



Introducing the *The Saratoga IPL* *Commemorating the Battles of Saratoga*

We are pleased to introduce our first ever IPL (India Pale Lager). With our new equipment upgrades we are now able to produce Lager style beers in addition to Ales. The Saratoga IPL also introduces a new hop to our already extensive list of hop varieties - the El Dorado Hop. This IPL is designed to be crisp and clean. Enjoy our Saratoga IPL while reading about one of the most significant victories of the American War for Independence!

The Battles of Saratoga (September 19 and October 7, 1777) conclusively decided the fate of British General John Burgoyne's army in the American War of Independence. The battles were fought eighteen days apart and 9 miles south of Saratoga, New York.

Burgoyne's campaign was intended to divide New England from the southern colonies. He won a small tactical victory over General Horatio Gates and the Continental Army in the September 19 Battle of Freeman's Farm at the cost of significant casualties. His gains were erased when he again attacked the Americans in the October 7 Battle of Bemis Heights and the Americans captured a portion of the British defenses. Burgoyne was therefore compelled to retreat, and his army was surrounded by the much larger American force at Saratoga, forcing him to surrender on October 17.

News of Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga was instrumental in formally bringing France into the war as an American ally. Formal participation by France changed the war to a global

conflict.

The first battle, on September 19, began when Burgoyne attempted to flank the entrenched American position on Bemis Heights. Benedict Arnold, anticipating the maneuver, positioned forces in his way. While Burgoyne succeeded in gaining control of Freeman's Farm, it came at the cost of significant casualties.

Burgoyne attacked Bemis Heights again on October 7th. In heavy fighting, marked by Arnold's spirited rallying of the American troops (in open defiance of orders to stay off the battlefield), Burgoyne's forces were thrown back to the positions they held before the September 19 battle and the Americans captured a portion of the entrenched British defenses.

Burgoyne lost 1,000 men in the two battles, leaving him outnumbered by roughly 3 to 1; American losses came to about 500 killed and wounded. By October 13 Burgoyne was surrounded at Saratoga, and on October 17 he surrendered his army of 5,790 British regulars.



Burgoyne Surrenders to Gen. Horatio Gates