

The first four to ask for 1870 had preferences that led to a four player game starting on the last page. Another 1870 will be along soon so let me know if you want to play. Lyndon would prefer 5 players so say if that is not okay when you enlist. The St. Petersburg game also gets going this time on the last page and will be played The Banquet expansion. The game has the first proper use of colour in Minstrel.

Flushed with the ease of my (presumed) success at adding 1870 to the list of games I can handle with program assistance I am wondering – which one next? 1826, 1860 & 1850 occur to me. If anybody has preferences amongst those three then please let me know – but this request does not constitute any form of commitment to go ahead with any of them! Meanwhile the “18xx UK Postal Archive” and its “Top 20 Rated Players” are discussed & revealed after the 1830M20 & Outpost M6 reports. That’s it for M286.

1829H18 / 18

OR21 & OR22 [END]

Lays made (no garrisons placed): LNWR 8:F9:2 & 25:F9:6, GER 60:G7:1 & 20:H8:6.
 Runs (both ORs) and final values: LNWR 630 / 320, GWR 320 / 300, Mid 410 / 250, LSWR 270 / 126,
 GNR 460 / 225, LBSC 230 / 200, GER 290 / 90, GCR 270 / 58.

Cash Flow	Start	OR21	OR22	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 18
David Smith	5,119	731	731	6,581	11,625	28.7	18 - 18	
Mike Ruffhead	4,116	882	882	5,880	11,182	27.6	18 - 18	
Neil Walters	3,348	714	714	4,776	9,083	22.4	18 - 18	
Jeff Edmunds	2,388	593	593	3,574	8,636	21.3	18 - 18	

David It looks like I should win this now, which is good news. My feeling is that with all the trains and all the space we should have played with all the companies, not just eight. You could have just increased the share limit for everyone. As it was I was lucky to 'steal' the GWR from Jeff when he presumably left something obvious out of his orders. Otherwise I would have been faced with his position, which was always going to be a struggle. He had to take the companies that were on offer, never likely to be the most desirable ones, and watch the better ones (LSWR, GNR and GER) go elsewhere. Running with ten companies might have made a significant difference.

This is the second time I have acquired the GWR when I did not have the right to expect it, and both times I have done well. On the other hand I have managed to have this company 'stolen' from me on two occasions too (and there was nothing I could do about it) and each time the taker went on to do very well. It seems to me it is often the winning company, or maybe the winning strategy even. Who knows?

Mike Hats off to David who took his opportunity, and made a game winning move when he stripped and dumped the GW. I thought I was in with a decent shout in the mid-game, but I just wasn't catching up fast enough. The cruel and unnecessary persecution of the GER didn't help – thanks Neil - but hindsight says it didn't make any difference to the final outcome either. Ho hum, another defeat, of which there have been far too many recently. Either I'm getting old, or I'm working too hard. Or probably both – horrors!

GM Yes, SDR2 was fundamental – Neil got the Midland (unexpectedly to him and others I opined) and as part of that process David got the GWR. We did play with the requisite one less 4 train and one less 5 train than the 5 player game – but I agree with David that next 4 player would be worth trying with all companies and trains. In fact I think that's happening in For Whom The Die Rolls at David's prompting so we have a test case. Neil & Jeff realised their fate as it became inevitable and Mike continued to go for against the slings and arrows of outrageous adversity (there was a point when it did seem to be him against the rest) but then he could be got. David steered his way through the morass making the most of his opportunities. Thanks to all as ever.

1829H18 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : BANK - BROKEN

WON BY DAVID FROM MIKE

WAITING	1829 South	Jeff E, Mike R, Martin B, John S
	1830	Jeff E, Don S, Mike R, Mark S, Martin B
	1835	Don S, David R, Martin B, John S, John W, Mark S
	1856	Graham L, John S, Don S
	1870	John S, Lyndon G ⁵⁴ , Don Smith
	RAILWAY RIVALS	Tony B, Mike R, John W

DEADLINE

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John edges up on Mark but they are both amongst the four that will currently have to sell in SR9 ...

OR15 lays were B&M 23:D12:3, B&O 29:I17:6 & CPR 23:B12:6. Divs as OR16 except NYC only 310.

Operating Round 16

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
C&O	MS				250	Y	280B	19	6	
B&M	JW	46:C9:2	[27]		160	Y	240B	33	5	
NYC	DR	39:I17:6	[29]		380	Y	170C	38	D	
Erie	DS				200	Y	155C	0	D	
B&O	TS	47:C19:1	[24]		440	Y	111C	0	D	
CPR	TS				170	Y	90E	17	5	
PRR	JW				210	Y	68H	132	6	
NYNH	MS				200	Y	67F	226	5	

Tiles

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

Trains D/3(\$1,100)

Cash Flow

	Start	OR15	OR16	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Tony Sait	206	482	489	1,177	3,273	17.6	15 - 15	
David Roffey	705	447	489	1,641	4,181	22.5	16 - 16	
John Webley	766	421	428	1,615	4,706	25.3	18 - 18	
Mark Stretch	1,097	419	426	1,942	4,858	26.2	16 - 16	
Don Smith	38	171	178	387	1,554	8.4	7 - 7	

Portfolios

	C&O	B&M	NYC	Erie	B&O	CPR	PRR	NYNH
Tony Sait	1	1	1	1	6P	5P	1	1
David Roffey	1	2	6P	1	2	2	2	1
John Webley *	2	6P	1	1	1	2	6P	1
Mark Stretch	6P	1	1	1	1	1	1	6P
Don Smith	-	-	1	6P	-	-	-	1
Bank New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Par	71	82	82	71	100	71	82	67
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	280B	240B	170C	155C	111C	90E	68H	67F

The OR17 operating order is - C&O, B&M, NYC, Erie, B&O, CPR, PRR, NYNH.

1830P18 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - \$4,773

NEXT TIME - OR17 & SR9

The MsE ran for 160M last time and not 230M. E19 & F14 are fully garrisoned. Cash adjusted.

Operating Round 14

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
ByE	TB	40:E17:1	[25]		190	Y	316A	21	4	
PrE	MS				530	Y	172D	277	6+6 5	
WtE	TB	9:I9:2			390	Y	150B	59	4+4 4	A
SxE	TS	57:F10:3			450	Y	136C	100	5+5 (5)	
BaE	JS	219:J6:4	[214]		510	Y	92C	110	6+6 4	
MsE	JW				160	Y	88D	130	6	
OIE	JS	25:J10:6	[8]		250	Y	86E	20	6	
HeE	TS				340	Y	76G	101	6+6 +5	B

Notes A 70M to bank for a mountain B 1M to the SxE for a 5 train

Tiles 1/1 2/- 3/1 4/- 5/3 6/3 7/7 8/5 9/- 12/1 13/2 14/1 15/- 16/2 18/1
 19/2 20/2 23/- 24/2 25/2 26/2 27/- 28/2 29/2 39/1 40/- 41/- 42/2 43/1 44/2
 45/2 46/2 47/2 55/1 56/1 57/1 58/2 63/1 69/3 70/1 87/- 88/1 201/2 202/1 203/-
 204/1 205/1 206/1 207/2 208/2 209/1 210/1 211/1 212/1 213/1 214/1 215/- 216/- 217/1 218/1
 219/1 220/- 221/-
Trains 6+6/1(720M)

Share Round 10

* share from the pool

John Webley	Tony Sait	Mark	Tony Bromley	J S
-BaE/10(92),+HeE/20*(152)	-WtE/10(150),+HeE/10*(76)	~	-MsE/10(88),+PrE/10*(172)	~
-WtE/10(136),+MsE/10*(86)	-WtE/10(124),+HeE/20(228)	~	-PrE/5(86),+WtE/10*(114)	~
+SxE/10*(136)	+BaE/10*(88)	~	~	~
-WtE/10(114),+PrE/5*(86)				

Cash Flow	Start	OR14	SR10	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Tony Bromley	1,070	411	-112	1,369	4,289	24.5	12	12
John Shelley	881	762	0	1,643	3,457	19.8	14	14
John Webley	858	450	110	1,418	2,976	17.0	12	12
Tony Sait	720	513	-118	1,115	3,037	17.4	13	13
Mark Stretch	1,093	433	0	1,526	3,742	21.4	12	12

Portfolios	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Tony Bromley	20/2	60/5	10/1	-	50/4	-	-	-
John Shelley	-	-	-	90/7	20/1	-	-	90/6
John Webley	25/3	-	40/4	-	-	-	60/5	-
Tony Sait *	-	10/1	40/3	10/1	-	90/7	20/1	-
Mark Stretch	50/6	30/3	10/1	-	-	10/1	20/1	-
Bank New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10/1
Bank Pool	5/1	-	-	-	30/3	-	-	-
Quote	172D	316A	150B	92C	106F	82F	88D	86E
Credit	277M	21M	100M	110M	59M	101M	130M	20M

The OR15 operating order is - ByE, PrE, SxE, WtE, BaE, MsE, OIE, HeE.

1835X18 : HALF THOMPSON GAME : PHASE 3 : BANK - 4,111M

NEXT TIME – ORS TO END

1856D19 / 14

OR13

Most popular lay of the month was 23:G16:2 and the LPS was the first to have the chance. Mark closes in on John but the TGB gets a train to help keep Mark at bay.

Operating Round 13

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
LPS	MS	23:G16:2	[9]	F15	230	Y	200D	28	5	A
TGB	JW	124:N11:5	[122]				125B	53	+6	B
CPR	JW				290	Y	125B	0	5	
CGR	JS	15:J13:5	[57]	L13	710	N	110A	730		C
CV	TS	25:G14:1	[8]				80F	0	+D	D E
BBG	MS			H15	250	Y	100A	260	6	A
WGB	PJ						70C	93		
CA	TS	63:D17:1	[15]		230	Y	75F	117	5	
THB	PJ				330	N	55E	330	D	

Notes
 A \$40 to the bank for a garrison
 B \$700 to the bank for a 6 train
 C \$100 to the bank for a garrison
 D \$797 from Tony S for a train purchase
 E \$1,100 to the bank for a D train

Tiles 1/- 2/1 3/3 4/2 5/1 6/1 7/6 8/10 9/3 14/3 15/1 16/1 17/1 18/1 19/1
 20/- 23/3 24/3 25/- 26/1 27/1 28/- 29/1 39/1 40/- 41/3 42/3 43/1 44/1 45/2
 46/2 47/2 55/1 56/- 57/3 58/1 59/2 63/1 64/- 65/1 66/1 67/1 68/1 69/- 70/1
 120/1 121/1 122/1 123/- 124/- 125/- 126/- 127/1

Trains D/7(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR13	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 15
John Webley	555	197	752	2,532	28.9	12.0/12.0	
Peter Jenkins	41	0	41	706	8.1	7.5/7.5	
Mark Stretch	364	288	652	2,452	28.0	10.0/10.0	
John Shelley	477	98	575	1,820	20.8	8.0/8.0	
Tony Sait	459	-315	144	1,244	14.2	10.0/10.0	

Portfolios	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	LPS	TGB	THB	WGB	CGR
John Webley	-	-	6P	1	1	6P	-	-	-
Peter Jenkins	-	-	-	-	-	-	5P	4P	1
Mark Stretch	6P	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-
John Shelley *	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	4P
Tony Sait	-	5P	-	5P	1	1	-	-	-
Bank New	4	1	2	1	-	2	3	4	8
Par	100	65	100	75	80	90	80	100	110
Bank Pool	-	3	1	2	-	-	2	2	7
Quote	100A	75F	125B	80F	200D	125B	55E	70C	110A
Credit	\$260	\$117	\$0	\$0	\$28	\$53	\$330	\$93	\$730

The OR14
operating
order is -

LPS, TGB,
CPR, CGR,
BBG, CV,
CA, WGB,
THB.

1856D19 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - \$8,225

NEXT TIME - OR14 & SR8

1829K19 / 12

OR13

We have retentions and we have two new 5 trains ... and we need a more perceptive headline writer ...

OR13	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Token	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
LNWR	DR	35:C8:1	[10]	G7 - G10	140	N	180	50	(4) +3	A
GWR	MB	38:C7:3	[13]	F6 - F7	160	N	126	520	5	
Mid	TO	32:E10:1		E11 - K8 !	270	N	126	10	4 3 +5	B C
LSWR	DR	1:D9:3		D9 - D8 !			53	10	+4	D
GNR	MR	38:L7:4	[12]	K8 - G10 !	160	Y	90	100	4 +5	C
LBSC	DR	25:D7:2	[8]	D8 - E9	170	Y	82	20	4	
GER	TO	45:I7:1	[23]	E10 - K7	280	Y	76	110	4 3	
GCR	JS	12:D11:4	[3]	L7 - K8 !	300	Y	71	0	5 3	
L&YR	MB			D8 - G10 !	130	N	47	190	3	
SECR	JS	38:D11:1	[12]	D10 - C11	50	N	38	50	3	

Notes A £240 to the GNR for a 3 Train C £550 to the Bank for a 5 Train
B £40 to Bank for a river D £10 to the LNWR for a 4 Train

Tiles	1/1	2/2	3/2	4/6	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/3	9/9	10/3	12/2	13/3	14/0	15/0	16/1
	17/1	18/1	19/2	20/2	21/1	22/1	23/2	24/4	25/1	26/2	27/2	28/0	29/1	30/1	31/1
	32/0	33/1	34/0	35/0	36/0	37/1	38/1	39/1	40/1	41/2	42/2	43/0	44/1	45/0	46/0
Trains	5/1(£550)		then		7/4(£720)										

Cash Flow	Start	OR13	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 17
David Roffey	15	136	151	2,078	21.5	17 - 17	
Tony Osborne	248	273	521	2,144	22.2	17 - 17	
Martin Butcher	26	5	31	1,273	13.2	16 - 16	
John Shelley	1	160	161	1,843	19.1	17 - 17	
Mike Ruffhead	445	351	796	2,323	24.0	17 - 17	

Portfolios	Privates	LNWR	GWR	Mid	LSWR	GNR	LBSC	GER	GCR	L&YR	SECR
David Roffey	-	5D	-	-	7D	-	8D	-	-	-	-
Tony Osborne *	-	-	-	5D	-	2	1	8D	-	1	2
Martin Butcher	S&M	-	5D	-	3	-	-	-	-	9D	-
John Shelley	C&HP	1	2	5	-	-	-	-	5D	-	5D
Mike Ruffhead	-	1	-	-	-	8D	1	2	5	-	1
Bank New	Hull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bank Pool	C&W	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1829K19 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 3 : BANK - £18,340

NEXT TIME - OR14

My manual corrections to the dealing and portfolios last time were incomplete. Lyndon sold 2 ByE and a PrE/5 not 3 ByE as in the dealing and David did not have a WtE as in the portfolio.

OR9	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-S	BP	213:J6:3			120	Y		0	(3)	A
PrE	DR	210:G3:5			120	Y	172D	459	3 +5 +3	A B C D
ByE	MB	218:L14:1			210	Y	126E	136	4 3	
SxE	GL	20:H18:3	[9]		110	Y	124D	21	3 +4	F
HeE	GL	220:E19:1	[209]	E19	360	Y	92C	239	4+4 3+3	G
MsE	LG	45:D18:6	[25]				72E	334	+4	H
WtE	GL				170	Y	86E	119	3+3 +5	B
BaE	LG	202:I3:6		H2	140	Y	86E	484	3+3	A I

Notes	A	50M to bank for a river	F	25M to the WtE for a 4 train
	B	500M to the bank for a 5 train	G	160M to the bank for a garrison
	C	Train purchase starts phase 3	H	146M to the BaE for a 4 train
	D	B-S, Bra forced to convert to Prussian	I	80M to the bank for a garrison

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/3	7/8	8/7	9/1	12/1	13/2	14/1	15/1	16/2	18/1
	19/2	20/1	23/2	24/1	25/3	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2	39/1	40/1	41/2	42/2	43/1	44/2
	45/1	46/2	47/2	55/1	56/-	57/2	58/2	63/3	69/3	70/1	87/-	88/-	201/2	202/1	203/1
	204/1	205/-	206/-	207/-	208/1	209/1	210/-	211/1	212/1	213/-	214/-	215/1	216/4	217/2	218/1
	219/2	220/-	221/1												

Trains 5+5/1(600M) then 6/2(600M) 6+6/4(720M)

Cash Flow	Start	OR9	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Lyndon Gurr	23	173	196	1,316	16.4	10	12
David Roffey	1	141	142	1,638	20.4	10	12
George Lucas	176	195	371	1,717	21.4	11	12
Graham Lee	49	435	484	2,172	27.1	13	13
Martin Butcher	11	183	194	1,168	14.6	7	12

Portfolios	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Lyndon Gurr	5/1	-	-	70/6	-	-	60/3	-
David Roffey *	65/7	30/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Lucas	-	-	60/5	-	70/6	-	-	-
Graham Lee	30/4	-	-	20/1	20/1	90/7	-	-
Martin Butcher	-	70/6	-	-	-	10/1	-	-
Bank New	-	-	-	-	-	-	40/4	100/7
Bank Pool	-	-	40/4	10/1	10/1	-	-	-
Quote	172D	126E	124D	86E	86E	92C	72E	
Credit	454M	136M	21M	484M	119M	239M	334M	

The OR10 operating order is - PrE, ByE, SxE, HeE, WtE, BaE, MsE.

1835Q19 : HALF THOMPSON GAME : PHASE 3 : BANK - 8,821M

NEXT TIME - OR10 & SR8

Two new companies all bright and ready for the onset of the 5 trains ...

Stock Round 5

* share from the pool

Roger Krueger	Lyndon	Martin	George Lucas	John
~	+CPR*(80)	+GT*(80)	-CPR(80),-GT(80),-GW(80)	+CPR*(80)
~	+LPS*(80)	+GT*(80)	+CV/P(200)	+CA*(75)
~	+GW*(80)	+LPS*(80)	+CV/3(300)	~
+BBG/P(200)	~	~	+CV(100),-CV/2(200)	~
+BBG(100)	~	~	+CA(100)	~
+BBG(100)	~	~	+LPS*(80)	~
+BBG(100),-BBG/3(300),+CV*(80)	~	~	~	~
-CV(80),+CA/3(300),-CA(75),+LPS*(80)	[Priority]			

Cash Flow	Start	SR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
John Webley	190	-155	35	685	17.0	7 - 7	
Roger Krueger	517	-505	12	602	14.9	6 - 6	
Lyndon Gurr	243	-240	3	883	21.9	9 - 9	
Martin Butcher	268	-240	28	938	23.2	10 - 10	
George Lucas	360	-340	20	930	23.0	9 - 9	

Portfolios	CPR	LPS	GW	GT	BBG	CV	CA	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
John Webley	1	1	5P	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Roger Krueger	-	1	-	-	2P	-	5P	-	-	-	-
Lyndon Gurr *	2	6P	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martin Butcher	2	1	2	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Lucas	5P	1	-	-	-	4P	1	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	-	-	-	5	4	2	10P	10P	10P	10P
Par	65	70	70	65	100	100	100				
Bank Pool	-	-	2	3	3	2	1	-	-	-	-
Quote	90E	90E	80F	80F	75D	75D	70C				
Credit	\$51	\$105	\$222	\$278	\$500	\$600	\$150				
Trains	4 3 3	4 3	4 3	3			4				

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/3	4/3	5/2	6/2	7/6	8/10	9/5	14/2	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	57/1	58/1	59/2	69/1	120/0
	121/0														
Trains	5/3(\$550)		then	6/2(\$700)		D/9(\$1,100)									

The OR7 operating order is - CPR, LPS, GW, GT, BBG, CV, CA.

1856X19 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 3 : BANK - \$9,996

NEXT TIME - OR7

1830A20 / 7

OR5

I am assuming that the Erie base is on the station to side 4 of E11. When laying track please give enough information so that your orders are not ambiguous. Most people do.

Operating Round 5

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
NYC	JS	8:D20:5			100	Y	100B	830	3	
NYNH	AM	8:D18:4			200	N	71F	501	2 2 +3 [+3]	A
Erie	DR	59:E11:4					67E	161	+4 [+4]	B C B
C&O	GL	23:H8:6	[8]		100	Y	75F	390	3	
B&M	AM	9:D22:6					65F	224	+3	D E
CPR	JS	58:B20:5					65F	460	+4	B
PRR	DR	9:G11:2			100	Y	71D	59	3 +4	F

Notes
 A \$180 to the Bank for a 3 Train
 B \$300 to the Bank for a 4 Train
 C 4 Train purchase starts Phase 3
 D \$120 to Bank for a mountain
 E \$326 to the NYNH for a 3 Train
 F \$1 to the Erie for a 4 Train

Tiles	1/0	2/0	3/2	4/2	7/4	8/6	9/4	14/1	15/1	16/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/2	24/2
	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	53/2	54/0	55/1	56/1	57/4	58/1	59/1	69/0		
Trains	4/1(\$300)		then	5/3(\$450)		6/2(\$630)		D/6(\$1,100)							

Cash Flow	Start	OR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
John Webley	36	70	106	885	21.4	7 - 7	
John Shelley	0	50	50	810	19.6	7 - 7	
David Roffey	11	50	61	751	18.2	8 - 8	
George Lucas	134	70	204	863	20.9	8 - 8	
Andy Muir	7	0	7	823	19.9	10 - 10	

Portfolios	Privates	NYC	B&O	C&O	NYNH	PRR	Erie	B&M	CPR
John Webley	B&O	-	2P	1	1	3	-	-	-
John Shelley	-	5P	-	-	-	-	-	-	4P
David Roffey	-	-	-	-	-	5P	5P	-	-
George Lucas *	-	-	-	5P	2	2	-	-	-
Andy Muir	-	-	-	-	6P	-	-	6P	-
Bank New	-	4	8	1	1	-	4	4	4
Par	-	100	100	71	67	82	76	67	76
Bank Pool	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	2
Quote	-	100B	100A	75F	71F	71D	67E	65F	65F

The OR6 operating order is - NYC, C&O, NYNH, PRR, Erie, B&M, CPR.

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OR3 & SR4

A 3 train was purchased in OR3 so we stop after SR4. In fact, three of them were bought ...

OR3	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
CV	GL	8:K14:2			50	Y	100B	190	200	2	A
CA	DR				40	Y	100B	130	200	2 +2	B
GT	JW				50	Y	90C	155	300	2 +3	C D E
GW	TB	14:D17:1	[5]		50	Y	75E	85	300	2 +3	C D
LPS	DS	14:C14:2	[57]	D17	60	Y	70F	120	300	2 +3	F C D G

Notes
 A \$40 to Bank for a terrain
 B \$100 to the Bank for a 2 Train
 C Government Loan secured
 D \$225 to the Bank for a 3 Train
 E 3 Train purchase starts Phase 2
 F \$40 to the Bank for a garrison
 G \$80 to Don S for the WSR

Tiles

1/1	2/1	3/3	4/3	5/1	6/2	7/7	8/10	9/11	14/2	15/4	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	57/2	58/3	59/2	69/1	120/1
121/2														

Trains 3/2(\$225) then 4/4(\$350) 5/3(\$550) 6/2(\$700) D/9(\$1,100)

Stock Round 4

* share from the pool

Tony Bromley	David Roffey	Don Smith	John Webley	George Lucas
+GW(70)	+CA(90)	+LPS(65)	+LPS(65)	-LPS(70),+CV(90)
~	~	+LPS(65)	[Priority]	

Cash Flow	Start	OR3	SR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Tony Bromley	60	30	-70	20	390	19.2	4 - 4	
David Roffey	58	33	-90	1	421	20.7	4 - 4	
Don Smith	40	114	-130	24	414	20.3	5 - 5	
John Webley	45	25	-65	5	390	19.2	4 - 4	
George Lucas	5	36	-20	21	421	20.7	3 - 3	

Portfolios	Privates	CV	CA	GT	GW	LPS	BBG	CPR	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Tony Bromley	GLSC	-	-	-	4P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Roffey	FT, SCFTC	-	3P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don Smith	-	-	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Webley *	TCC	-	-	3P	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Lucas	NFSBC	3P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	7	7	7	6	2	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P
Par	-	90	90	80	70	65	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	-	100B	100B	90C	75E	65G	-	-	-	-	-	-
Credit	-	\$280	\$220	\$155	\$155	\$120	The OR4 operating order is - CV, CA, GT, GW, LPS.					

A restrained and orderly start ...

Operating Round 1

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
NYNH	DS	69:F20:6					71D	680	+2	\$80 train
C&O	PJ	8:G5:6					71D	680	+2	\$80 train
PRR	MR	9:H14:6					65F	590	+2	\$80 train

Stock Round 2

* share from the pool

John Webley	Mike Ruffhead	Martin Butcher	Don Smith	Peter Jenkins
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+PRR(67)	+NYNH(76)	+C&O(76)	[Priority]	
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Operating Round 2

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
NYNH	DS	57:E19:1			50	Y	82C	680	2	
C&O	PJ	8:G3:1			70	Y	76D	680	2	
PRR	MR	57:H16:6			30	Y	67F	510	2 +2	\$80 train

Tiles 1/1 2/1 3/2 4/2 7/4 8/6 9/6 55/1 56/1 57/2 58/2 69/0

Trains 2/2(\$80) then 3/5(\$180) 4/4(\$300) 5/3(\$450) 6/2(\$630) D/6(\$1,100)

Stock Round 3 No Dealing

Cash Flow	Start	OR1	SR2	OR2	SR3	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Don Smith	24	0	0	30	0	54	594	19.2	5 - 5	
Peter Jenkins	4	5	0	47	0	56	532	17.2	6 - 6	
John Webley	41	30	-67	48	0	52	772	25.0	6 - 6	
Mike Ruffhead	51	30	-76	47	0	52	560	18.1	6 - 6	
Martin Butcher	52	40	-76	60	0	76	629	20.4	6 - 6	

Portfolios	Privates	B&O	NYNH	C&O	PRR	NYC	CPR	Erie	B&M
Don Smith *	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peter Jenkins	SVR	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-
John Webley	B&O	2P	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Mike Ruffhead	CStL, M&H	-	1	-	4P	-	-	-	-
Martin Butcher	D&H, C&A	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	8	-	2	3	10P	10P	10P	10P
Par	-	100	76	76	67	-	-	-	-
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	-	100A	90B	76D	67F	-	-	-	-

The OR3 operating order is - NYNH, C&O, PRR.

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NEXT TIME - OR3 & SR4

As Steve Thomas has commented elsewhere, I do keep as complete a record as I can of every 18xx game played in the UK by post, but I don't do much of anything with it apart from issue new serial numbers. "Post" has extended from the original "snail mail" to include – for example – the games run by Keith on For Whom The Web Rocks (new waiting lists just opened for 1800, 1825, 1830, 1856 & 1870 – go to www.fwtwr.com). "UK" means that the GM is in the UK.

I do need to trawl the records to properly identify all the abandoned games – like all the games started in Terminus by Steve Ogden – and make sure all the results I know about have actually been entered.

The scoring is the same as used for the Railway Rivals stats (which, come to think of it, have not appeared for some time). Essentially one gets slightly more points for winning a five player game than for winning a four player game. The total of points earned is divided by one more than the number of games finished to reward persistent performers. I have been thinking of "doing more" with the information (as I do now and then) but for now the top 20 rated players are listed on the next page.

We're into Phase 2 but we won't get many of the newer cards until somebody else does the decent thing and buys a few Warehouses ...

Player Action

John Bought one Titanium Factory (o:4 w:8,9 t:9) and one Population Unit (w:10).
 Jeff Bought one Water Factory (o:1,2 w:5,6,6) and one Population Unit (w:10).
 David Auctioned a Nodule. Mike, Mick & Mark joined in. David & Mike dropped out at 36. Mark dropped out at 44 and Mick got it for that very value of 44 reduced to 39 after Heavy Equipment discounts (o:3 w:6,30).
 David Bought one Water Factory (o:5 w:7,8).
 Steve Bought one Water Factory (o:3,4 w:7,7).
 Mike Bought one Population Unit (o:2 w:8).
 Mick Passed.
 Mark Auctioned a Heavy Equipment got it for 30 (w:30).
 Lyndon Passed.
 Mike Discarded o:1 o:2.

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs
1	John	2o,3w,2t	6p (8,0)	HE, Nod	1o,3w,2t	(44,10)	11 (55)
2	Jeff	2o,6w	8p (8,0)	Nod	3o,3w,1W	(60,10)	10 (25)
3	Mick	2o,4w,1t	5p (8,0)	HE, Nod	2o,1w,1W,2t	(63,10)	9 (55)
4	Mark	2o,4w	5p (5,0)	DL, DL, HE	4o,1w,1W	(49,10)	8 (60)
5	David	2o,5w	5p (5,0)	DL, DL, DL	1o,4w,1W	(61,10)	8 (45)
6	Mike	2o,4w	7p (8,0)	Nod	2o,2W	(66,10)	8 (25)
7	Steve	2o,5w	6p (8,0)	Nod	2o,3w,1W	(57,10)	8 (25)
8	Lyndon	2o,5w	5p (5,0)	WH	1o,4w,2W	(91,15)	6 (25)

On Offer	Warehouse	4 (none left)	Robots	1 (4 more)
	Heavy Equipment	2 (none left)	Laboratory	0 (5 more)
	Scientists	0 (5 more)	Ecoplants	0 (5 more)
	Orbital Lab	0 (5 more)	Outpost	1 (4 more)

18XX UK POSTAL ARCHIVE – TOP 20 RATED PLAYERS

MARCH 2006

As per the spiel on the previous page, some of your favourite games may not have their results entered yet. Most do. The players with the rising ratings are Lyndon Gurr and Lionel Robbins - both with a 50% or better win rate which is achieved by only a few. They have also played a greater range of games than some (that's just a fact – it could help or hinder one's rating). My "star performer" award goes to David Smith. The fact that all the active top ten rated players (apart from me) play against each other in Minstrel just makes their ratings more impressive. And just for information, Gus (TH) Ferguson played his 9 games in the same group of just 3 players – so that's why not a higher rating for a 100% record.

Player	Rating	Games	Wins
Tony Osborne	7.25	11	10
David Smith	6.86	28	20
Graham Lee	6.69	12	8
Mike Ruffhead	6.66	47	22
Jeff Edmunds	6.63	18	11
Rob Thomasson	6.61	87	38
Lyndon Gurr	6.55	18	10
Dave Erridge	6.50	4	3
Neil Walters	6.45	40	17
Gus (TH) Ferguson	6.30	9	9

Player	Rating	Games	Wins
Eric Ramsay	6.23	10	4
Keith Loveys	6.11	117	32
Tim Goldstone	6.09	27	8
Lionel Robbins	6.08	12	6
Steve Thomas	5.96	13	5
Tony Bromley	5.95	47	10
Peter Hawkins	5.78	46	14
Colin Moore	5.75	13	3
Jon Draper	5.67	11	5
Mark Ashfield	5.67	5	3

You are ... in dealing order ... Mike Ruffhead, Jeff Edmunds, David Smith, Martin Butcher.

We will be using tile orientations as per my brother's "Coordinated Orientations" as it was easiest for me to use his existing tile sheets (copies are enclosed for players - if any of you electronic recipients want paper copies, please let me know and it shall be).

You each have the expected \$525. Please advise any queries.

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NEXT TIME – SR1 (PRIVATE)

ST. PETERSBURG (WITH THE BANQUET) M1

GAMESTART

Okay, we're off and you're seated in the order of arrival. I have looked at how Stephen Webb laid out his first report and have benefited from that knowledge. I also have the enormous benefit of scans of the cards from Keith. Comments and advice on how to improve as we go along will be tolerated.

We will play using The Banquet expansion – sometimes misnamed as The Festival. Details are enclosed for players (if electronic recipients want paper copies then please let me know) and there is more information at <http://www.boardgamegeek.com/game/21367>.

The key information will be shown as below. Starting in the first report there will also be a list of the purchased cards displayed in front of each player.

Player [Hand Cap]	VPs	Ruble s	Cards In Hand	Income – VPs + Rubles			Start [Cards Left]
				Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	
Jeff E [3]	0	25	-	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	Trading [36]
Mike R [3]	0	25	-	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	Buildings [23]
David S [3]	0	25	-	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	Aristocrats [30]
Keith T [3]	0	25	-	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	0v + 0r	Workers [23]

For the first session I think we can do the first Workers Phase and also the first Buildings Phase. So what you see below are the Workers available right now and also the Buildings that will replace purchased Workers on the upper card row. If x Workers are bought then – yes – the first x of the Buildings shown will be available in that phase along with the 8-x Workers that were not purchased. Could happen that x is not 8. The "Cards Left" count above for Buildings supposes that x is 8. If there is anybody that wants to go slower then please let me know. I imagine that we will usually have one phase per adjudication.



Both Pubs out in the first deal! Well, if you buy one (or more) of them you have to tell me – at the end of every Buildings Phase – if you want to convert Rubles to VPs. The default is not. No reminders issued.

Okay, let's try it. Please advise any queries, problems or concerns for the future.