MINSTREL 519 June 2025

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p2 onwards. Railway Rivals RR2539WR is on p6 & p7 Outpost M21 is below, St. Petersburg M8 is on p8. The Games That You Play is on p9. 1835S45 comments are below.

New Games: I will send some RR map suggestions to those on the waiting list with a view to being underway for the next Minstrel. Meanwhile no 18xx list has more than three players. If there are no additions soon then - as I know that Graham is okay with a three player 1835 - I will check that with the others on the list.

1835S45 COMMENTS

John W 3rd -- Congratulations to Graham, I'm well pleased with 3rd.

Mike B 5th -- Congratulations to Graham on his win and thanks to Rob. I was in trouble when I was assigned priority (#1) in the initial stock round, as such I did not have a chance to get a minor company to complement the ByE. I probably should not have bought the semi-permanent 3+1, and did not do any train shenanigans with the ByE and WtE from fear of having to buy the 3-train from the bank pool. If only I had noticed that the MsE was going to have to buy that 3-train or buy across from someone else.

1835S45: HALF THOMPSON GAME

WON BY GRAHAM

OUTPOST M21 ROUND 6

As we cusp on phase two we enjoy some purchases, a mildly contested auction and an uncontested auction.

Round 6 Actions

Mike	Bought one Titanium Factory (0:3,4,5 w:4,6,8)
David	Bought one Water Factory (0:2,4 w:7,7)
David	Bought one Population Unit (o:2 w:8)
John	Bought one Water Factory (o:1 w:5,6,8)
Mick	Auctioned a Warehouse for 25 and got it for 25 (0:3,5 w:5,6,6)
Dane	Auctioned a Nodule for 35. Tony joined at 36 and got it for 36 (0:2,4,4 w:5,6,7,8)
Dane	Bought one Titanium Factory (w:30)
Tony	Bought one Population Unit (w:10)

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs	Buys
1	Mike	2o,3w,1t	5p (8,0)	HE, Nod	3o,3w,1t	(40,10)	9	(55)
2	Tony	20,4w	6p (8,0)	DL, Nod	3o,1W	(39,10)	9	(40)
3	David	20,5w	7p (8,0)	Nod	20,6w	(48,10)	9	(25)
4	Mick	20,3w	7p (8,0)	WH, Nod	30,3w	(30, 15)	8	(50)
5	John	20,3w	4p (5,0)	DL, DL, DL	40,3w	(33,10)	7	(45)
6	Dane	2o,4w,1t	5p (5,0)	HE	2o,1w,1W,1t	(53,10)	7	(30)

On Offer	Data Library	0	(sold out)	Heavy Equipment	2	(none left)
	Warehouse	3	(none left)	Nodule	0	(sold out)

OUTPOST M20: EXPERT: PHASE 1 [PHASE 2 AT 10 VP, PHASE 3 AT 35 VP] NEXT - ROUND 7

WAITING	1829 South North	David H, John S David H	
	1830	Mike B	
	1835	Graham L [2], Tony S, John W	
	1846	~	
	1856	Mark H	
	1861	John S	
	1870	Mike B, John S	
	18EU	John S, David H	
	RAILWAY RIVALS	Tony S, Brad M, Mike R, John W	
	St. Petersburg	Brad M, John W	
DEADLINE:	FRIDAY 20 TH JUNE 2025	5	HOST: ROB THOMASSON

No surprises here as Mike B completes his crafted win. Any comments received will be printed next time.

Operatir	ng Roun	d 19										
	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	: Т	rains	Notes	
GT	MB				620	Υ	350A	70	6	5	В	
CGR	TS	24:M8:1	[8]		800	Υ	300B	455				
BBG	TS	8:N15:5			240	Υ	300A	40			Α	
TGB	MB				340	Υ	225A	360	6			
CA	JW				640	Υ	200D	432	. D			
CV	JS	43:H13:5	[18]		730	Υ	200A	0				
WGB	JS	8:K12:2			240	Υ	150A	358	5		Α	
Operatir	ng Roun	d 20										
о р огии	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Т	rains	Notes	
GT	MB				620	Υ	375A	70	6	5	В	
CGR	TS	8:M16:2			800	Υ	325B	495	D		Α	
BBG	TS				240	Υ	325A	40	5			
TGB	MB				340	Υ	250A	360	6			
CA	JW				640	Υ	225C	560	D			
CV	JS	18:M12:2	[9]		730	Υ	225A	0	_			
WGB	JS	8:L11:5			260	Υ	175A	358	5			
Notes	A \$4	10 to Bank	for a mou	ntain or lal	ke	В	At Train Li	imit				
Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/3 4/	/3 5/2	6/2	7/5	8/2	9/6	14/0	15/0	16/1	
	17/1	18/0	19/1 20	/1 23/1	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/0	39/1	
	40/1	41/3	42/3 43	/1 44/1	45/2	46/2	47/0	55/1	56/0	57/4	58/3	
	59/2	63/0	64/1 65	/0 66/0	67/1	68/1	69/1	70/1	120/1	121/2	122/1	
	123/0	124/0 1	25/0 126	5/0 127/0)							
Trains	D/6(\$1	1,100)										

Final Cash Flow	Start	OR19	OR20	End	Va	lue %	C	Certs	Max 16
Mike Bennett	3,162	1,033	1,033	5,228	12,0	028 31.9	16.0	0 - 16.0)
Tony Sait	2,173	950	950	4,073	10,9	998 29.2	16.0	0 - 16.0)
John Shelley	3,547	774	786	5,107	9,4	432 25.0	16.0	0 - 16.0)
John Webley	864	645	653	2,162	5,2	262 14.0	13.0	0 - 13.0)
Portfolios	BBG	CA	CV	GT	TGB	ТНВ	WGB	CGR	R
Tony Sait	5P	1	2	3	1	-	-	10P	
Mike Bennett	-	1	1	6P	6P	-	-	8	
John Webley	1	6P	1	-	2	-	4	-	
John Shelley *	4	-	6P	1	1	-	6P	-	
Bank New	-	-	-	-	-	10P	-	-	
Par	80	90	100	100	100		100	225	
Bank Pool	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Quote	325A	225C	225A	375A	250A		175A	325E	3
Credit	\$40	\$560	\$0	\$70	\$360		\$358	\$49!	5
Tokens Left	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	

Rights Held by ShareCos: CGR - Bridge, Tunnel.

1856P45 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - BROKEN END – WON BY MIKE B

1830Z45/9 OR8 & OR9

How long will it be before another new train is purchased? Eh?

Operatin	g Roun Dir	d 8 Lay	[Re	n] R	ase	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit		Trains	Notes
NYC CPR B&M B&O NYNH Erie	MR JS TS MH JS TS	61:I15: 14:B16: 61:E23: 62:G19 27:D20: 64:E11:	5 [5: 2 [5: 2 [5: 4 [5: 4 [7:	3] 7] 3] 4]		330 90 160 200 120 70	Y Y Y Y N Y	100D 100B 80F 80F 67G 71F	83 516 306 234 1 370		5 3 4 [+5] 4 4 3 +5	D A B D
PRR C&O	MR AM	24:H14 7:G3:1	:3 [9)]	F4	320 230	N Y	60H 67F	671 10		3 3 5 3	D C D
Operatin			•			250	•	071			3 3	CD
•	Dir	Lay	[Re	ep] B	ase	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit		Trains	Notes
NYC CPR B&M B&O Erie C&O	MR JS TS MH TS AM	63:E19: 8:C19: 59:D10: 69:G7:	2 -	_	G19	370 140 180 200 110 240	Y Y Y Y Y	110D 112B 90E 90E 75F 71F	120 450 302 254 290 10		5 3 4 4 4 4 5 3	D E C E D
NYNH PRR	JS MR	41:D20: 8:I13:2	:4 [2	7]		300 330	Y Y	69G 67H	151 770		5 3 3 3	D D
Notes	B \$1	50 to the 20 to the 0 to the	e CPR fo	or a 5 Tı	rain		D E	At Train L \$80 to Bar		iver		
Tiles	1/0 20/1 43/2 61/0	2/1 23/3 44/1 62/0	3/2 24/1 45/2 63/1	4/2 25/1 46/2 64/0	7/0 26/1 47/0 65/0	8/5 27/1 53/2 66/1	9/ 28/ 54/ 67/	/1 29/1 /1 55/0	15/1 39/1 56/1 69/0	16/1 40/1 57/3 70/1	18/1 41/1 58/1	19/1 42/2 59/1
Trains	6/2(\$	630)	then	D/6(\$1,100)							
Cash Flov	~	St	tart	OR8	OR9	Er	ıd	Valu	e %		Certs	Max 13
Mark Han John Shel Tony Sait Mike Ruff Andy Muir	lley		1 30 21 12 46	127 118 138 248 240	172 240 207 439 319	30 38 36 69 60	38 56 99	1,15 1,44 1,42 1,93 1,56	3 19.2 3 18.9 2 25.7		8 - 8 9 - 9 11 - 11 12 - 12 11 - 11	
Portfolio	s		PRR	NYC	CPR	В	ŧ0	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B& <i>I</i>	М
Mark Han John Shel Tony Sait Mike Ruff Andy Mui	lley * head		- 1 1 4P 1	- 1 - 6P 2	3 5P - -		P 2 - 1	- - - 1 6P	- - 6P 1	1 2P - 1 1	- - 6P - 1	
Bank New Par Bank Poo Quote Credit Tokens Le	<i>,</i> I		67 3 67H \$770	82 1 110D \$120 2	1 100 1 112B \$450 3	1(- 9(- 00 1 0E 54 -	3 67 - 71F \$10 1	3 67 - 75F \$290 2	71 5 69G \$151	1 76 2 90E \$30	Ξ

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

1830E46 / 4 OR3 & SR4

Some track was built, some trains were bought, some shares were purchased. As you would expect. Other things did not happen.

Operat	ting Ro	ound 3											
	Di	r La	ay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Cred	it	Trains	Notes	
B&O	JS	5 57:J	14:2					90A	74	Ю	+3	ABCD	
C&O	TS	5 69:0	57:4			90	Υ	76E	60	19	2 2		
PRR	MI	B 15:H	16:6	[57]	H16	70	Υ	76D	34	10	2 2 +3	ΕB	
RDR	Dł	1				70	Υ	69G	54	11	2 2 +3	В	
Notes	Α	\$80 to B	ank fo	r a river			D	3 Train pu	ırchase	starts F	hase 2		
	В	\$180 to	the Bai	nk for a	3 Train		Ε	\$100 to th	ne Bank	for a ga	arrison		
	C	Train pu	ırchase	closes t	he B&O F	rivate							
Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/4	8/8	9/6	14/3	15/1	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	
	57/1	58/2	59/2	69/0									

Stock Round 4 * share from the pool

6/3(\$630)

D/6(\$900)

5/3(\$450)

Mike Ber	nnett	To	ny Sait		Davi	d Hooton		John	Shelley
+RDR*(69)	+C8	£O(76)		+RI	DR*(69)		[Pr	iority]
Cash Flow	Start	OR3	SR4	End	٧	alue S	6	Certs M	ax 17
Tony Sait David Hooton John Shelley Mike Bennett	18 34 31 46	84 62 35 69	-76 -69 0 -69	26 27 66 46		627 2 626 2	6.9 3.1 3.1 6.9	9 - 9 6 - 6 6 - 6 7 - 7	
Portfolios	Privates	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M RDR
Tony Sait David Hooton John Shelley * Mike Bennett	CStL, D&H M&H SVR C&A	- 1 - 5P	- - -	- - -	- - 6P -	6P - - 1	- - -		- 2 - 6P - 1
Bank New Par Bank Pool Quote Credit Tokens Left	-	4 82 - 76D \$340 1	10P - 3	10P - 3	4 100 - 90A \$740 2	2 76 1 76E \$609 2	10P - 2	10P - 1	10P - 90 - 1 69G \$541 1 -

Privates Owned by ShareCos: None

Trains 3/2(\$180)

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

then

4/5(\$300)

1830E46 : READING GAME : PHASE 2 : BANK - \$17,605

NEXT TIME - OR4 & OR5

1846F46 / 4 OR3 & OR4

Strides are made ...

Operating Ro	ound 3 Lay(s)	[Re	ep] Base	Run	Pay	Ouote	Credit	Trains	Notes
MS BP IC JS C&O JW GT MR PRR MB	24:C11:3 8: 9:H10:1 8: 295:E17:2 9:D8:3 298	D10:2 [9 l111:1 [29 3:D6:5	9] G9	70 290 120 260 240	H Y Y Y	124 100 112 100	0 191 141 189 5	(2) 3~5 2 2 4 4 2 2 +2 2 2 2 2 +3~5	EE FGEEH BCE AEEIK DEEJK
Operating Ro	ound 4 Lay(s)	[Re	ep] Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
IC JS GT MR C&O JW PRR MB	294:C15:2	:19:6 [M D10:2	Z] E17	320 440 130 420	Y Y Y	150 137 112 124	326 344 187 149	3~5 2 2 4 2 2 2 4 3~5 2 2 2	L E E A M K B C H D N E E K
Notes A B C D E F	\$15 from the A \$15 from the C \$20 from the C \$10 from the C \$20 to Bank fo \$60 to John S MPC Token pla	O&I Private TBC Private T&WI Private T a tile lay Tor the MPC		H J K L M	\$60 t \$160 At Tr \$15 f \$80 t	to Mike R to the B rain Limit from the to Bank f	MPC Privat or a tile la	5 -5 Train te	
Tiles MC/2 14/3 26/1 Trains [4(\$1	15/5 16/2	17/1 29/1	6/2 7/1 18/1 19 30/1 31 then [5(/2 20/	′2 21 3/0 29	/1 22. 4/1 29!	/1 23/3 5/1 296/	24/3 25	93/1 5/2 900)]/9
Cash Flow	Start	OR3	OR4	End		Value	%	Certs Max	x 12
Mike Ruffhea John Shelley Mike Bennett John Webley	16 26	186 120	174 138 210 71	374 340 356 172		914 976	26.3 26.4 28.2 19.0	3 - 3 3 - 3 4 - 4 3 - 3	
Portfolios	Privates	B&O	C&O	GT	IC	NYC	PRR		
Mike Ruffhea John Shelley Mike Bennett John Webley Bank New Bank Pool Quote Credit	- : -	- - - - 10P -	- - 3P 7 - 112 \$187	3P - - 5 2 137 \$344	- 3P - 1 5 1 150 \$326	- - - - 10P -	1 1 5P - 2 1 124 \$149		
Tokens Left		3	2	2	1	3	2		

Privates Owned by ShareCos : C&O - O&I, TBC | GT - MC | IC - MPC, Mail | PRR - C&WI. Rights Held by ShareCos : C&O - TBC | IC - Mail, \$30 MPC Token at I1.

The OR5 operating order is - IC, GT, PRR, C&O - unless changed by SR3.

1846F46 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 2 : BANK - \$5,252 NEXT TIME - SR3

There were four uncontested races (once 3ER's dragon had removed SNOW from 11.1).

The slightly disadvantaged GROW wins 11.2 by one hex from SNOW & VMR and then 11.3 & 11.6 are won by the shortest route. SNOW wins the equal length race against VMR in 11.7.

3ER earns the most but is a distance behind VMR, GROW & SNOW who are all within a span of eleven points.

Run	3ER	SNOW	VMR	GROW
	David H - Black	Brad M - Blue	Mike R - Red	John W - Green
Dragon	Attack SNOW 11.1	Atk GROW 11.7	Defend 11.4	Defend 11.6
10.4> 23 - 64 Widow's Watch - The Tor Godsgrace	+6/VMR		[38+24] Tor 20 -6/3ER	
11.1> 11 - S4 Shadow Tower Eastwatch - Southeastern Island [Tyrosh Lys]	[48+11] East Tyrosh 20 -9/SNOW	Derailed +9/3ER		
11.2> 13 - 25 Last Hearth - Moat Cailin		14 5 +2/VMR	15 5 -2/SNO -/2GRO	16 20 +2/VMR
11.3> 22 - 46 Winterfell - Storm's End	36 20 -2/SNOW	[9+35] 0 +2/3ER	[26+17] 10 -2/SNOW	+2/VMR
11.4> 34 - 51 Riverrun - Old Oak			14 20	
11.5> 36 - 66 Stoney Sept - Sunspear	26 20 -1/GROW			+1/3ER
11.6> 44 - 54 King's Landing - Highgarden	13 20 -2/SNOW -2/VMR	+2/3ER +2/GRO	+2/3ER	17 10 -2/SNOW
11.7> 62 - S1 Kingsgrave - Land Of Always Winter [M2 N1 O1 P1 Q1 R1 S1 T1]		56 S1 20 -2/GRO +2/VMR	[45+11] M2 10 -2/SNO -2GRO	Derailed +2/SNO +2/VMR

In the run results chart above, the first line of each entry is the run entry length along with the choice(s) of endpoint (where they existed). When the run entry involves a sea crossing the land & sea lengths are shown in []. Joint Runs or Exchanges Of Running Powers are also noted on the first line. The next line records points earned from the race and the third, and maybe sometimes, line show payments to, and receipts from, other players for that run. In all instances abbreviations may be deployed.

RAILWAY RIVALS RR2539WR

ROUND 11 CONTINUES

3ER No Builds

Black Ships: Lannisport 1, Storm's End 1

David Hooton 191 Points = 121 +70/Runs

SNOW No Builds

Blue Ships: Oldtown 1, White Harbour 1

Brad Martin 270 Points = 228 +42/Runs

VMR No Builds

Red Ships: Lannisport 1, King's Landing 1, Oldtown 1, Deepwood Motte 1

Mike Ruffhead 281 Points = 230 +51/Runs

GROW No Builds Green Ships: Oldtown 1

John Webley 278 Points = 241 +37/Runs

Runs for Round 12 - Enter up to 4 runs

11.1> 14 - 61 Karhold - Starfall

11.2> 16 - 52 The DReadfort - Silverhill | Goldengrove 11.3> 24 - 53 White Harbor - Cider Hall | Grassy Vale

11.4> 26 - 32 Flint's Finer - The Eyrie

11.5> 35 - S2 Harrenhal - Essos [Braavos | Pentos | Myr]

11.6> 41 - 65 Casterley Rock - Lemonwood

11.7> 45 - S6 Bitterbridge - Pyke

Running With Ships & Dragons

Dragons

Each company has a willing and available dragon. Each dragon can be used once in each of rounds 7-12 to either attack any one company in any one race or to defend any one company in any one race.

If a company in a race has more dragons attacking it than are defending it, then their train is derailed and does not take part in the race. If the route used was all sea then the ship involved is sunk. If ship is ordered for use in a later race (in the same round) from a port that no longer has any ships, then the nearest ship will be used if possible/legal. If not possible then the run entry will be cancelled.

Detailed trains are repaired without cost in time for the next round. Dragons survive each attack and defence.

Ships

A ship can be used between its home port and another port as part, or all, of a route and can be used between its home port and a special destination as part, or all, of a route. Ships can be used in multiple races in any given round.

In a race, one is added to the length for each embarkation and one for each disembarkation. Ships can sail south of the map through the imagined water. Companies can only use their own ships except in a Joint Run.

A ship attacked by a dragon is only lost if the race route is all sea. This means that if a dragon successfully attacks a run entry with a route that is part sea and part land then the train is derailed but the ship is not lost.

Ships can be bought in the building phase of any round.

Building Allowances & Run Length & Runs Held Over

The building allowance in round 12 is irrelevant. The minimum run length is 6 hexes. No runs held over.

ST. PETERSBURG M8 ROUND 6 WORKERS

The best is made of the little on offer and then again little on offer for next time ...

Buildings Actions

Brad Martin	John Webley	Mick Haytack	Mike Ruffhead
Buy Lumberjack [1]	Buy Fur Trapper [2]	Buy Shepherd [3]	Buy Warehouse Manager
			From Hand [10]
~	~	Buy Shepherd [2]	~
~	~	Buy Mistress Of Ceremonies	
		From Hand [17]	

The Cards for Next Time











Cards Bought

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Lumberjack [3-3-0] by 3, Gold Miner [4-3-0], Customs House [8-0-2] by 3, Library [17-0-5], Author [4-1-0] by 2						
John W	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0] by 5, Carpenter Workshop* [4—1/B-3], Fur Shop* [10-3-2], Market [5-0-1] by 4, Observatory [6-0-1/0], Potjomkin's Village [2/6-0-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Administrator [7-2-0], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0] by 2, Controller [14-4-1]						
Mick H	Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 2, Shepherd [5-3-0] by 4, Gold Smelter* [6-3&-1/A-0], Fur Shop* [10-3-2], Wharf* [12-6-1], Firehouse [11-0-3], Hospital [14-0-4], Peterhof* [14-4-2], Warehouse [2-0-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Warehouse Manager [10-3-0], Secretary [12-4-0], Judge [16-5-2], Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3]						
Mike R	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 2, Shepherd [5-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0] by 4, Wharf* [12-6-1], Observatory [6-0-1/0], Theater [20,0-6], Bank* [13-5-1], Author [4-1-0], Administrator [7-2-0] by 2, Warehouse Manager [10-3-0], Secretary [12-4-0], Controller [14-4-1], Patriarch* [16-0-4], Minister Of Foreign Affairs* [20-2-4]						

Cards In Hand

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Secretary [12-4-0], Pope* [6-1-1]					
John W	Author [4-1-0], Controller [14-4-1], Weapon Master* [8-4-0]					
Mick H	Chambermaid* [8-0-2], Admiral* [18-3-3]					
Mike R	Winter Palace* [19-2-5], Czar* [24-0-6]					

Summary

Player	Hand	Rubles	VPs	Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs			Round 6 Sta	ırt
	Cap			Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	[Cards Left]	
		,						
Brad M	3	23	28	12r + 0v	0r + 11v	2r + 0v	Workers	[0]
John W	3	31	17	27r + 2v	0r + 5/4v	12r + 1v	Buildings	[3]
Mick H	4	39	27	30r + 4v	4r + 9v	18r + 5v	Aristocrats	[6]
Mike R	3	30	22	30r + 1v	5r + 8/7v	18r + 9v	Trading	[12]

THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY

OR MIGHT COMMENT UPON

Andy Muir 1830Z45

Brad Martin RR2539WRSt. Petersburg M8

Dane Maslen Outpost M21

David Hooton 1830E46, RR2539WR

David Smith Outpost M21

Graham Lee

John Shelley 1856P45, 1830Z45, 1830E46, 1846F46

John Webley 1856P45, 1846F46, RR2539WR, Outpost M21, St. Petersburg M8

Mark Hancock 1830Z45

Mick Haytack Outpost M21, St. Petersburg M8
Mike Bennett 1856P45, 1830E46, 1846F46

Mike Ruffhead 1830Z45, 1846F46, Outpost M21, St. Petersburg M8

Tim Parkes

Tony Sait 1830E46, 1856P45, 1830Z45, RR2539WR, Outpost M21