Andrewz suggestionz ... "Condotierre"

Have you ever played Condotierre?

.. If not , I do recommend it — it is an interesting , cheap , good , little game . However , after a while , play does take on a rather familiar pattern . The issue I have really with the game though , is with the strength of 2 of the cards . The Drummer and the Heroine are just too strong , and may even be held-over between rounds . Often , as I have found , the round is decided largely by the presence of these cards . In other words , the outcome of a round (and often the whole game) , comes down to being lucky enough to receive more of these cards than your opponents . So here is my variant :

The Drummer: playing The Drummer doubles only the strength of your strongest mercenary PLUS the strength of your next strongest mercenary for each "Aijin" (the Lover, in English, I would think) that you have in play. So, if you have played a Drummer and 2 'Lover' cards, the strengths of your highest, second highest, and third highest mercenaries are doubled. BUUTTT... a Lover used in this manner does NOT possess a strength of even 1. Its strength is zero.

The Heroine: During winter, her strength is only 1 for each mercenary in play (up to a total strength of 10). So, if the round finishes during a winter, and you have a Heroine and 6 mercenaries before you (and nothing else), your strength is 6 for the Heroine plus 1 for each of the mercenaries, giving a total strength of 12. Also, if the Heroine is played, you cannot surrender, or, if you wish to surrender later in the round, the strength of the Heroine is zero (After all, how can there really be a hero of any sort in a battle lost?)

Your thoughts?

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