MINSTREL 447

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p3. RR2362EA is on p8, Outpost M17 is on p9. Puerto Rico M1 is on p11 & P12. The Games That You Play is below. Extensive Outpost M16 comments are on pages 9 & 10.

New Games: An 1835 starts below. We have three for an 1861 - a fourth would be welcome. Then the attention turns to 1856 where we could play with the four waiting or add a fifth contender.

Ooooh, look at that, not much wittering space. Well, in that case I won't ... move on please, nothing to see here, go look at the game reports that await your inspection and reflection.

1835042

GAMESTART

You are ... in dealing order ... John Shelley, Tim Parkes, Mike Bennett, John Webley.

As usual in Minstrel this will be a Half Thompson game. So ... the rules are as published [2nd Edition - English translation by John Webley] except that _

- > The whole Start Packet is available at once.
- > The dealing order for the Start Packet 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 & OlE are available.
- > The PrE shares are available after a share in one of the WtE, BaE & HeE has been bought.

You each have 475M and a gleam in your eye. Have at it!

1835042

NEXT TIME - SR1 (START PACKET)

THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY

Andy Muir Brad Martin Dane Maslen David Hooton	1856W41 RR2363EA, Puerto Rico M1 Outpost M17 1830A42, 18EUE42, 1856K42, RR2363EA, Outpost M17, Puerto Rico M1
David Smith	
Graham Lee	1856W41, 1856K42
Ian Pendlebury	1856W41, Outpost M17
John Shelley	1835J41, 1835S41, 1856W41, 1870X41, 1830A42, 18EUE42, 1856K42
John Webley	1835S41, 1870X41, 1856K42, RR2363EA, Outpost M17, Puerto Rico M1
Mick Haytack	Outpost M17
Mike Bennett	1870X41, 1856K42
Mike Ruffhead	1830A42, 18EUE42, RR2363EA, Outpost M17, Puerto Rico M1
Stephen Webb	18EUE42
Tim Parkes	1835J41, 1835S41, 1856W41
Tony Bromley Tony Osborne	1835J41, 1870X41
Tony Sait	1835J41, 1835S41, 1830A42, RR2363EA, Outpost M17, Puerto Rico M1

WAITING	1829 South	Mike R, John S, David H
	1830	Mike R, Mike B, John S [4/5]
	1835	Mike B, John S, John W, Tim P – See above for a start
	1856	Tony S, Graham L, Brad M, Ian P
	1861	John S, Stephen W, Tim P
	1870	Tim P
	18EU	
	RAILWAY RIVALS	Christian B, John W, Mike R
	OUTPOST	
	PUERTO RICO	Mick H
	ST. PETERSBURG	Mick H
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1835841/14

We are not quite done ... but we will be next time. Comments will be printed.

Operatiı	ng Roun Dir	d 14 Lay	[Rep]	Base	Rur	n Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
ByE PrE	JS TP	24:L12:6 28:E11:1	[8] [8]		280 560) Y	288B 288B	28 107	5+5 6+6 5	
SxE	TS	7:D14:2	[0]		240		192D	183	5 +6+6	ABD
HeE	TP	8:D12:3			41(188B	1	4+4 4	D
WtE	JS TS	8:M11:6			200		150B	1	4	c
BaE OlE	JW	8:H6:1 5:D8:1			200 50		102D 102D	130 190	6 6	C A
MsE	JW	8:C9:3			160		82F	120	4	~
Operatii	ng Roun	d 15								
	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Rur	n Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
ByE	JS	56:M7:4			280		318B	28	5+5	
PrE	TP				560		318B	107	6+6 5	_
SxE	TS TD	46.544.2	1001		550		214D	183	6+6 5	D
HeE WtE	TP JS	46:E11:3	[28]		42(20(210B 168B	1 1	4+4 4 4	D
BaE	TS				200		112D	130	6	
OIE	JW			C11	220		112D	130	6	Е
MsE	JW				160) Y	88F	184	4	
Notes	B 10		for a river BaE for a 6 [.] for a moun				Train Limi A to the Ba	t ank for a g	arrison	
Tiles	1/1	2/0	3/1 4/1	5/2	6/3	7/6	8/3 9	9/7 12/	1 13/2	14/0
	15/0		8/1 19/			24/0		6/2 27/		29/0
	39/1		1/2 42/2			45/2		7/1 55/		57/2
	58/2 207/2		9/0 70/ [,] 09/1 210/)3/2 204/ 5/1 216/		
	219/1		21/0	1 211/1	212/0	213/1	Z14/1 Z	5/1 210/	0 21772	210/0
Trains	6+6/2(
Cash Flo	w	Star	rt OR14	OR15	End		Value	%	Certs	Max
Tim Park	kes	2,22	4 720	764	3,708		7,734	29.7	16	16
Tony Sai		1,25			2,328			20.5	16	16
John She		1,52			2,522		,	27.3	17	17
John We	bley	1,47	0 404	602	2,476		5,901	22.6	15	16
Portfolio	os	Pr	E ByE	SxE	BaE	W	tE He	E Msl	e oie	Ξ
Tim Park		50/		-	10/1		- 100			2
Tony Sai		5/								
John She		10			-	90/			- 90/5	.n
John We	-	35	/4 20/2	2 20/2	-	-		40/2		
Bank Ne		-		-	-	-			-	
Bank Poo Quote	JL	31		- B 214D	- 112D		 8B 21(10,		П
Credit		102			130N		ов 210 М 1/			
Tokens L	_eft	2		-	1				-	

The OR16 operating order is - ByE, PrE, SxE, HeE, WtE, BaE, OlE, MsE - unless changed by SR9.

1835S41 : HALF THOMPSON GAME : PHASE 3 : BANK - 202M

NEXT TIME - SR9 & OR16

1856W41/11

We have another thrilling round. As ever, please check you orders against the published result.

As a point of information, the CGR did accept two 4 trains to be alongside its inherited 6 train.

I have asked for just OR10 next time, anticipating having OR11 & SR7 the time after.

Operating Round 9											
	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	: Т	rains	Notes
LPS	[GL]	56:E18:2			150	Y	40K	C	```	3)	A B
GW	[IP]	7:B15:2			330	Y	40K	(•	43)	С
CA	GL	63:D17:1	[15]		350	Y	110A	180		6 (4) - 21	
TGB CV	[IP] JS	5:K8:5 9:M12:2					40K 80B	0 150	-	+3] ·5	A D E
BBG	[TP]	9.///12.2					40K	(-5 +5]	AE
WR	[JS]	65:N17:6	[59]		280	Y	40K	(43)	
THB	TP	58:K16:2					75C	699		·5	F
GT	[AM]	15:K8:5	[5]		140	Y	40K	C		3) [+6]	GAHIJ
CPR	IP	125:P9:3	[14]	N11	180	Y	75F	20) (43) +D	KLM
Notes		overnment				Н	\$700 to t	he Bank f	or a 6 T	Train	
		0 to the ba				I	6 Train p				
		0 to the ba			S	J					W, TGB, LPS
		90 to the (50 to the I				K L	\$100 to t \$750+4 T				sol
		to the BB				M	Diesel pu				set
		reaches i			s \$325	111	Dieserpu	renuse se			
Tiles	1/1		3/3 4/	-	6/0	7/	6 8/7	9/7	14/2	15/0	16/1
Thes	17/1		9/1 20			25/		27/1	28/1	29/1	39/1
	40/1		2/3 43			46/		55/1	56/0	57/4	58/1
	59/2		64/1 65			68/		70/1	120/1	121/1	122/0
	123/1		25/3 126	5/0 127/	1						
Trains	6/1(\$	700) D/8(\$1,100)								
Cash Flo	w	St	art	OR9	End		Value	%		Certs	Max 10
Tim Park	es		6	32	38		788	14.9		6.5 - 6.5	5
lan Pend	lebury		113	270	383		1,283	24.2		6.0 - 6.0)
Graham I			318	270	588		1,448	27.3		6.0 - 6.0	
Andy Mui			83	226	309		809	15.2		2.5 - 2.5	
John She	lley		55	142	197		977	18.4		6.5 - 6.5	
Portfolio	S	c	A CF	PR CV	/ ті	HB	WGB	CGR			
Tim Park			- 1		5	iΡ	-	3			
lan Pend			- 4			-	-	6P			
Graham I		6				-	-	2			
Andy Mui John She						-	-	5 3			
	-							3			
Bank Nev	v		4 -	3		3	10P	-			
Par Park Doo	л)0 9			00		100			
Bank Poo Quote	n –		0A 75	5 1 5F 80		2 5C	-	1 100A			
Credit			80 \$2			99		\$381			
Trains			5 C			5		6			
Tokens L	eft					1	1	3			

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

The OR10 operating order is - CA, CGR, CV, CPR, THB.

1856W41 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - \$9,055

1870X41/13

The 8 trains emerge and (only) the GMO is left without a train ...

Operat	Operating Round 10												
	Dir	Lay(s)		[Re		Base	Run	Pay		te Cr	edit	Trains	Notes
ATSF SLSF	JS TB	170:J5:1 14:E12:2		[15			210	Y	25 14		1 30	5 [+4] +6 +4	A B C D
SLSF	TB		onnecti	[6 on Run]	1		250	Y	14		30 70	+0 +4 6 (4)	E
FW	MB	63:F5:1	onneeer	[15] [15	51		220	Ý	18		48	(4) +5	F
MKT	MB	170:B11:3	3	[15			230	Y	12		185	Š	
SP	JW	6:L11:4			_		340	Y	12		242	6 (4)	G
GMO	TB	15:M20:6		[5			90	Y	11		371	(4)	
IC MP	MB JS	24:J17:2 29:F7:5		8] [8]			50	Y	10	ua 4G	390 0	6 (4) +8	HIJ
SSW	MB	63:H13:1		[0 [15						0F	360	+8	
TP	JS	8:M12:1	57:M1			L11	230	Ν		0F	351	5	κL
Notes	A B C D F	\$630 to t \$196 to t SLSF Con SLSF Con	he Bank he GMO nection nection	for a 4 Tr Made - Ba	rain rain ase at 1 0 Paid		G H J K L	\$1 \$8 8 \$8	50 to Ban 116 from 300 to th Train pu 30 to Ban 40 to the	John : e Bank rchase k for a	Shelley (for a 8 e starts F a Tile la	for a trai Train Phase 6 y	n purchase
Tiles	1/		3/3	4/5	5/2	6/0		/8	8/1	9/16			16/2
	17 40	-	19/1 42/3	20/2 43/2	23/2 44/1			5/3 6/2	26/2 47/2	27/1 55/1			39/1 58/4
	63		70/2	141/2	142/2			4/1	145/2	146/2			171/1
	172			=									
Trains	8/	1(\$800)	then	10/2	(\$950)	12/6(\$	1,100)					
Cash F	low		Start	OR10)	End			Value	%		Certs	Max 16
Mike B			269	300		569			3,269	31.		15 - 20)
Tony B			256	199		455			2,169	20.		11 - 12	
John W John Sl			494 165	304 32		798 197			2,502 2,447	24. 23.		11 - 13 10 - 14	
	-												
Portfo			ATSF		GMO	IC	MF	5	МКТ	SP	SSW	SLSF	ТР
Mike B			-	6P	-	6P	-		6P	-	6P	-	-
Tony B John W			- 1	1 1	6P 1	-	1 1		1 1	- 6P	- 1	4P 1	1 1
John Sl			6P	1	-	-	5F)	-	-	-	-	5P
	-		-	1	3	4	-		1	4	3	1	2
Bank N Par	ew		- 76	90	90	100	- 68		90	4 100	5 72	100	72
Bank P	ool		-	-	-	-	2		1	-	-	3	1
Quote			250A	180C [·]	110B	100A	640		120D	120A	50F	160C	50F
Redeer	ned		3	-	-	-	1		-	-	-	1	- 6054
Credit Tokens	l oft		\$1 1+D		\$371 1+D	\$390 1+D	\$C -		\$185 1+D	\$242 1+D	\$360	\$70 1	\$351 0+D
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The OR11 operating order is - ATSF, FW, SLSF, MKT, SP, GMO, IC, MP, SSW, TP.

1870X41: Standard Game: Phase <math display="inline">6: Bank - $\$7,\!963$

NEXT TIME - OR11 & SR7

1830A42 / 10

A route is developing which could be used by the Erie \ldots were it not looking the other way \ldots

Operat	Operating Round 8 Dir Lay [Rep] Base Run Pay Quote Credit Trains Notes												
	Dir	La	iy	[Rep]	Base	Г	Run	Pay	Quote	-		Trains	Notes
NYC	MR	8:D1				-	310	Y	110D	12		54	В
B&O	DH	53:1					280	Y	100A		0	6	
	TS	8:G					200	Y Y	90E		9	6 5	
CPR B&M	MR DH	9:D1 8:B1					220 360	r Y	82E 80F	13	13 12	5 5 4	AB
Erie	TS	59:E				•	500	I	54G	71		J 4	AD
PRR	TS	15:H		[57]			220	Ν	50H	41	-	4	
NYNH	JS	43:D	20:4	[23]			180	Y	601	36	0	4	
Notes	А	\$80 to B	ank for	a river				В	At Train I	imit			
Tiles	1/0	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/3	8/3	2	9/4	14/3	15/0	16/1	18/1	19/1
Thes	20/1	23/2	24/3	25/1	26/1			28/1	29/1	39/0	40/1	41/2	42/2
	43/1	44/1	45/2	46/2	47/0			54/1	55/0	56/0	57/3	58/1	59/1
	61/1	62/0	63/0	64/1	65/1	667	/1	67/0	68/1	69/1	70/1		
Trains	D/6(\$´	1,100)											
Cash F	low		Star	t (OR8	En	d		Value	%		Certs	Max 16
David I	Hooton		30	5	388	69	3		1,855	29.7	7	10 - 12	2
Tony S			10-		118	22			1,048	16.8	3	4 - 9	
	uffhead		37		392	76			2,146	34.4		12 - 13	
John S	helley		22	0	218	43	8		1,188	19.0)	3 - 10	
Portfo	lios		PRR	NY	c d	CPR	BB	ì0	C&O	Erie	NYN	H B&/	N
David I	Hooton		1	-		1	4	P	1	-	1	6P	
Tony S			2P	-		-		-	5P	4P	1	-	
	uffhead		-	6P)	6P		-	1	-	1	1	
John S	helley		1	-		-	2	2	-	-	7P	1	
Bank N	lew		4	4		-	4	4	2	4	-	2	
Par			90	10	0	82	1(00	76	71	71	67	
Bank P	ool		2	-		3		-	1	2	-	-	
Quote			50H	110		82E	-	0A	90E	54G	601		
Credit	1.0		\$411		.8 Ş	133		0	\$69	\$710	\$360		2
Tokens	s Left		2	3		2		1	2	2	-	-	

The OR9 operating order is - NYC, B&O, C&O, CPR, B&M, NYNH, Erie, PRR.

1830A42 : Standard Game : Phase 5 : Bank - \$8,040

NEXT TIME - OR9 & SR6

18EUE42/8

The last 4 train is bought ... eventually ...

Operati	Operations Round 7											
	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes		
1	JS				150	Н		215	3	Е		
15	DH							2				
KBS	SW	57:16:3			250	Y	150C	652	P 4			
DR	MR	576:G10:5	[201]	F5	200	Y	150C	502	P 3	A		
KKOS	DH	8:J9:1	FE 71		160	Y	135C	754	3	В		
NS FS	JS DH	14:F5:3 14:T5:1	[57]	F5	310 280	Y Y	122D 122D	603 561	P 4 4 3	С		
rs KPEV	MR	14:15:1	[57]		150	Y	122D	580	4 S 3	L		
SNCF	SW	83:L3:3	[8]		150		90C	1	+4	D		
Notes		Sells 1 share		l for £15	0 D	£300		ank for a 4	Train			
Notes		£60 to Bank f			E E		rain Limit		main			
		Sells 1 share			_	/		-				
Tiles	3/7	4/5	7/3 8/9	9/10	14/2 1	5/3	57/5 5	8/4 80/4	4 81/4	82/3		
	83/1	141/5 14	42/3 143/0) 144/2	201/5 20	02/8 5	76/1 57	7/3 578/	2 579/2	580/0		
	581/											
Trains	P/2	(£100) 5/3	(£500)	then	6/2(£600)	8/8(£800)					
Cash Flo	ow	St	art O	R7	End	Va	lue	%	Certs	Max 16		
David Ho	ooton		3 2	.95	298	2,	062	28.3	12 - 12			
John She	elley			22	411			23.1	9 - 9			
Stephen				50	214			21.5	9 - 9			
Mike Ru	ffhead		0 2	.49	249	1,	975	27.1	11 - 11			
Portfoli	os	Minor Cos	SNCB	NS	KBS	KPEV	KKOS	5 FS	SNCF	DR		
David Ho	ooton *	[,] 15	-	1	-	-	6P	6P	-	-		
John She	elley	1	-	6P	1	-	1	-	-	1		
Stephen		-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	5P	-		
Mike Ru	ffhead	-	-	1	-	6P	-	1	-	5P		
Bank Ne	W	-	10P	1	3	4	2	2	5	2		
Bank Po		-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	2		
Quote				122D	150C	122D	135C		90C	150C		
Credit				£603	£652	£580	£754		£1	£502		
Tokens I	Left		-	2	3	4	1	2	4	1		

18EUE42 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 4 : BANK - £6,958 NEXT TIME - OR8 & [MCFER? &] SR4

We achieved a 3 train in OR1 so we stopped after SR2.

Operat	ting Ro	ound 1									
	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GW	JW	5:F17:1		F17			75C	90	100	+2 +2	ABCC
WR	DH	5:016:5					70D	15	100	+2 +2 +2	C C A C
CV	JS	9:M12:2					65E	130	100	+2	A C
LPS	GL	57:C14:6					60F	85	100	+3	ADEF
Notes	А	Governme	nt Loan s	secured			D \$22	25 to the	e Bank for a	a 3 Train	
	В	\$40 to the	Bank for	r a garris	son		E 3 T	rain pu	rchase start	s Phase 2	
	C	\$100 to th	e Bank fo	or a 2 Tr	ain		F \$40) to Gra	ham L for t	he FT	
Tiles	1/	/1 2/1	3/3	4/3	5/0	6/2	7/7	8/13	9/12 14	4/4 15/4	16/1
	17	/1 18/1	19/1	20/1	23/4	24/4	25/1	26/1	27/1 28	8/1 29/1	55/1
	56	/1 57/3	58/3	59/2	69/1	120/1	121/2				
Trains	3/	/4(\$225)	then	4/4(\$	\$350)	5/3(\$5	50) 6/2	.(\$700)	D/9(\$1,10	0)	

Stock Round 2

* share from the pool

John Webley	David Ho	John Shelley			Mike Bennett			Graham Lee			
~	~		+	CV(70)		+	LPS(65)		+l	_PS(65)	
~	~			~		+LPS(65)			[Priority]		
Cash Flow	Start (OR1	SR2	End		Value	%	Ce	rts Ma	ax 13	
Mike Bennett	145	30	-130	45		315	20.8	4 -	4		
Graham Lee	20	45	-65	0		300	19.8	4 -	4		
John Webley	20	10	0	30		295	19.5	3 -	3		
David Hooton	5	15	0	20		300	19.8	3 -	3		
John Shelley	60	20	-70	10		305	20.1	3 -	3		
Portfolios Privates	BBG	CA CP	R CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	тнв	WR	WGB	
Mike B TCC, SCFTC	-		-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Graham Lee *	-		-	-	-	5P	-	-	-	-	
John Webley WSR	-		-	-	3P	-	-	-	-	-	
David Hooton GLSC	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	3P	-	
John Shelley NFSBC	-		3P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bank New -	10P	10P 10	P 7	10P	7	3	10P	10P	7	10P	
Par			70		80	65			75		
Bank Pool -	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Quote			65E		75C	60F			70D		
Credit			\$200		\$90	\$150			\$15		
Loans			100		100	100			100		
Tokens Left	2	2 3	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	

Privates Owned by ShareCos : LPS - FT. Rights Held by ShareCos : None

The OR2 operating order is - GW, WR, CV, LPS.

1856K42 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 2 : BANK - \$11,440

NEXT TIME - OR2 & OR3

RIVALS RR2363EA

We started with a three horse same length lottery which was won by CROW with SLOWEST & GITCO sauntering in a little behind but together. The next race was almost a repeat - except that CROW had a one hex advantage. That was no help and GITCO took the honours with SLOWEST one hex further over the line than CROW for second place. Then another favourite crumbled as WACCO trounced SLOWEST to the some of the more delicate spots on the east coast. Order was restored as the two shortest routes took the honours in run 18. Then WACCO overcame a length disadvantage to join GITCO & GREA in a triple finish. WACCO was nowhere near repeating the trick in run 20 and GREA romped home the winner. Finally CROW completed a solo endeavour to emerge as the highest earner of the round.

Runs

15> London - Seaside Resort	CROW [13:Burnham] 20-2/WACCO, SLOWEST [13:Southend] 5, GITCO [13:Southend] 5, WACCO +2										
16> London - Southend	GITCO [13] 20, SLOWEST [13] 10, CROW [12] 0										
17> Hitchin Hertford - Aldeburgh	Southwold										
	WACCO [Hertford:35:Southwold] 20-5/ SLOWEST [Hertford:30:Aldeburgh] 10-2										
18> Bishop Stortford Newmarket - Tollesbury Clacton											
WACCO [Bishop Stortford;12:Tollesbury] 20-5/GITCO+4, GREA [Newmarket:14:Tollesbury] 10-3/WACCO, SLOWEST [Newmarket:17:Tollesbury] 0-1/WACCO-2/GITCO+1, GITCO [Newmarket:17:Tollesbury] 0-1/SLOWEST+7											
19> Peterborough - Lowestoft WACCO [33] 10-4/CROW, GITCO [3] 10-1/CROW, GREA [30] 10-3/CROW, CROW +8											
20> Downham Market Swaffham - West WACCO [Downham Market:12:Peterborough] 20+5, WACCO [Downham Market:12:Peterborough] 10-5/GREA											
21> Norwich - Harwich Felixstow	e CROW [22:Felixstowe] 20										
Earnings - CROW 51, WACCO 49,	REA 40, GITCO 39, SLOWEST 21										
Builds		Cost									
CROW Blue None SLOWEST Red (U19) - U20 - V2	WACCO Brown (Diss) - K20 - K19 - L18 - Stowmarket 4 CROW Blue None 0-1 SLOWEST Red (U19) - U20 - V20, (U19) - V18, (V5) - U5 4+2/GREA-5 GITCO Purple (Newmarket) - U20 - V20, (Beccles) - C32 - C21 6+5/SLOWEST+1/GREA+1/CROW										
Scores	Runs 15 16 17	18 19 20 21 Build									
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Runs for Round 10 - Enter up to 4

22> 13-S3 London - North
23> 16-32 Tilbury - Spalding
24> 23-41 Sandy | Buntinford - Wells | Cromer
25> 24-53 Bishop Stortford | Newmarket - Aldeburgh | Southwold
26> 33-44 March | Wisbech - Yarmouth
27> 54-64 Sudbury | Stowmarket - Braintree | Maldon
28> 61-S5 Burnham | Frinton - West

RAILWAY RIVALS RR2363EA NEXT – ROUND 10 RUNS & BUILDS [6 POINTS + RIVAL PAYMENTS]

OUTPOST M17

As this game starts you have your first chance to bemosn (or quietly celebrate) the production card draws ...

Round 1 Actions

All Bought one Water Factory (0:{3},{3} w:{7},{7})

Round 2 Actions

Mick	Bought one Population Unit (o:{3},{3} w:4)
Mike	Bought one Population Unit (0:2 w:8)
lan	Bought one Population Unit (0:{3} w:7)
David	Bought one Population Unit (o:{3} w:7)
Tony	Bought one Population Unit (o:1 w:9)
John	Bought one Population Unit (0:{3} w:7)
Dane	Bought one Population Unit (w:10)

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs	Buys
1	David	20,2w	4p (5,0)	-	40,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
2	lan	20,2w	4p (5,0)	-	40,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
3	Mike	20,2w	4p (5,0)	-	40,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
4	John	20,2w	4p (5,0)	-	40,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
5	Tony	20,2w	4p (5,0)	-	40,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
6	Mick	20,2w	4p (5,0)	-	30,3w	(30,10)	4	(0)
7	Dane	20,2w	4p (5,0)	-	50,3w	(36,10)	4	(0)
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OUTF	POST M17	: Expert : Ph	ase 1	[PHASE 2 AT	10 VPs]			ROUND 3

OUTPOST M16

COMMENTS

My thanks to Dane & Ian for the following comments ...

Dane - First

Thank goodness I'm not as bad at playing Outpost as I am at judging the likely outcome as the game progresses! Just how poor I am at the latter can best be revealed by revisiting comments I made to Rob with my orders:

Round 11: There's still plenty of time to be proved wrong or to cock things up, but my impression is that I ought to be able to convert this position into a win, unless I'm underestimating Mike's position. Although David Smith and Ian have slightly better incomes than me, they'll soon have to invest in Colony Upgrade cards to be able to expand further, whereas I should be able to concentrate on increasing income by buying research factories and operators for a few rounds, by which time the big cards should be available.

Round 12: It turns out I was indeed underestimating Mike's position. And David Smith has become more of a threat thanks to how cheaply he got the Orbital Lab.

Round 13: David can save everything and get a Moon Base next round. I can't. I think that puts him in pole position.

Round 17: It's going to be a tight finish, but contrary to my earlier predictions it will be Ian, not Mike or David S, that will be the main threat. I could yet lose to him on the tie-break, though his production cards don't allow him much scope to optimise VPs after buying a Moon Base.

Once Mike had bought the first two Data Libraries, I felt it was important that he should not get all five as such a position is too powerful, so thereafter I competed whenever he was top bidder until I had succeeded in depriving him of one. At that stage his income was very poor compared to most players', but he did of course have great potential to increase it at low cost whenever a Scientists or a Laboratory appeared, and that's what brought him back into the race later in the game.

Dane - First (continued)

Ian's surge from the rear at the end of the game shows how dangerous it can be to overlook players towards the rear of the field that have high incomes. After my cursory dismissal of his chances with my orders for round 11 I didn't spot the threat he posed until I saw the round 16 report, instead concentrating on David and Mike as the dangers. I don't know why David's challenge fizzled out, but I suspect it was down to an unfortunate order of appearance of the big cards.

lan - Second

I would like to thank Rob for the substantial time and effort he spent on moderating this game. The game went very smoothly except when my old computer died and all three modems owned by me decided to reduce their performance by 98% (from 11mbps down to 0.22mbps).

Congratulations to Dane on achieving his excellent victory. Dane had a solid score of 89 VPs after seventeen rounds. I was pleased to finish only three VPs behind Dane in second place.

After a regular start in the first three rounds, both Dane and Ian purchased a Nodule in Round 4. In Round 5, Ian purchased a water factory and retained a w4 card. In the same round, Dane purchased a Data Library for 16 and a water factory retaining an ore card. I realised that the game was not going very well. I continued internalising until Round 8 when I was obliged to purchase one of the two remaining Warehouses. With an average card game of Outpost, my expected holding in Round 9 would be just over eighty. Unfortunately I held 79 and failed to win the Scientists auction, but could not purchase the available Laboratory. In Round 9, Dane purchased one of two Laboratories. In Round 10, Dane purchased a Robots and I finally managed to win a Scientists auction. I was now on a late starting New Chemicals strategy which is good for income, but hopeless for generating VPs. It also has warehousing problems plus the requirement to overpay with clunky card holdings. I competed unsuccessfully for a Robots in Round 12, but bought one in Round 13. In Round 14, I purchased my fourth New Chemicals factory while reaching a miserable 30 VPs. In Round 14, the other players purchased two Space Stations and one Planetary Cruiser.

After the vagaries of the early rounds, I had been receiving well above average cards for five or six rounds. Although my expected holding in Round 15 was below Dane's, I actually held twelve above average and gambled on winning the Moon Base auction. I did win the Moon Base auction and Dane was unlucky to lose the Planetary Cruiser auction to David Smith. There were on other big colony cards available which left Dane in a difficult position. Fortunately for Dane, his Guardian Angel stepped in and surprisingly let him win an Ecoplants auction (and 5 VPs) for a miserly 42. In Round 16, I held the fourth highest total of 214 with Dane's expected being 332, David H's 265 and Mick's 242. The two Moon Bases were the first items to be auctioned and I expected Dane and David H to win the auctions with bids in excess of Mick's wad. Unfortunately, Dane's Guardian Angel was controlling the auction and surprisingly Mick did not bid on either Moon Base. In Round 17, the last three Moon Bases were all available for auction. The top three expected cash holders were Dane 332. Ian 301 and David S 295. Mick had the fourth highest expected holding with 262 and should have been setting the price of a Moon Base. This scenario did not happen and David S explained that his orders did not include the words "pass but not out" when bidding on a Moon Base. Ignoring David S's bidding accident, I did not like the bidding of either Dane or David S. If you are competing for three Moon Bases and you 'know' you will buy one them, it reasonable to have special orders for the first two Moon Bases. However for the final Moon Base, it would be reasonable to order "bid from 200 up to hand limit". If this had happened, Dane would have won the final auction with a bid of 290+ instead of his actual bid of 240.

Dane's Guardian Angel should be expecting a very large Xmas bonus this year.

OUTPOST M16: EXPERT : PHASE 3	[WINNER AT 75 VPs	5]
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WON BY DANE

PUERTO RICO M1

Your orders covered all that arose - thank you. Some points were scored - everybody has some.

Where I say, for example, "Indigo" I am referring to the Good or to the Plantation. The buildings will always be fully named ... so, for example, "Small Indigo Plant". The manual updating of the information is a fraught process so please always check that you see what you expect to see. This time the presentational excitement is limited, I hope, to a new shade for Sugar.

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John is a Prospector	John [+2].										
Tony is the Captain	Tony [+1] +Corn on 6 Ship, David +Corn on 6 Ship, Mike +Corn/2 on 6 Ship.										
David is the Builder	David +Small Warehouse [-2], Brad +Small Indigo Plant [-1], John +Coffee Roaster [-6], Tony +Large Market [-5].										
Mike is the Settler	Mike +Quarry, Brad +Coffee (Hacienda) +Corn, John +Sugar, Tony +Coffee, David +Tobacco.										
Brad is the Mayor	Brad Quarry+ Corn+, John Coffee+ Small Market- Coffee Roaster+, Tony Small Indigo Plant+ Corn- Indigo+, David Corn+, Mike Hospice+.										
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Tony Sait	Doubloons 0 Spare Colonists 0 VP Chips 2 Score 5										
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David Hooton	Doubloons 1 Spare Colonists 0 VP Chips 1 Score 3										
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Small Sugar Mill			2-4	Sugar Mill 3c			4-3	Coffee Roaster 2c					6-2	Re	sidence	•	10-1
Small Market			-	Large Market			5-1	Factory					7-2	Fortress			10-1
Hacienda		2-1	Hospice			4-1	University					8-2	Cu	Customs House			
Construction Hut			2-2	Office			5-2	Harbour					8-2	City Hall			10-1
Small Warehouse		3-1	Large Warehouse			6-2	Wharf					9-2					

PUERTO RICO M1

Next Time: Round $3 \sim$ Tony is the Governor