

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p2 onwards. Railway Rivals RR2416NIL ends on p10, Outpost M18 starts on p11, Puerto Rico M2 is on p12 & p13, St. Petersburg M6 is on p14. The Games That You Play is below.

New Games: None. An 1829 South is verging on initiation. There is room for one more ...

Technical wittering. For some of the “not 18xx” games I use admin handling programs written by my brother in Visual Basic 4 ... and these need to be run under the influence of Windows XP. I manage that by using an instance of XP hosted by VirtualBox aka Oracle VM VirtualBox. It’s a free program, at least for the needs of an individual such as me.

I have to manually copy information from the programs running under XP to the reports here in Minstrel for most of the games (with the attendant chance of transcription errors). However the Outpost handler creates report files that I can use relatively directly ... so I need to export those files for use on the PC hosting the VirtualBox session and my two methods were [1] emailing them to myself and [2] attaching a USB drive to the XP instance, copying the files to the drive, detaching the drive and thus returning it for use by the host PC.

A while back I could no longer manage to attach USB drives and for this issue the email option stopped working. Investigations provided no solution that worked. The problems could have been with the version of XP which was pukka when installed but had become unlicensed (when my last employer stopped paying for the relevant bulk license). And/or many other things such as needing to upgrade the USB support which was apparently fixed at USB 1.0 for my virtual machine. I didn’t really fancy configuring a new machine (I do have a separate licensed copy of XP) due to the slog of having to load it with all the necessary programs - once I had managed to find the relevant CDs or, worse, still, discovered that an essential item was on floppy disks.

Happily I discovered that it really was so very easy for the host PC and the virtual PC to share a folder (on the host PC). Much simpler than my previous solutions ... but I had never had the need to look for it as I had been managing well enough. VirtualBox has been easy to use from the start - mostly because I haven’t had to know much at all about it to use it for my purposes - and the ease of implementing this discovery has just impressed me more. If I had more understanding then maybe I could have fixed the email and/or USB methods. But no need. As this now appears to be an advert for VirtualBox I need to mention that VirtualBox builds using software virtualisation are out of support (but still available). The latest version of VirtualBox requires hardware virtualisation support (VT-X on Intel motherboards and AMD-V on AMD motherboards).

Well, slap me sideways and call me Betty, but wasn’t that just an interesting read? But don’t worry ... next time we will no doubt be back to a few strangled lines of deathless prose (whatever that actually is).

**THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY**

Andy Muir	1856Y42
Brad Martin	1856Y42, RR2416NIL, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
Christian Bien	RR2416NIL
Dane Maslen	Outpost M18
David Hooton	1856O43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18
Graham Lee	1856Y42
Ian Pendlebury	1856Y42, 1856O43, Outpost M18
John Shelley	1830T42, 1870B43, 1861E43, 1830I43, 1835L43, 1856O43
John Webley	1870B43, 1835L43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
Mark Hancock	1830I43, 1856O43, Puerto Rico M2
Mick Haytack	Outpost M18, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
Mike Bennett	1830T42, 1870B43, 1835L43, 1856O43
Mike Ruffhead	1830T42, 1830I43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
Stephen Webb	1861E43
Tim Parkes	1870B43, 1861E43
Tony Sait	1830T42, 1856Y42, 1830I43, 1835L43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18

<b>WAITING</b>	1829 SOUTH	Mike R, John S, David H, Tony S
	1829 NORTH	David H
	1830	Mike B
	1835	Tim P
	18EU	John S, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	David H, Christian B, Tony S
	ST. PETERSBURG	David H

We stop after OR16 as requested. Let's try for both SR11 & OR17 next time ... as long as no company has a change of president in SR11 ...

**Operating Round 15**

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
PRR	JS	39:15:5	[28]		330	Y	200C	171	D	
C&O	MR	43:H8:6	[23]		310	Y	200B	206	6	
B&O	MB				190	Y	185C	152	5	
CPR	TS	7:D8:4			250	Y	160A	0	D	
NYC	JS	68:E11:2	[59]		240	Y	160A	1	5	
Erie	MR	42:D12:3	[24]		210	Y	160A	0	5	
NYNH	TS				220	Y	130D	110	D	
B&M	MB				190	Y	90B	58	6	

**Operating Round 16**

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
PRR	JS	57:F4:2			330	Y	240B	190	D	A
C&O	MR	14:F4:1	[57]		310	Y	220B	237	6	
B&O	MB	23:I7:6	[8]		190	Y	200C	171	5	
CPR	TS	58:E7:6			260	N	142A	260	D	
NYC	JS	20:D18:2	[9]		270	Y	180A	1	5	
Erie	MR	4:F10:2			210	Y	180A	0	5	
NYNH	TS				220	Y	155C	220	D	
B&M	MB				190	Y	100B	77	6	

Notes A \$80 to Bank for a river

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

Trains D/3(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR15	OR16	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
John Shelley	301	461	454	1,216	4,638	28.8	15 - 15	
Tony Sait	140	309	162	611	2,728	16.9	11 - 11	
Mike Ruffhead	683	459	440	1,582	5,079	31.5	16 - 16	
Mike Bennett	322	351	329	1,002	3,679	22.8	15 - 15	

Portfolios	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
John Shelley	6P	6P	1	-	1	3	-	-
Tony Sait *	-	1	6P	2	1	-	3P	-
Mike Ruffhead	1	2	1	1	6P	6P	1	-
Mike Bennett	-	1	1	6P	1	1	1	6P
Bank New	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
Par	100	100	100	100	82	100	67	100
Bank Pool	3	-	-	1	1	-	5	1
Quote	240B	180A	142A	200C	220B	180A	155C	100B
Credit	\$190	\$1	\$260	\$171	\$237	\$0	\$220	\$77
Tokens Left	1	2	2	2	-	1	-	-

The OR17 operating order is - PRR, C&O, B&O, NYC, Erie, NYNH, CPR, B&M - unless changed by SR11.

A steady set of operations ... energy preserved for the next dealing ... ???

**Operating Round 11**

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
CGR	TS	9:M12:2			420	N	125A	593		
BBG	GL	15:L13:2	[57]		390	Y	125A	41	5 (4) +D	A B C
TGB	AM	124:N11:5	[122]		480	Y	125A	40	5 5	C
CV	IP	14:M10:2	[55]		290	Y	125A	126	6	
GW	BM	15:E18:2	[2]		270	Y	110E	149	6	

**Notes** A \$750+4 Train to the Bank for a Diesel C At Train Limit  
 B Diesel purchase starts Phase 6

**Tiles**

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

**Trains** D/8(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR11	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Ian Pendlebury	391	270	661	2,036	23.0	8.5 - 8.5	
Graham Lee	522	311	833	2,208	25.0	8.5 - 8.5	
Brad Martin	142	210	352	1,137	12.9	6.0 - 6.0	
Tony Sait	300	156	456	1,456	16.5	6.0 - 6.0	
Andy Muir	277	346	623	1,998	22.6	8.5 - 8.5	

Portfolios	BBG	CV	GW	TGB	THB	WR	WGB	CGR
Ian Pendlebury *	-	6P	-	2	-	-	-	3
Graham Lee	6P	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Brad Martin	-	-	6P	1	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4P
Andy Muir	-	2	-	6P	-	-	-	3
Bank New	-	1	-	-	10P	10P	10P	-
Par	100	100	75	100				125
Bank Pool	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	7
Quote	125A	125A	110E	125A				125A
Credit	\$41	\$126	\$149	\$40				\$593
Tokens Left	2	1	2	-	1	2	1	4

Rights Held by ShareCos : CGR - Bridge, Tunnel.

The OR12 operating order is - CGR, BBG, TGB, CV, GW.

The last of the public companies is floated ...

OR8	Dir	Lay(s)	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
SLSF	MB	19:116:6	[8]		110	Y	225B	115	(3) +5	A B
SLSF	MB	[Connection Run]			300	Y	225B	115	5 (3)	C
MKT	JS	14:D5:1	[5]		120	Y	160C	100	(3) +5	D
SSW	TP	46:116:4	[19]		130	Y	120A	450	4	
IC	MB	8:D19:5			350	Y	110D	488	4 (3)	
MP	JW	63:H13:1	[15]		280	Y	110D	1	5 (3)	
GMO	TP	170:C18:3	[15]		390	Y	100E	353	4 (3)	
TP	JW	15:J5:6	[6]		140	Y	100A	523	4	
ATSF	JS	63:B9:1	[14]		160	N	72C	33	4 +6	E F G
FW	MB	8:L1:2 6:M2:5			80	N	60F	349	5	

Notes A \$450 to the Bank for a 5 Train E \$630 to the Bank for a 6 Train  
 B SLSF Connection Made - Base at M22 F 6 Train purchase starts Phase 5  
 C SLSF Connection Run - \$300 Paid G At Train Limit  
 D \$462 to the ATSF for a 5 Train

Tiles

1/1	2/1	3/3	4/6	5/2	6/0	7/8	8/3	9/13	14/1	15/1	16/2
17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	23/4	24/1	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/1	39/1
40/2	41/3	42/3	43/2	44/1	45/2	46/1	47/2	55/1	56/1	57/3	58/3
63/3	69/1	70/2	141/2	142/2	143/1	144/1	145/2	146/2	147/2	170/2	171/1
172/1											

Trains 6/2(\$630) then 8/3(\$800) 10/2(\$950) 12/6(\$1,100)

Stock Round 6

\* share from the pool

Tim Parkes	John Shelley	John Webley	Mike Bennett
-MP(110),-SLSF(200), +SP/P(200)	- - -	- - -	Price Protect SLSF
+SP(100)	+MP*(100)	+MKT*(160)	+SSW(100)
+SP(100)	+SSW(100)	+SSW(100)	+SSW(100)
+SP(100)	-ATSF(72),+TP(100)	+IC(76)	+ATSF(82)
GMO Redeems from Tim P	~	+ATSF*(68)	~
+SP(100)	~	+SP(100)	[Priority]

Cash Flow	Start	OR8	SR6	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Tim Parkes	316	461	-165	612	2,842	26.9	16 - 16	
John Shelley	166	107	-228	45	1,895	18.0	13 - 13	
John Webley	268	293	-518	57	2,085	19.8	16 - 16	
Mike Bennett	282	509	-507	284	3,732	35.4	16 - 20	

Portfolios	ATSF	FW	GMO	IC	MP	MKT	SP	SSW	SLSF	TP
Tim Parkes	-	-	6P	-	-	-	6P	6P	1	-
John Shelley	5P	-	-	1	1	6P	-	1	-	1
John Webley	1	-	-	1	6P	1	1	1	1	6P
Mike Bennett *	1	5P	-	6P	-	1	-	2	8P	-
Bank New	3	4	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	3
Par	82	72	68	76	68	90	100	100	100	100
Bank Pool	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	68D	60F	110D	110D	100E	180B	100A	120B	225A	100A
Redeemed	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Credit	\$33	\$349	\$253	\$488	\$1	\$100	\$1,000	\$450	\$115	\$523
Tokens Left	2+D	1+D	1	-	1	1+D	2+D	1+D	1+D	1+D

The OR9 operating order is - SLSF, MKT, SSW, IC, GMO, MP, TP, SP, ATSF, FW.

This time we feature the purchase of 3 trains and company creation through the medium of merger ...

**Operating Round 5**

	Dir	Lay(s)		[Rep]	Base	Run Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
M-B	SW	28:F9:5	9:H11:1	[8]			120C	25	0	+3	C D
E	TP	9:O4:3	8:N3:3				120C	15	0	+3	E C D
D	JS	6:G18:1					110D	1	0	+2	F
N	JS	87:F5:4	9:E6:2	[58]		100 H	110E	148	0	(2) +3	C D
M-K	JS	8:H9:6	23:I8:2			90 H	100F	1	0	2 +3	C G L
M-NN	TP	9:K6:2	9:L5:2			90 H	100F	31	0	2	E H C I
StP-W	SW	25:B7:1		[8]		80 H	90F	1	0	2 +2	J L
R-O	JS	8:A6:4	88:A8:2			80 H	80F	55	0	2	C
K-B	TP	19:B15:6		[9]		80 H	80F	10	50	3	K I
O-K	TP	9:A14:3				160 H	65H	84	0	2 2	L
MK	SW	25:H9:6		[8]		310 Y	135D	304	0	3 2 2 +3	A B D L

Notes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	R10 from the TSR Private	R20 from the MYR Private	R20 to Bank for 2 Tiles	R225 to the Bank for a 3 Train	R20 to Bank for a Tile lay	R239 to the N for a 2 Train	R104 to the N for a 3 Train	1 Loan for Tile Lay	1 Loan Redeemed	R40 to the MK for a 2 Train	R10 Interest paid	At Train Limit

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

Trains	4/4(R350)	then	5/4(R550)	6/2(R650)	7/2(R800)	8/9(R1,000)	2+2/2(R600)
			5+5E/2(R1,500)				

**Merger Round 3**

- M-K, R-O Merge to form GRR - Par is 180B
- K-B, O-K Merge to form SW - Par is 135C ~ Tim Parkes buys 2 Certs of SW for R270

Cash Flow	Start	OR5	MR3	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 21
Stephen Webb	75	133	0	208	1,033	32.0	4 - 4	
John Shelley	15	160	0	175	1,050	32.5	4 - 4	
Tim Parkes	90	210	-270	30	1,145	35.5	7 - 7	

Portfolios	Privates	N	StP-W	M-NN	M-B	D	E	GRR	SW	MK
Stephen Webb	-	-	2D	-	2D	-	-	-	-	3D
John Shelley	MRR	2D	-	-	-	2D	-	2D	-	-
Tim Parkes *	BSSC, WVR	-	-	2D	-	-	2D	-	4D	-
Bank New	Minor Cos	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	7
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote		110E	90F	100F	120C	110D	120C	180B	135C	135D
Credit		R148	R1	R31	R25	R1	R15	R56	R364	R304
Loans		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Trains		3	2 2	2	3	2	3	3 2 2	3 2 2	3 3 2 2
Tokens Left		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1

Privates Owned by ShareCos : MK - TSR, MYR.

Available Minor | Public Companies [Merge/Convert only] : V, T-R, S-V | NW, SE, MVR, MKV, MKN.

The OR6 operating order is - M-B, E, N, D, M-NN, StP-W, GRR, MK, SW.

The sands shift and two 4 trains are bought ...

**Operating Round 4**

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
CPR	MR	8:B18:6					90A	460	[+2 +3] +3	C D E E
B&O	MH	53:I15:1			70	Y	100A	660	(2) +3	E
NYNH	JS	15:F22:6	[57]		130	Y	90C	160	(2 2 2) +4	F G
C&O	TS	2:G7:4			50	Y	82D	500	3	
PRR	MR	59:H18:6			70	Y	71F	209	3 +3	A B H I

**Operating Round 5**

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B&O	MH	14:J14:1	[57]		110	N	90A	730	3	J
NYNH	JS	54:G19:5			110	Y	100C	0	4	C K
CPR	MR	57:B16:3			70	Y	100A	460	3	
C&O	TS	9:I3:2			50	Y	90D	200	3 +4	F
PRR	MR	15:H16:6	[57]		110	Y	75F	266	3 3	A B

Notes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	\$10 from the CStL Private	\$25 from the C&A Private	\$80 to Bank for a river	\$101 to the PRR for a 2 Train	\$180 to the Bank for a 3 Train	\$300 to the Bank for a 4 Train	4 Train purchase starts Phase 3	Tile [58:B20:5] on the Champlain home base	\$1 to the CPR for a 3 Train	\$40 to Mark H for the SVR	\$80 to John S for the M&H

Tiles	1/0	2/0	3/2	4/2	7/4	8/7	9/4	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	56/1
	57/2	58/1	59/1	69/1								

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

Cash Flow	Start	OR4	OR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mark Hancock	35	47	45	127	667	18.6	5 - 5	
Mike Ruffhead	50	28	86	164	1,064	29.6	8 - 8	
Tony Sait	49	52	45	146	846	23.6	7 - 7	
John Shelley	48	103	171	322	1,012	28.2	6 - 6	

Portfolios	Privates	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Mark Hancock	-	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-
Mike Ruffhead	-	4P	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Sait *	D&H	-	-	-	1	6P	-	-	-
John Shelley	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6P	-
Bank New	-	4	10P	4	3	3	10P	4	10P
Par		76		100	100	76		82	
Bank Pool	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote		75F		100A	90A	90D		100C	
Credit		\$266		\$460	\$730	\$200		\$0	
Tokens Left		2	3	3	2	2	2	-	1

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

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

Unwelcome events for some as the ByE changes direktor and there is a shortage of 4 & 202 tiles ...

**Operating Round 3**

	Dir	Lay(s)	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	TS	9:J2:1		40	H		40	2	
B-P	JW	8:D14:3		70	H		75	2	A
Mag	TS	8:G17:1		40	H		40	2	
K-M	JS	9:F8:3		30	H		110	2	
B-S	MB			50	H		50	2	
A-K	MB	58:B12:1		60	H		60	2	
SxE	MB	6:H16:4 69:117:2				84D	40	+2 +2 +2+2 +2+2	B C B D D E
ByE	JS	8:O13:3 6:N12:4		50	Y	92C	352	2 +2+2	D

**Notes** A 50M to Bank for a river D 120M to the Bank for a 2+2 Train  
 B 80M to the Bank for a 2 Train E At Train Limit  
 C Train purchase closes the L-D Private

**Share Round 4** Tony +ByE/10(92) John W +SxE/10(88) Mike B +SxE/10(88)

**Operating Round 4**

	Dir	Lay(s)	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	TS	4:K3:1		40	H		60	2	
B-P	JW			70	H		110	2	
Mag	TS	4:G11:2		40	H		60	2	
K-M	JS	5:F10:1		30	H		5	2 +2+2	A E
B-S	MB			50	H		75	2	
A-K	MB	4:B14:3		60	H		90	2	
ByE	JS	9:M13:2		50	Y	100C	34	2+2 2 +3 +3	B C D C E
SxE	MB			70	Y	88D	216	2+2 2+2 2 2	E

**Notes** A 120M to the Bank for a 2+2 Train D 3 Train purchase starts Phase 2  
 B 50M to Bank for a river E At Train Limit  
 C 180M to the Bank for a 3 Train

**Tiles**

1/1	2/1	3/2	4/0	5/2	6/0	7/8	8/7	9/8	12/2	13/2	14/2
15/2	16/2	18/1	19/2	20/2	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2
55/1	56/0	57/0	58/2	69/1	87/2	88/2	201/2	202/0	203/2	204/2	205/1
206/1	207/2	208/2	209/1	210/1	211/1	212/1	213/1	214/1	215/1		

**Trains** 3/2(180M) then 3+3/3(270M) 4/3(360M) 4+4/1(440M) 5/2(500M) more ...

**Share Round 5** Tony +ByE/10(92) John S -ByE/10(100),+SxE/10(88) John W & Mike B +SxE/10(88)

**Cash Flow**

	Start	OR3	SR4	OR4	SR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
John Shelley	18	55	0	55	12	140	850	27.1	6	15
John Webley	65	65	-88	66	-88	20	752	24.0	7	15
Mike Bennett	26	80	-88	108	-88	38	788	25.1	7	15
Tony Sait	71	80	-92	85	-92	52	748	23.8	6	15

**Portfolios**

	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE	
John Shelley	Ost, Pfa, K-M	-	20/2	10/1	-	-	-	-	-	
John Webley	N-F, B-P	-	10/1	40/4	-	-	-	-	-	
Mike Bennett	Bra, B-S, A-K	-	-	50/4D	-	-	-	-	-	
Tony Sait *	Han, B-M, Mag	-	40/3D	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bank New		-	40/4D	20/2	-	100/8D	100/8D	100/8D	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool		-	-	10/1	-	-	-	-	-	
Quote				94D	92C					
Credit				126M	480M					
Tokens Left			1	4	2	1	1	1	1	

The OR5 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, SxE.

The only contested auction was for the GLSC and Mike was the successful bidder ...

### Stock Round 1 (Privates)

Mike Bennett	David Hooton	Ian Pendlebury	John Shelley	Mark Hancock
Bid on GLSC(80)	+FT(20)	+WSR(40)	Bid on GLSC(85)	Bid on SCFTC(105)
~	+TCC(50) [Mike B +GLSC(90)]	+NFSBC(100) [Mark H +SCFTC(105)]	[Priority]	

Cash Flow	Start	SR1	End	Value	%	Certs Max 13
Mike Bennett	300	-90	210	280	19.0	1 - 1
David Hooton	300	-70	230	300	20.3	2 - 2
Ian Pendlebury	300	-140	160	300	20.3	2 - 2
John Shelley	300	0	300	300	20.3	-
Mark Hancock	300	-105	195	295	20.0	1 - 1

Portfolios	Privates	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Mike B	GLSC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David H	FT, TCC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ian P	WSR, NFSBC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John S *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark H	SCFTC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P	10P
Par												
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote												
Tokens Left		2	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	1
Tiles	1/1 2/1 58/3 69/1	3/3	4/3	5/2	6/2	7/7	8/13	9/13	55/1	56/1	57/4	
Trains	2/6(\$100)	then	3/5(\$225)	4/4(\$350)	5/3(\$550)	6/2(\$700)	D/9(\$1,100)					

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NEXT TIME - SR1 (COMPLETION)



Off and running ... at a fair old lickety-split ...

OR1	Dir	Lay(s)	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	GL	202:H2:5					0	+2	A
B-P	GL	8:E17:3					170		
Mag	TP	6:F14:6					0	+2	A
K-M	GL	6:G5:1					0	+2 +2	A A C
B-S	GL	8:D18:4					0	+2	A
A-K	GL	9:B10:1					0	+2	A
ByE	TP	201:O15:1 8:N14:6				86C	220	+2 +2 +2	B A A A

Notes A 80M to the Bank for a 2 Train C At Train Limit  
 B Extra and free tile lay [4:M15:1] on an Ostbayerische Home Base

Share Round 2

\* share from the pool

Graham Lee	Tim Parkes
+Bra(130)	-ByE/30(258),+SxE/10(88),+SxE/10(88),+SxE/10(88)

OR2	Dir	Lay(s)	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	GL	69:H4:5		40	H		20	2	
B-P	GL	8:D16:6					50	+2+2	A
Mag	TP	4:G15:1		40	H		20	2	
K-M	GL	3:F4:3		60	H		30	2 2	F
B-S	GL	8:C19:5		50	H		25	2	
A-K	GL	6:A11:6		60	H		30	2	
SxE	TP	57:H16:1 69:I17:2				84D	80	+2+2 +2+2 +2+2	A B A A
ByE	TP	5:N12:3 8:N16:1	L14	130	Y	88D	79	2 2 2 +3	C D E F

Notes A 120M to the Bank for a 2+2 Train D 180M to the Bank for a 3 Train  
 B Train purchase closes the L-D Private E 3 Train purchase starts Phase 2  
 C Free Base at Nurnberg-Furth home F At Train Limit

Tiles 1/1 2/1 3/1 4/1 5/2 6/0 7/8 8/10 9/11 12/2 13/2 14/2  
 15/2 16/2 18/1 19/2 20/2 23/3 24/3 25/3 26/2 27/2 28/2 29/2  
 55/1 56/1 57/1 58/4 69/0 87/2 88/2 201/1 202/1 203/2 204/2 205/1  
 206/1 207/2 208/2 209/1 210/1 211/1 212/1 213/1 214/1 215/1  
 Trains 3/3(180M) then 3+3/3(270M) 4/3(360M) 4+4/1(440M) 5/2(500M) more ...

Share Round 3

\* share from the pool

Graham Lee	Tim Parkes
+ByE*/10(88)	+ByE/10(92)
+ByE*/10(88)	[Loco]

Cash Flow	Start	OR1	SR2	OR2	SR3	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Graham Lee	120	30	-130	160	-176	4	1,040	48.4	9	28
Tim Parkes	26	50	-6	96	-92	74	1,108	51.6	9	28

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Graham LeeBra, Han, B-M, B-P, K-M, B-S, A-K			-	20/2	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Parkes *	Ost, Pfa, Mag		30/2D	50/4D	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New		40/4D	40/4	50/5	100/8D	100/8D	100/8D	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool			10/1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			88D	84D					
Credit			171M	80M					
Tokens Left		1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

The OR3 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, SxE.

GITCO starts off by beating the odds and continues by losing repeatedly against the odds. However, GITCO still earns well, second only to CLEOPATRA. But ... no surprise ... REDLINE wins the game and justifies his initial analysis of the starting points and consequent large payment to start alone in Alexandria. GRIND earns moderately but is not threatened for second place.

There are comments from Mike below ... any others received will be posted next time.

### Runs

12.1> Kafr el Dauwar   Fuwa - Giza	GITCO [Kafr el Dauwar:29] 20 +1 REDLINE [Fuwa:25] 10 -1/BIEN +2 DELTA [Fuwa:28] 0 -2/REDLINE -1/CLEOPATRA -1/GITCO CLEOPATRA [Kafr el Dauwar:35] 0 -1/BIEN +2 BIEN [Kafr el Dauwar:39] 0 -1/CLEOPATRA +2
12.2> Hosh Isa   Abu Hummus - Suez	CLEOPATRA [Abu Hummus:47] 20 BIEN [Abu Hummus:48] 10 -1/REDLINE REDLINE +1
12.3> Disuq   Sidi Salem - El Mansura	CLEOPATRA [Sidi Salem:12] 15 -4/DELTA +1 REDLINE [Disuq:13] 15 -1/DELTA DELTA [Sidi Salem:15] 0 -1/CLEOPATRA +5
12.4> El Manzala   El Qantara - Shibin el K   Minya el Q	DELTA [El Manzala:16:Minya el Qamh] 20 -8/GITCO GRIND [El Qantara:23:Minya] 10 -1/BIEN -4/GITCO GITCO [El Qantara:17:Minya el Qamh] 0 +12 BIEN +1
12.5> Kair el Zaiyat   Zifta - Suez	CLEOPATRA [Zifta:28] 20 +5 BIEN [Zifta:32] 10 -5/CLEOPATRA
12.6> Zagaziq - South to Sudan	BIEN [14:Helwan] 20 -1/GITCO -3/CLEOPATRA GITCO [14:Helwan] 10 +1 CLEOPATRA +3
12.7> Cairo - East to Palestine	GRIND [28:N40] 20 -1/CLEOPATRA GITCO [28:N40] 10 CLEOPATRA +1

**Earnings** - CLEOPATRA 62, BIEN 16, DELTA 28, GRIND 24, REDLINE 25, GITCO 54

### Scores

**Runs** 12.1 12.2 12.3 12.4 12.5 12.6 12.7

REDLINE	Red	Mike Ruffhead	338 = 312	+11	+1	+14				
GRIND	Green	John Webley	246 = 222				+5			+19
CLEOPATRA	Brown	Brad Martin	229 = 167	+1	+20	+12		+25	+3	+1
GITCO	Blue	Tony Sait	202 = 148	+21			+12		+11	+10
DELTA	Purple	David Hooton	152 = 124	-4		+4	+12		+16	
BIEN	Orange	Christian Bien	149 = 133	+1	+9		+1	+5		

### Mike Comments

An interesting map; quite unlike any other with its profusion of waterways and the absence of any significant high ground. However, as with so many of Bruce Whyte's compositions, geographical accuracy does appear to trump playability, and in this case the starting locations are deeply unbalanced. Cairo looks desirable but will inevitably attract a mass of competition. Port Said is OK, but Suez is just hopeless, leaving Alexandria as the stand-out location as far as I am concerned. I would have paid any price to start there on my own and fancied my chances from the moment I got it. That said, I never imagined that the margin of victory would be so large. Lucky me, I guess. Thanks to Rob for running the game impeccably as always, and commiserations to my opponents.

### Run Luck Assessment

As advertised I calculated expected average earnings based on running each race 10,000 times and compared the result to actual earnings. I am pondering the validity of the comparing the granularity of average earnings against the "binary" 20/10 of actual earnings. Furthermore, it is only one aspect of the luck in the game - notably that of which races are actually offered. If I succeed in my pondering then I will send an email to all players. But let me say this ... given the races on offer it seems that Mike was the luckiest player (but would still have won with average luck). David, Tony & Christian appear to have been the unluckiest players.

You are the same set of players that5 contested the previous Outpost in Minstrel. All chose the automated start and you can now start to ponder the slings and arrows of the production cards made available to you ....

**Round 1 Actions**

All Bought one Water Factory (o:{3},{3} w:{7},{7})

**Round 2 Actions**

John Bought one Population Unit (o:{3},{3},4)  
 Dane Bought one Population Unit (w:10)  
 Mike Bought one Water Factory (o:{3},{3} w:6,8)  
 Tony Bought one Population Unit (o:{3} w:7)  
 Mick Bought one Population Unit (w:10)  
 David Bought one Water Factory (o:{3},2 w:6,9)  
 Ian Bought one Population Unit (o:{3} w:7)

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs	Buys
1	John	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	2o,4w	(34,10)	4	(0)
2	Dane	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	5o,3w	(36,10)	4	(0)
3	Ian	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	4o,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
4	Tony	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	4o,3w	(33,10)	4	(0)
5	Mick	2o,2w	4p (5,0)	-	5o,3w	(36,10)	4	(0)
6	Mike	2o,3w	3p (5,0)	-	1o,3w	(24,10)	3	(0)
7	David	2o,3w	3p (5,0)	-	1o,3w	(24,10)	3	(0)

<b>On Offer</b>	Data Library	1 (4 more)	Heavy Equipment	3 (2 more)
	Warehouse	1 (4 more)	Nodule	2 (3 more)

The Tobacco Storages all sell in response to the plethora of available Tobacco Fields ...

- Mark is the Craftsman** Mark [+1] +Corn +Indigo/3, Mike +Corn/3 +Sugar, Mick +Corn +Sugar, John +Indigo/2 +Sugar/2, Brad +Indo/3 +Coffee, Mark +Indigo
- Mike is the Trader** Mike [+1] Trade Sugar [+5], Mick Trade Corn [+1], Brad Trade Coffee [+4] Mark Trade Indigo [+3] [Trading House Full - Emptied]
- Mick is the Settler** Mick [+1] +Tobacco, John +Corn, Brad +Coffee, Mark +Sugar [Hacienda] +Tobacco, Mike +Tobacco [Hacienda] +Tobacco
- John is the Builder** John +Tobacco Storage [-4], Brad +Small Indigo Plant [-1], Mike +Tobacco Storage [-2]
- Brad is the Captain** Brad Indigo/4 to Ship 8, Mark Indigo/3 to Ship 8, Mike Corn/2 to Ship 7, Mick Sugar/1 to Ship 6, John Sugar/2 to Ship 6, John Indigo/1 to Ship 8, [Ship 7 Corn & Ship 8 Indigo Full - Sail]

<b>John Webley</b>	Doubloons	0	Spare Colonists	0	VP Chips	9	Score	17
Plantations	-	c	c	c	c	-	-	-
Goods	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indigo Plant 3c	ccc	Small Market	c	-	-	-	-	-
Sugar Mill 3c	cc-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco Storage 3c	---		-	-	-	-	-	-

<b>Brad Martin</b>	Doubloons	3	Spare Colonists	0	VP Chips	10	Score	20
Plantations	c	c	c	c	c	c	-	-
Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Small Indigo Plant	-		-	-	-	-	Guild Hall	-
Indigo Plant 3c	ccc		-	-	-	-		-
Coffee Roaster 2c	cc		-	-	-	-		-

<b>Mark Hancock</b>	Doubloons	4	Spare Colonists	0	VP Chips	13	Score	18
Plantations	c	c	c	c	-	-	-	c
Goods	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indigo Plant 3c	ccc	Hacienda	c	-	-	-		-
-	-	Large Market	c	-	-	-		-
-	-		-	-	-	-		-

<b>Mike Ruffhead</b>	Doubloons	5	Spare Colonists	0	VP Chips	10	Score	23
Plantations	c	c	c	c	-	-	-	c
Goods	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mill	c--	Construction Hut	-	-	-	-	Residence	-
Tobacco Storage 3c	---	Hacienda	c	-	-	-		-
	-	Large Market	c	-	-	-		-

<b>Mick Haytack</b>	Doubloons	2	Spare Colonists	0	VP Chips	5	Score	12
Plantations	c	-	c	-	-	-	-	c
Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Small Indigo Plant	c	Small Market	c	-	-	-		-
Small Sugar Mill	c	Small Warehouse	c	-	-	-		-
Tobacco Storage	---		-	-	-	-		-

**Central Information**

Builder	+0	Captain	+0	Craftsman	+0	Mayor	+1	Settler	+0	Trader	+0	Prospectors	+1	+1
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Cargo Ship 6	4	Plantations							11 Left	Quarries	1
Cargo Ship 7	0	Goods	8	10	7	9	9	VP Chips	75		
Cargo Ship 8	0	Trading House	-	-	-	-	Colonists Supply-Ship	41-9			

1 VP Buildings	Cost-#	2 VP Buildings	Cost-#	3 VP Buildings	Cost-#	4 VP Buildings	Cost-#
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Small Indigo Plant	1-2	Indigo Plant 3c	x	Tobacco Storage 3c	x	Guild Hall	x
Small Sugar Mill	2-3	Sugar Mill 3c	4-1	Coffee Roaster 2c	6-2	Residence	x
Small Market	x	Large Market	x	Factory	7-2	Fortress	10-1
Hacienda	x	Hospice	4-2	University	8-2	Customs House	10-1
Construction Hut	2-1	Office	5-2	Harbour	8-2	City Hall	10-1
Small Warehouse	3-1	Large Warehouse	6-2	Wharf	9-2		

**THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY**

- Andy Muir 1856Y42
- Brad Martin 1856Y42, RR2416NIL, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
- Christian Bien RR2416NIL
- Dane Maslen Outpost M18
- David Hooton 1856O43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18
- Graham Lee 1856Y42
- Ian Pendlebury 1856Y42, 1856O43, Outpost M18
- John Shelley 1830T42, 1870B43, 1861E43, 1830I43, 1835L43, 1856O43
- John Webley 1870B43, 1835L43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
- Mark Hancock 1830I43, 1856O43, Puerto Rico M2
- Mick Haytack Outpost M18, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
- Mike Bennett 1830T42, 1870B43, 1835L43, 1856O43
- Mike Ruffhead 1830T42, 1830I43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18, Puerto Rico M2, St. Petersburg M6
- Stephen Webb 1861E43
- Tim Parkes 1870B43, 1861E43
- Tony Sait 1830T42, 1856Y42, 1830I43, 1835L43, RR2416NIL, Outpost M18

Games just finished are kept on the list as a prompt for any comments

All very much as expected. Maybe we could have done the Trading Cards as well this time ... exposing them to you in advance you would probably not have been an issue given the aristocrats on offer ...

**Aristocrats Actions**

Brad Martin	John Webley	Mick Haytack	Mike Ruffhead
Buy Mistress Of Ceremonies [18]	Buy Author [4]	Buy Secretary [12]	Take Controller Into Hand

**The Cards for Next Time**

Top Row | Bottom Row



**Cards Bought**

\* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	Shepherd [5-3-0], <i>Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3]</i>
John W	Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Market [5-0-1] by 2, Author [4-1-0]
Mick H	Shepherd [5-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0], Potjomkin's Village [2/6-0-0], Secretary [12-4-0]
Mike R	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0], Market [5-0-1]

**Cards In Hand**

\* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Brad M	
John W	
Mick H	
Mike R	<i>Controller [14-4-1]</i>

**Summary**

Player	Hand Cap	Rubles	VPs	Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs			Round 2 Start [Cards Left]
				Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	
Brad M	3	11	3	3r + 0v	0r + 0v	6r + 3v	Workers [23]
John W	3	8	2	6r + 0v	0r + 2v	1r + 0v	Aristocrats [23]
Mick H	3	9	0	6r + 0v	0r + 0v	4r + 0v	Trading [26]
Mike R	3	13	1	9r + 0v	0r + 1v	0r + 0v	Buildings [20]