MINSTREL 503 MARCH 2024

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New Games: An 1856 starts below. Next up for player solicitation is 1835. Just think about it. Then do it.

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1856P45 START

You are ... in dealing order ... Tony Sait, Mike Bennett, John Webley, John Shelley.

As is to be expected in the modern era we will conduct SR1 by email. You should find an appropriate email near the email with this Minstrel 503. You know what to do if you have any queries.

1856P45 STANDARD GAME NEXT: SR1 (BY EMAIL)

1830T44 COMMENTS

Mike B 1st Thanks to all for an interesting game and thanks to Rob for his efforts. I managed to get and keep control of the CGR and that made the difference. As it turns out, upgrading the CA train to a diesel was a money losing proposition thanks to the GW and BBG tokens @H15. After those tokens were placed, I saw no reason not to place the remaining CGR and CA tokens at their optimum evil locations.

Tony S 3rd Nothing much to say on this outing other than well done to Mike and thanks to Rob for the usual excellent gming.

1856T44: STANDARD GAME WON BY MIKE B

WAITING	1829 SOUTH	David H	
	1829 North	David H	
	1830	Tony S, Mike R	
	1830 READING	~	
	1835	Graham L, Mike B	
	1846	John W	
	1856	[New Game Starts Above]	
	1861	John S	
	1870	Mike B, John S	
	18EU	John S, David H	
	OUTPOST	~	
	RAILWAY RIVALS	David H, Mike R	
	St. Petersburg	~	
DEADLINE:	FRIDAY 22 ND MARCH	2024	HOST: ROB THOMASSON

1835A45 / 12 OR10

We bump through to the 6 trains and try to settle in for the run to the end of the game \dots

Operatii	Operating Round 10 Dir Lay [Rep] Base Run Pay Quote Credit Trains Notes											
K-M PrE ByE SxE WtE BaE HeE MsE	BP TP JS GL TS JS TP GL	24:15:4 9:E11:2 1:L8:3 216:H20:2 23:M11:6 8:K5:4 216:H2:4 220:E19:1	[Rep] [8] [207] [8] [207] [209]		30 H 50 Y 90 Y 20 Y	212C 140E 124D 92C 82C 90G 72E	0 763 166 178	(3) 4 4 3+3 [3 +5 4 3+3 [3] 4+4 3+3 +5 3 +5+5	[+3] E	A BIL DEFGHJL L		
Notes	B 6 C F D T E F	ra, B-S conve OM to the Ba ree tile lay [ile lay closes ree Base at F OOM to the B	nk for a ga 9:M17:3] o s the Ostba Pfalzbahne	rrison n an Ost Ba yerische n home	G F ase I J K L	K-M ford Forced T 5 Train p 600M to	ourchase ed To co To Return ourchase the Bank Limit	nvert To a 3 Trai closes th	Prussian n To the e Privat	Bank		
Tiles Trains	1/0 15/0 39/1 58/1 207/2 219/2	16/2 18 40/1 41 63/3 69 208/0 20 220/0 22		87/2) 211/1	23/0 2 44/2 2 88/2 2	7/7 8/8 24/0 25/3 15/2 46/2 01/2 202/ 13/0 214/	3 26/0 2 47/2 2 203/1		13/2 28/2 56/0 205/0 217/2	14/1 29/2 57/2 206/0 218/2		
Cash Flo	·	Sta	,		ind	Value	%		Certs	Max		
John She Graham Tim Park Tony Sai	elley Lee kes	2	20 1 52 3 33 3	05 1 56 6 74 4	125 608 407 571	1,983 2,772 2,267 2,147	21.6 30.2 24.7	<u>2</u> 7	14 17 11 12	17 17 15 16		
Portfolio	os	Pri	E ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OlE			
John She Graham Tim Park Tony Sai	Lee kes *	- 15/ 75/9 10/)D -	90/8D - 10/1	90/7D 10/1 - -	- - - 100/8D	- 30/2D 20/1	- 90/6D - -	- - -			
Bank Ne Bank Poo Quote Credit Trains Tokens L	ol	- 212 763 4 4 3 1	M 166 <i>N</i>	124D	- 82C 340M 5 1	- 92C 289M 4+4 3+3 1	50/5 90G 82M 3	10/1 - 72E 120M 5+5 1	100/7 - 1	D		

The OR11 operating order is - PrE, ByE, SxE, WtE, HeE, BaE, MsE.

1830D45/9 OR9

The PRR duly bought a diesel so we have OR9 only. Thanks to all for taking that possibility into account in your orders.

Operatin	Operating Round 9											
	Dir	Lay	r [Re	р] Ва	ase	Run	Pay	Quote	Credi	t I	rains	Notes
PRR	MR	9:H6				200	Ν	80F			4) +D	A B
NYNH	JS	9:C13						100E	2		5	C
NYC	JS	8:C11					V	90C	22/		D	DEF
Erie CPR	MB MB	9:D16 8:D18				60 200	Y Y	100B 90C	230 87			
B&O	MH	53:I15				120	Y	76C	(
B&M	MH	46:F18		81		120	'	67H	(D	GHF
C&O	MR	57:H4		-1		240	Υ	60H	72			0111
Notes	B Di C \$1	esel pur 54 to th	rain to th rchase st ne NYC fo ld PRR/2	arts Phas or a 5 Tra	se 6 ain		E F G D/3(18 H	\$811 fron \$1,100 to Mark H so 36), Erie(1 \$540 fron	the Bank old B&O/2 00), NYN	k for a [2(180), H(110)	Train PRR(90)	
Tiles	1/0	2/0	3/2	4/2	7/4	8/4	9/	3 14/1	15/0	16/1	18/1	19/0
	20/1	23/1	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/		39/1	40/1	41/2	42/2
	43/2	44/1	45/2	46/1	47/1	53/1	54/		56/1	57/3	58/1	59/1
Trains	61/1 D/3(\$1	62/0 1,100)	63/1	64/1	65/1	66/1	67/	0 68/1	69/0	70/1		
Cash Flo	w		Start	OR9)	End		Value	%		Certs	Max 16
Mark Han	rcock		243	-198	3	45		483	10.2		4 - 4	
Mike Ruff			97	176		273		1,346	28.3		8 - 13	
Mike Ben			36	180		216		1,753	36.9		14 - 15	
John She	lley		61	7	7	68		1,175	24.7		10 - 10	
Portfolio	s		PRR	NYC	CPR	В	ŧΟ	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M	1
Mark Han			-	-	-	4	P	-	-	-	2P	
Mike Ruff			6P	-	1		1	6P	-	-	1	
Mike Ben			1	1	6P		-	1	6P	1	1	
John She	lley		-	6P	-		-	-	-	5P	1	
Bank New	٧		-	2	1		3	-	3	-	-	
Par			90	100	100		00	67	100	82	67	
Bank Poo	l		3	1	2		2	3	1	4	5	
Quote			80F	90C	90C		SC	60H	100B	100E	67H	
Credit	oft.		\$3 2	\$0 3	\$81 3		0	\$72 1	\$230	\$2	\$0	
Tokens Lo	eit		Z	3	3	4	<u>_</u>	1	2	-	-	

The OR10 operating order is - NYNH, Erie, NYC, CPR, PRR, B&O, B&M, C&O.

1830D45 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - \$11,010

NEXT TIME - OR10 & OR11

1846G45 / 8 OR7 & OR8

We enter the last phase ...

Operating Ro	ound 7 Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run Pay	/ Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
PRR MB B&O LG IC JW GT JS NYC JW	30:F6:3 8:E1 57:G13:3 19:G 15:G9:3 290:C15:5 8:H10:3		G7 E17	720 H 520 H 270 Y 300 N 280 Y	212 195 124 80 112	596 119 235 73 245	5 3~5\ 3~5\ 5 3~5\ +7~8 4~6 (4\) (3~5\) +6 4~6	A A B A A C D G A E A E F A B
Operating Ro	ound 8 Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run Pay	/ Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
PRR MB B&O LG IC JW NYC JW GT JS	611:G7:3 9:G 15:G13:3 8:H 296:H12:3		H12	740 H 810 Y 230 Y 280 Y 400 Y	230 250 137 137 100	126 79 204 385 133	5 (3~5\ 3~5\ 7~8 5 (3~5\) 4~6 4~6 6	•
Notes A B C D	\$20 to Bank for \$80 to the Bank \$900 to the Bank 7~8 Train purcha	for a garrisor k for a 7~8 Tr	ain	E F G		the Bank	n removed for a 6 Train	
Tiles 5/3 17/1 29/1 43/2 Trains [6(\$8	6/3 7/3 18/1 19/1 30/0 31/1 44/1 45/2 300) or 7~8(9800)]	8/9 9/8 20/2 21/ 298/1 294 46/2 47/ /6	1 22/ /2 295	'1 23/2 5/2 296/0	24/0 0 619/2	25/1 39/1	14/3 15/3 26/0 27/1 40/1 41/2 51/2 300/	28/1 42/2
Cash Flow	Start	OR7	OR8	End	Val	ue %	Certs	Max 12
Mike Bennett John Shelley John Webley Lyndon Gurr	24	268 116 218 319	384 467 234 688	696 607 571 1,087)74 20.6 747 17.4	9 - 9 7 - 7	ı
Portfolios	вао	C&O	GT	IC	NYC	PRR		
Mike Bennett John Shelley John Webley Lyndon Gurr	2	- - -	- 6P 1	- - 6P 1	- 1 2P 1	6P 1 - 3		
Bank New Bank Pool Quote Credit Tokens Left	- 250 \$79 1	10P - 3	2 - 100 \$133 -	3 - 137 \$204 1	5 1 137 \$850 2	- 230 \$126		

Privates Owned by ShareCos: GT - Mail.

Rights Held by ShareCos: None

The OR9 operating order is - B&O, PRR, IC, NYC, GT - unless changed by SR5.

1846G45: Standard Game: Phase 4: Bank - \$3,632

1829H45 / 8 SDR7

It's all happening around London - Mark inherits the LSWR and the LBSC & GWR are floated. Consequently, a request to have just OR9 next time.

Share Dealing Round 7

26/2

3/2(£300)

Trains

27/2

28/1

then

29/0

30/1

4/4(£430)

* share from the pool

John She	elley	Mark	Hancoc	k	M	ike Rut	ffhead		An	ıdy Muir
				1		C) + (D : -				C) 15
+GNF		~				.SWR/5	-			+GNR
+GNF	₹		~			+GN	IR			+Mid*
~			~			+GN	IR			~
+LBSC	/D	+	LBSC			~				~
-GNR,+L	.BSC	+	LBSC			+GN	R*			~
-GNR,+L	.BSC	+	LBSC			+GN	R*			~
+LBS0	С	+	LBSC			~				~
-LNWR,+	LBSC	+	·Mid*			+GER	R/D			~
+LSWI			~			+GE	R			~
+LSWI	R*		~			-GNR,+	-GER			~
~			~			-GNR,+				~
~			~			+GE	:R		[7	「otem]
Cash Flow	Start	SDR	7	End	,	Value	%		Certs	Max 18
Andy Muir	218	-21	2	5		1,603	26.	7	11 - 11	
John Shelley	338			2		1,665	27.		14 - 14	
Mark Hancock	565			155		1,211	20.		9 - 9	
Mike Ruffhead	334			1		1,521	25.		12 - 12	
Portfolios	Privates	LNWR	GWR	Mid	LSW	/R (GNR	LBSC	GER	GCR
Andy Muir *	S&M	5D	_	1	_		6D	_	_	_
John Shelley	C&HP	1	6D	-	2		-	6D	-	-
Mark Hancock	C&W, Hull	-	-	1	30		-	4	-	-
Mike Ruffhead	-	-	-	7D	-		2	-	6D	-
Bank New	Preston	-	_	-			_	-	4	10D
Bank Pool	L&M	4	4	1	5		2	-	-	-
Quote		200	142	142	67	7	71	67	64	61
Credit		£80	£200	£610	£1	0 1	£710	£670	£640	
Trains		3 2 2 2	3 2 2	3 3 2	2					
Tokens Left		4	4	4	4		4	3	3	3
Tiles 1/1	2/2 3/2	4/6	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/6	9/9	10/1	12/2	13/2
14/0			18/1	19/2	20/1	21/1	22/1	23/4	24/4	25/2
24/2	27/2 20/	4 20/0	2011	24.44	-	-	-		-	

1829H45 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 2 : BANK - £19,837 NEXT TIME - OR9

5/4(£550) 7/4(£720)

31/1

1830L45/3 OR2 & SR3

In related activity we have a 3 train bought during OR2 and a new company floated during SR3 - so we stopped after SR3. The B&M also floated and will make its debut in OR3.

Operatin	Operating Round 2													
	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Т	rains	Notes			
B&O	JS	9:117:3			90	Υ	90B	580	2	2	Α			
C&O	DH	57:H4:2			50	Υ	90B	740	2	+2	В			
RDR	MB	57:H10:3			60	Υ	76D	100	2	2 +3	CDE			
Notes	A \$8	0 to Bank	for a rive	-		D	3 Train pu	rchase st	arts Ph	ase 2				
	В \$8	0 to the B	ank for a	2 Train		E \$320 to Mike B for the C&A								
	C \$1	80 to the	Bank for a	3 Train										
Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2 4	/2 7/4	8/8	9/	5 14/3	15/2	16/1	18/1	19/1			
	20/1	23/3	24/3 25	/1 26/1	27/1	28	/1 29/1	53/2	54/1	55/1	56/1			

Stock Round 3 * share from the pool

4/5(\$300) 5/3(\$450) 6/3(\$630) D/6(\$900)

John Shelley	Mike Bennett	David Hooton	Tony Sait
222(74)	1 222/2/ 222/2//		DC 0 (0 (100) DC 11 (74)
+RDR(76)	-RDR(76),+PRR/P(164)	~	-B&O/2(180),+B&M(76)
~	+PRR(82)	~	+B&M(76)
~	+PRR(82)	~	+B&M(76)
~	+PRR(82),+PRR(82)	[Priority]	
Cash Flow	Start OR2 SR3 E	ind Value %	Certs Max 17

Casiii tow	Juli	OK	_	21/2	LIIG	•	aiue	70	Certs	Max 17
John Shelley Mike Bennett	35 40	5 38		-76 -416	18 5			20.7 31.3	7 - 7 8 - 8	
David Hooton	30	4	0	0	70		650	23.9	6 - 6	
Tony Sait	17	5	3	-48	22		658	24.1	7 - 7	
Portfolios	Privates	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M	RDR
John Shelley	SVR	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-	1
Mike Bennett	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5P
David Hooton *	CStL	-	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait	D&H, M&H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6P	-
Bank New	-	4	10P	10P	2	4	10P	10P	4	3
Par		82			90	90			76	76
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Quote Credit		82C \$820			76D \$580	90B \$740			76D \$760	71E \$100
Tokens Left		3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1

Privates Owned by ShareCos: RDR - C&A.

57/0

Trains

3/4(\$180)

58/2

59/2

then

69/1

The OR3 operating order is - C&O, PRR, B&M, B&O, RDR.

1830L45 : Reading Game : Phase 2 : Bank - \$16,885 Next time - OR3 & OR4

An orderly set of builds with only minor payments and only GITCO connecting new locations ...

Builds

R&B	Purple	(Great Malvern) E64 Cheltanham; (B43) N4
VR	Blue	(Ledbury B64 D65 - D66 Gloucester; (Shrewsbury) - K2; (G9) - F8
MRR	Red	(Ross) M28; (Bromsgrove) J50 - K50 Walsall
GITCO	Brown	(H15) F14 <u>Presteign</u> - D16 - C17 <u>New Radnor</u> ; (H57) J58 <u>Pershore</u> ; (A52) - A51 - N10 [cut short]
GRAVS	Green	(H56) Droitwich - I55 I53 - J52 L51

Scores		End		Start	Towns	Build Payments	Receipts
R&B	David Hooton	36	=	36	+0	-2/GRAVS	+2
VR	Brad Martin	50	=	50	+0		
MRR	Mike Ruffhead	60	=	61	+0	-1/R&B -1/GITCO	+1
GITCO	Tony Sait	37	=	27	+9		+1
GRAVS	John Webley	34	=	34	+0	-1/R&B -1/MRR	+2

Building Allowances & Run Length

The building allowance for each of rounds 1-6 will be derived from three die rolls in the range 4 to 6 with no more than one roll below 5. The building allowance in round 7 will be 12 points (plus payments to rivals) and will then decrease by 2 for each subsequent round.

The minimum run length is 6 hexes.

RAILWAY RIVALS RR2530VS

Next - Round 5 Builds – 15 Points

OUTPOST M20 ROUND 6

This time we favour Colony Cards and Titanium Factories ...

Round 6 Actions

Tony S	Auctioned a Nodule for 25. John W joined at 26, David S at 35, Dane M at 36, Mick H at 37.
	Tony S & John W dropped out. David S bid 39, Dane M bid 44. Mick H & David S dropped out.
	Dane M got it for 44 (w:6,8,30)
Tony S	Auctioned a Nodule for 25. John W joined at 26, David S at 35, Mick H at 36. Tony S & John W
	dropped out. David S bid 39, Mick H bid 40. David S dropped out.
	Mick H got it for 40 (w:5,5,6,6,9,9)
Tony S	Auctioned a Warehouse for 25 and got it for 25 reduced to 20 after Heavy Equipment discounts
	(o:3 w:8,9)
Tony S	Bought one Population Unit (o:5 w:7)
Brad M	Bought one Titanium Factory (0:2,4 w:6,8,10)
John W	Bought one Titanium Factory (o:2 w:9,10 t:9)
David H	Auctioned a Warehouse for 25 and got it for 25 (o:3,5 w:4,5,8)
David H	Auctioned a Data Library for 15. Mike R joined at 16. David H dropped out.
	Mike R got it for 16 (0:3 w:6,7)
David S	Bought one Titanium Factory (w:30)
Mike R	Passed
Dane M	Passed
Mick H	Bought two Population Units (w:4,6,6,7)

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs	Buys
1	Tony S	20,3w	6p (8,0)	WH, HE, Nod	30,3w	(30,15)	9	(80)
2	Mick H	20,5w	7p (8,0)	Nod	20,5w	(41,10)	9	(25)
3	David H	20,3w	5p (8,0)	WH, Nod	20,5w	(41,15)	8	(50)
4	Brad M	2o,3w,1t	5p (5,0)	DL, HE	2o,3w,1t	(37,10)	8	(45)
5	John W	2o,2w,2t	5p (5,0)	HE	3o,2w,2t	(43,10)	8	(30)
6	David S	2o,4w,1t	5p (5,0)	HE	2o,1w,1W,1t	(53,10)	7	(30)
7	Mike R	20,4w	5p (5,0)	DL, DL	10,9w	(66, 10)	7	(30)
8	Dane M	20,5w	5p (8,0)	Nod	1w,1W	(37,10)	7	(25)
On Of		Library ehouse	2 (none le 3 (none le	•		one left) one left)		

OUTPOST M20: EXPERT: PHASE 1 [PHASE 2 AT 10 VP, PHASE 3 AT 30 VP] NEXT - ROUND 7

ST. PETERSBURG M8 ROUND 2 WORKERS

The Workers and a Market are bought and we can see that Mike (at least) is going to have the temerity to start earning VPs in the next phase ...

Workers Actions

Brad Martin	John Webley	Mick Haytack	Mike Ruffhead	
	Buy Fur Trapper [6]	Buy Gold Miner [3]	Buy Ship Builder [6]	
~	~	~	Buy Market From Hand [5]	

The Cards for Next Time



















Cards Bought

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Gold Miner [4-3-0]
John W	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1]
Mick H	Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 2, Shepherd [5-3-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Secretary [12-4-0]
Mike R	Gold Miner [4-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0] by 2, Market [5-0-1], Secretary [12-4-0]

Cards In Hand

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	
John W	
Mick H	Fur Shop* [10-3-2]
Mike R	Bank* [13-5-1]

Summary

Player	Hand	Rubles	VPs	Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs			Round 2 Start	
	Сар			Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	[Cards Left]	
Dura al AA		20	0	(· · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0 0	0	Tue din a	[20]
Brad M	3	30	U	6r + 0v	0r + 0v	0r + 0v	Trading	[28]
John W	3	25	0	9r + 0v	0r + 0v	0r + 0v	Workers	[20]
Mick H	3	19	0	9r + 0v	0r + 0v	4r + 0v	Buildings	[20]
Mike R	3	10	0	9r + 0v	0r + 1v	4r + 0v	Aristocrats	[25]

St. Petersburg M8

NEXT – ROUND 2 BUILDINGS [MICK]

THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY

OR MIGHT COMMENT UPON

Andy Muir 1829H45

Brad Martin RR2530VS, Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8

Dane Maslen Outpost M20

David Hooton 1830L45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20

David Smith Outpost M20 Graham Lee 1835A45

John Shelley 1835A45, 1830D45, 1846H45, 1829G45, 1830L45, 1856P45 John Webley 1846G45, 1856P45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8

Lyndon Gurr 1846G45

Mark Hancock 1830D45, 1829H45

Mick Haytack Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8
Mike Bennett 1830D45, 1846G45, 1830L45, 1856P45

Mike Ruffhead 1830D45, 1829H45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8

Tim Parkes 1835A45

Tony Sait 1835A45, 1830L45, 1856P45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20