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New Games: Will you look at that - we have enough for a new 1835. We will do the first round of dealing by email and the players can expect details to arrive real soon now. The formal announcement is below.

I finished all the games for this issue in short order - and posted the results to the website as usual - and that seems like a good thing. But it apparently meant that actually publishing this Minstrel then dropped out of my mental and other to-do lists and I was startled into remembrance today. So this is reaching you a few days later than you would have expected. The deadline is unchanged and if it gives you any problem then please do let me know.

John Shelley has started a game of 1830 using the Reading Variant in his Fourtrack Mainline and that has caused me to update my adjudication program to handle that very variant. So I will follow his example and offer a waiting list for the variant. If you need details of the variant then please ask.

John has worked assiduously to ensure a common understanding of the variant and that process caused me to run the Avalon Hill 1830 PC program using an online emulator. It requires you to have access to the original manual to pass security checks (more often than seems reasonable) but it does work. There are multiple sites (well, I used two) that will run the program and it was a trip down memory lane. But not one that I need take again anytime soon.

The horizontal lines have been inserted to use up space. My default recourse of copying a Dilbert cartoon is no longer available following the removal of the website in response to “hundreds of newspapers owned by media conglomerates” dropping the comic strip in response to a YouTube video posted by creator Scott Adams.

In response to being cancelled Scott Adams launched Dilbert Reborn as a subscription service and touted it as being spicier than the original, whatever that means. Some commentators think it means “The Racist, Right-Wing Return of Dilbert”. In overall response I got tired and have not included a Dilbert cartoon this time.

1835A45

GAMESTART

You are ... in dealing order ... John Shelley, Graham Lee, Tim Parkes, Tony Sait

As usual in Minstrel this will be a Half Thompson game. So ... the rules are as published [2nd Edition - English translation by John Webley] except that _

- The whole Start Packet is available at once.
- The dealing order for the Start Packet is 1234554321123...
- When the Start Packet has been sold the ByE and SxE are available.
- Once all the ByE and SxE have been bought then the WtE, BaE & HeE all become available.
- After all the WtE, BaE & HeE have been bought the MsE & OIE are available.
- The PrE shares are available after a share in one of the WtE, BaE & HeE has been bought.

You each have 475M and a boatload of experience. Please apply liberally ...

1835A45

NEXT TIME – SR1 (BY EMAIL)

WAITING	1829	David H [North], Mark H, John S [South], Mike R [South]
	1830	Mark H
	1830 Reading	-
	1835	John S, Tim P, Tony S, Graham L
	1856	-
	1861	John S
	1870	Mike B, John S
	18EU	John S, David H
	RAILWAY RIVALS	-
	OUTPOST	-
	ST. PETERSBURG	-

This time it turns out to be OR10 only by request. So next time we will have OR11 with the expectation of OR12 & SR8 the time after that.

Operating Round 10

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B&O	AM	63:H16:1	[15]		260	Y	140C	39	6	
NYNH	JW				140	Y	112A	419	4	
Erie	AM	59:H18:4			210	Y	100B	58	5	
CPR	JS	14:B16:2	[57]		170	Y	90E	481	4	
C&O	JW	63:H10:1	[14]		230	Y	82D	22	5 4	A
NYC	JS	19:B18:4	[8]		200	Y	82B	200	5	
PRR	MH	23:G3:1	[9]		240	Y	76E	94	6 4	A

Notes A At Train Limit

Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/2	7/3	8/5	9/4	14/1	15/2	16/1	18/1	19/0
	20/1	23/0	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	57/3	58/1	59/0
	61/2	62/0	63/0	64/1	65/1	66/1	67/1	68/1	69/0	70/1		

Trains D/6(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR10	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mark Hancock	28	167	195	733	11.3	6 - 6	
John Webley	301	289	590	2,076	32.1	13 - 13	
John Shelley	29	274	303	1,615	25.0	12 - 12	
Andy Muir	2	346	348	2,036	31.5	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	76E	82B	90E	140C	82D	100B	112A	
Credit	\$94	\$200	\$481	\$39	\$22	\$58	\$419	
Tokens Left	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

The OR11 operating order is - B&O, NYNH, Erie, CPR, C&O, NYC, PRR.

There is a shared suspicion of the last five WtE shares. Next time we will stop after OR9 if the PrE is formed by the end of that round.

Share Round 7

* share from the pool

John Webley	Mike Bennett	Tim Parkes	Graham Lee	David Hooton
+WtE/10(84)	+SxE*/10(92)	+PrE/10(154)	+BaE/20(168)	+PrE/10(154)
+WtE/10(84)	+ByE*/10(126)	+PrE/10(154)	+ByE/10(189) [Mike B]	+PrE/10(154)
+WtE/10(84)	[Loco]			

Cash Flow	Start	SR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Graham Lee	610	-357	253	1,937	27.1	11	13
David Hooton	368	-308	60	1,142	16.0	12	13
John Webley	423	-252	171	1,145	16.0	9	12
Mike Bennett	431	-29	402	1,448	20.3	8	12
Tim Parkes	587	-308	279	1,463	20.5	12	13

Portfolios	Privates/Minors	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Graham Lee	B-S	-	80/7D	10/1	20/1	-	20/1	-	-
David Hooton	N-F, Pfa, B-M	20/2	-	-	80/7D	-	-	-	-
John Webley	B-P	-	-	40/4	-	50/4D	-	-	-
Mike Bennett *	Bra, K-M	-	20/2	50/4D	-	-	-	-	-
Tim Parkes	Han, Mag, A-K	20/2	-	-	-	-	80/7D	-	-

Bank New	-	-	-	-	-	50/4	-	100/7D	100/7D
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote			138D	96E	94D	84D	108B		
Credit			605M	415M	305M	420M	379M		
Trains			3 2+2 2 23+3 3 2+23+3 3 2				3+3 3		
Tokens Left		1	3	1	-	1	-	1	1

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)					

The OR9 operating order is - B-M, B-P, Mag, K-M, B-S, A-K, ByE, HeE, SxE, BaE, WtE.

Some shares are sold, some other shares are bought ...

Stock Round 6

* share from the pool

Tony Sait	John Shelley	Mike Ruffhead	Mike Bennett
-B&M/4(284),-NYC/3(195),-CPR(100), +NYNH*(76)	-B&O(90),-NYC(50),-CPR/3(270), +Erie*(71)	+C&O*(67)	+C&O*(67)
+NYNH*(76)	+Erie(82)	+C&O*(67)	+C&O*(67)
+NYNH(100)	+Erie(82)	+C&O*(67)	+NYNH(100)
+Erie(82)	+Erie(82)	~	+PRR*(67)
+PRR*(67)	~	~	~
+PRR*(67)	~	~	~
+B&O*(82)	~	~	~
+B&O(100)	~	~	~
+B&O(100)	[Priority]		

Cash Flow	Start	SR6	End	Value	%	Certs Max 16
Tony Sait	204	-171	33	1,046	19.7	11 - 12
John Shelley	223	93	316	1,223	23.0	11 - 11
Mike Ruffhead	437	-201	236	1,736	32.6	16 - 17
Mike Bennett	342	-301	41	1,313	24.7	14 - 15

Portfolios	PRR	NYC	CPR	B&O	C&O	Erie	NYNH	B&M
Tony Sait	2	2P	-	3	1	1	3	2P
John Shelley *	2	-	3P	1	1	4	-	1
Mike Ruffhead	5P	1	1	6P	5P	-	1	1
Mike Bennett	1	1	1	-	3	5P	6P	-
Bank New	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
Par	67	71	90	100	76	82	100	67
Bank Pool	-	4	5	-	-	-	-	5
Quote	67G	40J	80F	90C	71E	76C	82D	68H
Credit	\$78	\$1	\$555	\$934	\$0	\$118	\$1	\$167
Trains	5	6			6	D	5 5	
Tokens Left	2	3	2	1	1	2	-	-

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)											

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

Next time we will stop after OR10 if the CGR is formed during OR10. If no relevant statement received then qualifying companies will be absorbed into the CGR.

Operating Round 9

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Loan	Trains	Notes
GT	TS	41:M12:2	[23]				110E	1	500	+3	A B
GW	TS	126:F15:1	[121]		170	Y	150D	479	500	(4) +5	C
LPS	JS	125:F17:3	[15]		340	Y	150D	68	800	4 3	J
CV	JW	57:L13:2		L13	180	Y	110A	578	100	4 (3)	D
BBG	JS	14:L13:1	[57]		130	Y	110A	476	0	4	
WGB	JW	6:J11:6					90A	1	0	+3	E
WR	MB	59:L15:4		O18	280	Y	100E	121	800	3 (3)	F G D
CA	MB	14:B19:1	[57]		210	Y	100B	138	0	5 +3	H J
THB	TS						80B	90	0	4	I

Notes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Government Loan secured	\$130 to the GW for a 3 Train	\$550 to the Bank for a 5 Train	\$40 to the Bank for a garrison	\$499 to the CV for a 3 Train	\$40 to Bank for a mountain or lake	WR reaches its destination - gains \$195	\$1 to the WR for a 3 Train	\$450 to the GW for a 4 Train	At Train Limit

Tiles	1/1	2/0	3/2	4/3	5/2	6/1	7/5	8/10	9/7	14/0	15/1	16/1
	17/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	23/4	24/3	25/1	26/1	27/1	28/1	29/1	39/1
	40/1	41/2	42/3	43/2	44/1	45/2	46/2	47/2	55/1	56/1	57/2	58/3
	59/1	63/4	64/0	65/1	66/1	67/1	68/1	69/1	70/1	120/0	121/2	122/1

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

Cash Flow	Start	OR9	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 16
Mike Bennett	33	388	421	2,361	30.8	16 - 16	
John Webley	63	130	193	1,553	20.3	11 - 11	
John Shelley	21	252	273	1,883	24.6	11 - 11	
Tony Sait	5	164	169	1,859	24.3	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	110A	100B		110A	110E	150D	150D		80B	100E	90A
Credit	\$476	\$138		\$578	\$1	\$479	\$68		\$90	\$121	\$1
Loans	0	0		100	500	500	800		0	800	0
Tokens Left	2	2	3	1	2	3	-	1	1	1	1

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

The OR10 operating order is - GW, LPS, GT, CV, BBG, WR, CA, WGB, THB.

For 8.5 BIEN had the choice of a solo run that gave SE 5 points and a joint run with FdBS that gave FdBS 5 points. In both cases BIEN could expect to gain 5 points so the solo run was chosen as SE had fewer points than FdBS at the start of the round.

Luck tended to sort of maybe balance out this time. GRAB & SE ran the same length for 8.1 was a lottery and were neck and neck until the last asking when SE prevailed. Then GRAB overcame a mild disadvantage to finish equal with SE in 8.2. FdBS overcame that same mild disadvantage to take 8.6 from GITCO and then took nothing from the lottery that was 8.7.

After last time's drought SE had the highest earnings this time and FdBS was reduced to two entries with only one of them making a profit.

Runs

Company	Earn	Length	Choice(s)	BIEN	GITCO	GRAB	SE	FdBS
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8.1> 14-61 Puerto Heath - Uyuni

GRAB	10	32					+2	
SE	20	32				-2		

8.2> 16-35 Caranavi - Cochabamba

BIEN	0	14					-1	
GITCO	0	20					-4	
GRAB	15	13					-3	
SE	15	12		+1	+4	+3		

8.3> 22-52 Santa Ana del Yacuma - Concepcion

BIEN	20	16			-1			
GITCO	10	22		+1				

8.4> 23-32 Magdalena - El Alto

BIEN	20	20			-1			
GRAB	10	22						
SE	-			+1				

8.5> 44-S3 Aiquile - Peru [Puerto Heath | Guaqui]

BIEN	10	26	Puerto Heath				-5	
SE	20	15	Guaqui	+5				

8.6> 45-51 Sucre - Ascension de Guarayes

GITCO	10	19						-3 +7
FdBS	20	20			-7 +3			

8.7> 64-S6 Tarija - Paraguay [M78 | Z35]

GITCO	20	8	Z35			-5		
GRAB	10	9	Z35		+5			+4
FdBS	0	9	Z35			-4		

Earnings - Payments + Receipts - BIEN 42, GITCO 36, GRAB 53, SE 67, FdBS 12

Builds			Cost
BIEN	Orange	None	
GITCO	Blue	(Cochabamba) - K27; (I17) - H16	9/Builds +1/SE -1/Receipts
GRAB	Green	None	-2/Receipts
SE	Red	(M36) - M39 - Villazon; (E68) - G69 - G70	8/Builds +1/GRAB +1/GITCO -3/Receipts
FdBS	Black	(G18) - F18; (A66) - D67; (N31) - M31	7/Builds +2/SE +1/GRAB

Scores			Runs	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	Builds
BIEN	[Christian Bien]	116 = 74			-1	+19	+19	+5			0
GITCO	Tony Sait	123 = 96			-4	+11			+14	+15	-9
GRAB	John Webley	130 = 75		+12	+12		+10			+19	+2
SE	David Hooton	136 = 76		+18	+23		+1	+25			-7
FdBS	Mike Ruffhead	93 = 91							+16	-4	-10

The pack reorders itself but remains in touch - except FdBS who drops back after a set of runs that didn't suit.

Runs for Round 9 - Enter up to 4

- 9.1> 11-54 Cobija - Argentina Villazon | Yacuiba]
- 9.2> 15-56 Apolo - Puerto Suarez
- 9.3> 21-42 Rurrenabaque - Santa Cruz
- 9.4> 24-62 San Borja - Camiri
- 9.5> 31-51 Guaqui - Brazil (N) [Cobija | Guayarmerin]
- 9.6> 34-54 Oruro - San Jose de Chiquitos
- 9.7> 41-63 Montero - Vaillazon

Building Allowances The round 9 building allowance is 8 points (including known payments to rivals) and the allowance will then decrease by 2 for each subsequent round.

It could be just one more time in phase 2 ...

Round 13 Actions

Tony Auctioned a Robots for 50. David joined at 51 and dropped out at 70. Tony got it for 70 (t:7,8,11,44) plus a free Robot.
 Tony Bought two Population Units (w:9 t:13).
 Tony Bought one Titanium Factory (w:30).
 John Auctioned an Outpost for 100. Mike joined at 101, Mick at 102, David at 103. Mick & David dropped out at 121, Mike at 130.
 John got it for 130 reduced to 115 after Heavy Equipment discounts (w:30 t:44,44) plus a free Titanium Factory.
 John Bought one Robot (t:13).
 Mike Auctioned a Laboratory for 80. Mick joined at 81. Mike dropped out at 93. Mick got it for 93 (o:2 w:6,30 m:18,18,19) plus a free Research Factory.
 Mike Auctioned a Laboratory for 80 and got it for 80 (t:44,44) plus a free Research Factory.
 Mike Bought three Population Units (w:30).
 Mick Bought two Robots (w:6 m:17).
 Mick Bought one Research Factory (m:17,18).
 David Auctioned a Scientists for 40. Dane joined at 68 and dropped out at 75. David got it for 75 reduced to 45 after Data Library discounts (w:4 r:15 n:26)
 Dane Bought one Robot (w:10).
 Dane Bought one New Chemicals Factory (w:4 t:44 r:13).

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators (Limits)	Production	Total
1	Mick	2o,5w,2r	5 (5) 3 (5)	1o,2w,1W,2r,4m	(141,15)
2	Mike	2o,4w,5t,1r	13 (13) 0 (0)	3o,1W,3t,1T,1r	(126,15)
3	John	2o,5w,6t	8 (13) 5 (8)	3o,6w,2t,1T	(115,20)
4	Tony	2o,5w,5t	13 (13) 1 (13)	4o,1w,1W,1t,1T	(103,15)
5	Dane	2o,5w,4t,1n	8 (8) 2 (8)	5w,1W,1t,1T,1r,1n	(152,15)
6	David	2o,4w,2r,1n	5 (5) 0 (0)	3w,14r,1n	(223,15)

Pos	Player	Colony Cards	VPs	Purchases
1	Mick	WH, OL, OL, OL, OL, Rob, Lab	31	(355)
2	Mike	HE, Nod, Lab, OP	31	(235)
3	John	WH, HE, Nod, Rob, OP	31	(230)
4	Tony	DL, HE, Nod, Rob, OP	29	(220)
5	Dane	WH, HE, Nod, Sci, Rob	25	(170)
6	David	DL, DL, DL, WH, Sci, Sci, Sci, Lab	24	(270)

On Offer Laboratory 1 (none left)
 Ecoplants 3 (1 more)
 Outpost 1 (none left)

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

All the workers are bought in what looks to quite possibly be the penultimate time that workers will be available for such acquisition.

Workers Actions

Mike Ruffhead	Mick Haytack	John Webley	Brad Martin
		Buy Lumberjack [2]	~
Buy Gold Miner [2]	Buy Shipbuilder [4]	Buy Shepherd [2]	~
Buy Shepherd [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 3, Shepherd [5-3-0], 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 4, 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] by 2, Shepherd [5-3-0] by 4, 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	31	26	27r + 1v	6r + 4v	15r + 5v	Trading [19]
Mick H	3	27	8	24r + 0v	0r + 7/8v	13r + 0v	Buildings [5]
John W	3	27	22	24r + 0v	0r + 10v	7r + 4v	Workers [5]
Brad M	3	21	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
Tony Sait	1830S44, 1856T44, RR2515BO, Outpost M19