

Nova Cat,
Rikkard



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FILING NOTES:

FIELD RESEARCH
S128, S051

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THOUGHT CONTROL
C051, C012

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IMAGE ACQUISITION
G202, G122, G114

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CORRECTION ENFORCEMENT
L314, L145

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Record No
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NAME: RIKKARD NOVA CAT

Record No
DA-132-01



FACTION: Spirit Cats

DOB: 08/09/3098

REGIMENT: Shiva Keshik

HAIR: Orange

MECH: Firestarter

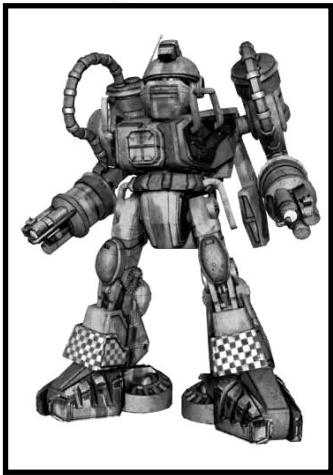
EYES: Brown

Like all Nova Catsmen, especially those of the Shiva Keshik, Rikkard is a fanatic devotee of the Spirit Cats and their leader, Kev Rosse. However, unlike most of his brethren who prefer to use laser-based 'Mechs or vehicles, Rikkard chose to test his marksmanship with one of the more unusual BattleMechs in service: a Firestarter. Its primary weapon is a flamer, which taps into the heat generated by the fusion reactor to create a powerful but short-ranged burst of fire. Such weaponry makes accurate targeting difficult, if not impossible,

for some MechWarriors. Flamers often require pilots to apply a simple point-and-shoot technique; the splash effect of the weapon will usually do some damage in the general direction of the target.

However, Rikkard is not satisfied with such sloppy marksmanship. With a skill that has been honed across many years and numerous Trials, he has almost perfected the use of the weapon, able to strike targets more often and with greater accuracy than many other MechWarriors employing more easily targeted weapons. Such dedication to duty will be difficult to tamper with, but if he can be turned, will be a perfect match for the Order.

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MECH: FIRESTARTER

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DA-132-02



Serial Number: FS298-77Y

Mass: 35 tons

Chassis: Foundation Ultralight
Endo Steel

Power Plant: GM 210

Cruising Speed: 64.8 kph

Maximum Speed: 97.2 kph

Jump Jets: Luxor Load Lifters

Armor: Durallex Nova

Armament:

6 Hotshot Flamers

1 Defiance Model XII Extended
Range Medium Laser

Commentary:

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One of the most specially designed BattleMechs ever fielded, the Firestarter gains its name from the six flamers that it mounts on twin arms. Though powerful against any target, they are especially devastating to unarmored infantry.

Though it walked off the assembly lines before the fall of the Star League, and so could have left with the SLDF that was destined to become the Clans, it did not. Instead, it was piloted by a succession of warriors in the Inner Sphere and was not taken into Clan Nova Cat until 3059, when Combine troops clashed with the Cats on the world of Avon. Though the Kurita MechWarrior of this Firestarter was killed in action, his prowess was such that one young Clan warrior stepped forward to honor his memory by piloting the machine.

For its unusual but powerful history, Rikkard Nova Cat named it "Soulbearer."