3	
Toyama	Militia		7/6/5	
Tanzawa	Militia		6/5/4	
Kato	Ashigaru/arquebus		11/8/6	Sk

KURODA

Sub commander

Akito	Samurai		7/6/5	
Kino	Ashigaru/arquebus		8/6/5	Sk
Ozima	Yumi		6/5/3	Sk

UESUGI

Tai commander

TAKEMATA

Sub commander

Akiyama	Ashigaru/blade		8/6/5	Sk
Arakawa	Ashigaru/blade		8/6/5	Sk
Jojo	Ashigaru/blade		8/6/5	Sk
Nakajo	Ashigaru/missile		6/5/3	Sk
Naoe	Ashigaru/missile		6/5/3	Sk

YAMAURA

Sub commander

Honjo	Ashigaru/blade		8/6/5	Sk
Irobe	Ashigaru/blade		8/6/5	Sk
Saito	Ashigaru/missile		6/5/3	Sk
Sambonji	Ashigaru/missile		6/5/3	Sk

TADA

Tai commander

ENOMOTO

Cavalry sub commander

Obata	Hvy cavalry	HC	5/4/2	
Torii	Med cavalry		4/—/2	

TAIRA

Cavalry sub commander

Kyogokyu	Med cavalry		6/4/3	
Gonzuma	Med cavalry		5/4/2	

Sk = skirmish capable

INOUE

Matdsuda	Hatamoto	
Akamatsu	Hatamoto	
Takigawa	Messenger	
Isho	Battery	
Mojo	Samurai/arquebus	E 8/5/3
Niwa	Med cavalry	4/-/2
Atagi	Med cavalry	4/-/2

KITSUNE

Tai commander

MAEDA

Sub commander

Date	Ashigaru/arquebus	8/6/4	Sk
Date	Ashigaru/pike	9/6/4	(non-Sk)
Yamana	Yumi	6/4/3	Sk

MIKUMO

Sub commander

Wakisaka	Samurai	8/6/4	
Honda	Ashigaru/pike	E 11/8/6	(non-Sk)
Tokugawa	Ashigaru/arquebus	8/6/5	Sk

AKITA

Tai commander

ANDO

So	Ashigaru/arquebus	9/7/5	Sk
So	Samurai	7/5/3	
Hojyo	Ashigaru/pike	8/6/5	(non-Sk)

AKITA

Kutsuki	Samurai	7/5/3	
Ujiwara	Ashigaru/arquebus	9/7/5	Sk
Gomyo	Yumi	8/6/4	Sk

The ABBOT

Tai commander (E)

Shaka	Samurai	9/7/4
Tonna	Samurai	7/5/3
Dengyo	Samurai	8/6/4
Kobo	Med cavalry	4/-/2
Jichen	Med cavalry	3/-/2

KISAWA

Allied Army Commander

Konishi	Samurai	7/5/3
Yamanote	Peasant	12/10/8
Enzan	Peasant	12/10/8

SATAKE

Sub commander

Chubu	Militia	9/8/5
Fukuda	Peasant	14/11/9

Sk = skirmish capable