

1829030, 1829B31 & Outpost M10 are missing - Jeff is having access issues in France. The remaining 18xx games are on page 2 onwards in order of starting. Railway Rivals RR2154ND is on page 10 and In The Year Of The Dragon M1 concludes on page 11.

1856M31, 18EUN31 and Outpost M11 start below and there is still time to join the Outpost game. End game comments for 1830M28 are on page 12 and there is a further comment for 1861Y28 on page 5.

This time the requested list of "Who Plays What" is finally included - see the last page. Now to see whether I have the administrative skills to keep that list updated and meaningful.

Brother Keith and I have recently taken to "weekly when possible" online gaming. We have tried Frozen Synapse [<http://www.frozensynapse.com/>] & Memoir '44 [<http://www.daysof wonder.com/memoir44-online/en/>]. The latter game has to be played in one session and games typically take 30 minutes. The first 10/16 games are free and you can also play against an AI opponent. Frozen Synapse games can be completed in one session, or can be "play by email", and typically have between 2 and 8 (short) turns. The inspiration was Laser Squad Nemesis - which in turn drew from X-COM - and it has a spookily good AI capability. Let me know if you fancy beating me at either of those games. Also please let me know if you have other recommendations for good online games that require only a manageable amount of time.

1856M31**GAMESTART**

You are ... in dealing order ... Tony Sait, John Webley, Andy Muir, Howard Bishop, Mark Stretch.

You each have an email with Minstrel 1856 information - if any more is needed then please let me know. And now, you each have 300 USD and next time I need orders for the sale/auction of the Private Companies.

1856M31

NEXT TIME – SR1 (PRIVATES)

18EUN31**GAMESTART**

You are ... in dealing order ... Mike Ruffhead, David Roffey, Stephen Webb, John Shelley, Don Smith.

The first Stock Round will be conducted by email in the now traditional fashion. The initiating email is being sent to players at the same time as the email package for Minstrel 349.

1856M31

NEXT TIME – SR1 (AS FAR AS POSSIBLE)

OUTPOST M11**START**

The registered players for this game are - Jeff Edmunds, Lyndon Gurr, Dane Maslen, Ian Pendlebury, Mike Ruffhead, David Smith & Stephen Webb - plus anybody who sends orders or an "Use Automated Start" (see below) message. Each player will start the game with average cards - namely four 3 Ore and two 7 Water.

As usual for Minstrel games, I proffer the "automated start" facility (as kindly provided by Ian P) whereby players automatically buy a Water factory on the first turn and the second turn purchase is made dependent upon the cards you receive in the first round. The details are enclosed in the Minstrel 349 mailing.

Please decide whether you like this automated start, which saves some thinking. If so - the only action needed for the next deadline is confirmation that you are playing. If you don't want the automated start then please send me orders for how you want to handle rounds 1 & 2. In either case Minstrel 350 will report your cards after Round 2 and request orders for Round 3.

OUTPOST M11 : EXPERT : STANDARD CARDS NEXT – ROUNDS 1 & 2 [AUTOMATED OR BY ORDER]

WAITING	1829 South	John S, David R, Pete C
	1830	Mike R, Tony S, David R, Mike B
	1835	Don S, George L, Tim P
	1856	Don S, George L, Graham L, John S
	1861	Don S, Stephen W, David R
	1870	Lyndon G, Don S, David H, John S
	St. PETERSBURG	Mike R, Mick H, Stephen W
	YEAR OF T'DRAGON	Pete C, Mike R
	RAILWAY RIVALS	Tony S, Mike R

DEADLINE : FRIDAY 22ND JULY, 2011**HOST : ROB THOMASSON**

Even at this late stage the low number of 5 & 6 tiles in the game can be a nuisance ...

Operating Round 14

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
CGR	SW	28:K14:3	[7]		850	Y	175A	91	D 5	
CV	IP	23:M12:2	[9]		290	N	110C	19	5 +D	A
WGB	TP	6:J11:5					90A	80	+6	B
BBG	GL	24:M16:3	[8]		470	Y	100D	1	D	
TGB	GL	14:P9:2	[5]		550	Y	90E	337	6 5	
THB	TP						70D	0	+D	C A

Operating Round 15

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
CGR	SW	8:K12:4			860	Y	200A	51	D 5	D
CV	IP	19:L11:4	[9]		510	Y	125C	19	D 5	
BBG	GL				470	Y	110D	1	D	
TGB	GL				550	Y	100E	337	6 5	
WGB	TP	25:K12:4	[8]	L15	310	Y	100A	40	6	E
THB	TP	57:O18:2			410	Y	75D	0	D	

Notes	A	B	C	D	E
	\$1,100 to the Bank for a D Train	\$920 to the THB for a 6 Train	\$130 from Tim Parkes for a train purchase	\$40 to Bank for a mountain or lake	\$40 to the Bank for a garrison

Tiles	1/1	2/0	3/3	4/3	5/1	6/0	7/5	8/6	9/9	14/1	15/4	16/1
	17/0	18/1	19/0	20/1	23/2	24/2	25/0	26/1	27/1	28/0	29/1	39/1
	40/1	41/3	42/3	43/2	44/1	45/2	46/2	47/2	55/1	56/0	57/2	58/2
	59/2	63/2	64/1	65/0	66/1	67/1	68/1	69/1	70/1	120/1	121/2	122/1
	123/0	124/0	125/0	126/0	127/0							

Trains D/5(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR14	OR15	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 12
Graham Lee	1,667	812	815	3,294	5,654	34.8	12.0 - 12.0	
Ian Pendlebury	1,408	468	725	2,601	4,666	28.7	12.0 - 12.0	
Tim Parkes	91	-75	487	503	1,653	10.2	11.0 - 11.0	
Stephen Webb	117	535	795	1,447	4,272	26.3	12.0 - 12.0	

Portfolios	BBG	CV	TGB	THB	WGB	CGR
Graham Lee	6P	-	5P	-	-	6
Ian Pendlebury	4	5P	2	-	-	4
Tim Parkes	-	-	1	6P	6P	-
Stephen Webb *	-	5	2	-	-	10P
Bank New	-	-	-	4	4	-
Par	65	100	100	90	100	100
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	110D	125C	100E	75D	100A	200A
Credit	\$1	\$19	\$337	\$0	\$40	\$51
Tokens Left	1	1	-	-	-	1

Rights Held by ShareCos : CGR - Bridge, Tunnel.

The OR16 operating order is - CGR, CV, BBG, TGB, WGB, THB.

David makes up ground on George, but George takes the victory to demonstrate that, as ever, it's all about the timing. All comments received will be printed next time ...

Operating Round 15

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
PrE	GL	9:E13:4			630	Y	320C	33	5 5 3+3	
ByE	GL				160	Y	236C	84	3+3	
HeE	TP				360	Y	210B	2	4 4	
SxE	TS				270	Y	190C	20	6	
WtE	DH				370	Y	138D	697	4+4 3+3	
MsE	DS				290	Y	100C	70	5+5	
BaE	DS	12:05:3	[6]		160	Y	94D	16	6	
OIE	TS				180	Y	90E	206	4	

Operating Round 16

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
PrE	GL				630	Y	350B	65	5 5 3+3	
ByE	GL				160	Y	262C	84	3+3	
HeE	TP	25:09:4	[8]		360	Y	234B	2	4 4	
SxE	TS				270	Y	212C	20	6	
WtE	DH				370	Y	154D	697	4+4 3+3	
MsE	DS				290	Y	110C	70	5+5	
BaE	DS				160	Y	102D	32	6	
OIE	TS				180	Y	96E	206	4	

Tiles	1/0	2/0	3/1	4/0	5/2	6/3	7/8	8/5	9/0	12/0	13/2	14/0
	15/0	16/1	18/1	19/2	20/2	23/0	24/0	25/1	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2
	39/1	40/0	41/2	42/2	43/1	44/2	45/1	46/2	47/1	55/0	56/1	57/2
	58/3	63/2	69/2	70/1	87/0	88/1	201/2	202/2	203/0	204/2	205/1	206/1
	207/2	208/1	209/1	210/1	211/1	212/1	213/1	214/1	215/1	216/0	217/1	218/0
	219/1	220/0	221/0									

Trains 6+6/4(720M)

Cash Flow	Start	OR15	OR16	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
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George Lucas	1,612	474	474	2,560	6,232	23.4	12	12
David Hooton	1,959	534	534	3,027	6,111	23.0	13	13
Tim Parkes	1,791	477	477	2,745	5,909	22.2	13	13
Tony Sait	1,141	472	472	2,085	5,139	19.3	13	13
Don Smith	705	380	380	1,465	3,222	12.1	13	13

Portfolios	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Don Smith	5/1	-	-	50/4D	-	-	80/6D	20/2
Tony Sait *	10/1	-	90/8D	-	-	-	20/1	60/3D
George Lucas	60/7D	60/5D	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Hooton	20/2	30/3	10/1	-	90/7D	-	-	-
Tim Parkes	-	10/1	-	40/3	10/1	100/8D	-	-
Bank New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20/2
Bank Pool	5/1	-	-	10/1	-	-	-	-
Quote	350B	262C	212C	102D	154D	234B	110C	96E
Credit	65M	84M	20M	32M	697M	2M	70M	206M
Tokens Left	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

Just the one new garrison and the one new train bought ... and all have lower dividends than in OR7 except for Stephen ...

Operating Round 8

	Dir	Lay(s)		[Rep]	Base	Run Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
E	DS	14:O8:2	9:N9:2	[57]		100 H	135C	115	0	3	E
D	GP	8:G16:4				140 H	135C	20	50	4	F G
M-B	SW	641:D1:1				160 H	135C	40	50	4	F G
MKN	DS	25:A12:1		[8]		290 Y	220A	372	0	3 3	D
SW	SW	638:G8:1		[637]		540 Y	200C	358	0	4 3 3	A B
NW	GP	801:A4:2	9:B3:2	[207]	D1	170 Y	180B	163	0	3 +5	E H I
MKV	DH	636:C14:1	8:M8:6	[635]		350 Y	165C	360	0	4 3	C J E
RSR	BN					240 N		26	250	5	K L

Notes

A	R10 from the TSR Private	G	1 Loan Redeemed
B	R20 from the MYR Private	H	R100 to the Bank for a garrison
C	R25 from the MRR Private	I	R550 to the Bank for a 5 Train
D	R30 from the WVR Private	J	R40 to Bank for a Tile lay
E	R20 to Bank for 2 Tiles	K	R45 Interest paid
F	R10 Interest paid	L	4 Loans Redeemed

Tiles

3/1	4/4	5/2	6/1	7/~	8/~	9/~	14/1	15/1	16/2	17/2	18/2
19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/3	24/3	25/2	26/2	27/1	28/2	29/2	30/2
31/2	39/2	40/2	41/2	42/2	43/2	44/2	45/2	46/2	47/2	57/1	58/2
63/3	87/1	88/2	201/2	202/4	204/1	207/2	208/2	611/3	619/1	621/2	622/2
623/3	624/1	625/1	626/1	635/1	636/0	637/1	638/0	641/0	801/1	911/3	

Trains

5/2(R550) then 6/2(R650) 7/2(R800) 8/9(R1,000) more ...

Merger Round 4

No actions

Cash Flow

	Start	OR8	MR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
David Hooton	115	192	0	307	1,312	25.2	5 - 5	
Greg Payne	135	138	0	273	1,263	24.3	4 - 4	
Stephen Webb	45	313	0	358	1,608	30.9	5 - 5	
Don Smith	145	123	0	268	1,023	19.7	3 - 3	

Portfolios

	Privates	M-B	D	E	NW	SW	MKV	MKN	RSR
David Hooton	-	-	-	-	1	-	5D	-	-
Greg Payne	-	-	2D	-	4D	-	-	-	-
Stephen Webb	-	2D	-	-	1	4D	-	-	-
Don Smith *	BSSC	-	-	2D	-	-	-	2D	-
Bank New	-	-	-	-	4	6	5	8	2D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote		135C	135C	135C	180B	200C	165C	220A	
Credit		R40	R20	R115	R163	R358	R360	R372	R26
Loans		50	50	0	0	0	0	0	250
Tokens Left		-	-	-	1	-	-	1	4

Privates Owned by ShareCos : SW - TSR, MYR | MKV - MRR | MKN - WVR.

Available Minor | Public Companies : None | GRR, SE, MK, MVR.

The OR9 operating order is - E, D, M-B, MKN, SW, NW, MKV, RSR - unless changed by SR5.

All straightforward and uneventful as trains run and cash is earned ...

Operating Round 7

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GW	DH	9:C18:5			110	Y	100E	218	500	3	
LPS	DR	9:C16:1			90	Y	100E	380	400	3	B
CA	DS	57:H15:3			110	Y	100C	330	400	3	D E F
WR	GLe	59:N17:3			240	Y	80F	190	500	4 3	A C
GT	GLu	9:M8:3			180	Y	75E	11	400	4 3	
CV	DR	6:L13:4		L13	120	Y	70E	75	0	4	G

Notes
 A \$5 from the FT Private
 B \$10 from the TCC Private
 C \$20 from the NFSBC Private
 D \$20 from the SCFTC Private
 E CA reaches its destination - gains \$0
 F Government Loan secured
 G \$40 to the Bank for a garrison

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/3	4/3	5/1	6/1	7/6	8/10	9/7	14/3	15/0	16/1
	17/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/4	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	55/1
	56/1	57/3	58/2	59/0	69/1	120/0	121/1					

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

Cash Flow	Start	OR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
George Lucas	155	90	245	620	15.1	4 - 4	
David Hooton	131	97	228	883	21.5	6 - 6	
Don Smith	94	89	183	803	19.5	6 - 6	
David Roffey	35	87	122	772	18.8	6 - 6	
Graham Lee	211	171	382	1,037	25.2	7 - 7	

Portfolios	Privates	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
George Lucas	-	-	-	-	-	5P	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Hooton	-	-	-	-	-	1	5P	-	-	-	1	-
Don Smith	WSR	-	5P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
David Roffey	-	-	-	-	5P	-	-	3P	-	-	-	-
Graham Lee *	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	6P	-
Bank New	-	10P	5	10P	5	3	1	1	10P	10P	-	10P
Par			80		70	80	75	80			70	
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	-	2	-
Quote			100C		70E	75E	100E	100E			80F	
Credit			\$330		\$75	\$11	\$218	\$380			\$190	
Loans			400		0	400	500	400			500	
Tokens Left		2	1	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1

Privates Owned by ShareCos : CA - SCFTC | LPS - TCC | WR - FT, NFSBC.
 Rights Held by ShareCos : CA - Tunnel | GW - Port Token at F17 | WR - Bridge.

The OR8 operating order is - GW, LPS, CA, WR, GT, CV - unless changed by SR6.

1856D30 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 3 : BANK - \$9,636

NEXT TIME - SR6

1861Y28

ADDITIONAL COMMENT

George - 4th

I think that all 18xx games have a pace to them. When your with the pace or setting it then you are 'in' the game and doing well. Sadly in this game I got off the pace and did badly. So good luck and well played to Neil and Mike who found a way of upping the tempo at a point that I could not match.

My thanks also to Rob for having to employ a new set of physic powers to comprehend some of the changes that took place.

1861Y28

WON BY NEIL

A single 5 train is bought to start the next phase of the game ... which does not require the Minor Companies so they mostly fold into Corporations ...

Operations Round 6

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
1	MB							46		
3	DS							145		
6	SW				110	H		100	3	
8	JS							1		
10	MB							164		
15	DH				130	H		130	3	
DR	DH	144:H9:2	[58]		220	Y	135C	130	3 (P) +5	A B C
FS	SW	584:N11:1	[581]		290	Y	122D	566	4 3	D
KBS	MB	58:F7:5			260	Y	122C	240	4 3	
SNCB	DS	83:I2:5	[8]		250	Y	100C	325	4	
KPEV	JS	584:E10:1	[581]	N11	230	Y	75F	949	4	E

Notes
 A £500 to the Bank for a 5 Train
 B 5 Train purchase starts Phase 5
 C Forced to return P Train to the Bank
 D Sells 3 shares to Bank Pool for £405
 E Sells 5 shares to Bank Pool for £500

Tiles	3/4	4/5	7/4	8/6	9/10	14/4	15/3	57/3	58/8	80/4	81/4	82/4
	83/3	141/4	142/3	143/2	144/0	145/4	146/5	147/4	201/4	202/5	544/3	545/3
	546/3	576/4	577/2	578/3	579/3	580/1	581/2	582/9	583/1	584/0	611/8	
Trains	3/2(£200)	P/5(£100)	5/2(£500)			then	6/2(£600)	8/8(£800)				

Minor Company Final Exchange Round

base replaced

David Hooton	Don Smith	Stephen Webb	John Shelley	Mike Bennett
Minor 15 for KBS #	Minor 3 for KBS #	Minor 6 for FS	Minor 8 for FS	Minor 1 for SNCB #
~	~	~	~	Close Minor 10

Cash Flow	Start	OR6	MCFE	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
David Hooton	395	175	0	570	1,367	24.6	5 - 5	
Don Smith	83	154	0	237	981	17.7	6 - 6	
Stephen Webb	213	193	0	406	1,151	20.7	5 - 5	
John Shelley	37	166	0	203	957	17.2	7 - 7	
Mike Bennett	106	159	0	265	1,097	19.8	6 - 6	

Portfolios	SNCB	NS	KBS	KPEV	KKOS	FS	SNCF	DR
David Hooton	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5P
Don Smith	5P	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Stephen Webb	-	-	-	-	-	5P	-	1
John Shelley	-	-	-	5P	-	2	-	1
Mike Bennett *	1	-	5P	-	-	1	-	-
Bank New	4	10P	3	-	10P	-	10P	-
Bank Pool	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	3
Quote	100C		122C	75F		122D		135C
Credit	£371		£515	£949		£566		£130
Tokens Left	2	-	1	1	-	2	-	3

The OR7 operating order is - DR, FS, KBS, SNCB, KPEV - unless changed by SR3.

The expected first 4 train purchase is made - albeit earlier than preferred by some ...

Operating Round 6

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
M-NN	LG	9:M6:3			160 H	120D	0	0	3 [+2]	B C
M-K	MR	8:F11:5			120 H	110E	65	0	3	D
E	[LG]	622:J7:3			80 H	80D	0	0	(2) [+2]	E B D F G
N	PC	9:B3:2			130 H	100F	20	50	3	H I
O-K	LG	28:B15:3			[7]	70F	0	100	+4	J K L M
NW	JS	8:E10:6			140 Y	165C	170	0	3	A N D
MKN	MR	14:G18:3			[57]	150C	151	0	3 3	F I
SW	PC	24:C2:2			[8]	120D	197	0	3 +4	F I K
RSR	BN						11	400	+4	O K

Notes	A	R30 from the WVR Private	I	1 Loan Redeemed
	B	R20 to Bank for a Tile lay	J	2 Loans for Train Purchase
	C	R219 to the O-K for a 2 Train	K	R350 to the Bank for a 4 Train
	D	R20 to Bank for 2 Tiles	L	4 Train purchase starts Phase 4
	E	1 Loan for Tile Lay	M	Minors E, D are Nationalised
	F	R5 Interest paid	N	R75 to John S for the MRR
	G	R41 to the O-K for a 2 Train	O	8 Loans for Train Purchase
	H	R10 Interest paid		

Tiles	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/2	7/~	8/~	9/~	14/1	15/1	16/2	17/2	18/2
	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/4	24/2	25/3	26/2	27/2	28/1	29/1	30/2
	31/2	57/2	58/1	87/1	88/2	201/3	202/4	204/2	207/3	208/2	619/1	621/2
	622/0	624/1	625/1	626/1	635/0	637/0						

Trains 4/1(R350) then 5/4(R550) 6/2(R650) 7/2(R800) 8/9(R1,000) more ...

Merger Round 4 No actions

Stock Round 4

* share from the pool

Pete Campbell	Lyndon Gurr	John Shelley	Mike Ruffhead
+SW	+MKN	+NW	+MKN
~	+NW	~	-SW,+MKN

Cash Flow	Start	OR6	MR4	SR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mike Ruffhead	15	231	0	-180	66	886	24.0	4 - 4	
Pete Campbell	100	117	0	-120	97	897	24.3	5 - 5	
Lyndon Gurr	15	338	0	-315	38	988	26.8	8 - 8	
John Shelley	104	156	0	-165	95	920	24.9	4 - 4	

Portfolios	Privates	N	M-NN	O-K	M-K	NW	SW	MKN	RSR
Mike Ruffhead	-	-	-	-	2D	-	-	4D	-
Pete Campbell *	-	2D	-	-	-	-	5D	-	-
Lyndon Gurr	TSR, BSSC, MYR	-	2D	2D	-	1	1	1	-
John Shelley	-	-	-	-	-	5D	-	-	-
Bank New	Minor Cos	-	-	-	-	4	3	5	2D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Quote		100F	120D	70F	110E	165C	120D	150C	
Credit		R20	R0	R0	R65	R500	R317	R601	R11
Loans		50	0	100	0	0	0	0	400
Trains		3	3	4	3	3	4 3	3 3	4
Tokens Left		-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5

Privates Owned by ShareCos : NW - MRR, WVR.

Available Minor | Public Companies [Merge/Convert only] : M-B, V, T-R, S-V | GRR, SE, MK, MVR, MKV.

The OR7 operating order is - M-NN, M-K, N, O-K, NW, MKN, SW, RSR.

The new companies combine to plunge into the 4 trains and that reduces the earnings of the existing companies. Meanwhile the PRR makes sure that it will always be able to run both east and west ...

Operating Round 4

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B&M	JW	57:F22:3		F22			76C	340	+3 +3	B C D D
C&O	AM	69:G7:1					67E	280	+3 +4	D E F
NYNH	DR	15:F22:6	[57]	F22	80	Y	76D	370	3	A C
PRR	JS	15:H16:6	[57]	H10			67G	240	+4	G E
B&O	DS				90	Y	69G	406	3	

Operating Round 5

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
NYNH	DR	54:G19:5			100	Y	82D	300	3	A B
B&M	JW				170	Y	82C	340	3 3	
B&O	DS	53:I15:1			110	Y	70G	417	3	
PRR	JS	56:G17:5			120	Y	69G	160	4	H
C&O	AM	8:H8:1			40	Y	71E	66	4 3	I

Notes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	\$10 from the CStL Private	\$80 to Bank for a river	\$40 to the Bank for a garrison	\$180 to the Bank for a 3 Train	\$300 to the Bank for a 4 Train	4 Train purchase starts Phase 3	\$100 to the Bank for a garrison	\$140 to John S for the D&H	\$220 to Andy M for the M&H

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

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

Cash Flow	Start	OR4	OR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Andy Muir	36	28	280	344	781	20.6	5 - 5	
John Shelley	37	29	231	297	732	19.4	6 - 6	
Don Smith	5	62	76	143	645	17.1	6 - 6	
John Webley	101	25	127	253	905	23.9	6 - 6	
David Roffey	40	58	72	170	720	19.0	6 - 6	

Portfolios	Privates	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Andy Muir	-	-	-	-	-	5P	-	1	-
John Shelley *	SVR	5P	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Don Smith	-	-	-	-	6P	-	-	1	-
John Webley	C&A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6P
David Roffey	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5P	-
Bank New	-	-	10P	10P	-	4	10P	3	4
Par	-	76	-	-	100	76	-	82	82
Bank Pool	-	5	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Quote	-	69G	-	-	70G	71E	-	82D	82C
Credit	-	\$160	-	-	\$417	\$66	-	\$300	\$340
Tokens Left	-	1	3	3	1	2	2	-	-

Privates Owned by ShareCos : PRR - D&H | C&O - M&H | NYNH - CStL.

The OR6 operating order is - NYNH, B&M, C&O, B&O, PRR - unless changed by SR5.

I expect that everything was as pretty much as you expected ...

Operating Round 3

	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	TS	9:J2:1			40	Y		40	2	
B-P	JW	8:D14:3			70	Y		75	2	A
Mag	JS	8:D12:6			40	Y		40	2	
K-M	TS	8:F8:2			60	Y		60	2 2	
B-S	JS				50	Y		50	2	
A-K	JW	58:B12:1			60	Y		60	2	
ByE	DR				100	Y	94D	392	2 2	
SxE	MB	5:H16:4 9:H18:3					84D	200	+2+2 +2+2	B C B

Notes A 50M to Bank for a river C Train purchase closes the L-D Private
 B 120M to the Bank for a 2+2 Train

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/3	5/0	6/2	7/8	8/7	9/8	55/1	56/1	57/1
	58/2	69/1	201/1	202/1								
Trains	2+2/2(120M)		then	3/4(180M) 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 Webley	John Shelley	Tony Sait	David Roffey	Mike Bennett
+ByE/10(92)	+ByE/10(92)	~	+ByE/10(92)	+SxE/10(88)

Cash Flow	Start	OR3	SR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Mike Bennett	60	40	-88	12	698	24.2	6	12
John Webley	82	75	-92	65	503	17.4	4	12
John Shelley	77	80	-92	65	657	22.8	6	12
Tony Sait	10	70	0	80	488	16.9	4	12
David Roffey	34	60	-92	2	538	18.7	4	12

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Mike Bennett	N-F, Ost, Bra	-	-	40/3D	-	-	-	-	-
John Webley *	B-P, A-K	-	20/2	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Shelley	Pfa, Mag, B-S	-	30/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait	B-M, K-M	-	-	20/2	-	-	-	-	-
David Roffey	Han	-	40/3D	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	40/4D	10/1	40/4	100/8D	100/8D	100/8D	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			94D	84D					
Credit			668M	288M					
Tokens Left		1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1

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

This time we start with a short and ceremonial solo run by D'MARK. There is competition for run 30 and D'MARK is last by a pip so it's up to the winner to provide his points. Then D'MARK and GRaB sprint equally to share the points over the short distance that is run 31. Run 32 to Sweden gives GCR good ferry income but no race points as GRaB steals second place from him. All but D'MARK are in for run 33 which goes with length although it turns out that GRaB's equal shortest length is more something than GRID's. Same sorta thing in run 34 when GCR beats D'MARK. But all in all it's a bit late for D'MARK to fade to shade. And then finally another lottery for run 35 which rolls to GRID with a tie for second place between GRaB & BEST even though BEST's route was 16.7% longer.

Some orders are more complete than others and require less . But please specify which of the start/end towns you are using when there is a choice. I know you know and it saves me a little time each time.

And look - it's now close for second and third places and also for fourth and fifth places. Some suspense for the last round then ...

Runs

29> Leer Wilhemshaven - Bremerhaven	D'MARK [Leer:11] 20
30> Oldenburg - Hannover	BEST [11] 20-3/D'MARK-1/GCR, GRID [12] 10-1/GITCO+1, GITCO [16] 0-1/GRID+1, D'MARK [16] 0+3, GCR +1
31> Westerland Flensburg - Kiel	GRaB [Flensburg:6] 15-2/D'MARK-1/GITCO+1, D'MARK [6] 15-1/GraB-1/GITCO+2, GITCO +2
32> Altona - Sweden	GITCO [25] 20-6/GCR+2, GRaB [31] 10-1/GITCO-7/GCR, GCR [30] 0-1/GITCO+13
33> Neubrandenburg Greifswald - Hannover	GRaB [Neubrandenburg:21] 20+1, GRID [Neubrandenburg:21] 10-1/GRaB+2, GCR [Neubrandenburg:30] 0-1/GRID, BEST [Greifswald:35] 0, GITCO [Greifswald:27] 0-1/GRID
34> Berlin W - Hildesheim	GCR [18] 20+1, D'MARK [18] 10-1/BEST, BEST [20] 0+1, GRID [24] 0-1/GCR
35> Brandenburg Eberswalde - South Germany	GRID [Brandenburg:6:A29] 20-5/GCR, GRaB [Brandenburg:6:A29] 5-2/GCR-1/BEST, BEST [Brandenburg:7:A29] 5-2/GCR+1, GCR [Brandenburg:6:Magdeburg] 0+9

Earnings - GCR 55, D'MARK 47, GRID 35, GRaB 25, BEST 21, GITCO 17

Builds None

Scores		Runs	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
GCR	Tony Bromley	224 = 169		+1	+13	+12	-1	+21	+9
GRaB	David Hooton	163 = 138				+2	+21		+2
BEST	Brad Martin	174 = 153		+16			+0	+1	+4
D'MARK	Mike Ruffhead	328 = 281	+20	+3	+15			+9	
GITCO	Tony Sait	228 = 211		+0	+2	+16	-1		
GRID	John Webley	91 = 56		+10			+11	-1	+15

Runs for Round 12 - Enter up to 4

36> 11-S6	Bielefeld - Denmark	39> 25-46	Cuxhaven Heide - Frankfurt
37> 13-51	Bad Bentheim Meppen - Berlin E	40> 34-66	Hamburg - Minden Hameln
38> 24-S4	Itzehoe Neumunster - Poland	41> 35-56	Harburg - Magdeburg
		42> 45-54	Pasewalk Prenzlau - Berlin W

Mike duly wins as John overtakes Brad at the death to take second place courtesy of his extra monkage. Any comments received will be printed next time ...

Actions

Mike	Research Privilege	Receive 4 VPs
John	Taxes Harvest	Receive 5 Yuan
Keith	Get Up To 3 Yuan	Receive 1 Yuan
Brad	Firework Display	Receive 3 Fireworks

Event - Dragon Festival

Mike	Nothing happens here
John	Receive 3 VPs - Loses 2 Fireworks
Keith	Nothing to see here
Brad	Receives 6 VPs - Loses 5 Fireworks

Victory Points

Mike	79	+4 from Action Event	+4 for Palaces	+2 for Dragons	+1 for Courtesans	= 86
John	49	+3 from Action Event	+4 for Palaces	+1 for Dragons	+1 for Courtesans	= 58
Keith	44	+0 from Action Event	+3 for Palaces			= 47
Brad	58	+6 from Action Event	+2 for Palaces	+2 for Dragons	+1 for Courtesans	= 69

Final Scoring

Mike	86	+16 for Persons	+9 for Monks	+0 for Yuan	= 111
John	58	+14 for Persons	+12 for Monks	+3 for Yuan [2 Fireworks to 4 Yuan]	= 87
Keith	47	+12 for Persons	+6 for Monks	+2 for Yuan [2 Rice to 4 Yuan]	= 67
Brad	69	+10 for Persons	+3 for Monks	+3 for Yuan [4 Fireworks to 8 Yuan]	= 85

Summary of Holdings

Player	Brad	John	Keith	Mike
Victory Points	85	87	67	111
Person Track	38	42	39	43
Yuan	9	9	7	2
Dragons	2	1	-	2
Fireworks	-	-	-	-
Rice	-	-	-	-
Palace 1	Courtesan 1 Warrior 2 Pyrotechnist 2	Craftsman 1 Monk 1 Tax Collector 3	Tax Collector 3 Farmer 1 [vacant]	Scholar 3 Monk 2 Warrior 2
Palace 2	Monk 1 [vacant] Scholar 3	Monk 1 [vacant] Courtesan 1	[vacant] Craftsman 1 Monk 2	Monk 1 Pyrotechnist 1 Warrior 1
Palace 3		[vacant] [vacant] Monk 2	Warrior 1 Scholar 3	Tax Collector 3
Palace 4		Scholar 2		Courtesan 1

THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY

Andy Muir	1829V30, 1829B31, 1856M31
Brad Martin	RR2154ND
Dane Maslen	Outpost M10, Outpost M11
David Hooton	1861X29, 1856D30, 18EUH30, 1829O30, 1829B31, RR2154ND, Outpost M10
David Roffey	1856D30, 1830V30, 1835D31, 18EUN31
David Smith	Outpost M11
Don Smith	1861X29, 1856D30, 18EUH30, 1830V30, 18EUN31
George Lucas	1856D30
Graham Lee	1856Z28, 1856D30
Greg Payne	1861X29
Howard Bishop	1856M31
Ian Pendlebury	1856Z28, Outpost M10, Outpost M11
Jeff Edmunds	1829O30, 1829B31, Outpost M10, Outpost M11
John Shelley	18EUH30, 1861J30, 1830V30, 1829B31, 1835D31, 18EUN31
John Webley	1830V30, 1835D31, 1856M31, RR2154ND, Outpost M10
Lyndon Gurr	1861J30, Outpost M11
Mark Hancock	1829O30
Mark Stretch	1856M31, Outpost M10
Mick Haytack	Outpost M10, Outpost M11 ??
Mike Bennett	18EUH30, 1835D31
Mike Ruffhead	1861J30, 1829O30, 18EUN31, RR2154ND, Outpost M10, Outpost M11
Pete Campbell	1861J30
Stephen Webb	1856Z28, 1861X29, 18EUH30, 18EUN31, Outpost M11
Tim Parkes	1856Z28
Tony Bromley	1829B31, RR2154ND
Tony Osborne	1829O30
Tony Sait	1835D31, 1856M31, RR2154ND

1830M28

COMMENTS

David R - 2nd

Congratulations to Tony B for so superbly demonstrating the virtues of running a good company well throughout the game and eschewing all the machinations and plottery. He was securely in front from OR7 on, at which point I was thumpingly last, so very happy to have got the second place out of this: and particular thanks for that to Mike, for agreeing to bankrupt himself with the Erie rather than the NYNH in OR10 so that my companies could pay and get me past Don, and was thus sadly and accidentally doomed to play out 7 more (almost) inconsequential ORs in last place. (I had to put in the (almost) when I realised that Tony S managed to squeak past Don at the very end of the very last OR).

Tony S - 3rd

Not a lot to say really. I made a bit of a gaff early on, can't remember what, perhaps not getting a company up and running quick enough. I really never caught up, although the last few rounds I was beginning to make headway and catching up David. Another three or four years should have seen that achieved!! Anyway, always a pleasure to play with a bunch of knowledgeable cut-throats; well done to Tony B and thanks to Rob for gming.

Mike R - 5th

I consider this a triumphant demonstration of how not to play 1830 - reckless folly, poor planning, bad timing and complete misreading of competitor intentions were all brought into play in what became a ruthless pursuit of last place. I imagined I was going to go bankrupt, and didn't even manage to calculate that accurately. Hopefully my come-uppance has at least amused the rest of you. My fond belief is that I have now drained the well of incompetence dry for a while and can return to a slightly more competitive performance in my next game.