

Subs – Jeff + 20 issues. Just room here to thank those of you who voted for Minstrel in the 2004 Zine Poll and the Postal Gaming Web Site Poll – especially given that I didn't publicise them at all. The votes are disproportionately (in a good way) appreciated and some brief details are after the 1835X18 report.

1830K16 / 18

OR16, OR17 & OR18

All companies ran each time and paid dividends. Run values and end credit were:

CPR 240 / 260B PRR 440 / 240B B+O 240 / 200 Erie 140 / 200B
 B+M 230 / 185C NYC 270 / 155C NYNH 330 / 120D C+O 200 / 70G

| Final Cash Flow | Start | OR16 | OR17 | OR18 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 13 |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| Keith Loveys | 2,401 | 446 | 446 | 446 | 3,739 | 7,134 | 26.3 | 16/16 | |
| Mike Ruffhead | 2,201 | 451 | 451 | 451 | 3,554 | 6,124 | 22.6 | 15/15 | |
| George Lucas | 1,209 | 478 | 478 | 478 | 2,643 | 5,788 | 21.3 | 13/13 | |
| David Roffey | 1,499 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 2,699 | 5,184 | 19.1 | 13/13 | |
| Don Smith | 277 | 231 | 231 | 231 | 970 | 2,905 | 10.7 | 11/11 | |

Tony I am delighted to be able to notch up one last?? victory for Keith! As you might expect, he left himself in a fairly sound position when I took over.

The key moments came when we hit the situation where one "poisoned" 4-train was left. George and I came up with a plan to buy it, but these were scuppered when David unexpectedly bought it just in front of us. I came out of it quite fortunately, but George had left himself open to having the PRR dumped on him. In the end, George has recovered well to finish 3rd. The "free" C&O shares have helped to keep me comfortably in front of Mike (who also suffered when the last 4-train was sold). Meanwhile, Don always seemed to be too short of money and shares to be able to get back into the game.

Mike An interesting game. I found myself with two companies operating in exactly the wrong order when the permanent train rush hit, and staring down the barrel of a bankruptcy. The deal with Dave, giving him the NYNH presidency in exchange for a life-line has certainly paid off for me – provided you accept the premise that any position other than first matters at all – which I don't really - but then nobody ever accused me of being consistent. Dave may reflect that he exchanged third (I think) for what turned out to be fourth, but at least he kept the game alive and I thank him for that. Bankruptcies are always a bummer – particularly when the bankrupt is me.

George I seem to have inherited the PRR at just the wrong moment. Might have had a chance but for that. Thanks to all who took part. Hope to compete better next time.

David However much people hate the B&O, failing to get any PC at all leaves you irrecoverably short of cash at the midway sharebuying point. Thanks to Mike for agreeing the train & NYNH cross-deal that kept me from last place (hopefully).

GM Thanks for that good set of comments. I think it is the last win for Keith who regains his position as the player with the most 18xx postal wins. He as prolific and did leave a good position but Tony thought about it in order to maintain it and get the win. Differing views on where David would have finished without the deal – but positions in this game are often perceived dependent on what one thinks will happen, and then it doesn't. Which is why we keep playing it. Thanks to all – and Tony is now obviously ready to start a new 1830 from scratch ...

1830K16 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - FLUSHED

NEXT TIME – WON BY KEITH

| | | |
|--|----------------|--|
| WAITING | 1829S | Mike R, David R, John S, Tony O |
| | 1830 | Peter J, Mike R, John S, George L |
| | 1835 | David R, Don S, Lyndon G |
| | 1856 | Don S ⁶ , Lyndon G, David R, George L |
| | RAILWAY RIVALS | Tony B, Mike R |
| DEADLINE | | ROB THOMASSON |
| FRIDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2005 | | 205 TOLCARNE DRIVE, PINNER, MIDDLESEX HA5 2DN |

Steady building as the LNWR reaches London. No SDR12 - orders on file from all but Jeff and used if not replaced. I'll ask for OR18 as well and we'll have that if there are no changes of director in SDR12.

Operating Round 17

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Token | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|---------|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| LNWR | MR | 51:I8:6 | [38] | G11 - F10 =S | 260 | Y | 142 | 10 | 5 | A |
| GWR | AH | 60:F9:3 | [43] | F12 - F6 | 270 | Y | 160 | 10 | 7 | |
| Mid | SR | 38:K9:3 | [12] | H9 - I10 | | | 90 | 10 | [+4] | B |
| LSWR | AM | 60:G7:1 | [46] | D7 - F8 | 450 | Y | 82 | 90 | 5 4 | |
| GNR | SR | 67:D9:6 | [14] | I9 - H8 | | | 38 | 50 | +7 +4 | C D |
| LBSC | SR | 9:C6:6 | | C6 - C4 | 250 | Y | 112 | 20 | 5 | |
| GER | MR | 67:G8:2 | [15] | H6 - H8 ! | 440 | Y | 126 | 10 | 5 4 | |
| GCR | JE | 50:L5:6 | [34] | M5 - K7 | 220 | Y | 90 | 160 | 4 | |
| L+YR | MR | 38:H7:6 | [13] | I9 - I5 =S | 250 | Y | 20 | 200 | 5 | A |
| SECR | AH | 4:D11:4 | | D11 - E11 | 180 | Y | 58 | 30 | 4 | |

Notes A £100 to the bank for a garrison C £720 to the bank for a 7 train
B £170 to the GNR for a 4 train D £10 to the Mid for a 4 train

| Tiles | 1/2 | 2/2 | 3/2 | 4/5 | 5/3 | 6/4 | 7/4 | 8/5 | 9/5 | 10/3 | 12/2 | 13/3 | 14/1 | 15/3 | 16/- |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 17/1 | 18/1 | 19/2 | 20/2 | 21/1 | 22/1 | 23/3 | 24/4 | 25/1 | 26/2 | 27/1 | 28/- | 29/1 | 30/- | 31/1 |
| | 32/1 | 33/1 | 34/1 | 35/- | 36/- | 37/- | 38/- | 39/1 | 40/- | 41/2 | 42/2 | 43/1 | 44/1 | 45/1 | 46/1 |
| | 47/- | 48/- | 49/- | 50/1 | 51/- | 60/- | 67/- | | | | | | | | |

Trains 7/2(£720)

| Cash Flow | Start | OR17 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 17 |
|-----------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Mike Ruffhead | 1,407 | 651 | 2,058 | 4,078 | 26.9 | 14/18 | |
| Alan Harvey | 372 | 536 | 908 | 2,870 | 18.9 | 16/20 | |
| Simon Robertson | 447 | 172 | 619 | 2,135 | 14.1 | 17/17 | |
| Jeff Edmunds | 951 | 418 | 1,369 | 3,269 | 21.5 | 17/18 | |
| Andy Muir | 577 | 525 | 1,102 | 2,826 | 18.6 | 16/16 | |

| Portfolios | Privates | LNWR | GWR | Mid | LSWR | GNR | LBSC | GER | GCR | L+YR | SECR |
|-------------------|----------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Mike Ruffhead | - | 5D | - | - | - | 2 | - | 9D | - | 5D | - |
| Alan Harvey | - | 1 | 5D | 2 | 3 | - | 2 | - | - | 4 | 5D |
| Simon Robertson * | - | - | - | 5D | - | 8D | 6D | - | 1 | - | - |
| Jeff Edmunds | - | - | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 9D | 1 | - |
| Andy Muir | - | 4 | 2 | - | 6D | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Bank New | Hull... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Bank Pool | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

1829V15 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 4 : BANK - £13,944 NEXT - SDR12 & OR18

The L&YR survey party was at M9 because it couldn't follow the GCR survey party to M7. This time it goes to K7 because L6 has a tile. The big demand is for tiles that aren't available in one way or another. And they remain unavailable as no 7 train is bought – the GNR has the credit but not the desire ...

Operating Round 16

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Token | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|---------|-------|-------------|-----|-----|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| LNWR | DS | | | H7 - J6 | 190 | Y | 335 | 80 | 5 | |
| GWR | TB | 24:F6:2 | [8] | E6 - E8 =S | 320 | N | 180 | 150 | 3 (4) +5 | A B |
| Mid | DR | 42:F7:1 | [26] | E5 - D5 | 470 | Y | 250 | 70 | 5 3 4 | |
| LSWR | AH | 43:C9:6 | [24] | E11 - E8 =S | 390 | Y | 71 | 210 | 5 4 3 | A |
| GNR | JS | 41:K5:4 | [23] | H7 - L6 | 340 | N | 64 | 990 | 5 4 | |
| LBSC | TB | 23:D6:4 | [8] | H9 - C7 =S | 140 | Y | 112 | 0 | 3 +4 | C D |
| GER | DR | 4:G10:1 | | G10 - H9 | 90 | Y | 100 | 40 | 4 | |
| GCR | JS | 10:M7:1 | | M7 - M6 | 100 | N | 61 | 230 | 3 | |
| L+YR | DS | | | M9 - M6 ! | 140 | Y | 64 | 50 | 3 | |
| SECR | BP | 4:D11:3 | | D11 - C11 | 30 | N | 29 | 40 | | E |

Operating Round 17

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Token | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|---------|-------|------------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| LNWR | DS | 3:J6:1 | | J6 - G8 | 190 | Y | 345 | 80 | 5 | |
| GWR | TB | 23:D7:5 | [9] | E8 - E6 | 340 | Y | 200 | 150 | 5 3 | |
| Mid | DR | | | D5 - D8 | 470 | Y | 275 | 70 | 5 3 4 | |
| LSWR | AH | 47:D7:3 | [23] | E8 - E5 | 390 | Y | 76 | 210 | 5 4 3 | |
| GNR | JS | 9:L6:6 | | L6 - K7 | 340 | Y | 67 | 830 | 5 4 | F |
| LBSC | TB | | | C7 - C5 | 290 | Y | 126 | 0 | 4 3 | |
| GER | DR | | | H9 - I9 | 90 | Y | 112 | 40 | 4 | |
| GCR | JS | 19:M8:6 | [8] | M6 - L5 =S | 140 | Y | 64 | 190 | 3 | C |
| L+YR | DS | | | M6 - K7 ! | 140 | Y | 67 | 50 | 3 | |
| SECR | BP | 8:C11:3 | | C11 - C12 | 30 | N | 20 | 60 | | E |

| Notes | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £100 to the bank for a garrison | £550 to the bank for a 5 train | £40 to the bank for a garrison | £10 to the GWR for a 4 train | Run by the receiver - train rented | £160 to bank for a mountain |

| Tiles | 1/2 | 2/2 | 3/1 | 4/3 | 5/3 | 6/4 | 7/4 | 8/4 | 9/8 | 10/2 | 12/3 | 13/3 | 14/- | 15/- | 16/1 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 17/1 | 18/1 | 19/- | 20/2 | 21/1 | 22/1 | 23/3 | 24/1 | 25/2 | 26/1 | 27/2 | 28/1 | 29/1 | 30/1 | 31/1 |
| | 32/- | 33/- | 34/- | 35/- | 36/- | 37/- | 38/- | 39/- | 40/1 | 41/- | 42/- | 43/- | 44/1 | 45/- | 46/- |
| | 47/1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Trains 7/4(£720)

| Cash Flow | Start | OR16 | OR17 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 17 |
|--------------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Tony Bromley | 927 | 287 | 649 | 1,863 | 4,665 | 24.6 | 17/17 | |
| John Shelley | 377 | 72 | 510 | 959 | 3,008 | 15.8 | 17/17 | |
| Alan Harvey | 52 | 485 | 533 | 1,070 | 4,047 | 21.3 | 17/17 | |
| David Roffey | 232 | 378 | 457 | 1,067 | 3,868 | 20.4 | 16/17 | |
| Don Smith | 210 | 212 | 255 | 677 | 3,403 | 17.9 | 13/13 | |

| Portfolios | Privates | LNWR | GWR | Mid | LSWR | GNR | LBSC | GER | GCR | L+YR | SECR |
|------------|--------------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Tony B | - | - | 7D | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6D | - | - | - | - |
| John S | (C+HP), Hull | - | 2 | 1 | - | 8D | - | - | 7D | - | - |
| Alan H | Prstn, Hlyhd | - | - | 3 | 6D | 1 | - | 5 | 1 | - | - |
| David R | - | - | 1 | 5D | - | - | 3 | 5D | - | 4 | 1 |
| Don S * | - | 6D | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | 6D | - |
| Bank New | Harwich... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Pool | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 9D |

1829O16 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 3 : BANK - £14,364 NEXT - OR18 & SDR12

1830V16 / 13**OR9**

Well, that's us into the diesels then ...

| OR9 | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| NYNH | NW | 62:G19:4 | [54] | | 120 | N | 100D | 3 | (3) +5 | A |
| PRR | PJ | 63:H16:1 | [14] | | 150 | N | 90D | 11 | (4) +6 | B C |
| C+O | MR | 9:F12:2 | | | | | 82E | 0 | (3) +6 | D B |
| NYC | DR | 42:F18:2 | [24] | | | | 76B | 0 | (3) +5 | E |
| Erie | MR | 7:D12:3 | | | 130 | Y | 82E | 445 | (4) | |
| B+M | NW | 61:E23:2 | [53] | E19 | 360 | Y | 71E | 46 | 5 (4) | F |
| B+O | DR | 41:H14:3 | [27] | | 220 | N | 10H | 115 | (4) +D | G H |

| Notes | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H |
|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| | \$450 to the bank for a 5 train | \$630 to the bank for a 6 train | Train purchase starts phase 5 | \$120 from Mike R for a train purchase | \$451 to the B+O for a 5 train | \$40 to the bank for a garrison | \$800+4 train to the bank for a diesel | Train purchase starts phase 6 |

| Tiles | 1/- | 2/- | 3/2 | 4/2 | 7/2 | 8/4 | 9/5 | 14/1 | 15/- | 16/- | 18/1 | 19/1 | 20/1 | 23/2 | 24/3 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 25/1 | 26/1 | 27/1 | 28/1 | 29/1 | 39/1 | 40/1 | 41/1 | 42/1 | 43/2 | 44/1 | 45/2 | 46/2 | 47/1 | 53/1 |
| | 54/1 | 55/1 | 56/1 | 57/4 | 58/2 | 59/1 | 61/1 | 62/- | 63/2 | 64/1 | 65/- | 66/1 | 67/1 | 68/1 | 69/- |

Trains D/5(\$1,100)

| Cash Flow | Start | OR9 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 16 |
|---------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Mike Ruffhead | 183 | -19 | 164 | 1,337 | 29.7 | 12/13 | |
| Peter Jenkins | 294 | 13 | 307 | 1,015 | 22.6 | 7/8 | |
| Neil Walters | 194 | 216 | 410 | 1,612 | 35.9 | 12/13 | |
| David Roffey | 101 | 0 | 101 | 531 | 11.8 | 4/8 | |

| Portfolios | PRR | NYC | CPR | B+O | C+O | Erie | NYNH | B+M |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| Mike Ruffhead | 1 | - | - | 1 | 6P | 5P | 1 | 1 |
| Peter Jenkins * | 6P | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Neil Walters | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 6P | 6P |
| David Roffey | - | 5P | - | 5P | - | - | - | - |
| Bank New | 2 | 3 | 10P | 2 | 1 | 4 | - | 2 |
| Par | 90 | 100 | | 82 | 82 | 82 | 82 | 90 |
| Bank Pool | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | 1 |
| Quote | 90D | 76B | | 10H | 82E | 82E | 100D | 71E |

The OR10 operating order is - NYNH, PRR, C+O, Erie, NYC, B+M, B+O - unless changed by SR7.

1830V16 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - \$10,398

NEXT TIME - SR7

1830W16/13

OR11 & SR8

Okay, now every company has a train so it's (probably, could be) a run to the wire ...

Operating Round 11

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|---------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| B+O | JW | | | | 220 | Y | 140C | 116 | 5 | |
| CPR | TS | 8:C11:1 | | | | | 100B | 0 | +5 | A |
| NYC | MB | | | | 220 | Y | 100E | 1 | 5 | |
| NYNH | TS | | | | | | 76E | 0 | +D | B C |
| C+O | JS | 23:G5:5 | [8] | | | | 58F | 0 | +D | D C |
| PRR | AM | 24:G3:1 | [8] | | 240 | Y | 67G | 50 | 6 | |
| B+M | MB | | | | 270 | Y | 67E | 104 | 6 | |
| Erie | AM | 8:E13:6 | | | 110 | Y | 63G | 91 | D | |

Notes
 A \$30 to the NYNH for a 5 train
 B \$579 from Tony S for a train purchase - sold 1 B&O
 C \$1,100 to the bank for a D train - sold 1 NYC & 1 NYNH
 D \$448 from John S for a train purchase

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

Trains D/3(\$1,100)

Stock Round 8

* share from the pool

| Tony Sait | John Shelley | Andy Muir | Martin Butcher | John Webley |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|
| ~ | +Erie*(63) | +B+O*(140) | +CPR(90) | +CPR(90) |
| ~ | +Erie*(63) | +B+M(76) | +PRR*(67) | +CPR(90),+NYNH*(76) |

| Cash Flow | Start | OR11 | SR8 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 13 |
|----------------|-------|------|------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| John Webley | 613 | 181 | -256 | 538 | 2,289 | 28.2 | 14/14 | |
| Tony Sait | 382 | -326 | 0 | 56 | 1,527 | 18.8 | 13/13 | |
| John Shelley | 262 | -115 | -126 | 21 | 1,062 | 13.1 | 13/13 | |
| Andy Muir | 51 | 199 | -216 | 34 | 1,122 | 13.8 | 13/13 | |
| Martin Butcher | 621 | 289 | -157 | 753 | 2,109 | 26.0 | 13/13 | |

| Portfolios | PRR | NYC | CPR | B+O | C+O | Erie | NYNH | B+M |
|----------------|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|
| John Webley | - | 1 | 3 | 6P | 2 | - | 2 | 1 |
| Tony Sait * | - | 1 | 6P | 1 | 1 | - | 5P | 1 |
| John Shelley | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 6P | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Andy Muir | 6P | - | - | 1 | 1 | 5P | 1 | 1 |
| Martin Butcher | 1 | 6P | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 5P |
| Bank New | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Par | 71 | 76 | 90 | 100 | 71 | 82 | 67 | 76 |
| Bank Pool | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| Quote | 67G | 100E | 112A | 160B | 62E | 63G | 82D | 67E |

The OR12 operating order is - B+O, CPR, NYC, NYNH, PRR, B+M, Erie, C+O.

1856X16 / 12**SR6**

Some companies were abandoned as far as possible. The cert limit stopped Martin floating the TGB alone but George & Graham (kindly?) stepped in to help. Next orders should consider what to do if the CGR is formed. The OR10 operating order is - WR, GW, CA, CPR, LPS, TGB, CV, GT, THB, BBG.

Stock Round 6

* share from the pool

| Martin Butcher | Tony Bromley | George Lucas | Mark Stretch | Graham Lee |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| -CV/20(150), +TGB/20(200) | +WR/10*(125) | -BBG/30(225), +WR/10*(125) | +GT/10(90) | -THB/40(360),-CPR/20(200), -BBG/10(60),+CA/10(80) |
| +WR/10*(125) | +CPR/10*(90) | +WR/10*(125) | +GT/10(90), -GT/20(160) | +GW/10*(110) |
| +TGB/10(100) | +CPR/10*(90) | +TGB/10(100) | +CA/10(80) | +GW/10*(110) |
| +TGB/10(100) | ~ | ~ | +CPR/10*(90) | +GW/10*(110) |
| +TGB/10(100) | ~ | ~ | ~ | +GW/10*(110), +TGB/10(100),-TGB/10(100), +LPS/10*(100),-LPS/10(100) |

| Cash Flow | Start | SR6 | End | Value | % | Certs Max 13 |
|----------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|--------------|
| Graham Lee | 456 | 100 | 556 | 2,196 | 29.6 | 11/11 |
| Martin Butcher | 578 | -475 | 103 | 1,523 | 20.5 | 13/13 |
| Tony Bromley | 419 | -305 | 114 | 1,644 | 22.1 | 13/13 |
| George Lucas | 189 | -125 | 64 | 1,314 | 17.7 | 9/9 |
| Mark Stretch | 242 | -190 | 52 | 752 | 10.1 | 7/7 |

| Portfolios | BBG | CA | CPR | CV | GT | GW | LPS | TGB | THB | WR | WGB |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|---------|------|------|-----|
| Graham Lee * | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | 2P | 6P | - |
| Martin Butcher | - | - | 6P | 4P | - | - | - | 5P | - | 1 | - |
| Tony Bromley | - | 6P | 2 | - | - | - | 6P | - | - | 1 | - |
| George Lucas | 2P | - | - | - | - | 6P | - | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| Mark Stretch | - | 3 | 1 | - | 4P | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank New | 4 | - | - | 4 | 2 | - | - | 3 | 3 | - | 10P |
| Par | 90 | 80 | 70 | 65 | 90 | 70 | 65 | 100 | 100 | 65 | - |
| Bank Pool | 4 | - | 1 | 2 | 4 | - | 4 | 1 | 5 | - | - |
| Quote | 55F | 110B | 90F | 70G | 70G | 125D | 90F | 90B | 65F | 150D | - |
| Credit | \$0 | \$489 | \$313 | \$185 | \$5 | \$225 | \$127 | \$1,000 | \$53 | \$12 | - |
| Trains | 3 | 5 3 | 4 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | | 3 | 5 4 | - |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Tiles | 1/- | 2/1 | 3/3 | 4/1 | 5/2 | 6/- | 7/4 | 8/8 | 9/8 | 14/3 | 15/3 | 16/1 | 17/1 | 18/1 | 19/1 |
| | 20/1 | 23/4 | 24/4 | 25/1 | 26/1 | 27/- | 28/1 | 29/1 | 39/1 | 40/1 | 41/3 | 42/2 | 43/2 | 44/1 | 45/2 |
| | 46/2 | 47/2 | 55/1 | 56/- | 57/2 | 58/1 | 59/1 | 63/4 | 64/1 | 65/- | 66/1 | 67/1 | 68/1 | 69/1 | 70/1 |
| | 120/1 | 121/1 | 122/- | 125/1 | 126/- | 127/1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Trains | 6/2(\$700) | | then | | D/9(\$1,100) | | | | | | | | | | |

There is a map on the last page.

Your intentions were clear and some of you are obviously so good at this that you are beyond some of the physical aspects of the game but I think I got the essence. Hope you like what you got for Christmas.

Share Dealing Round 6

* share from the pool

| Neil Walters | David Smith | Mike Ruffhead | Jeff Edmunds |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| +LSWR/D | +LSWR | -LNWR | +LSWR |
| -GWR,+LSWR | +GWR* | +LSWR | +LSWR |
| +LSWR | ~ | +LSWR | -LNWR,+LSWR |
| ~ | -LNWR/2,+GNR/D | +GNR | +GNR |
| ~ | +GNR | +GNR | -LNWR,+GNR |
| ~ | +GNR | +GNR | +GNR |
| ~ | ~ | -GNR/2,+LBSC/D | +LBSC |
| ~ | -LSWR,+GNR* | -GNR,+LBSC | -Mid,+LBSC |
| -Mid,+LSWR* | ~ | -LNWR/2,+LBSC | -Mid,+LBSC |
| ~ | ~ | +LBSC | -GWR,+LBSC |
| ~ | ~ | +Mid* | +LBSC |
| ~ | ~ | -LBSC/+GER/D | +GER |
| ~ | ~ | -LBSC/+GER | -GWR,+GER |
| ~ | ~ | -LBSC/+GER | +GER |
| ~ | ~ | -LBSC/+GER | -GWR,+GER |
| ~ | ~ | ~ | -GWR,+GER, -LSWR,+GCR/D, -LSWR/2,+GCR/3, -GNR,+GCR |

| Cash Flow | Start | SDR6 | End | Value | % | Certs Max 18 |
|---------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|--------------|
| Mike Ruffhead | 205 | -171 | 34 | 1,307 | 27.9 | 13/13 |
| Jeff Edmunds | 202 | -171 | 31 | 1,194 | 25.5 | 16/16 |
| Neil Walters | 203 | -156 | 47 | 987 | 21.1 | 8/8 |
| David Smith | 205 | -147 | 58 | 1,197 | 25.5 | 10/10 |

| Portfolios | Privates | LNWR | GWR | Mid | LSWR | GNR | LBSC | GER | GCR |
|----------------|--|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Mike Ruffhead | S+M | 3 | - | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | 5D | - |
| Jeff Edmunds | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 5D | 5 | 6D |
| Neil Walters * | - | - | - | 5D | 5D | - | - | - | - |
| David Smith | - | - | 6D | 1 | - | 5D | - | - | - |
| Bank New | Hull... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Pool | C+HP, C+W, L+M | 7D | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | - | - |
| Credit | | £100 | £200 | £280 | £760 | £710 | £670 | £640 | £610 |
| Trains | | 3 2 2 | 3 2 2 | 2 2 2 | | | | | |
| Tiles | 1/2 2/2 3/2 4/6 5/3 6/4 7/3 8/7 9/9 10/2 12/2 13/2 14/- 15/3 16/1 | | | | | | | | |
| Trains | 17/1 18/1 19/2 20/2 21/1 22/1 23/4 24/4 25/2 26/2 27/2 28/1 29/1 30/1 31/1 | | | | | | | | |
| Trains | 3/4(£300) then 4/4(£430) 5/4(£550) 7/4(£720) | | | | | | | | |

There is a map of this game on the last page.

An uneventful round really, especially for the PRR - but deliberately so ...

Operating Round 3

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|-----|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| B+O | JW | 15:H16:1 | [57] | | 60 | Y | 112A | 540 | 2 2 +3 | B |
| NYC | DR | 57:E19:1 | | | | | 71D | 640 | +3 | B |
| C+O | MS | 2:G7:1 | | | 90 | Y | 82D | 450 | 3 2 | |
| PRR | DS | | | | | | 40H | 275 | 3 2 2 2 | A |

Operating Round 4

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|-----|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| B+O | JW | 57:J14:2 | | | 140 | Y | 126A | 460 | 3 2 2 | C |
| C+O | MS | 9:I3:2 | | | 120 | Y | 90D | 370 | 3 2 | D |
| NYC | DR | 56:F20:1 | | | 70 | Y | 76D | 647 | 3 | |
| PRR | DS | | | | | | 30H | 290 | 3 2 2 2 | A |

Notes A \$15 from the D+H Private C \$80 to bank for a river
 B \$180 to the bank for a 3 train D \$80 to Mark S for the CStL

Tiles 1/1 2/- 3/2 4/2 7/3 8/8 9/4 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/- 57/1 58/2 59/2 69/1

Trains 3/1(\$180) then 4/4(\$300) 5/3(\$450) 6/2(\$630) D/6(\$1,100)

| Cash Flow | Start | OR3 | OR4 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 13 |
|--------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Tony Sait | 39 | 52 | 79 | 170 | 768 | 22.4 | 6/6 | |
| David Roffey | 39 | 9 | 47 | 95 | 565 | 16.5 | 5/5 | |
| John Webley | 28 | 24 | 56 | 108 | 642 | 18.7 | 3/4 | |
| Mark Stretch | 14 | 64 | 162 | 240 | 810 | 23.6 | 5/6 | |
| Don Smith | 10 | 49 | 63 | 122 | 648 | 18.9 | 4/5 | |

| Portfolios | Privates | PRR | NYC | CPR | B+O | C+O | Erie | NYNH | B+M |
|---------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Tony Sait | SVR, M+H | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | - |
| David Roffey | - | - | 5P | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| John Webley * | - | 1 | - | - | 4P | - | - | - | - |
| Mark Stretch | - | 1 | - | - | - | 6P | - | - | - |
| Don Smith | C+A | 2P | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Bank New | - | 2 | 4 | 10P | 2 | - | 10P | 10P | 10P |
| Par | - | 82 | 82 | - | 100 | 71 | - | - | - |
| Bank Pool | - | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Quote | - | 30H | 76D | - | 126A | 90D | - | - | - |

The OR5 operating order is - B+O, C+O, NYC, PRR - unless changed by SR4.

1830P18 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 2 : BANK - \$9,498

NEXT TIME - SR4

1856D19 / 1

SR1 (PRIVATES)

It's 1856D19 & not 1856D18 as stated last time. The dealing is a touch different and we're off ...

Stock Round 1 (Privates)

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| John Webley | Peter Jenkins | Mark Stretch | John Shelley | Tony Sait |
| ~ | Bid on GLSC(76) | +FT(20) | +WSR(40) | Bid on SCFTC(105) |
| +TCC(50) | +NFSBC(100) | [priority] | | |
| [Peter +GLSC(76)] | [Tony +SCFTC(105)] | | | |

Holdings

| TCC | GLSC, NFSBC | FT | WSR | SCFTC |
|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cash 250 | Cash 124 | Cash 280 | Cash 260 | Cash 195 |

1856D19 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 1 : BANK - \$10,891

NEXT TIME - SR1 (COMPLETION)

Tony S gives up on the ByE and makes a pre-emptive burst all over the SxE ...

Operating Round 3

| | Dir | Lay(s) | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|-----|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| B-M | JS | 58:K3:1 | | | 40 | Y | | 40 | 2 | |
| B-P | JW | 8:D14:3 | | | 70 | Y | | 75 | 2 | A |
| Mag | TS | 8:D12:6 | | | 40 | Y | | 40 | 2 | |
| K-M | MS | 3:F4:3 | | | 30 | Y | | 30 | 2 +2 | B |
| B-S | TB | | | | 50 | Y | | 50 | 2 | |
| A-K | MS | 58:B12:5 | | | 60 | Y | | 60 | 2 | |
| ByE | TB | 8:N14:6 | | N12 | 100 | Y | 100C | 458 | 2 2 +2+2 | C D |

Notes A 50M to bank for a river C 40M to the bank for a garrison
B 80M to the bank for a 2 train D 120M to the bank for a 2+2 train

Tiles 1/1 2/- 3/1 4/3 5/2 6/- 7/8 8/8 9/8 55/1 56/1 57/2 58/2 69/3 201/-
202/2

Trains 2+2/3(120M) then 3/4(180M) 3+3/3(270M) 4/3(360M) 4+4/1(440M) and more

Share Round 4

* share from the pool

| John Webley | Tony Sait | Mark Stretch | Tony Bromley | John Shelley |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| +ByE/10(92) | -ByE/30(300),+SxE/10(88) | +ByE/10*(94) | +ByE/10*(94) | +ByE/10*(94) |
| ~ | +SxE/10(88) by 3 | [loco] | | |

| Cash Flow | Start | OR3 | SR4 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max |
|--------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|
| Tony Bromley | 76 | 60 | -94 | 42 | 622 | 19.5 | 5 | 12 |
| John Shelley | 23 | 85 | -94 | 14 | 704 | 22.0 | 6 | 12 |
| John Webley | 70 | 55 | -92 | 33 | 669 | 20.9 | 5 | 12 |
| Tony Sait | 61 | 60 | -52 | 69 | 621 | 19.4 | 5 | 12 |
| Mark Stretch | 23 | 80 | -94 | 9 | 579 | 18.1 | 5 | 12 |

| Portfolios | Privates/Minors | PrE | ByE | SxE | BaE | WtE | HeE | MsE | OIE |
|----------------|-----------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tony Bromley | N-F / B-S | - | 40/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| John Shelley | Pfa, Han / B-M | - | 30/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| John Webley | L-D / B-P | - | 10/1 | 20/2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tony Sait | Ost / Mag | - | - | 40/3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mark Stretch * | Bra / K-M, A-K | - | 20/2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank New | - | 40/4 | - | 40/4 | 100/8 | 100/8 | 100/8 | 100/7 | 100/7 |
| Bank Pool | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Quote | | | 100C | 88D | | | | | |
| Credit | | | 550M | 528M | | | | | |

The OR4 operating order is - Minors, ByE, SxE.

1835X18 : HALF THOMPSON GAME : PHASE 1 : BANK - 10,460M

NEXT TIME - OR4 & SR5

Minstrel came 16th in the 2004 Zine Poll – up 4 places from last year. 5 people voted for Minstrel whilst 4 people voting for ... mais n'est-ce pas la gare? were enough to get it to number 8. My brother's For Whom The Die Rolls won for the second year in a row and at least the third time in total. Mick Haytack's Bloodstock was 5th. Both of those recommended to games players everywhere.

The number of voters was only 27, less than half of last year's number. Even so, congratulations to Steve Thomas for his top ten place. Steve successfully covers just about any 18xx you might think of apart from the ones that you can find in Minstrel. Contact him at maisnestce@aol.com.

Minstrel was 6th equal with www.18xx.net in the 2004 Postal Gaming Web Site Poll (down from fourth) won by Dip2000. Only 9 voters there and four of the web sites listed feature one or more 18xx games. Full results of both polls at <http://www.fbgames.co.uk/words/zinepoll04.htm> with links to descriptions of the various paper and electronic endeavours listed.

This sequence leaves us with one of each type of remaining Colony Card ...

Player Action

Lyndon Auctioned an Orbital Lab for 50. Mick, Mike & David joined. Mick dropped out at 62, Mike at 65 & Lyndon at 66. David got it for 66 (n:18,22,26)
 Lyndon Auctioned an Outpost for 100. Mick joined and got it for 101 reduced to 81 after Ecoplants discounts (o:2,3 w:8,30 m:18,20) plus a free Titanium Factory
 Lyndon Auctioned an Outpost got it for 100 reduced to 75 after Heavy Equipment / Ecoplants discounts (o:4 w:6 t:8,13,44) plus a free Titanium Factory
 Lyndon Bought three Population Units (w:9 t:7)
 Mick Passed
 Mike Bought two Research Factories (w:6,8,30 r:16) & one Population Unit (o:2 r:9)
 David Bought one New Chemicals Factory (w:30 r:10 n:20)
 Jeff Bought one Robot (o:2 w:8), one Water Factory (w:6,7,7) & one New Chemicals Factory (w:30 r:16 m:14)

| Pos | Player | Factories | Operators | Colony Cards | Production | Total | VPs |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| 1 | Lyndon | 2o,2w,8t | 13p (15,0) | HE, Eco, OP, OP | 2o,2w,4t,1T | (104,20) | 36(260) |
| 2 | Mick | 2o,5w,1t | 5p,2r (10,5) | WH, Sci, OL, Rob, Eco, Eco, OP | 4o,3w,1W,1t,3r,1m | (129,20) | 32(325) |
| 3 | Mike | 2o,6w,3r | 8p,1r (8,8) | DL, DL, DL, HE, Nod, Sci, Rob, Lab | 1o,2w,1W,4r | (99,10) | 28(270) |
| 4 | David | 2o,6w,1r,4n | 8p (8,0) | WH, Nod, OL, Lab | 5w,1r,1m,1N | (153,15) | 28(180) |
| 5 | Jeff | 2o,8w,1n | 8p,2r (8,8) | WH, Nod, Sci, OL, Rob | 2o,2W,3r,1m,1n | (142,15) | 23(190) |
| On Offer | | Heavy Equipment | 1 (none left) | Space Station | 1 (3 more) | | |
| | | Laboratory | 1 (none left) | Planetary Cruiser | 1 (3 more) | | |
| | | | | Moon Base | 1 (3 more) | | |

OUTPOST M5 : EXPERT GAME : PHASE 3

PRODUCTION CARDS SEPARATELY OR BY EMAIL

RR1979J – RAILWAY RIVALS EAST & WEST YORKSHIRE

ROUND 3 – BUILD 12

GITCO(M) did not pay L&Y for Warrington – F8 (scores adjusted). This time L&Y and Y&L both build one short (the unused points can be utilised next time). GRIPNUT's build orders were cut short by 1. Just the few payments as David & Mick pick up more towns and clear 100 points as a combined total.

| | | |
|----------|---------|---|
| WEST | B.Red | (K13) - <u>Bury</u> ; (B63) - <u>Accrington</u> ; (Oldham) - J17 - <u>Ashton</u> - <u>Stockport</u> - F16 - F18 |
| EAST | B.Red | (L43) - L44 - M45; (E37) - A39 - <u>Lincoln</u> ; (M45) - M47 - L47 |
| TORPEDO | O.Red | (A57) - N6 - <u>Southport</u> ; (Bolton) - <u>Rochdale</u> - L15 - K16; (D55) - F54 |
| TOAST | O.Red | (J24) - J26 - I27 - H26 - G27; (B78) - C79 - C85 |
| L&Y | C.Red | (E8) - D8; (E8) - E7 - C6 - <u>Ellesmere Port</u> - C4 - <u>Birkenhead</u> ; (J14) - <u>Bury</u> |
| Y&L | C.Red | (B75) - <u>Dewsbury</u> - <u>Bradford</u> ; (D25) - <u>Chesterfield</u> ; (J32) - N34 |
| GITCO(M) | A.Green | (I10) - J9 - J8 - <u>Wigan</u> - L7 - L6 - M6 - N6 - A56 - C57 - <u>Preston</u> - E56 |
| GITCO(H) | A.Green | (F72) - I74 - I75 - <u>Harrogate</u> ; (<u>Dewsbury</u>) - N25 - M25 - K26 - <u>Barnsley</u> |
| DAVW | B.Green | (<u>Burnley</u>) - <u>Colne</u> ; (F52) - G53 - <u>Fleetwood</u> ; (F52) - <u>Blackpool</u> ; (D53) - <u>Lytham</u> ; (C67) - B69 - B70; (<u>Preston</u>) - G55 |
| DAVE | B.Green | (<u>Rotherham</u>) - F27 - D28; (J34) - F36 - <u>Gainsborough</u> - F40; (J36) - J37 |
| GRIPNUT | C.Green | (J67) - <u>Colne</u> ; (<u>Ilkley</u>) - I73 - F74 - F75 - <u>Leeds</u> ; (K56) - I55 |
| GRIPPER | C.Green | (J25) - J22; (B87) - C88 - C90 - B90 - B92 - C93 - <u>Hull</u> |

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Mick Haytack [104] | WEST | 58 = 50 + 6 | +2 |
| | EAST | 46 = 39 + 6 | +1 |
| Tony Osborne [42] | TORPEDO | 21 = 14 + 6 | -1/WEST +2 |
| | TOAST | 21 = 22 + 0 | -1/GRIPPER -1/Y&L -1/EAST +2 |
| Mike Ruffhead [68] | L&Y | 44 = 33 + 12 | -1/WEST |
| | Y&L | 26 = 21 + 6 | -2/DAVE +1 |
| Tony Sait [68] | GITCO(M) | 22 = 29 + 0 | -2/TORPEDO -5/DAVW |
| | GITCO(H) | 46 = 41 + 6 | -1/TOAST -1/GRIPPER +1 |
| David Smith [112] | DAVW | 69 = 40 + 24 | +5 |
| | DAVE | 43 = 41 + 0 | +2 |
| John Webley [78] | GRIPNUT | 35 = 36 + 0 | -1/GITCO(H) |
| | GRIPPER | 43 = 36 + 6 | -1/TOAST +2 |

