

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p2 onwards. Railway Rivals RR2563ZM is on p6 & Pp7. Outpost M21 is held over. The Games That You Play is on p8.

Nothing detected from Mick for the Outpost. It will proceed next time come what may and if I act for Mick I will only bid for colony cards at face value and will otherwise purchase factories, men and/or robots.

New Games: An 1830 starts below.

Scott Adams, the creator of Dilbert - typically labelled along the lines of “the controversial cartoonist who skewered corporate culture” - has just died from metastatic prostate cancer. That gives a prompt to fill space with one of his allegedly favourite cartoons ...


1830Z45
COMMENT

Mike 1st Hurrah for me, commiserations to everyone else, and thanks to Rob - as always. At one stage I feared I was going to be funding a diesel, but matters developed otherwise. As so often, what I think others will “obviously” do, is not what they actually do. In the end, simply avoiding disaster when the permanent trains arrived set me up for success. A typical 1830, then. Having a useful company combo didn’t hurt either.

Tony 4th Well done Mike.
New Year resolution for me is to break into top 3 in an 18xx game !!....

1830Z45
WON BY MIKE R
1830R46
START

You are ... in dealing order ... Mike Bennett, Andy Muir, Mike Ruffhead, John Webley.

Awe will complete SR1 by email - hopefully in time for the next Minstrel to include at least OR1 & SR2. Look for the email kicking it all off.

1830R46 : STANDARD
NEXT - SR1 (BY EMAIL)

WAITING	1829 SOUTH NORTH	David H, John S David H
	1830	~
	1835	Graham L, John W
	1846	~
	1856	~
	1861	John S
	1870	Mike B, John S
	18EU	John S, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	John W
	ST. PETERSBURG	Brad M, John W

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026
HOST : ROB THOMASSON

After some initial selling the dealing is all about topping up ... and next time it is OR10 only by request.

Stock Round 7

* share from the pool

Tony Sait	David Hooton	John Shelley	Mike Bennett
-B&O(180),-CPR(90),+PRR(82)	-B&O/3(480),+PRR*(120)	+NYNH(100)	+NYNH(100)
+NYC(90)	+NYC(90)	+NYC(90)	+RDR*(100)
+NYNH(100)	+C&O*(120)	+NYNH(100)	+RDR*(100)
~	+CPR*(82)	+RDR*(100)	~
~	+NYNH*(112)	+Erie*(90)	~
~	+B&M*(90)	~	~
~	+Erie(100)	~	~
~	+Erie(100)	[Priority]	

Cash Flow	Start	SR7	End	Value	%	Certs Max 17
Tony Sait	409	-2	407	2,283	26.0	15 - 15
David Hooton	698	-334	364	2,442	27.8	17 - 17
John Shelley	501	-480	21	1,823	20.8	15 - 15
Mike Bennett	315	-300	15	2,231	25.4	16 - 16

Portfolios	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M	RDR
Tony Sait	3	1	5P	-	6P	-	1	-	1
David Hooton	2	6P	1	-	1	2	1	1	6P
John Shelley *	-	2	-	6P	-	1	2	5P	1
Mike Bennett	5P	1	-	-	-	5P	6P	-	2
Bank New	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	4	-
Par	82	90	90	100	76	100	100	100	90
Bank Pool	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-
Quote	140C	90B	82C	120D	120D	90B	126A	90B	110D
Credit	\$631	\$69	\$10	\$285	\$360	\$81	\$39	\$149	\$405
Trains	3↓	6	6 4	4 3↓	3↓	5	5 4	5 4	4
Tokens Left	1	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	-

Tiles	1/0	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/1	8/5	9/5	14/2	15/1	16/1	18/1	19/1
	20/1	23/2	24/2	25/0	26/0	27/1	28/1	29/0	39/1	40/1	41/2	42/2
	43/2	44/1	45/2	46/2	47/1	53/1	54/1	55/1	56/0	57/0	58/1	59/1
	61/1	62/0	63/0	64/1	65/0	66/1	67/1	68/1	69/0	70/1		
Trains	6/1(\$630) D/6(\$900)											

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

Congratulations to Mike B who finishes safely ahead of the close formation of John S & Mike R. It is always worth checking the run values given - especially in 1846 - and especially when the result is close. Any comments received will be printed next time.

Operating Round 11

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
IC	JS	611:G7:5	[619]		770	Y	440	166	7-8 4-6	A B
GT	MR	15:E11:1	[6]		650	Y	375	121	7-8 5	A B
PRR	MB	611:D20:2	[14]		830	Y	345	7	7-8 6	A B
NYC	MR	611:D14:4	[619]		560	Y	270	16	6 5	A B
C&O	JW	611:G13:1	[14]		680	Y	212	671	7-8 4-6	A B

Operating Round 12

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
IC	JS				770	Y	475	166	7-8 4-6	B
GT	MR	51:D14:4	[611]		680	Y	405	101	7-8 5	A B
PRR	MB				850	Y	405	7	7-8 6	B
NYC	MR				580	Y	320	16	6 5	B
C&O	JW	300:D6:5	[299]		740	Y	270	725	7-8 4-6	A B

Notes A \$20 to Bank for a tile lay B At Train Limit

Tiles	MC/2	MS/3	MZ/2	5/3	6/4	7/4	8/6	9/5	57/4	291/1	292/1	293/1
	14/4	15/3	16/2	17/1	18/1	19/2	20/1	21/1	22/1	23/2	24/1	25/1
	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1	298/1	294/2	295/2	296/1	619/2	39/1
	40/0	41/2	42/1	43/1	44/1	45/1	46/2	47/2	70/1	299/1	297/1	611/1
	51/0	300/0	290/0									

Trains [6(\$800) or 7-8(\$900)]/3

Final Cash Flow Start OR11 OR12 End Value % Certs Max 12

Mike Bennett	1,000	980	1,003	2,983	8,373	29.1	12 - 12
John Shelley	874	941	964	2,779	8,024	27.9	12 - 12
Mike Ruffhead	1,067	889	924	2,880	7,975	27.7	12 - 12
John Webley	388	612	655	1,655	4,405	15.3	8 - 8

Portfolios	B&O	C&O	GT	IC	NYC	PRR
Mike Ruffhead	-	1	5P	1	6P	1
John Shelley	-	2	1	6P	2	2
Mike Bennett *	-	-	3	3	1	6P
John Webley	-	6P	1	-	1	1
Bank New	10P	1	-	-	-	-
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote		270	405	475	320	405
Credit		\$725	\$101	\$166	\$16	\$7
Tokens Left	3	1	1	-	2	1

Privates Owned by ShareCos : IC - Mail.

Rights Held by ShareCos : None

The BaE & WtE are floated. There could be a demand for OR8 only next time - let me know if so. In any case we will stop after OR8 if the PrE is floated in that round.

Share Round 6

* share from the pool

Tony Sait	Graham Lee	John Webley	John Shelley
+BaE/D(168)	+WtE/D(168)	+HeE/20(168)	+HeE/20(252) [John W]
+BaE/10(84)	+WtE/10(84)	+PrE/10(154)	+WtE/10(84)
+BaE/10(84)	+WtE/10(84)	+PrE/10(154)	~
+BaE/10(84)	+WtE/10(84)	+PrE/10(154)	~
+BaE/10(84)	~	~	~
-SxE/10(90),+BaE/10(84)	~	~	~
-ByE/10(138),+BaE/10(84)	~	~	~
-SxE/10(88),+BaE/20(168)	[Loco]		

Cash Flow	Start	SR6	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
John Webley	418	-378	40	714	13.0	9	15
John Shelley	412	-336	76	1,414	25.8	13	16
Tony Sait	600	-524	76	1,742	31.8	15	16
Graham Lee	492	-420	72	1,614	29.4	12	15

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
John Webley	B-P	30/3	-	60/5D	-	-	-	-	-
John Shelley	Pfa, Mag, A-K	-	-	10/1	-	10/1	100/8D	-	-
Tony Sait	N-F, Bra, B-M, K-M	-	20/2	10/1	100/8D	-	-	-	-
Graham Lee *	Han, B-S	-	70/6D	-	-	50/4D	-	-	-
Bank New	-	10/1D	-	-	-	40/3	-	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	10/1	20/2	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			126E	84G	86C	84D	86C		
Credit			360M	292M	840M	504M	369M		
Trains			3 2+2 2 2	3+3 3 2+2 2+2			3+3 3 2		
Tokens Left		1	3	1	1	1	-	1	1
Tiles	1/1 2/1 3/2 4/0 5/3 6/3 7/6 8/8 9/0 12/0 13/2 14/1								
	15/1 16/2 18/1 19/2 20/2 23/1 24/3 25/3 26/2 27/2 28/2 29/2								
	55/1 56/1 57/2 58/1 69/2 87/0 88/2 201/1 202/2 203/1 204/2 205/0								
	206/1 207/0 208/2 209/0 210/0 211/1 212/1 213/0 214/0 215/1								
Trains	3+3/1(270M) then 4/3(360M) 4+4/1(440M) 5/2(500M) 5+5/1(600M) 6/2(600M)								
	6+6/4(720M)								

The OR8 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, HeE, BaE, SxE, WtE.

All the 4 trains have now been bought ...

Operating Round 6

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GW	JW	9:C18:2			90	Y	110B	50	300	3	F G
CPR	JS	9:O8:3			170	Y	110B	85	500	4 3	B H
LPS	MB	15:F17:2	[5]		100	Y	100E	156	600	3 +4	A C H I J
GT	MH	120:N11:4			100	Y	100B	325	100	(3) +4	H J
WR	MH				110	N	75F	45	400	3 +3	D E H K

Operating Round 7

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GW	JW	57:B19:2			100	Y	125B	40	300	3	F L
CPR	JS	14:P9:2	[57]	P9	240	Y	125B	55	500	4 3 +4	B M N J P
LPS	MB	121:F15:2		F15	230	Y	110E	94	600	4 3	A C N
GT	MH	3:N9:6		N11	150	Y	110B	190	0	4	N O
WR	MH				140	Y	80F	130	500	3 3	D E H

Notes	A	\$5 from the FT Private	I	\$50 to GW for Tunnel Rights
	B	\$10 from the WSR Private	J	\$350 to the Bank for a 4 Train
	C	\$10 from the TCC Private	K	\$300 to the GT for a 3 Train
	D	\$15 from the GLSC Private	L	GW reaches its destination - gains \$0
	E	\$20 from the NFSBC Private	M	CPR reaches its destination - gains \$400
	F	\$20 from the SCFTC Private	N	\$40 to the Bank for a garrison
	G	Dividend down \$10 to pay loan interest	O	Government Loan redeemed
	H	Government Loan secured	P	At Train Limit

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/3	5/2	6/2	7/6	8/13	9/8	14/2	15/1	16/1
	17/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/3	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	55/1
	56/1	57/2	58/2	59/1	69/1	120/0	121/0					
Trains	5/3(\$550)		then	6/2(\$700)		D/9(\$1,100)						

Cash Flow	Start	OR6	OR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mike Bennett	55	94	200	349	1,339	29.4	8 - 8	
John Webley	73	68	101	242	977	21.5	5 - 5	
Mark Hancock	47	40	116	203	963	21.1	6 - 6	
John Shelley	43	112	181	336	1,276	28.0	7 - 7	

Portfolios	Privates	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Mike Bennett	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	6P	-	-	1	-
John Webley *	-	-	-	2	-	-	3P	1	-	-	-	-
Mark Hancock	-	-	-	-	-	4P	-	-	-	-	4P	-
John Shelley	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Bank New	-	10P	10P	-	10P	5	7	1	10P	10P	4	10P
Par				80		100	90	75			65	
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Quote				125B		110B	125B	110E			80F	
Credit				\$55		\$190	\$40	\$94			\$130	
Loans				500		0	300	600			500	
Tokens Left		2	2	2	2	2	2	-	1	1	2	1

Privates Owned by ShareCos : CPR - WSR | GW - SCFTC | LPS - FT, TCC | WR - GLSC, NFSBC.

Rights Held by ShareCos : GW - Tunnel | LPS - Tunnel | WR - Bridge.

The OR8 operating order is - GW, CPR, LPS, GT, WR - unless changed by SR5.

GITCO and GRAZ are natural opponents when the Pedicle Road route is useful. They drew both times they used that option. DHAN & ZRR will be likely contest routes that run SE of DR Congo. All were in for the lottery of run 7.3 (which actually went with length) and ZRR's gamble in entering 7.7 paid off as GITCO was the unlucky iron horse in that three-way race.

Company Run	DHAN Brad M - Brown	ZRR Mike R - Red	GITCO Tony S - Blue	GRAZ John W - Green
7.1 (21) Mansa - (66) Lusaka			15 -4/GRAZ [16]	15 +4 [17]
7.2 (63) Mazabuka - (33) Kitwe	20 +1 [9]			10 -1/DHAN [12]
7.3 (51) Sesheke - (36) Ndola	0 -1/GRAZ +6 [26]	20 -1/D -1/GI - 1/GR [23]	10 -4/DH -1/GR +1 [25]	0 -1/DHAN +3 [26]
7.4 (53) Livingstone - (13) Nakonde	+1		15 -1/DHAN [42]	15 [40]
7.5 (15) Kasama - (42) Kabompo Kalabo		20 -1/GITCO [38 Kabompo]	+1	
7.6 (43) Mongu - (S3) Botswana Zimbabwe	20 +1 [14 Livingstone]	10 -1/DHAN [18 Livingstone]		
7.7 (23) Mpika - (S6) Airports	15 -1/GITCO +5 [14 Ndola]	15 -5/DHAN -2/GIT [14 Ndola]	0 +3 [14 Mbala]	
Total Points Gained	67	53	35	45

In the run results chart above, the first line shows the race result points, the second line shows the payments from and to other players, and the last line shows the run length along with the choice(s) of endpoint (where they existed). Joint Runs and Exchanges Of Running Powers will also be noted on the first line. In all instances abbreviations may be deployed.

Builds & Scores

DHAN - Brown (Mongu) - --- - Kalabo - A22; (Kaoma) - L21 - M21 - M20; (U25) - T24
 Brad Martin Points: 118 = 60 +67/Runs -10/Builds +3/Towns - 2/ZRR

ZRR - Red (J43) ---- - Isoka; (Kasempa) -- --- R17 -- T18
 Mike Ruffhead Points: 94 = 50 +53/Runs -12/Builds +0/Towns +2/DHAN +1/GITCO

GITCO - Blue (Y21) ---- Y25 - Lusaka; (P23) --- -- M22 - Kaoma
 Tony Sait Points: 93 = 70 +35/Runs -11/Builds +0/Towns -1/ZRR

GRAZ - Green No Builds
 John Webley Points: 88 = 43 +45/Runs -0/Builds +0/Towns

Round8 Runs - Enter up to 4

- 8.1 (12) Mbala - (S1) DR Congo [Chingola | Mufulira | Y9 | Z2]
- 8.2 (24) Serenje - (55) Mumbwa
- 8.3 (26) Chipata - (44) Solwezi
- 8.4 (34) Kitwe - (S5) Tanzania [Mbala | Nakonde]
- 8.5 (46) Kaoma - (31) Chingola
- 8.6 (64) Lusaka - (52) Kataba
- 8.7 (65) Lusaka - (11) Nchelenge

Building Allowances & Run Length

The building allowance in round 8 will be 10 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.

Andy Muir	1830R46
Brad Martin	RR2563ZM
Dane Maslen	Outpost M21
David Hooton	1830E46,
David Smith	Outpost M21
Graham Lee	1835K46
John Shelley	1830E46, 1846F46, 1835K46, 1856M46
John Webley	1846F46, 1835K46, 1856M46, 1830R46, RR2563ZM, Outpost M21
Mark Hancock	1856M46
Mick Haytack	Outpost M21
Mike Bennett	1856P45, 1830E46, 1846F46, 1856M46, 1830R46
Mike Ruffhead	1846F46, 1830R46, RR2563ZM, Outpost M21
Tim Parkes	
Tony Sait	1856P45, 1830Z45, 1835K46, RR2563ZM, Outpost M21
