

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p2 onwards. RR2515BO Bolivia is on p6 & p7. Outpost M19 is on p8, St. Petersburg M7 is on p9, The Games That You Play is on p10.

New Games: Nothing identifies as imminent.

A yawning space looms - and yea - there is no necessity for it to be filled. Even so I have spent minutes trawling the web for something to fill that very space. The glorious result is shown below ...

Oh yes, it is another one of those universal memes where the text presented can be replaced with many alternatives.

For example replace “Teenagers” with “Civilisation Players”, “It’s mango flavoured” with “Just One More Turn” and “Nicotine addiction” with “Asleep at the keyboard”.



Americans will use anything but the metric system



Yup, that is as good as it will get this month. If you had had any sense you would have skated by this page and got down to checking the results in your game(s). Meanwhile Minstrel plods on approaching what appear to be its death throes. But gracefully, without anger and garnished with a winning smile.

WAITING	1829	David H [North], Mark H, John S [South]
	1830	Mark H
	1835	John S, Tim P, Tony S
	1856	-
	1861	John S
	1870	Mike B, John S
	18EU	John S, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	-
	OUTPOST	-
	ST. PETERSBURG	-
DEADLINE: FRIDAY 19TH MAY 2023		HOST : ROB THOMASSON

Well, to my recollection the Erie is a new kid on that particular block SW of NYC on the H line. Just splendid how new possibilities can be seen to emerge after all these years. Meanwhile, only Andy deals as most others are strapped for cash. Allegedly. It has never been proved. Normal comments will return next time.

Operating Round 9

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B&O	AM	9:F14:1			110	Y	125C	13	(3) +6	A B
CPR	JS	23:C19:1	[8]		150	N	82E	430	4	
NYNH	JW	28:F18:2	[8]		120	Y	100A	419	4	
NYC	JS	62:G19:4	[54]		180	N	76B	200	5	
Erie	AM	8:E13:4		H16	170	Y	90B	58	5	C
PRR	MH	9:G3:1			180	N	71E	22	4 +6	A D
C&O	JW	25:H14:6	[8]		210	Y	76D	22	5 4	D

Notes A \$630 to the Bank for a 6 Train C \$40 to the Bank for a garrison
 B 6 Train purchase starts Phase 5 D At Train Limit

Tiles

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

Trains D/6(\$1,100)

Stock Round 7

* share from the pool

John Shelley	Andy Muir	Mark Hancock	John Webley
~	+CPR(76)	~	~
~	+C&O*(76)	~	~
~	+PRR*(71)	[Priority]	

Cash Flow

	Start	OR9	SR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mark Hancock	7	21	0	28	530	10.8	6 - 6	
John Webley	75	226	0	301	1,648	33.5	13 - 13	
John Shelley	7	22	0	29	1,227	24.9	12 - 12	
Andy Muir	57	168	-223	2	1,521	30.9	13 - 13	

Portfolios

	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Mark Hancock *	6P	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
John Webley	-	1	-	1	6P	1	6P	-
John Shelley	-	6P	6P	2	-	-	-	-
Andy Muir	1	-	1	6P	1	6P	-	-
Bank New	-	3	-	-	2	3	4	10P
Par	100	100	76	90	82	90	100	
Bank Pool	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Quote	71E	76B	82E	125C	76D	90B	100A	
Credit	\$22	\$200	\$430	\$13	\$22	\$58	\$419	
Tokens Left	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

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

The next available new train is 4 train ... giving a chance for the PrE to be formed, or not, in OR9 ...

Operating Round 8

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B-M	DH	8:15:6						35		
B-P	JW	1:117:2			180	H		175	2+2 2	G
Mag	TP	24:F16:6	[8]		140	H		281	2 (2)	
K-M	MB	25:E11:1	[8]		100	H		215	2 2	G
B-S	GL				180	H		266	(2+2) 2	
A-K	TP	58:B16:4			90	H		0	2+2 +2	A G
ByE	GL	9:L12:2			210	Y	126E	605	3 2 2 +2+2	B C D G
HeE	TP	19:F18:5	[9]		240	Y	100C	379	3+3 3	
SxE	JW	9:K15:2			210	Y	92F	415	3 2+2 +3+3	E F
BaE	DH	19:15:5	[8]		190	Y	90E	137	3 2 +3+3	F

Notes

A	141M to the Mag for a 2 Train	E	70M to Bank for a mountain
B	Free tile lay [9:M17:3] on an Ost Base	F	270M to the Bank for a 3+3 Train
C	Tile lay closes the Ostbayerische	G	At Train Limit
D	1M to the B-S for a 2+2 Train		

Tiles

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

Trains

4/3(360M)	then	4+4/1(440M)	5/2(500M)	5+5/1(600M)	6/2(600M)	6+6/4(720M)
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Cash Flow

	Start	OR8	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Graham Lee	294	316	610	1,864	25.0	9	12
David Hooton	196	172	368	1,418	19.0	10	13
John Webley	249	174	423	1,129	15.1	5	12
Mike Bennett	230	201	431	1,341	18.0	8	12
Tim Parkes	250	337	587	1,707	22.9	10	13

Portfolios

	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Graham Lee	B-S	-	70/6D	10/1	-	-	20/1	-	-
David Hooton	N-F, Pfa, B-M	-	-	-	80/7D	-	-	-	-
John Webley *	B-P	-	-	40/3D	-	20/1D	-	-	-
Mike Bennett	Bra, K-M	-	20/2	40/4	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Parkes	Han, Mag, A-K	-	-	-	-	-	80/7D	-	-
Bank New	-	40/4D	-	-	20/1	80/7	-	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	10/1	10/1	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			126E	92F	90E		100C		
Credit			605M	415M	137M		379M		
Tokens Left		1	3	1	-	1	-	1	1

The OR9 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, HeE, SxE, BaE - unless changed by SR7.

A diesel is bought by the Erie and Tony cannot sell enough shares to fund a diesel for the B&M. He chooses to stay in the game and we proceed with three trainless companies ...

Operating Round 9

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
CPR	JS	19:B18:4	[8]		190	N	100D	555	(4)	
B&O	MR	61:115:5	[53]		300	N	90C	934	(6)	
NYNH	MB				220	N	76E	1	5 +5	A G
Erie	MB	8:G9:6			60	N	71D	118	(4) +D	B C
B&M	TS						71F	167	[+6]	D
C&O	MR	23:H8:6	[8]				67F	0	+6	E
NYC	TS						65F	1	+6	F
PRR	MR	9:H6:3			260	Y	67H	78	5	

Notes

A	\$853 to the Erie for a 5 Train	E	\$633 to the B&O for a 6 Train
B	\$800+4 Train to the Bank for a Diesel	F	\$150 to the B&M for a 6 Train
C	Diesel purchase starts Phase 6	G	At Train Limit
D	\$150 to the NYC for a 6 Train		

Tiles

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

Trains D/5(\$1,100)

Cash Flow

	Start	OR9	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Tony Sait	204	0	204	1,122	20.3	11 - 11	
John Shelley	171	52	223	1,340	24.2	12 - 12	
Mike Ruffhead	307	130	437	1,758	31.8	14 - 14	
Mike Bennett	342	0	342	1,309	23.7	11 - 11	

Portfolios

	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Tony Sait *	-	5P	1	-	1	-	-	6P
John Shelley	2	1	6P	2	1	-	-	1
Mike Ruffhead	5P	1	1	6P	2P	-	1	1
Mike Bennett	-	1	1	-	1	5P	5P	-
Bank New	-	2	-	2	-	4	2	1
Par	67	71	90	100	76	82	100	67
Bank Pool	3	-	1	-	5	1	2	1
Quote	67H	65F	100D	90C	67F	71D	76E	71F
Credit	\$78	\$1	\$555	\$934	\$0	\$118	\$1	\$167
Tokens Left	2	3	2	1	1	2	-	-

Tony becomes the president of two more companies ...

Operating Round 8

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GT	JW	7:L11:3			120	Y	125E	81	400	(3)	
GW	TS	15:D17:5	[57]		290	Y	125E	385	500	4 3	A G
LPS	JS	8:l16:2			170	Y	125E	80	800	4 +3	B C G
CV	JW	23:M12:2	[9]		140	Y	100A	129	100	4 +3	D G
BBG	JS	9:K14:2			90	Y	100A	476	0	4	E
WR	MB	9:M16:3			260	Y	90F	85	800	3 3	B E G
CA	MB	57:B19:2			180	Y	90B	18	0	5	F

Notes
 A Dividend down \$10 to pay loan interest
 B Government Loan secured
 C \$367 to the BBG for a 3 Train
 D \$1 to the GT for a 3 Train
 E \$40 to Bank for a mountain or lake
 F GW reaches its destination - gains \$320
 G At Train Limit

Tiles

1/1	2/0	3/2	4/3	5/2	6/2	7/5	8/10	9/7	14/2	15/0	16/1
17/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/3	24/3	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	57/1	58/3
59/2	63/4	64/0	65/1	66/1	67/1	68/1	69/1	70/1	120/0	121/1	122/1
125/4	126/1	127/1									

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

Stock Round 6

* share from the pool

John Webley	John Shelley	Tony Sait	Mike Bennett
-GT/3(375),+WGB/P(200)	+THB/P(180)	+THB(90)	+CA(100)
+WGB(100)	+GW(80)	+THB(90)	+GT(80)
+WGB(100)	~	+THB(90)	+GT(80)
+WGB(100)	~	+THB(90)	+BBG(100)
+BBG(100)	~	~	+BBG(100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR8	SR6	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mike Bennett	213	280	-460	33	1,813	29.0	16 - 16	
John Webley	130	158	-225	63	1,403	22.5	11 - 11	
John Shelley	151	130	-260	21	1,451	23.2	11 - 11	
Tony Sait	130	235	-360	5	1,580	25.3	11 - 11	

Portfolios	BBG	CA	CPR	CV	GT	GW	LPS	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
Mike Bennett	2	6P	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	6P	-
John Webley *	1	-	-	4P	1	1	-	-	-	1	5P
John Shelley	5P	-	-	-	-	1	5P	-	2	-	-
Tony Sait	-	-	-	-	2P	6P	1	-	4P	1	-
Bank New	2	3	10P	6	-	-	-	10P	4	2	5
Par	100	100	-	100	80	80	80	-	90	65	100
Bank Pool	-	1	-	-	5	2	2	-	-	-	-
Quote	100A	90B	-	100A	125E	125E	125E	-	90B	90F	100A
Credit	\$476	\$118	-	\$129	\$81	\$465	\$80	-	\$540	\$85	\$500
Loans	0	0	-	100	400	500	800	-	0	800	0
Tokens Left	2	2	3	2	2	3	-	1	1	2	1

Rights Held by ShareCos : CA - Bridge | GT - Tunnel | LPS - Tunnel | WR - Bridge, Port Token at O18.

The OR9 operating order is - GT, GW, LPS, CV, BBG, WGB, WR, CA, THB.

BIEN, GRAB & FdBS were able to enter four races, SE could only go for one and that incurred the largest payment of the round and was a 50/50 chance. Which went against him. David's offer of a joint run with BIEN was denied because he had a higher score at the beginning of the round than did the other supplicant. All results were by route length except for 7.7 where GITCO overcame a slight disadvantage to finish equal first.

Note that the build allowance includes known payments to rivals. Some builds this time were cut short. I will not be adventurous when building for BIEN. This time I saw the obvious possibilities as being building to Puerto Suarez and going south from Cochabamba. For the former the choice was building from G67 or from San Matias (cheaper so could start on the route from Cochabamba but longer route to Puerto Suarez). I decided to give Puerto Suarez priority and thus that building south from Cochabamba was going to take too long with payments for mountains and to other players, so BIEN built to Puerto Suarez from G67. BIEN will tend to pay other players for destinations such as Cobija, Guayaramerin and Oruro rather than pay to build to them. So I think that BIEN is done building - getting further south at any point will be too hard and/or speculative.

Acting for BIEN I will not offer any joint runs or exchanges of running powers - but will accept received offers if they give a better predicted earning than available solo. If there is a choice preference will be given to the player with fewer points at the beginning of the round. Any choices will be made a week before the deadline and advised to the offering players.

Runs

Company	Earn	Length	Choice(s)	BIEN	GITCO	GRAB	SE	FdBS
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7.1> 12-26 Riberalta - Yapacani

BIEN	20	20			-6			
GRAB Joint	5	28						
FdBS Joint	5	28						

7.2> 13-43 Guayaramerin - Santa Cruz

BIEN	20	28				-2		-2
GRAB Joint	5	33						
FdBS Joint	5	33						

7.3> 25-S2 Trinidad - Brazil South [San Matias | Puerto Suarez]

BIEN	20	20	San Matias					
GITCO	10	25	San Matias					

7.4> 33-66 La Paz - Yacuiba

GRAB	20	27						-1
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7.5> 36-46 Cochabamba - Potosi

GRAB	20	13					-2	
SE	10	13				-7		

7.6> 53-S5 San Ignacio de Velasco - Chile [B26 | F37]

FdBS	20	35	F37					
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7.7> 55-65 San Matias - Villa Montes

BIEN Joint	7	27			-1			
GITCO	15	28						
FdBS Joint	7	27			-2			

Earnings - Payments + Receipts - BIEN 56, GITCO 34, GRAB 56, SE 5, FdBS 38

Builds			Cost
BIEN	Orange	(G67) - N70 - Puerto Suarez	10+1/GITCO
GITCO	Blue	(E69) - Puerto Suarez; (San Borja) - I17	11+1/GRAB-6/Town-1/Receipts
GRAB	Green	(W35) - Camiri; (N13) - Q12 - Magdalena	9-2/Receipts
SE	Red	(I29) - I31 - J31 - J32 - L33 - L34 - M35 - M36; (K17) - L16	10+1/GRAB+1/FdBS
FdBS	Black	(Q30) - Aiquile; (I18) - H17 - F18;	10+1/SE-1/Receipts

Scores			Runs	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	Builds
BIEN	[Christian Bien]	74 = 29		+14	+16	+20				+6	-11
GITCO	Tony Sait	96 = 67		+6		+10				+18	-5
GRAB	John Webley	75 = 26		+5	+7		+19	+25			-7
SE	David Hooton	76 = 83						+5			-12
FdBS	Mike Ruffhead	91 = 63		+5	+7		+1		+20	+5	-10

The first round of runs leaves the field closer in score than before.

Runs for Round 8 - Enter up to 4

- 8.1> 14-61 Puerto Heath - Uyuni
- 8.2> 16-35 Caranavi - Cochabamba
- 8.3> 22-52 Santa Ana del Yacuma - Concepcion
- 8.4> 23-32 Magdalena - El Alto
- 8.5> 44-53 Aiquile - Peru [Puerto Heath | Guaqui]
- 8.6> 45-51 Sucre - Ascension de Guarayes
- 8.7> 64-56 Tarija - Paraguay [M78 | Z35]

Building Allowances The round 8 building allowance is 10 points (including known payments to rivals) and the allowance will then decrease by 2 for each subsequent round.

Dane had 20 VPs last time - the amended report showed him as having 19. But the amended amendment does show the correct 20.

Round 12 Actions

John Auctioned a Warehouse for 25. Tony joined at 26 and dropped out at 45.
 John got it for 45 reduced to 40 after Heavy Equipment discounts (w:30 t:11).
 Tony Bought three Population Units (w:30).
 Mike Auctioned an Orbital Lab for 50. Dane joined at 74, Mick at 75. Dane dropped out at 76, Mike at 77.
 Mick got it for 77 (w:30 m:15,16,16).
 Mike Bought two Population Units (w:5,8,9).
 Dane Auctioned a Scientists for 74. David joined at 75 and dropped out at 83.
 Dane got it for 83 (o:3 w:6,30 t:44)
 David Auctioned a Scientists for 40 and got it for 40 reduced to 10 after Data Library discounts (o:3 w:7).
 David Bought one New Chemicals Factory (w:4,5,6,7,8,10 r:10,10).
 Mick Auctioned a Robots for 50.
 Mick got it for 50 (w:4,30 m:16) plus a free Robot.
 John Discarded o:3,4

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators (Limits)	Production	Total
1	Tony	2o,5w,4t	11 (13) 0 (0)	2o,1w,1W,4t,1T	(127,15)
2	John	2o,5w,5t	8 (8) 4 (8)	2w,1W,1t,2T	(141,15)
3	Mike	2o,4w,5t	10 (13) 0 (0)	1o,1W,2t,2T	(141,15)
4	Mick	2o,5w	5 (5) 1 (5)	1o,3w,1W,6m	(156,15)
5	David	2o,4w,2r,1n	5 (5) 0 (0)	2w,10r,1n	(164,15)
6	Dane	2o,5w,4t	8 (8) 1 (8)	6w,1t,1T,1r	(109,15)

Pos	Player	Colony Cards	VPs	Purchases
1	Tony	DL, HE, Nod, OP	24	(170)
2	John	WH, HE, Nod, Rob	24	(130)
3	Mike	HE, Nod, OP	23	(155)
4	Mick	WH, OL, OL, OL, OL, Rob	22	(275)
5	David	DL, DL, DL, WH, Sci, Sci, Lab	22	(230)
6	Dane	WH, HE, Nod, Sci, Rob	22	(170)

On Offer Scientists 1 (none left) Ecoplants 0 (4 more)
 Robots 1 (none left) Outpost 1 (1 more)
 Laboratory 3 (none left)

Sold Out - Data Library, Heavy Equipment, Nodule, Warehouse, Orbital Lab.

Last time I showed John with the Pope in hand (as well as in the correct place of bought) and that Mike pad 16 for the Judge (the correct figure of 15 was charged). Thank you to Mike for picking up on those calumnies.

Trading Cards Actions

Mike Ruffhead	Mick Haytack	John Webley	Brad Martin
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Take Peterhof into hand	Buy Library [16]	Buy Customs House [7]	~
Upgrade Market to Marinskij Theater [5]			

The Cards for Next Time



Top Row | Bottom Row



Cards Bought

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Mike R	Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 2, Fur Trapper [6-3-0] by 3, Wharf* [12-6-1], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Market [5-0-1, Marinskij Theater* [10-1/A-0], St. Isaac's Cathedral* [15-3-3], Secretary [12-4-0], Judge [15-5-2], Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3]
Mick H	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Gold Miner [4-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0] by 3, Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Observatory [6-0-1?], Customs House [8-0-2], Library [17-0-5], Secretary [12-4-0], Weapon Master* [8-4-0], Builder* [10-5-0]
John W	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0] by 3, Fur Trapper [6-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0], Customs House [8-0-2] by 2, Firehouse [11-0-3] by 2, Mistress Of Ceremonies [18-6-3], Pope* [6-1-1]
Brad M	Lumberjack [3-3-0], Gold Miner [4-3-0], Theater [20-0-6], Author [4-1-0] by 2

Cards In Hand

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

Mike R	Peterhof* [14-4-2], Judge [15-5-2], Patriarch* [16-0-4]
Mick H	Wharf* [12-6-1]
John W	Tax Man* [17-1/W-0], Minister Of Foreign Affairs* [20-2-4]
Brad M	

Summary

Player	Hand Cap	Rubles	VPs	Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs			Round 5 Start [Cards Left]
				Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	
Mike R	3	11	25	21r + 1v	6r + 4v	15r + 5v	Trading [19]
Mick H	3	7	8	21r + 0v	0r + 7/8v	13r + 0v	Buildings [7]
John W	3	7	22	18r + 0v	0r + 10v	7r + 4v	Workers [5]
Brad M	3	15	24	6r + 0v	0r + 6v	2r + 0v	Aristocrats [16]

THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY

OR MIGHT COMMENT UPON

Andy Muir	1830N44
Brad Martin	St. Petersburg M7
Christian Bien	RR2515BO
Dane Maslen	Outpost M19
David Hooton	1835P44, RR2515BO, Outpost M19
Graham Lee	1835P44
John Shelley	1830N44, 1830S44, 1856T44
John Webley	1830N44, 1835P44, 1856T44, RR2515BO, Outpost M19, St. Petersburg M7
Mark Hancock	1830N44
Mick Haytack	Outpost M19, St. Petersburg M7
Mike Bennett	1835P44, 1830S44, 1856T44
Mike Ruffhead	1830S44, RR2515BO, Outpost M19, St. Petersburg M7
Tim Parkes	1835P44
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