

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p2 onwards. Railway Rivals RR2563ZM is on p7, Outpost M21 is on p8. The Games That You Play is on p9. St. Petersburg M8 comments are below.

New Games: None. No change to the waiting lists.

It is that time of the year when I have a handy front-page filler from Alex Richardson ...

THE 2025 UK GAMES ZINE POLL

a) WHO MAY VOTE?

Anyone who sees at least one eligible zine, whether as an editor or a subscriber. Editors may vote for their own zines.

b) WHICH ZINES ARE ELIGIBLE?

In the first four categories, any zine published in the British Isles which has produced an issue in 2025 (up to and including the Poll deadline); is distributed by post, as an e-mail, as an attachment to an e-mail or as a download from a website; and runs games that we would recognise as "postal" ones (e.g. Diplomacy, Railway Rivals, 18xx, En Garde! or United, among many others).

The fifth category is a free-for-all open to similar "postal games" zines from around the world.

c) HOW TO VOTE.

The five categories are: Diplomacy (and variants); Railway Games; Sports Leagues; Other Games; Overseas Zines.

This year, I'd like you to list up to five eligible zines, in any combination of tied or single spots, in as many of the categories for which they qualify as you wish.

Zines may be entered in more than one category and in different positions, if desired. For example, Obsidian might be listed in the Diplomacy, Railway and Other Games categories, in the fourth, third and equal-fifth places, if that's your assessment of it.

You could send in full lists of candidates for all five categories, nominate your favourite in just one, or something in between these two extremes. The amount of time you want to spend on this and the level of detail you want to go into are up to you.

Votes should be sent by e-mail from the voter's own account to alex.bokmal@googlemail.com. The Poll deadline will be midnight on FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025. Results will be e-mailed to each voter and published (with luck) in at least a few zines.

I appreciate that the above is not relevant for many/most of you - but you get to see it anyway.

ST. PETERSBURG M8

COMMENTS

John - Well played Mike. A bit surprised that I wasn't last,

Brad - Congratulations Mike. I realise that recruiting Aristocrats is the key to this game... but how do you do it when going last all the time (or at least it seems that way)?

ST. PETERSBURG M8

WON BY MIKE R

WAITING	1829 SOUTH NORTH	David H, John S David H
	1830	Mike B, John W
	1835	Graham L
	1846	~
	1856	~
	1861	John S
	1870	Mike B, John S
	18EU	John S, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	~
	ST. PETERSBURG	Brad M, John W
DEADLINE: FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025		HOST : ROB THOMASSON

We stop after OR12 as a diesel was bought in OR12. In OR13 the two trainless companies will (I believe) get a train without causing any change of president so I am asking to go through to SR8 next time.

Operating Round 12

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
NYC	MR	8:D16:3			370	Y	170C	35	5 (3)	
B&O	MH				200	Y	120D	394	(4)	
B&M	TS				160	N	82E	599	(4) [+6]	A B
CPR	JS	8:C9:3			180	Y	90E	136	(4) +D	C D
C&O	AM	63:H10:1	[15]		180	Y	90E	10	5	
NYNH	JS	15:F16:1	[57]		220	Y	90E	1	5	
PRR	MR	8:D18:4					69G	239	+6	A
Erie	TS	24:E13:6	[8]				63G	1	+6	E

Notes
 A \$630 to the Bank for a 6 Train
 B 6 Train purchase starts Phase 5
 C \$800+4 Train to the Bank for a Diesel
 D Diesel purchase starts Phase 6
 E \$579 to the B&M for a 6 Train

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

Trains D/5(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR12	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Mark Hancock	819	122	941	1,700	14.1	6 - 6	
John Shelley	652	297	949	2,388	19.8	13 - 13	
Tony Sait	376	36	412	1,531	12.7	13 - 13	
Mike Ruffhead	1,543	282	1,825	3,559	29.4	13 - 13	
Andy Muir	1,156	281	1,437	2,908	24.1	13 - 13	

Portfolios	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Mark Hancock	1	-	-	5P	-	-	1	-
John Shelley	1	1	5P	1	1	-	6P	-
Tony Sait *	1	-	2	-	-	6P	-	6P
Mike Ruffhead	6P	6P	-	1	1	-	1	-
Andy Muir	1	3	1	-	6P	-	2	1
Bank New	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-
Par	67	82	100	100	67	67	71	76
Bank Pool	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	3
Quote	69G	170C	90E	120D	90E	63G	90E	82E
Credit	\$239	\$35	\$136	\$394	\$10	\$1	\$1	\$599
Tokens Left	1	2	2	-	1	2	-	-

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

One more 4 train is bought ... leaving one for fun ...

Operating Round 7

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B&O	JS	9:I17:3			240	Y	142A	280	4 3	E F
PRR	MB	8:H6:3			110	Y	110D	70	3	D
C&O	TS	57:F4:1			100	Y	100E	239	3	A B G F
NYNH	MB	8:F18:2			90	Y	100A	700	4	
CPR	TS	57:B16:2			80	Y	90B	520	4	
RDR	DH				110	Y	90E	184	3 +4	C H
NYC	DH	14:E19:1	[57]		90	Y	82C	609	3	

Notes	A	\$10 from the CStL Private	E	\$40 to John S for the SVR
	B	\$15 from the D&H Private	F	\$80 to Bank for a river
	C	\$20 from the M&H Private	G	Extra tile lay [58:B20:5] on the Champlain home base
	D	\$25 from the C&A Private	H	\$300 to the Bank for a 4 Train

Tiles	1/0	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/3	8/5	9/5	14/0	15/0	16/1	18/1	19/1
	20/1	23/2	24/3	25/1	26/0	27/1	28/1	29/1	53/1	54/0	55/1	56/0
	57/2	58/1	59/1	69/0								

Trains	4/1(\$300)	then	5/3(\$450)	6/3(\$630)	D/6(\$900)
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Cash Flow	Start	OR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 17
Tony Sait	90	130	220	1,540	25.1	12 - 12	
David Hooton	114	146	260	1,462	23.8	10 - 10	
John Shelley	208	210	418	1,480	24.1	7 - 7	
Mike Bennett	137	144	281	1,663	27.1	11 - 11	

Portfolios	Privates	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M	RDR
Tony Sait	-	-	-	6P	-	6P	-	-	-	2
David Hooton	-	1	5P	-	1	-	-	-	-	6P
John Shelley *	-	1	-	-	6P	1	-	-	-	-
Mike Bennett	-	5P	-	-	1	-	-	6P	-	1
Bank New	-	3	4	4	2	-	10P	4	10P	-
Par		82	90	90	100	76		100		90
Bank Pool	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	1
Quote		110D	82C	90B	142A	100E		100A		90E
Credit		\$70	\$609	\$520	\$280	\$239		\$700		\$184
Tokens Left		1	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	-

Privates Owned by ShareCos : PRR - C&A | B&O - SVR | C&O - CStL, D&H | RDR - M&H.

The OR8 operating order is - B&O, PRR, C&O, NYNH, RDR, CPR, NYC - unless changed by SR6.

The 2 trains are lined up ready for one final outing before consignment to the scrapyard of obsolescence.

Operating Round 7

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
GT	MR	6:E11:4 20:F12:3			440	Y	230	1,307	4 2↓ 2↓ 2↓	A F F
IC	JS	25:E9:2	[8]		340	Y	212	1,018	3-5 2↓ 2↓	C F
PRR	MB	8:H2:5 25:F10:5			420	H	180	647	3-5 2↓ 2↓ 2↓	E F F
NYC	MR	23:E19:2	[8]				137	194	+3-5 +5	G F H I J K L
C&O	JW	40:F10:1	[25]		170	Y	150	304	4 +4-6	B D F M

Notes	A	\$15 from the MC Private	H	\$160 to the Bank for a 3-5 Train
	B	\$15 from the O&I Private	I	\$500 to the Bank for a 5 Train
	C	\$15 from the MPC Private	J	5 Train purchase starts Phase 3
	D	\$20 from the TBC Private	K	5 Train purchase closes the Privates
	E	\$10 from the C&WI Private	L	Exception - Mail Contract is not closed
	F	\$20 to Bank for a tile lay	M	\$450 to the Bank for a 4-6 Train
	G	Issues 2 shares to Bank Pool for \$274		

Tiles	MC/2	MS/3	MZ/2	5/3	6/2	7/5	8/6	9/4	57/4	291/1	292/1	293/1
	14/2	15/4	16/2	17/1	18/1	19/2	20/1	21/1	22/1	23/1	24/1	25/1
	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1	298/0	294/1	295/1	296/1	619/0	39/1
	40/0	41/2	42/2	43/2	44/1	45/2	46/2	47/2	70/1	299/1	297/2	611/4

Trains [5(\$500) or 4-6(\$450)]/2 then [6(\$800) or 7-8(\$900)]/9

Cash Flow	Start	OR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 12
Mike Ruffhead	3	241	244	2,122	28.1	8 - 8	
John Shelley	53	269	322	2,004	26.5	7 - 7	
Mike Bennett	34	275	309	2,229	29.5	9 - 9	
John Webley	45	136	181	1,205	15.9	5 - 5	

Portfolios	B&O	C&O	GT	IC	NYC	PRR
Mike Ruffhead	-	-	5P	-	4P	1
John Shelley	-	-	1	6P	-	1
Mike Bennett	-	1	3	-	-	6P
John Webley *	-	4P	-	2	-	-
Bank New	10P	5	1	2	4	2
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	2	-
Quote		150	230	212	137	180
Credit		\$304	\$1,307	\$1,018	\$194	\$647
Tokens Left	3	2	1	-	3	2

Privates Owned by ShareCos : IC - Mail.

Rights Held by ShareCos : C&O - TBC | IC - Mail, \$30 MPC Token at I1.

The OR8 operating order is - GT, IC, PRR, C&O, NYC.

A 3 train was bought during OR3 and a company changed director in SR4 - so we stop there ...

Operating Round 3

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	TS	9:J2:1			40	H		40	2	
B-P	JW	8:D14:3			70	H		75	2	A
Mag	JS	8:D12:6			40	H		40	2	
K-M	TS	4:F6:3			60	H		60	2 2	G
B-S	GL	8:F20:4			40	H		40	2	
A-K	JS	58:B12:1			60	H		60	2	
ByE	JS	58:M15:1 9:M17:3			100	Y	94D	74	2 2 +2+2 +2+2	A B A C C G
SxE	JW	5:H16:3 9:H18:3					84D	20	+2+2 +2+2 +3	C D C E F

Notes	A	50M to Bank for a river	E	180M to the Bank for a 3 Train
	B	Tile lay closes the Ostbayerische	F	3 Train purchase starts Phase 2
	C	120M to the Bank for a 2+2 Train	G	At Train Limit
	D	Train purchase closes the L-D Private		

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/1	4/2	5/1	6/0	7/7	8/10	9/5	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	57/2	58/2	69/2	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 4

* share from the pool

John Shelley	Tony Sait	Graham Lee	John Webley
+ByE/10(92)	+ByE/10(92)	+ByE*/10(94)	+SxE/10(88)
~	~	-SxE/10(84),+ByE*/10(94)	
		-SxE/10(80),+ByE/10(92)	[Loco]

Cash Flow	Start	OR3	SR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
John Webley	63	45	-88	20	486	17.6	4	15
John Shelley	173	85	-92	166	776	28.1	6	15
Tony Sait	37	100	-92	45	815	29.5	7	15
Graham Lee	83	80	-116	47	687	24.9	5	15

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
John Webley *	B-P	-	-	40/3D	-	-	-	-	-
John Shelley	Pfa, Mag, A-K	-	30/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait	N-F, Bra, B-M, K-M	-	30/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham Lee	Han, B-S	-	40/3D	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	40/4D	-	40/4	100/8D	100/8D	100/8D	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	20/2	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			100C	74F					
Credit			350M	108M					
Tokens Left		1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

The OR4 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, SxE.

Another two 3 trains are bought ...

Operating Round 2

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GW	JW	8:E16:5			50	Y	90B	200	200	2 2	A
CPR	JS	58:M6:3			90	Y	80C	170	100	2 2	A
LPS	MB	7:B15:2			100	Y	75D	45	200	2 2 +3	A B
WR	MH	59:N17:3			100	Y	65F	0	200	3	A C D

Operating Round 3

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GW	JW	6:D17:2			90	Y	100B	270	300	2 2	A
CPR	JS	121:M4:2			130	Y	90C	25	200	2 2 +3	A B
LPS	MB	14:C14:2	[5]		120	Y	80D	75	300	3 2 2	A F
WR	MH	15:O16:6	[6]		110	Y	70F	0	300	3	E A G H

Notes	A	Government Loan secured	E	\$20 from the NFSBC Private
	B	\$225 to the Bank for a 3 Train	F	\$40 to Mike B for the FT
	C	\$160 to Mark H for the NFSBC	G	\$120 to Mark H for the GLSC
	D	Dividend down \$20 to pay loan interest	H	Dividend down \$30 to pay loan interest

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/3	4/3	5/1	6/1	7/6	8/12	9/13	14/3	15/3	16/1
	17/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/4	24/4	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	55/1
	56/1	57/3	58/2	59/1	69/1	120/1	121/1					
Trains	3/2(\$225)		then	4/4(\$350)		5/3(\$550)	6/2(\$700)		D/9(\$1,100)			

Cash Flow	Start	OR2	OR3	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mike Bennett	20	55	103	178	548	24.8	4 - 4	
John Webley	20	35	47	102	502	22.7	3 - 3	
Mark Hancock	40	219	159	418	628	28.4	2 - 2	
John Shelley	25	46	62	133	533	24.1	4 - 4	

Portfolios	Privates	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Mike Bennett	TCC	-	-	-	-	-	-	4P	-	-	-	-
John Webley *	SCFTC	-	-	-	-	-	3P	-	-	-	-	-
Mark Hancock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3P	-
John Shelley	WSR	-	-	4P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	10P	10P	6	10P	10P	7	6	10P	10P	7	10P
Par				80			90	75			65	
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote				90C			100B	80D			70F	
Credit				\$25			\$270	\$75			\$0	
Loans				200			300	300			300	
Tokens Left		2	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1

Privates Owned by ShareCos : LPS - FT | WR - GLSC, NFSBC.

Rights Held by ShareCos : WR - Bridge.

The OR4 operating order is - GW, CPR, LPS, WR - unless changed by SR3.

GRAZ crosses the line that must be crossed and then keeps going whilst GITCO secures a few bigger towns in the area. DHAN and ZRR reach Lusaka with DGHAN then heading to the south-east and ZRR concentrating in the south-west. A reminder that rivers cost 4 this time as it is rainy season (and will be again in rounds 6 & 9 as highlighted below in the bit that you won't typically read because you know you know what it says). It does seem that ZRR made a point of not crossing a river this time.

DHAN - Brown Brad Martin	(Kitwe) ----- W25 - Lusaka; (Kitwe) - W16 - Mufulira; (H54) - <u>Petauke</u> ; (Serenja) -- E50 Points: 48 = 43 +6/Towns -1/ZRR
ZRR - Red Mike Ruffhead	(O24) -- O26 -- <u>Kataba</u> ; (U24) --- Lusaka; (Kabwe) -- Z21; (T24) - T25 - U26; (O26) --- O29 Points: 40 = 35 +6/Towns +1/DHAN
GITCO - Blue Tony Sait	(J43) - J44 - I45 --- <u>Mpika</u> ; (J43) - <u>Chinsali</u> ; (Z13) -- Samfya; (Luwingu) ---- Z6 - <u>Nchelenge</u> ; (Kitwe) - W18 Points: 72 = 49 +18/Towns -2/DHAN +7/GRAZ
GRAZ - Green John Webley	(Y15) ---- -- B47- <u>Samfya</u> -- B44 ----- G42 Points: 36 = 40 +3/Towns -7/GITCO

Building Allowances & Run Length

The building allowance for each of rounds 1-6 will be built from three (six-sided) die rolls with no roll below 3 and only one roll that is 3 or 4. The building allowance in round 7 will be 12 points (including known payments to rivals) and will then decrease by 2 for each subsequent round.

In the rainy season (rounds 3, 6 & 9) it costs 4 points to bridge a river.

The minimum run length is 6 hexes.

This time there were no hotly contested auctions ...

Round 10 Actions

Mike Auctioned an Outpost for 100 and got it for 100 reduced to 75 after Heavy Equipment / Ecoplants discounts (o:3,5 w:7,9 t:8,9,10,11,13) plus a free Titanium Factory

David Bought one Research Factory (w:30)

David Bought one Population Unit (w:5,5)

Tony Auctioned an Ecoplants for 30 and got it for 30 (w:30)

John Auctioned a Laboratory for 80 and got it for 80 reduced to 50 after Data Library discounts (w:30,30) plus a free Research Factory

Dane Auctioned a Robots for 52. Mick joined at 53 and Dane dropped out.
Mick got it for 53 (o:2,3,4,4 w:10,30) plus a free Robot

Dane Auctioned a Robots for 52 and got it for 52 (w:7,8 t:10,11 m:16) plus a free Robot

Dane Bought one Titanium Factory (w:30)

Mick Passed

Tony Discarded o:1 o:2 o:2

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators (Limits)	Production	Total
1	Mike	2o,3w,4t	8 (13) 0 (0)	1o,4w,1T	(75,15)
2	Tony	2o,4w,1t	6 (8) 1 (6)	4o,1W,2t	(62,10)
3	John	2o,4w,1r	5 (5) 0 (0)	2o,1W,1r	(49,10)
4	David	2o,6w,2r	8 (8) 0 (0)	2w,1W,3r	(83,15)
5	Dane	2o,4w,2t	5 (5) 1 (5)	1W,2t,1m	(67,15)
6	Mick	2o,5w	8 (8) 1 (8)	2o,1w,1W	(43,20)

Pos	Player	Colony Cards	VPs	Purchases
1	Mike	HE, Nod, Eco, OP	25	(185)
2	Tony	DL, HE, Nod, Rob, Eco	20	(150)
3	John	DL, DL, DL, Lab, Eco	19	(155)
4	David	WH, Nod, Lab	18	(130)
5	Dane	WH, HE, OL, Rob	16	(155)
6	Mick	WH, WH, Nod, Rob	14	(125)

On Offer				Robots	1	(none left)
	Heavy Equipment	1	(none left)	Laboratory	2	(none left)
	Scientists	1	(3 more)	Ecoplants	1	(none left)
	Orbital Lab	0	(3 more)	Outpost	0	(3 more)

Sold Out - Data Library, Warehouse, Nodule

Andy Muir	1830Z45
Brad Martin	RR2563ZM
Dane Maslen	Outpost M21
David Hooton	1830E46,
David Smith	Outpost M21
Graham Lee	1835K46
John Shelley	1856P45, 1830Z45, 1830E46, 1846F46, 1835K46, 1856M46
John Webley	1856P45, 1846F46, 1835K46, 1856M46, RR2563ZM, Outpost M21
Mark Hancock	1830Z45, 1856M46
Mick Haytack	Outpost M21
Mike Bennett	1856P45, 1830E46, 1846F46, 1856M46
Mike Ruffhead	1830Z45, 1846F46, RR2563ZM, Outpost M21
Tim Parkes	
Tony Sait	1830E46, 1856P45, 1830Z45, 1835K46, RR2563ZM, Outpost M21
