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18EUK27 finishes this time with a victory for Stephen W just nicely ahead of Mike R. 1856Z28 got started after the publication of Minstrel 334. A new 1835 starts below for those on the waiting list (well, duh!).

The Railway Rivals China game finishes this time with Mike R as the winner ahead of Brad M. So it is now upon us to select a new map for the next game. In his endgame comments Tony B bemoans the lack of balance in the China map (as does the winner Mike) which is a pity and/or ironic as Tony B got to suggest the map after he bemoaned the lack of balance in map used for the previous game. I should say that I believe that Tony B had not actually seen the China map and had presumably only heard about it. Okay, back to choosing a map for the next game. We need a map which all players can review in advance of selection to reduce the likelihood (or opportunity) for feelings of post-engagement tristesse.

So let's start by proffering Brandenburg North - which can be viewed at <http://www.hollowell.plus.com/rr-bbn.jpg>. Players on the waiting list are invited to review and react. If not okay with that map then please offer any known recommendations for alternatives. As a side note, Tony S in particular will be horrified to know that this map can be combined with Brandenburg South [\[http://www.hollowell.plus.com/rr-bbs.jpg\]](http://www.hollowell.plus.com/rr-bbs.jpg) for that rather stupendous two map format game we tried in Minstrel a while back using East & West Yorkshire.

Looks like I have successfully reduced the space that I feel needs to be filled with chat of a social or general nature. Okay, what can I tell you? Well, back in April I did compete in a good pub quiz at the Poet & Castle in Codnor, Derbyshire as part of a team powered by Mick H, Peter Stanton & Martin Draper. We won and then found that the prize was to be taken in beer. As we had found it almost too hard to be on the right side of the road for the bus to the Port & Castle (after leaving the pub where we had eaten) it did not seem wise to add to the challenge of getting the last bus back to Peter's place by quickly downing any of our prize on the spot. If Peter hasn't drunk or portered the prize by the time we are back up there then I guess we will have to visit and drink it - no doubt during quiz night when we would run the risk of winning another tranche of beer. This could run and run - but only in my dreams of pub quiz invincibility ...

**1835E29**

**GAMESTART**

Well, you are, in dealing order ... Don Smith, Tony Sait, George Lucas, David Hooton, Tim Parkes.

You each start with 390M. This will be a half Thompson game and here is a reminder of the rules for that variant. The rules are as published [2nd Edition - English translation by John Webley] but ...

- ∅ The whole Start Packet is available at once.
- ∅ The dealing order is 1234554321123.
- ∅ When the Start Packet has been sold the ByE and SxE are available.
- ∅ Once all the ByE and SxE have been bought then the WtE, BaE & HeE all become available.
- ∅ After all the WtE, BaE & HeE have been bought the MsE & OIE are available.
- ∅ The PrE shares are available after a share in one of the WtE, BaE & HeE has been bought.

**1835E29 : HALF THOMPSON GAME : PHASE 1**

**NEXT TIME – SR1**

<b>WAITING</b>	1829 South	David H, Jeff E
	1829 North	Jeff E, David H, Tony B
	1830	Don S, Mike R, John S
	1835	[Empty]
	1856	Don S, David H
	1861	David H
	1870	Lyndon G, Don S, David H, John S
	18EU	Don S, Stephen W, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	Tony S, John W, David H, Mike R, Brad M, Tony B
	OUTPOST	Jeff E
	St. PETERSBURG	Mike R, Mick H
	YEAR OF THE DRAGON	Mike R, John W

**DEADLINE : FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2010**

**HOST : ROB THOMASSON**

We have OR11 only as advised. And during that OR two diesels are purchased by retention & swap sequence - and then the BBG picks up the traded 5 train. I'm asking for the next two rounds - but if there is any request to stop after OR12, then the sooner the better please.

## Operating Round 11

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
THB	GLu	45:K14:5	[23]		330	Y	150D	203	5 (4)	
CGR	LG	125:F17:3	[15]		160	N	100A	451	(4)	
GW	GLe	9:M12:2			410	N	75F	39	5 (4) +D	A B
GT	TP	9:O10:2		N11	150	N	75B	59	(5) +D	C D
WGB	GLu	23:K12:6	[9]		210	Y	90B	21	6	
CA	LG	14:B19:1	[57]		230	Y	90B	23	6	
BBG	LG	68:N17:1	[59]				35J	0	+5	E F

<b>Notes</b>	A	\$750+4 Train to the Bank for a Diesel	D	\$750+5 Train to the Bank for a Diesel
	B	Diesel purchase starts Phase 6	E	\$111 from Lyndon Gurr for a train purchase
	C	\$40 to the Bank for a garrison	F	\$550 to the Bank for a 5 Train

<b>Tiles</b>	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/1	5/2	6/0	7/5	8/7	9/10	14/0	15/2	16/1	17/1
	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/2	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	39/1	40/1	41/3
	42/3	43/2	44/1	45/1	46/2	47/2	55/1	56/1	57/3	58/3	59/2	63/4	64/1
	65/1	66/1	67/1	68/0	69/0	70/1	120/1	121/1	122/0	123/0	124/1	125/1	126/1
	127/0												

**Trains** D/7(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR11	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 14
George Lucas	166	270	436	1,886	32.9	10.5	10.5
Tim Parkes	93	66	159	1,209	21.1	8.5	8.5
Lyndon Gurr	45	4	49	1,069	18.7	6.5	7.5
Graham Lee	446	66	512	1,562	27.3	8.5	8.5

Portfolios	BBG	CA	GT	GW	THB	WGB	CGR
George Lucas	-	-	-	2	5P	5P	1
Tim Parkes	-	-	6P	-	2	-	3
Lyndon Gurr *	2P	5P	-	-	-	-	5P
Graham Lee	-	-	-	6P	2	-	3
Bank New	4	4	3	-	-	4	-
Par	65	100	100	100	90	100	100
Bank Pool	4	1	1	2	1	1	8
Quote	35J	90B	75B	75F	150D	90B	100A
Credit	\$0	\$23	\$59	\$39	\$203	\$21	\$451
Tokens Left	2	1	2	1	-	1	4

Rights Held by ShareCos : THB - Bridge | CGR - Bridge, Tunnel.

The OR12 operating order is - THB, CGR, WGB, CA, GW, GT, BBG.

1856A27 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - \$10,048

NEXT TIME - OR12 & SR7

## OUTPOST M9 COMMENTS

John W      Textbook? There's a textbook? Why has no one told me this before? And I'm very chuffed to know that I made a very clever bid, wish it had been deliberate mind. I suspect that Ian, and a few others are playing this game at a different level to me.

Two unusual things here - we ran out of 9 tiles and the B&O had a run from Baltimore to NYC North the long way round. John W's extra shares keep him earning more than Mark as we hunker down to start the run to the finishing post ...

## Operating Round 12

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B&O	MH	24:G11:5	[8]	G19	410	Y	100C	141	5 5	A
NYNH	DS	9:C13:3			220	Y	100E	1	5	
C&O	DS	57:H4:2			270	Y	71E	0	D	
Erie	DR	8:H6:1					75F	0	+D	B C
PRR	JW	20:G5:1	[9]		280	Y	71F	143	6	
CPR	JS	8:C11:1					54G	0	+D	D C
NYC	JS	57:B10:1			230	Y	50H	64	6	
B&M	DR	44:G5:1	[20]		340	Y	45G	0	D	

**Notes**  
 A \$40 to the Bank for a garrison  
 B \$1,003 from David for a train purchase  
 C \$1,100 to the Bank for a D Train  
 D \$384 from John S for a train purchase  
 - Sold NYNH(100), C&O/2(200), PRR(71) - Sold C&O/2(164),B&O(100), NYC(45)

Tiles	1/0	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/4	8/5	9/1	14/1	15/1	16/1	18/1	19/0
	20/1	23/0	24/0	25/0	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	39/1	40/1	41/2	42/1
	43/2	44/0	45/1	46/2	47/1	53/2	54/1	55/0	56/1	57/1	58/0	59/2
	61/0	62/0	63/1	64/1	65/0	66/1	67/0	68/1	69/0	70/1		

**Trains** D/2(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR12	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Don Smith	38	319	357	1,354	20.6	10 - 10	
Mark Hancock	268	321	589	1,614	24.5	9 - 10	
John Webley	489	370	859	1,909	29.0	10 - 13	
David Roffey	595	-358	237	737	11.2	2 - 7	
John Shelley	8	215	223	962	14.6	1 - 12	

Portfolios	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Don Smith	1	-	-	1	6P	-	4P	-
Mark Hancock	1	-	1	5P	-	-	4	-
John Webley	6P	1	1	3	-	1	1	1
David Roffey	1	-	1	-	-	2P	-	5P
John Shelley *	-	5P	6P	-	-	1	-	2
Bank New	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	2
Par	67	67	67	100	100	76	71	76
Bank Pool	1	1	-	1	4	5	1	-
Quote	71F	50H	54G	100C	71E	75F	100E	45G
Credit	\$143	\$64	\$0	\$141	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0
Tokens Left	2	3	3	1	1	2	-	-

The OR13 operating order is - NYNH, B&O, Erie, PRR, C&O, CPR, NYC, B&M.



The collective determination to buy through the companies this time resulted in all but one being floated ... and John gets two of the three new companies and as well as the director's certificate of the yet to be floated SECR ...

## Share Dealing Round 9

\* share from the pool

John Shelley	Mike Ruffhead	David Hooton	Andy Muir	Tony Osborne
+GWR*	+LBSC	+LNWR*	+LBSC	+LBSC
+GER/D	+GER	~	+GER	+GER
+GER	+GER	~	+GER	~
-GNR,+GER	+GER	~	+GCR/D	+GNR*
+GCR	+GCR	~	-LBSC,+GCR	+GCR
-GWR,+GCR	-LBSC,+GCR	~	-LBSC,+GCR	-LBSC,+GCR
-GCR/2,+L&YR/D	-GWR,+L&YR	~	-LBSC,+GCR*	-LBSC,+L&YR
-GWR,+L&YR	+L&YR	~	-GNR,+GCR*	-LBSC,+GNR*
+L&YR	-GWR,+L&YR	~	+L&YR	-LBSC,+L&YR
+SECR/D	~	~	~	-LBSC,+SECR
+SECR	[Totem]			

Cash Flow	Start	SDR9	End	Value	%	Certs Max 17
Tony Osborne	300	-270	30	1,595	19.0	14 - 14
John Shelley	423	-386	37	1,613	19.2	16 - 16
Mike Ruffhead	341	-128	213	1,585	18.9	17 - 17
David Hooton	299	-250	49	1,795	21.3	8 - 8
Andy Muir	356	-328	28	1,820	21.6	14 - 14

Portfolios	Privates	LNWR	GWR	Mid	LSWR	GNR	LBSC	GER	GCR	L&YR	SECR	
Tony Osborne	-	-	-	6D	-	2	1	1	2	2	1	
John Shelley	S&M	-	-	3	5D	-	-	4D	-	4D	3D	
Mike Ruffhead *	-	-	-	-	2	8D	-	3	2	3	-	
David Hooton	-	6D	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Andy Muir	-	-	6D	1	-	-	-	2	6D	1	-	
Bank New	Hull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Bank PoolC&HP, C&W, L&M		4	4	-	-	-	9R	-	-	-	-	
Credit		£380	£100	£90	£120	£330		£640	£610	£580		
Trains		2 2 2	3 2 2	4 3 3 2	3 3	3	2					
Tokens Left		4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	2	
Tiles	1/2	2/2	3/2	4/6	5/4	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/8	10/1	12/0	13/2
	14/1	15/1	16/1	17/1	18/1	19/2	20/1	21/1	22/1	23/4	24/3	25/1
	26/2	27/2	28/1	29/0	30/1	31/1						
Trains	4/4(£430)	then	5/5(£550)	7/4(£720)								

1829Q27 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 2 : BANK - £19,643

NEXT TIME - OR11

The CA reached its destination in OR4 and has all the credit it deserves. And two more destinations are achieved as we journey to the first 5 train in a steady and apparently meaningful styleee ...

OR7	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
LPS	DS	121:F15:2			110	Y	100E	165	400	3	C
CA	JW				130	Y	100E	190	300	3	
BBG	DR	15:J15:2	[6]	F15	140	Y	100B	60	100	4	F G
GT	TS	14:P9:2	[57]		110	Y	80F	320	400	3	A
CPR	TS	6:K8:2			240	Y	75F	152	400	4 3	E H
CV	DS	14:L13:1	[6]		90	Y	70F	5	100	4	
THB	DR	59:L15:6					60F	25	100	+4	I F J
GW	DR	5:J11:5			110	Y	65G	3	300	3	B D K L

OR8	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
LPS	DS	25:D15:6	[8]		110	Y	110E	225	500	3	C F
CA	JW				130	Y	110E	160	300	3	
BBG	DR	9:K14:2			140	Y	110B	10	100	4	I M
GT	TS	8:O8:3			110	N	75F	135	500	3 +4	A F N
CPR	TS	8:J7:5			110	Y	80F	55	500	3 +5	E F O P Q
CV	DS	55:M10:6			130	Y	75F	5	100	4	R
GW	DR	66:L15:3	[59]		110	Y	70G	36	300	3	B D
THB	DR	126:F15:1	[121]		140	Y	65F	80	100	4	

Notes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
	\$5 from the FT Private	\$10 from the WSR Private	\$10 from the TCC Private	\$20 from the NFSBC Private	\$20 from the SCFTC Private	Government Loan secured	\$40 to the Bank for a garrison	GT reaches its destination	\$40 to Bank for a mountain or lake	\$350 to the Bank for a 4 Train	Forced loan redemption	Government Loan redeemed	THB reaches its destination	\$350 to the CPR for a 4 Train	\$550 to the Bank for a 5 Train	5 Train purchase starts Phase 4	5 Train purchase closes the Privates	Run reduced by \$10 to pay loan interest

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/3	4/2	5/1	6/1	7/6	8/6	9/9	14/2	15/0	16/1
	17/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/3	24/4	25/0	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	39/1
	40/1	41/3	42/3	43/2	44/1	45/2	46/2	47/2	55/0	56/1	57/1	58/2
	59/2	63/4	64/1	65/1	66/0	67/1	68/1	69/1	70/1	120/0	121/1	122/1
	125/4	126/0	127/1									
Trains	5/2(\$550) then		6/2(\$700) D/9(\$1,100)									

Cash Flow	Start	OR7	OR8	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Tony Sait	12	221	77	310	1,350	26.5	11 - 11	
David Roffey	10	78	162	250	1,220	24.0	9 - 9	
Don Smith	80	111	131	322	1,357	26.7	9 - 9	
John Webley	24	109	113	246	1,161	22.8	8 - 8	

Portfolios	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Tony Sait	-	-	6P	-	6P	-	1	-	-	-	-
David Roffey	4P	-	-	-	-	2P	-	-	6P	-	-
Don Smith *	-	-	-	5P	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-
John Webley	-	6P	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Bank New	6	4	1	4	4	4	2	10P	4	10P	10P
Par	90	70	65	65	65	70	65		65		
Bank Pool	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	110B	110E	80F	75F	75F	70G	110E		65F		
Credit	\$10	\$160	\$55	\$5	\$135	\$36	\$225		\$80		
Loans	100	300	500	100	500	300	500		100		
Tokens Left	1	2	2	1	3	2	-	1	1	2	1

Rights Held by ShareCos : CA - Port Token at F17 | CPR - Tunnel | GW - Bridge.

The OR9 operating order is - LPS, CA, BBG, CPR, GT, CV, GW, THB - unless changed by SR6.

George keeps his powder dry whilst Stephen splashes his cash ...

### Merger Round 3

- M-NN Converts to MVR - Par is 100E
- Stephen Webb buys 4 Certs of MVR for R400

### Stock Round 4

\* share from the pool

John Shelley	George Lucas	Stephen Webb	Mike Ruffhead
+NW	~	+S-V(270)	+MK
+V(130)	[Priority]		

Cash Flow	Start	MR3	SR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mike Ruffhead	241	0	-180	61	821	20.7	3 - 3	
John Shelley	334	0	-280	54	1,114	28.1	6 - 6	
George Lucas	345	0	0	345	975	24.6	3 - 3	
Stephen Webb	670	-400	-270	0	1,050	26.5	7 - 7	

Portfolios	Privates	N	O-K	K-B	K-R	M-B	V	S-V	NW	MK	MVR	RSR
Mike Ruffhead	-	-	-	-	2D	-	-	-	-	3D	-	-
John Shelley	-	-	-	-	-	-	2D	-	5D	1	-	-
George Lucas *	-	-	2D	2D	-	2D	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen Webb	-	2D	-	-	-	-	-	2D	-	-	6D	-
Bank New	T-R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	4	2D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote		90F	90F	90F	110E	135C	65G	135C	150D	180B	100E	
Credit		R125	R125	R25	R100	R105	R130	R270	R419	R266	R470	R120
Loans		0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Trains		2.2	2	2	3.2	3			3.3.2.2	3.3.2.2	3.2	
Tokens Left		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	6

Privates Owned by ShareCos : O-K - TSR, BSSC | NW - MRR | MVR - MYR, WVR.

Tiles	3/1	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/~	8/~	9/~	14/1	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2
	19/1	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/5	24/4	25/3	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2	30/2
	31/1	57/2	58/2	87/2	88/2	201/3	202/3	204/2	207/3	208/2	619/0	621/2
	622/1	624/1	625/1	626/1	635/0	637/0						
Trains	4/4(R350)	then	5/4(R550)	6/2(R650)	7/2(R800)	8/9(R1,000)						
			2+2/2(R600)		5+5E/2(R1,500)							

The T-R is the only Minor Company yet to be auctioned.

The OR7 operating order is - M-B, S-V, K-R, N, O-K, K-B, V, MK, NW, MVR.

The MKV is formed from the M-V in the Merger Round and the MKN is started - with its base at L7 - in the Stock Round. So that's just the one Public Company left with three Minor Companies available ...

#### Merger Round 4

- M-V Converts to MKV - Par is 110D
- Lyndon Gurr buys 3 Certs of MKV for R330

#### Stock Round 5

\* share from the pool

Mark Stretch	Lyndon Gurr	David Hooton	David Roffey
+SW	-NW,+MKV	+NW*	+MKN/D
+SW	~	~	-NW,+MKN
~	~	~	-MK,+MKN

Cash Flow	Start	MR4	SR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Lyndon Gurr	372	-330	0	42	1,647	31.8	10 - 10	
David Hooton	176	0	-110	66	1,266	24.4	7 - 7	
David Roffey	308	0	-295	13	1,293	24.9	8 - 8	
Mark Stretch	441	0	-360	81	981	18.9	4 - 4	

Portfolios	Privates	D	V	E	GRR	NW	SW	SE	MK	MVR	MKV	MKN	RSR
Lyndon Gurr	-	-	-	2D	-	-	-	-	-	5D	6D	-	-
David Hooton	-	2D	-	-	4D	4D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Roffey	-	-	2D	-	-	-	-	-	5D	-	-	4D	-
Mark Stretch *	-	-	-	-	-	-	5D	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	Minor Cos	-	-	-	6	5	5	10D	4	5	4	6	2D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Quote		110D	70F	135C	135D	110E	180B		120E	135D	110D	135C	
Credit		R5	R50	R75	R230	R470	R524		R474	R300	R710	R540	R10
Loans		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	50
Trains		3	3	3	3	3	4		4	3	3		4
Tokens Left		-	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	2	2	2	5

Privates Owned by ShareCos : NW - WVR | MK - MRR | MKV - TSR, BSSC, MYR.

Tiles	3/2	4/3	5/2	6/2	7/~	8/~	9/~	14/1	15/0	16/2	17/2	18/2
	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/1	24/3	25/1	26/0	27/2	28/0	29/2	30/2
	31/2	57/2	58/1	87/2	88/2	201/3	202/4	204/2	207/3	208/1	619/0	621/2
	622/1	624/1	625/1	626/1	635/0	637/0						
Trains	4/1(R350)	then		5/4(R550)	6/2(R650)	7/2(R800)	8/9(R1,000)					
				2+2/2(R600)		5+5E/2(R1,500)						

The remaining available Minor Companies are the M-B, T-R & S-V.

The OR9 operating order is - E, D, V, SW, GRR, MVR, MKN, MK, NW, MKV, RSR.



The first 3 train is bought - so now companies can buy trains from other companies as well as the bank.  
 And note that there are no 58 tiles available. Tony completes the flotation of the HeE and John S sells out of the ByE to get the BaE started ...

**Operating Round 5**

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	JS	8:L4:2			40	Y		80	2	
B-P	JW				70	Y		25	2 +2+2	A
Mag	TB	4:G11:2			60	Y		100	2	
K-M	JW				60	Y		105	2 2	
B-S	JS				50	Y		100	2	
A-K	TB				60	Y		120	2	
ByE	DS	7:K13:5			180	Y	112D	490	2+2 2 2	
SxE	DH	9:K15:2 8:H18:6		L14	130	Y	82F	403	2+2 2+2 +3	B C D E

Notes A 120M to the Bank for a 2+2 Train D 180M to the Bank for a 3 Train  
 B 70M to Bank for a mountain E 3 Train purchase starts Phase 2  
 C Free Base at Nurnberg-Furth home

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/1	4/1	5/1	6/1	7/5	8/4	9/8	12/2	13/2	14/2
	15/2	16/2	18/1	19/2	20/2	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2
	55/1	56/0	57/0	58/0	69/1	87/2	88/2	201/2	202/0	203/2	204/2	205/1
	206/1	207/2	208/2	209/1	210/1	211/1	212/1	213/1	214/1			
	215/1											

Trains 3/3(180M) then 3+3/3(270M) 4/3(360M) 4+4/1(440M) 5/2(500M) 5+5/1(600M)  
 6/2(600M) 6+6/4(720M)

**Share Round 6**

\* share from the pool

John Webley	Tony Bromley	Don Smith	John Shelley	David Hooton
+SxE*/10(82)	-ByE/10(112),+HeE/10(84)	+HeE/10(84)	-ByE/30(312),+BaE/D(168)	+HeE/10(84)
~	+HeE/10(84)	~	+BaE/10(84)	~
~	+HeE/10(84)	~	+BaE/10(84),+BaE/10(84)	[Loco]

Cash Flow	Start	OR5	SR6	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Tony Bromley	92	121	-140	73	881	22.4	8	12
Don Smith	37	113	-84	66	846	21.5	7	12
John Shelley	42	144	-108	78	968	24.6	8	12
David Hooton	9	83	-84	8	608	15.5	6	12
John Webley	29	91	-82	38	626	15.9	5	12

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Tony Bromley	Bra, Mag, A-K	-	10/1	-	-	-	50/4D	-	-
Don Smith	Ost	-	50/4D	10/1	-	-	10/1	-	-
John Shelley	Pfa, Han, B-M, B-S	-	-	-	50/4D	-	-	-	-
David Hooton *	-	-	-	60/5D	-	-	10/1	-	-
John Webley	B-P, K-M	-	-	30/3	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	40/4D	-	-	50/4	100/8D	30/2	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	40/4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			98F	86E	84D		84D		
Credit			490M	403M	420M		588M		
Tokens Left		1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

The OR6 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, SxE, HeE, BaE.

We stop after SR4 as it did contain the purchase of a share in fact enough that three more companies have been floated ...

## Operating Round 3

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes		
PRR	DS	57:H16:3			60	Y	112A	740	2 2			
C&O	TB	55:G7:1			110	Y	112A	600	2 2			
Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/4	8/6	9/6	55/0	56/1	57/2	58/2	69/1
Trains	2/2(\$80)		then	3/5(\$180)	4/4(\$300)	5/3(\$450)	6/2(\$630)	D/6(\$1,100)				

## Stock Round 4

\* share from the pool

Mike Ruffhead	Tony Sait	Don Smith	Tony Bromley	David Roffey
-PRR(112), -C&O/2(224), +NYNH/P(180)	-PRR/3(300), +NYC/P(152)	~	+C&O*(90)	-PRR(76), -C&O/3(270), +B&O(100)
+NYNH(90)	+NYC(76)	~	+PRR*(71)	+B&O(100)
+NYNH(90)	+NYC(76)	~	~	+B&O(100)
+NYNH(90)	+NYC(76)	~	~	+B&O(100)
+NYNH(90)	+NYC(76)	[Priority]		

Cash Flow	Start	OR3	SR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Mike Ruffhead	143	68	-204	7	777	24.1	7 - 7	
Tony Sait	119	48	-156	11	617	19.1	7 - 7	
Don Smith	45	30	0	75	430	13.3	4 - 4	
Tony Bromley	125	60	-161	24	541	16.8	7 - 7	
David Roffey	23	69	-54	38	858	26.6	6 - 6	

Portfolios	Privates	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Mike Ruffhead	D&H, C&A	-	-	-	-	-	-	6P	-
Tony Sait	CStL, M&H	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don Smith *	-	5P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Bromley	SVR	1	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-
David Roffey	B&O	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	-	4	10P	4	-	10P	4	10P
Par	-	90	76	-	100	76	-	90	-
Bank Pool	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
Quote	-	71F	76D	-	100A	71F	-	90B	-
Credit	-	\$740	\$760	-	\$1,000	\$600	-	\$900	-
Tokens Left	-	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1

The OR4 operating order is - B&O, NYNH, NYC, PRR, C&O.

We stop after OR3 by request ... probably because some Private Companies might have been purchased by the Share Companies in OR3. That did not happen so SR4 is likely to be uneventful. Next time we will also have OR4 & SR5 if SR4 does not result in a new or changed presidency (meaning that OR4 has the same companies as below, run by the same people). I expect that your SR5 orders can take the possibility of Private Company sales in OR4 into account - but if not then please advise as soon as possible.

## Operating Round 2

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
CA	DR	57:D17:2					90A	190	100	+2	A B
LPS	MH	57:C14:6					75C	220	0	+2	B
GT	DS	57:P9:2					75C	210	100	+2 +2	A B B
GW	JS	5:F17:1					65E	200	100	+2	A B

Notes A Government Loan secured B \$100 to the Bank for a 2 Train

## Stock Round 3

\* share from the pool

David Roffey	John Shelley	Mark Hancock	Don Smith
+GW(70)	[Priority]		

## Operating Round 3

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
CA	DR	8:E16:5			40	Y	100A	270	200	2	A
LPS	MH	9:D15:6			50	Y	80C	220	0	2	
GT	DS	9:O10:2			90	Y	80C	290	200	2 2	A
GW	JS	8:G14:5			50	Y	70E	350	200	2	A

Notes A Government Loan secured

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/3	4/3	5/1	6/2	7/7	8/11	9/11	55/1	56/1	57/1
	58/3	69/1										
Trains	2/1(\$100)		then	3/5(\$225)	4/4(\$350)	5/3(\$550)	6/2(\$700)	D/9(\$1,100)				

Cash Flow	Start	OR2	SR3	OR3	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Don Smith	0	15	0	51	66	456	25.3	5 - 5	
David Roffey	65	30	-70	43	68	478	26.6	4 - 4	
John Shelley	5	35	0	50	90	470	26.1	4 - 4	
Mark Hancock	55	0	0	20	75	395	22.0	3 - 3	

Portfolios	Privates	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Don	FT, TCC	-	-	-	-	4P	-	-	-	-	-	-
David	WSR, NFSBC	-	2P	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
John *	GLSC, SCFTC	-	-	-	-	-	3P	-	-	-	-	-
Mark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4P	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	10P	8	10P	10P	6	6	6	10P	10P	10P	10P
Par			100			80	70	80				
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			100A			80C	70E	80C				
Credit			\$270			\$290	\$350	\$220				
Loans			200			200	200	0				
Tokens Left		2	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	1

The OR4 operating order is - CA, LPS, GT, GW - unless changed by SR4.

The Stock Round was run by email and the end result is given below. In the Operating Rounds remember that loans can only be used to fund a forced train purchase - they are not available for use by a company that already has a train. Which prompts me to say that if your orders results in a company making two tiles lays and/or having to take out a loan to make the required tile lays - then I will assume that was foreseen and the loan(s) will be taken out.

**Stock Round 1**

George Lucas	Neil Walters	Mike Ruffhead	Tony Sait
+TSR(30),+BSSC(50)	~	+MYR(60)	+MRR(75),+WVR(80)
~	+N(130)	~	+M-K(135)
+O-K(220)	+M-NN(160)	+K-K(110),+K-R(100)	[Priority]

**Operating Round 1**

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
O-K	GL	202:C20:5	8:B19:4			100D	80	0	+2	A B C
M-NN	NW	8:H7:3				70F	60	0	+2	C
N	NW					60G	30	0	+2	C
M-K	TS	58:G10:1	8:H11:4			60G	15	0	+2	B C
K-K	MR	58:D13:3				50H	10	0	+2	C
K-R	MR	202:F15:6				45H	0	0	+2	C

**Operating Round 2**

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
O-K	GL	9:C18:1	9:C16:1		60 H	110D	90	0	2	B
M-NN	NW	8:I8:6			70 H	80F	95	0	2	
N	NW				80 H	65G	70	0	2	
M-K	TS	6:H13:1			60 H	65G	45	0	2	
K-K	MR	9:E14:3			60 H	55H	40	0	2	
K-R	MR	9:G14:2			60 H	50H	30	0	2	

Notes A R20 to Bank for a Tile lay C R100 to the Bank for a 2 Train  
 B R20 to Bank for 2 Tiles

Tiles 3/2 4/4 5/2 6/1 7/~ 8/~ 9/~ 57/2 58/2 201/3 202/1 621/2  
 Trains 2/4(R100) then 3/7(R225) 4/4(R350) 5/4(R550) 6/2(R650) 7/2(R800)  
 8/9(R1,000) 2+2/2(R600)5+5E/2(R1,500)

Cash Flow	Start	SR1	OR1	OR2	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
George Lucas	315	-300	25	55	95	390	23.6	3 - 3	
Neil Walters	315	-290	0	75	100	390	23.6	2 - 2	
Mike Ruffhead	315	-270	20	80	145	415	25.1	3 - 3	
Tony Sait	315	-290	55	85	165	460	27.8	3 - 3	

Portfolios	Privates	N	StP-W	M-NN	R-O	O-K	M-K	K-K	M-V	K-B	K-R
George Lucas	TSR, BSSC	-	-	-	-	2D	-	-	-	-	-
Neil Walters	-	2D	-	2D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Ruffhead	MYR	-	-	-	-	-	-	2D	-	-	2D
Tony Sait *	MRR, WVR	-	-	-	-	-	2D	-	-	-	-
Bank New	Minor Cos	-	2D	-	2D	-	-	-	2D	2D	-
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote		65G		80F		110D	65G	55H			50H
Credit		R70		R95		R90	R45	R40			R30
Loans		0		0		0	0	0			0
Tokens Left		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The OR3 operating order is - O-K, M-NN, N, M-K, K-K, K-R - unless changed by SR2.

One bid made otherwise all took the immediately available Private Company ...

### Stock Round 1 (Privates)

Graham Lee	Ian Pendlebury	Tim Parkes	Stephen Webb
+FT(20)	+WSR(40)	Bid on SCFTC(105)	+TCC(50)
+GLSC(70)	+NFSBC(100) [Tim P +SCFTC(105)]	[Priority]	

Cash Flow	Start	SR1	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Graham Lee	375	-90	285	375	25.1	2 - 2	
Ian Pendlebury	375	-140	235	375	25.1	2 - 2	
Tim Parkes	375	-105	270	370	24.7	1 - 1	
Stephen Webb	375	-50	325	375	25.1	1 - 1	

Portfolios	Privates	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Graham	FT, GLSC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ian	WSR, NFSBC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tim *	SCFTC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stephen	TCC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New Par	-	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P
Bank Pool Quote	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tokens Left		2	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	1
Tiles	1/1 2/1 58/3 69/1	3/3	4/3	5/2	6/2	7/7	8/13	9/13	55/1	56/1	57/4	
Trains	2/6(\$100)	then	3/5(\$225)	4/4(\$350)	5/3(\$550)	6/2(\$700)	D/9(\$1,100)					

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NEXT TIME - SR1 (COMPLETION)

Some failed attempts at Joint Runs in multiple directions and the only one that happened was due to failsafe HOI-SIN orders (the first premise there had a wrong destination).

TANG runs slightly longer but takes the victory over the HOI-SIN:CSR joint entry. Run 37 was the first to be entered by all players and the result was a dead heat for the shortest route and the fourth shortest route. Then five of you contested run 38 but the field was split between the northern and southern routes to Western China with all the points going to the users of the northern option - but payments meant that HOI-SIN was the only one of those to make a profit. The four going for run 39 with pints earned by the two (equal) shortest runners. Then just CSR to take run 40 and GRINCH to beat HOI-SIN in run 41. Finally TANG takes run 42 from YAYS but payments mean that they earn the same.

### Runs

36>	Anshan – Zhanjiang	TANG [68] 20-7/CSR-1/GITCO, HOI-SIN:CSR [65] 5-1/GITCO:5+7, GITCO +2
37>	Beijing – Changsha	TANG [32] 15-7/YAYS+2, GRINCH [27] 15-2/TANG+4, CSR [29] 0-1/HOI-SIN+1, YAYS [37] 0+7, HOI-SIN [28] 0-3/GRINCH+2, GITCO [36] 0-1/HOI-SIN-1/CSR-1/GRINCH
38>	Teintsin – Western China	HOI-SIN [30] 20+11, CSR [36] 5-1/TANG-1/YAYS-3/HOI-SIN, GRINCH [38] 5-8/HOI-SIN, GITCO [52] 0+3-1/TANG-2/YAYS, YAYS [59] 0-1/TANG-3/GITCO+3, TANG +3
39>	Chengchow – Wuhan	GITCO [10] 20-2/TANG, TANG [10] 10+4, YAYS [15] 0-2/TANG, GRINCH [11] 0
40>	Sian – Nanning	CSR [42] 20
41>	Wuhan – North Korea	GRINCH [40] 20-2/TANG-5/HOI-SIN+1, HOI-SIN [41] 10-1/GRINCH+5, TANG +2
42>	Nanchang – Amoy	TANG [15] 20-5/YAYS, YAYS [20] 10+5

**Earnings** - TANG 56, HOI-SIN 48, CSR 32, GRINCH 28, YAYS 19, GITCO 17.

TANG earns the most for the second round in a row but is too far behind HOI-SIN who takes the victory with that pair clear of the following group of four.

### Scores

				Runs	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
HOI-SIN	Mike Ruffhead	337	=	289	+4	-1	+31			+14	
TANG	Brad Martin	284	=	228	+12	+10	+3	+14		+2	+15
YAYS	David Hooton	189	=	170		+7	-1	-2			+15
GITCO	Tony Sait	183	=	166	+2	-3	+0	+18			
CSR	Tony Bromley	169	=	137	+12	+0	+0		+20		
GRINCH	John Webley	154	=	126		+17	-3	+0		+14	

**Mike** Hurrah, but also commiserations to Brad who surely has the better network than me and certainly out-thought me in the building stages, but somehow didn't quite get the runs he needed. By round two, I thought I had blown it completely, and even going into the races would not have backed myself even for a podium finish, yet here I am winning comfortably. Lucky old me.

I want to like the China map as it poses some interesting problems, and demands a modicum of co-operation to get the best out of the runs, but I just don't think it is balanced. I have played this map three or four times now and as far as I can recall, victory has always gone to players starting in the northern half of the board. The cities in the north are a bit closer together, but crucially you can cover five out of six specials without ever building into the southern half of the board at all. Thanks as always to Rob for running the game, and regards to everyone else; see you in the next game I hope.

**Tony** I thought that this map is very unbalanced as there are so many towns in the NE as well as 3 specials in that area. Once HOI-SIN was allowed to build with very little competition in the Northern area without at least 2 of the other Northern companies building first towards Beijing to stop HOI-SIN, then the 2 Southern starts had no chance when that had not happened! There needs to be at least 6 more towns in the South and 2 more specials (4 less towns in NE) for any chance of balance. I will not play this map again until there so semblance of balance.

Everybody had standard start cards {indicated by these braces} and opted for the “Pendelburyised Automated Start” (as one player labelled it - we’ll call him “Mr X” although his real name is Jeff Edmunds).

Round 2 allowed the first opportunity for wailing about the fickleness of fate - the result was that five players received cards which resulted in buying a Water Factory and the other three were driven to pick up a new Man.

At least one of every phase 1 Colony Card is available for round 3 ...

**Round 1**

All Bought one Water factory (o:{3},{3} w:{7},{7})

**Round 2**

Mike Bought one Water Factory (o:{3},{3},1 w:5,8)

Mick Bought one Water Factory (o:2 w:9,9)

Dane Bought one Population Unit (o:4 w:6)

Jeff Bought one Water Factory (o:5 w:6,9)

Mark Bought one Population Unit (w:10)

David Bought one Population Unit (o:{3} w:7)

Ian Bought one Water Factory (o:{3},{3},3 w:6,6)

John Bought one Water Factory (o:{3},{3},3 w:5,6)

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators (Limits)	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs	Buys
1	David	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	4o,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
2	Mark	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	5o,3w	(36,10)	4	(0)
3	Dane	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	4o,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
4	Ian	2o,3w	3p (5,0)	-	3w	(21,10)	3	(0)
5	Mick	2o,3w	3p (5,0)	-	2o,3w	(27,10)	3	(0)
6	Jeff	2o,3w	3p (5,0)	-	2o,3w	(27,10)	3	(0)
7	Mike	2o,3w	3p (5,0)	-	3w	(21,10)	3	(0)
8	John	2o,3w	3p (5,0)	-	3w	(21,10)	3	(0)

<b>On Offer</b>	Data Library	2	(3 more)	Heavy Equipment	3	(2 more)
	Warehouse	2	(3 more)	Nodule	1	(4 more)