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## Murmillo gladiator fighting style

Gladiator mosaic Various gladiator competitions were staged. The fighters fought in certain categories, each with certain rules, weapons and armor. Opponents were usually selected in the lot and armed according to their category. Retiarii carried the net and Neptune-like trident and lithely danced around the arena. The Murmillones were the equivalent of heavyweight boxers. They carried heavy swords and shields. Samnites carried a large elongated shield, sword or spear, and were protected by visor helmets, the greaves of his right foot and the protective sleeve of his right hand. Fights were often to the death. In one particularly dishonest competition, an unarmed man was armed with stones. The armed man of course usually won, but before he had the chance to enjoy his victory he was removed from his arms, which was given to another gladiator who usually won the former winner. This process continued until each contestant was dead, except for the last man. Harold Whetstone Johnston wrote private life romans: Gladiators usually fought in pairs, man against man, but sometimes masses (gregatim, catervatim). For the first time, they were actually soldiers, prisoners taken in the war, and so naturally they fought with the weapons and equipment they were used to. When the professionally trained gladiators came, they got old names and they were called Samnites, Thrac, etc., according to their hands and tactics. Much later, victories were celebrated in the face of distant nations in battles in which the roman people were shown the weapons and methods of war conquered; thus, after conquering Britain's essayist exhibited arena tactics in the chariot fighting, which Caesar had described for several generations before his comments. [Source: Private Life Romans Harold Whetstone Johnston, modified by Mary Johnston, Scott, Foresman and Company (1903, 1932) forumromanum.org |+] It was natural enough, too, that people want to see different weapons and different tactics tried against each other, and so Samnite was matched against the Thrathra, heavily armed against light weapons. It became an empire under a favorite style of combat. Finally, when people were tired of regular shows, updates were introduced that seem to us grotesque; men fought blindfolded (andabatae) or armed with two swords (dimachaeri), or lasso (laqueatores), or heavy nets (retiarii). There were also battles with dwarfs and dwarfs with women. They became hugely popular in retiarius. He was carrying a large net where he tried to get his opponent stuck, always a secutor, sending him a dagger when the throw was successful. When unsuccessful he took a flight while preparing his net for another throw; or if he had lost his network, he tried to keep The opponent set off a heavy three-pronged spear (fuscina), his only weapon besides the dagger. |+] See separate articles: GLADIATOR COMPETITIONS AND THEIR POPULARITY FACTSANDDETAILS.COM ; Rome's Colosseum and glasses factsanddetails.com; ENTERTAINMENT, THEATRES, DRAMA AND SPECTACLES IN The Ancient Roman factsanddetails.com ; OLD ROMAN SPORTS: BALL GAMES, GIG RACING AND FIXED WRESTLING MATCHES FACTSANDDETAILS.COM ; Roman Emperors Games and Exhibitions factsanddetails.com ; Animal spectacles in Ancient Rome: slaughter and slaughter of wild animals factsanddetails.com ; Gladiators' lives factsanddetails.com. 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Armor extended the battles and made the race more complicated and athletic. Armor, often weighing 30 pounds or more, was specially designed for gladiator events. The helmets, with their fearsome faces, were extremely heavy, but well balanced, so they didn't put too much strain on their necks. The shields were made of wood because they were lighter than metal ones. They were often lined to feel that absorb shock blows. Foot and gun protections were protected by flax or wool, and for the same reason felt liners were placed under helmets. Peter Conolly, a historian and expert on gladiators, told Discover magazine: 'Metal doesn't protect you from the blow, and that's especially the case with helmets. If someone puts you in the head, the helmet can stop the hit, but it knocks you out. The main problem with the lining was it made the armor very hot. About a dozen different weapons were used, some of which were based on weapons used on battlefields against roman legions by their various enemies. Short swords were often preferred to long ones because they were more manoeuvrable and more ideal for trimming. The fight was less like fencing the game than free for all wild swings and wrestling. Swords were often kept behind shields until the move was ready. Other weapons were pitch forks tied to ankles, whips, clubs and cestus, an iron-studded leather thong that can cause death if landed properly in the temple. Sometimes the fighters had one hand tied or tied to metal plates. Sometimes one fighter was given the advantage of a shield, armor or helmet that his opponent did not have. Harold Whetstone Johnston wrote Private Life of the Romans: Armor and weapons used in these battles are well-known pieces found in various places, and paintings and sculpture, but we are not always able to assign them to a specific class of gladiators. The oldest class of gladiators was samnites. They had belts, thick sleeves on their right hand (manicae), visor helmets, left leg straws, short swords and a long shield (scutum). The empire under the name Samnite was gradually lost, lost, and gladiators with equivalent equipment were called hoplomachi (heavy armed) when they were matched by lighter armed thraps and secutores as they fought with retiarii. [Source: Private Life Romans Harold Whetstone Johnston, modified by Mary Johnston, Scott, Foresman and Company (1903, 1932) forumromanum.org |+] The Thras were much the same outfits as samnites; the distinguishing marks were a small shield (parma) instead of scutum and to make up for the difference between the greaves on both legs. They wore a crooked sword. The Gauls were heavy-handed, but we don't know how they were distinguished. In later times they were called murmillones, perhaps ornament of their helmets shaped like fish (mormyr). Retiarii had no protective skin protection other than shoulder. Of course, the same man can appear on turns like Samnite, Thracian, etc. if he was skilled at using different weapons. |+] Provocator versus Murmillio Professor Kathleen Coleman of Harvard University wrote to the BBC: The rules were probably specific to different styles of combat. Gladiators were individually armed in different combinations, each combination that established their own fighting style. Gladiators who were tied against an opponent in the same style were relatively rare. One such type was that equites, literally riders, so-called because they entered the arena on horseback, although an important stage in the fight they unravelled on foot. [Source: Professor Kathleen Coleman, BBC, February 17, 2011 .:|] Some of the most popular pairings contrast with the advantages and disadvantages of each other. Combat between murmillo (fish-fighter, so-called logo on his helmet) and thraex or hoplomachus was the standard favorite. Murmillo was a large, elongated shield that covered his body from shoulder to calf; it gave stout protection, but was very clumsy. Thraex, on the other hand, carried a small square shield that covered only his torso, and hoplomachus through an even smaller round one. |:| Instead of calf-length greaves, both guys wore leg-protectors that came well above the knee. Both Murmillo and his opponent were comparable to protected, but the size and weight of their shields would have required a variety of fighting techniques, contributing to the interest and excitement of engagement. |:| The most vulnerable of all gladiators was a net-fighter (retiarius) with only a shoulder guard (galley) on his left hand to protect him. Being relatively unencumbered, however, he could move nembly to inflict a blow on his trident in the relatively long run, cast his net over his opponent, and then close to his short dagger for a face-off. He used to fight a heavily armed secutor who, though almost impregnable, sawn his armour under the weight. As the retiarius developed, leading to his left shoulder and wielding a trident in his right hand, his shoulder guard prevented his opponent from hitting the vulnerable area of his neck and face. |:| Not that all gladiators are right-handed. The disturbing advantage given to the left; they were trained to fight the right, but their opponents, unfamiliar with approaching this angle, could be thrown out of balance in a left-handed attack. Left-handedness is therefore the quality advertised as graffiti and epitaphs of both. |:| Originally, different fighting styles must be the kind of fight that the Romans met among the nations with whom they fought and conquered - thraex literally means a resident of Thrace, an indigic land bordered by the northern danube and to the east the notorious Black Sea. Then, when combat styles became stereotypical and formal, the gladiator could be trained in an ethnic style different from his actual place of origin. It also became politically incorrect when he called the styles after the nations, which had now been comfortably assimilated to the empire, and given privileged relations with Rome. Thus, the August period term murmillo replaced the old term samnis, assigning people to southern Rome who had long succumbed to the Romans and absorbed their culture. |:| Susanna Shadrake wrote in The World of the Gladiator: Provocator: An important element of the provocator was her tradition of reflecting military origins, Provocator in the later imperial period sometimes wore a crescent shaped short breastplate, instead of a rectangular one, and an open helmet legionia type became a visored one when cheek-pieces were expanded to meet in the middle, then hinged on the sides, and eye-grills were added to surround the face. All other equipment remained broadly the same. Depictions of provocats usually show that they are fighting each other and no other gladiators. [Source: World Gladiator Susanna Shadrake \=/] Eques: As a provocator, the evidence is that eques only ever fought another eques. Mounted as a gladiator equipped with a lance, a sword and a traditional small round shield of the Republican cavalry, a parma horseman, he was characterized by his uneducated round periphery with his feathers on both sides, and the fact that he did not wear loincloth unlike other categories of gladiator. In previous pictures of this gladiator, they were shown in scale-vests, although it changed from knee length to tunica imperial age. Imperial eques: In depictions later, imperial equites usually depict them wearing voluminous tunics, sometimes brightly colored and decorated. \=/ retiarius v secutor Crupellarius: Crupellarius was a very heavily armed gladiator of gallic origin. They are first mentioned by the first-century A.D. historian Tacitus. In the rebellion of Julius Florus and Julius Sasorr in AD21, crupellarii, heavily armored Gallic gladiators against the Roman

Legionnaires. Tacitus gives a colorful insight into the result: Completely covered in iron state fashion, these cruppellarii, as they were called, were too clumsy for offensive purposes, but impregnable defense . . . . The infantry carried out a frontal attack. The Gaul sides drove in. The iron-coated contingent caused some delay as their Against spears and swords. However, the Romans used axes and mattocks and hit their plet forces and its bearers like men in the demolition wall. Others knocked down immobile gladiators with poles or pitches, and without power, they were left to die. [Silent Annales III. 43] Gladiators with so many heavy armor were not known elsewhere in the Roman Empire, but a small figurion found in Germany, France, which fits the description of the crucifixion, shows the search for robots for a gladiator almost entirely covered in bullets. The helmet has a perforated bucket look. \=/ Samnite was a Roman gladiator who fought in the equipment style of that Samnite warrior Samnium (region of southern Italy): short sword (gladius), rectangular shield (scutum), greave (ocrea) and helmet. So armed warriors were the earliest gladiators of the Roman Games. They appeared in Rome shortly after the defeat of Samnium in the 4th century BC, apparently accepted as victory celebrations by the Roman allies in Campania. Armed with low-status gladiators defeated by the enemy, the Romans mocked the elements of samnite and their culture of martial arts. Samnites was quite popular during the Roman Republic. Finally, other gladiator types joined the list, such as murmillo and Thraex. During the reign of Emperor Augustus, Sanius became an ally and integral part of the Roman Empire (all Italians had gained Roman citizenship by then). Samnite was similarly replaced by armed gladiators, including hoplomachus and secutor. [Source: Wikipedia] Susanna Shadrake wrote World of the Gladiator: Thra traverse: This older category gladiator was so popular, it did not disappear or mutated by a different name type; but thraex acquired new elements as time went by. Fashion has become an arena, but it is possible to recognize a separate armature of thraex, regardless of the date. Thraex through a small square or rectangular shield, wooden construction, planing or plywood skin, known as parma or its diminutive, parmula; examples of examples appear to have been emphatically curved, not flat, and tended to be the boss. This shield became its popular nickname in thraeces, parmularii, just as their opponents curved with straight shields called scutarii. Because the shield was small, about twenty-four inches twenty inches, and offered little protection down to the groin level, the thraex wore greaves, ocreae, on both legs, which reached up to the middle of the thigh, and are often depicted wearing the form of leg protectors above them, at least in the knee groin, which appear to be padded or quilted fabric wrappers around both legs. Manica was carried on the dominant hand. The primary endpoint was this category was curved bladed sica, the depiction it ranges from dagger to sword length. [Source: World Gladiator Susanna Shadrake \=/] Gladiators from the Zliten mosaic The most instantly recognizable feature of thraex was his brimmed, bristled helmet with its distinctive griffin head. All but very little depiction of thraeces, griffin is shown in the crest of a helmet, helping identification. The meaning of this particular mythological creature in a gladiatorical context may stem from his role as guardian of the dead or from a reputable connection with Nemesis; Four griffins said to run his gig. As a symbol, Griffin often appears in Greek and Roman art, especially in tombs, as guardians of souls. \=/ Hoplomachus is often confused with thraex, and indeed they have many devices in common. The word comes from Greek, which simply means an armed fighter. They both had a distinctive forward-curved bristle helmet, although the hoplomachus helmet did not appear to be on the brush with Griffin's head. Both had equally high straws and padded leg wrappers, fascia. They even shared the same opponent, murmillot. But when the shield, parmula, thraex was small and square or rectangular, that hoplomachus was round, albeit still small in size. The shield was always round, convex, and made of one metal, usually a copper alloy (bronze). The thickness of the bronze of the sheet was an important factor in determining the weight of the shield – too thick and its protective properties would have withered from its clumsiness. The primary weapon in this category seems to be the spear that another weapon hoplomachus, a sword, or perhaps more dagger, such as pugio, could be kept on the left while the shield, ready for use if the spear was cast or lost. \=/ Susanna Shadrake wrote in The World of the Gladiator: Murmillo gets his name from the Greek word for a certain type of fish, as many modern sources pointed out, it was derived from a picture of fish on its helmets, although archaeological data do not have solid evidence to support this claim. The fish in question was mormlauros or Latin, murmo or murmuro, striped bream, which was very common in the Mediterranean as it is now, and best caught by the old method of surf-casting, a fishing technique that involves pouring the net into a surf trap with fish coming from the sand bottoms where they feed. It's this technique that may have no idea of the origin of murmillo can be found. [Source: World Gladiator Susanna Shadrake \=/] secutor Astyanax vs retiarius Kalendio mosaicKeiser Vespasian's retooth, Quintilian, records a sing-song song allegedly addressed by murmillo retiarius: Not you peto, piscem peto; Cur me fugis, Galle? ('It's not you I'm after, it's your fish; why are you running away from me, Gaul?') If there is historical authenticity at all in this jeering provocation of heavy armored murmillo, it reveals two things: First, retiarius's clever and realistic tactics to swallow his opponent by feeding him too much movement, and secondly, the networkman's reference to the fish emblem of the helmet, calling the other gladiator murmillo, but calling him gallic. Regardless of the origin of the word murmillo, it is generally thought that they have evolved from an earlier category known as the Gallic, or gallus, for which little is known. \=/ We do know, however, that murmillo wore a manica, a guard of his hand, his sword arm. He was wearing a large rectangular, semi-cylindrical wooden shield, very similar to the legional scutum. His left leg was a short greave worn over the padding. Unlike thraex or hoplomachus, murmillo, with a near-complete coating of a very large shield, scutum, does not need high, thigh-length greaves that they wore-as long as there was enough overlap on the bottom of the shield and on top of the greed, his protection was maintained. \=/ Murmillo was armed with gladius. The helmet murmillo was wide to the brim, with a bulging face plate that contained grilled eye pieces; its distinctive appearance was partly due to a prominent visor, but also an angle, sometimes hollow, box brush, which was then able to be taken from the insertion of a wooden featherkeeper, to which another horsehair (or feathered) brush could be determined. One of the pens was attached on either side of the bowl. Like most categories of gladiator, the torso murmillo was, as we have seen, open, and he wore a subligaria, elaborate folded loincloth with balteus, ostentatiously wide belt, often highly decorated. A good example of the lary ornamentation of belts is shown in a bone figure by a murmillo gladiator from Lexden, Colchester. \=/ Susanna Shadrake wrote Gladiator World: Secutor: The first thing you notice about the secutor is the name: stalker, stalker, it alludes to the reason for the existence of this particular gladiator. Otherwise known as contraretiarius, secutor fought retiarius; the category is believed to have been specially designed for this purpose; if this origin is authentic, then there is some justification for believing that the secutor was an offshoot of murmillo. [Source: World Gladiator Susanna Shadrake \=/] Retiarius stabs SecutorShorts were the same as the hands and armor of the secutor, and only the number of helmets was different; it was desulphur and had only a low, smooth, featureless brush after a curved bowl. The back of the helmet from the creak to the small neck guard. Unlike other helmets with metal grilles forming the upper half of the visor, the secutor helmet closed the face completely; the visor had only two small eye holes, each 3 cm in diameter (3 cm) and although it was open with hinges on the side, it had a dead end on the outside to lock the gladiator. \=/ Retiarius: Of all categories of gladiators, the most instantly recognizable retiarius, network and trident fighter named after the network he used, is rete. Until halfway through the first century AD, there is no record, whether in the file, literary or archaeological, of this type of gladiator. After that, the traditional pairing of retiarius and secutori will appear regularly, quickly becoming one of the most popular and enduring arena fights. It is fair to assume that the secutor was invented at the same time as retiarius, to create an exciting and novel fight; something like it is not possible to detect at any earlier point historical record. The reason for the relatively unexpected appearance of this type of fighter cannot even be guessed, and ordinary sources remain silent on the subject. All other categories of gladiator are from the relationship, no matter the weak, military or martial arts activities; retiarius, with its obvious fishing and sea-related equipment, does not follow this pattern. The best we can do is agree that Rome's appetite to look at new and inventive ways of killing was once again in the peace of mind of this renewed struggle. \=/ So many retiarius images show him holding the trident with both hands, his left hand (as is usually the right hand's leading hand) forward, and the right hand back at an angle that is ready to push, that this is probably the textbook stance of the trident fight. His vests consisted only of a high metal shoulder guard, a galerus, his left, or conductive, shoulder, overlapping and pinned to the top edge of the manica to protect the left hand. Of course, this assumes that the retiarius was right-handed and that he would throw his net with his right hand while grabbing his trident and dagger into his left hand. However, in a sliver of relief, one of the very few representations of this gladiator actually show him the net (at Chester, Cheshire, and now at the Saffron Walden Museum), he holds it in his left hand. He was not wearing a helmet and is often portrayed with a knife as a secondary weapon. \=/ Murmillo v Thacian on ziethn mosaic Susanna Shadrake wrote World Gladiator: paegniarii seems to be a comedy of fighters whose battles did not involve sharp weapons and only laughs. They have an ancient family tree that is more connected to the Atellian farce from which they seem to be mistaken. They would presumably be deployed to the periods between the bloodthirsty parts of the programme at lunchtime to keep the public interested and to provide easy relief. A variant of the usual paegniarius offered by Caligula, who, as Suetonius is associated with, would stage comic duels between venerable homeowners who happened to be physically disabled in some way or otherwise. When portrayed as Paegniarii, they do not wear armour or carry non-lethal weapons, such as whips and sticks. So the knockabout races they performed would not have given much danger to life to mourn. One famous paegniarii lived at the age of 97. [Source: World Gladiator Susanna Shadrake \=/] Female gladiators were called gladiatrices, gladiatrix in singular form. Jamie Frater wrote in Listverse: Although the first documented appearance of gladiatrices appears during the reign of Nero (37-68 AD), there is an impact in previous documents that strongly suggest that they existed before. Emperor Severus banned female gladiators around AD 200, but records show that this ban was largely ignored. [Source: Jamie Frater, Listverse, May 5, 2008] Shandrake wrote: 'The theme of female gladiators has always provoked strong emotions; as now, they have been considered anomalies or innovations. There are some references to female fighters from literary sources, and some evidence of labels on monuments. From this evidence, it is possible to establish the existence of gladiatrix as an authentic gladiator category rather than a feverish fantasy; however, the evidence of the existence of a disease is not the same as the frequency guarantee. \=/ In Satire VI, Juvenal fired female gladiators AD late 1. Juvenal wrote: Everyone knows purple wraps and women's wrestling floors. And everyone has seen the battered training ground, hacked away with the thrust of his repetitive swords, and kicked from his shield. The lady goes through all the drill, absolutely qualified trumpet at the festival flora. Unless he's planning something more in his heart and practicing a real arena. What modesty do you find of a woman wearing a helmet who escapes her gender? Thraex (Thracian) It's violence he likes. However, he wouldn't want to be a man- after all, the joy we experience is so little compared! What a nice sight it would be if there was an auction of your wife's things-her sword belt and her hand defenders and her crests and half-size shin guard on her left foot! Or if it's a different battle that he's fighting, then In bliss, when your girlfriend sells her greaves! However, these are women who break the sweat with a thinner wrap and whose delicate skin is chafed by the finest wisp of silk. Hark roars as he drives home with the thrust he's been taught. The hark weight helmet, which has its withering, size and thickness of the bandages that surround his elbows-and then has a laugh as he takes off his armor to pick up the chamber pot. [Juvenal, Satirae VI 246-264] Animal against animals competitions staged in the arena of giraffes fought lions and zebras battled elephants in small pits, which forced them to go one after the other. Many of the animals were imported from Africa. At the opening of rome's Colosseum, it was estimated that 5,000 wild animals were killed in one day. [Source: Greek and Roman Life by Ian Jenkins from the British Museum]] Decapitating ostrich with crescent-headed arrows was a favorite trick of gladiator battles. The crowds cheered and roared with laughter as the ostrich continued to run around after cutting off his head. Bears used to defeat bulls. Shepherds easily dispatch deers. The Lions used to beat the Tigers. Even a rhino couldn't hide an elephant. Gladiators were particularly afraid of battles against wild animals. Unarmed men battled starvation with lions. The odds were tilted in favor of lions, which was harder to replace than gladiators. Sometimes lawbreakers were fed to animals as intimidating, so that others would not break the law. There are bills for feeding women to animals. The government staged gladiator battles three or four times a year. Spectators were often let into stadiums and coliseums for free to win their support and keep them calmed. The last one was recorded in the 404th. There, the monk ran into the arena and stopped the gladiator fight in the middle of the battle. The monk was stoned to death, but gave the impression of Emperor Honorius, who banned the sport. Crowds of 45,000-strong showed up to watch gladiator battles at the Coliseum. Caesar's event included 320 separate competitions. Some bloody glasses lasted for months. One bloody circus during the reign of Tuse lasted 123 days in a row and 5,000 to 11,000 people were killed. Under Augustus' leadership, eight large gladiator events were held, each with about 1,250 gladiators. There are great shows at the Coliseum: Tom Mueller wrote in Smithsonian magazine, After the executions came the main event: gladiators. While escorts prepared ritual whips, fire and rods to punish poor or unwanted fighters, the fighters warmed up until the editor gave a signal the actual battle to begin. Some gladiators belonged to specific classes, each with their own equipment, fighting style and traditional opponents. For example, retiarius (or net man with his net, the trident and the dagger often fought against the secutori (follower) with a sword and which wore a helmet with a face mask, which left only his eyes open. The contestants followed the rules enforced by the judge; when a warrior conceded defeat, usually raising his left index finger, his fate was decided by the editor, with the vociferous help of the crowd who shouted Missus! (Dismissal!) to those who had fought valiantly, and lugula, verbera, ure! (Slit his throat, hit, burn!) Those they thought were worthy of death. Gladiators who got literally thumbs down were expected to take a finishing blow to their opponents unflinchingly. The winning gladiator collected prizes, which may include palm victory, money and crown of special bravery. Since the Emperor himself was often the host of the games, everything had to run smoothly. Suetonius, a Roman historian and biographer, wrote that if the spectacle was damaged by technicians, Emperor Claudius could send them to the arena: [He] would have done well for trivial and hasty reasons, with others, even carpenters, assistants and men of this class, if any automatic device or races or something like that had not worked well. Or as Beste said: The Emperor threw a big party and wanted the catering to go smoothly. If it wasn't, the caterers would sometimes have to pay for it. [Source: Tom Mueller, Smithsonian magazine, January 2011] The spectators were the stadium of the empire's microcosm and its games the reintroduction of the myths of their foundation. The slaughtered beasts symbolized how Rome had conquered the wild, far-reaching and defeated Nature itself. The executions dramatized the power of justice without remorse, which destroyed the enemies of the state. Gladiator embodies cardinal Roman quality virtus, or masculinity, whether the winner or the defeated looks deathblow with Stoic dignity. We know it was terrible, says Mary Beard, a classical historian at the University of Cambridge, but at the same time people looked at the myth to be re-enacted in a way that was vibrant, with its face and terribly affecting. It was theater, cinema, illusion and reality, all connected to one. Image Sources: Wikimedia Commons Text Sources: Internet Ancient History Sourcebook: Rome sourcebooks.fordham.edu ; Internet Ancient History Sourcebook: Late Antiques sourcebooks.fordham.edu ; Forum Romanum forumromanum.org ; William C. Morey, Ph.D., D.C.L. 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