

The 18xx games are in order of starting from p2 onwards. Railway Rivals RR2530VS is on p8 & p9, Outpost M20 is on p10, St. Petersburg M8 is on p11. The Games That You Play is below.

New Games: None. A suggestion has been made to the players on the RR waiting list.

I decided to use ChatGPT for this month's space filler. My request was "Write an introduction to an 18xx games magazine that bemoans a lack of inspiration". As you see, my request did not specify that the lack of inspiration was mine. The response was ...

**Welcome to *The Golden Rail*
Where has the Inspiration Gone?**

As we pull into the station for another issue of *The Golden Rail*, we can't help but glance wistfully at the passing landscape of the 18xx gaming community. Once bustling with innovation and a sense of pioneering spirit, today's tracks seem to echo with a troubling monotony. While the sturdy foundations of our beloved 18xx games remain intact, the sparks of inspiration that once ignited our imaginations appear to have dimmed.

Remember the days when every new release felt like a bold venture into uncharted territory? Each game brought with it a fresh twist, a unique challenge, a novel

It stops in mid-sentence, presumably because it reached a limit of what you can get for free from ChatGPT.

On a recent Zoom call we used its AI Companion to generate a summary of our session along with action points. The result provided was plausible but inaccurate. The action points generated were definite, and were relevant to our discussion, but were not correct. The summary of the discussion played a lot back to us without being specific. It was okay as an aide memoire - but not as a record of the meeting. That seems to be a typical characteristic (he says with limited experience) of AI generated texts/documents - they bristle with relevant terms and phrases and can be persuasive without being definitive.

THE GAMES THAT YOU PLAY

OR MIGHT COMMENT UPON

| | |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Andy Muir | 1829H45 |
| Brad Martin | 1835S45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8 |
| Dane Maslen | Outpost M20 |
| David Hooton | 1830L45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20 |
| David Smith | Outpost M20 |
| Graham Lee | 1835A45, 1835S45 |
| John Shelley | 1835A45, 1830D45, 1846H45, 1830L45, 1856P45, 1835S45 |
| John Webley | 1856P45, 1835S45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8 |
| Lyndon Gurr | |
| Mark Hancock | 1830D45, 1829H45 |
| Mick Haytack | Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8 |
| Mike Bennett | 1830D45, 1830L45, 1856P45, 1835S45 |
| Mike Ruffhead | 1830D45, 1829H45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20, St. Petersburg M8 |
| Tim Parkes | 1835A45 |
| Tony Sait | 1835A45, 1830L45, 1856P45, RR2530VS, Outpost M20 |

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|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| WAITING | 1829 SOUTH | David H |
| | 1829 NORTH | David H |
| | 1830 | Tony S, Mike R |
| | 1830 READING | ~ |
| | 1835 | Graham L |
| | 1846 | John W, Mike B |
| | 1856 | ~ |
| | 1861 | John S |
| | 1870 | Mike B, John S |
| | 18EU | John S, David H |
| | OUTPOST | ~ |
| | RAILWAY RIVALS | David H, Mike R, Brad M, John W |
| | ST. PETERSBURG | ~ |

Graham wins another 1835 as John S hangs on to third place. Comments received will be printed next time.

Operating Round 15

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|-----|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|---------|-------|
| PrE | TP | 8:D14:3 | | | 660 | Y | 418A | 100 | 6 4 3+3 | A C |
| ByE | JS | 87:K11:5 | [58] | | 230 | Y | 288B | 5 | 5 | |
| SxE | GL | | | | 410 | Y | 260B | 178 | 4 3+3 | C |
| HeE | TP | | | | 180 | Y | 154D | 0 | 4 | |
| WtE | TS | 8:N14:2 | | | 300 | Y | 152C | 219 | (6) 3+3 | |
| BaE | JS | | | | 230 | Y | 134B | 250 | 5 | |
| MsE | GL | | | | 290 | Y | 122C | 120 | 5+5 | |
| OIE | TS | 206:D8:1 | [5] | | 230 | Y | 94D | 140 | 4+4 +6 | B C |

Notes A 50M to Bank for a river C At Train Limit
B 100M to the WtE for a 6 Train

| Tiles | 1/0 | 2/1 | 3/1 | 4/2 | 5/3 | 6/3 | 7/7 | 8/4 | 9/5 | 12/1 | 13/2 | 14/1 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 15/0 | 16/1 | 18/1 | 19/2 | 20/2 | 23/0 | 24/1 | 25/2 | 26/1 | 27/2 | 28/2 | 29/2 |
| | 39/1 | 40/1 | 41/2 | 42/1 | 43/1 | 44/2 | 45/1 | 46/0 | 47/2 | 55/1 | 56/0 | 57/2 |
| | 58/2 | 63/0 | 69/1 | 70/1 | 87/0 | 88/2 | 201/2 | 202/2 | 203/1 | 204/1 | 205/1 | 206/0 |
| | 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)

| Final Cash Flow | Start | OR15 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max |
|-----------------|-------|------|-----|-------|---|-------|-----|
|-----------------|-------|------|-----|-------|---|-------|-----|

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|--------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------|----|----|
| Graham Lee | 3,681 | 712 | 4,393 | 8,379 | 30.3 | 17 | 17 |
| Tim Parkes | 1,823 | 712 | 2,535 | 7,295 | 26.4 | 16 | 16 |
| John Shelley | 1,597 | 445 | 2,042 | 6,014 | 21.8 | 17 | 17 |
| Tony Sait | 1,956 | 631 | 2,587 | 5,937 | 21.5 | 17 | 17 |

| Portfolios | PrE | ByE | SxE | BaE | WtE | HeE | MsE | OIE |
|----------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| John Shelley * | - | 80/7D | - | 90/7D | - | 30/3 | - | - |
| Graham Lee | - | - | 100/9D | 10/1 | - | 10/1 | 90/6D | - |
| Tim Parkes | 90/11D | 10/1 | - | - | - | 40/3D | - | 10/1 |
| Tony Sait | 10/1 | 10/1 | - | - | 90/7D | 20/1 | 10/1 | 90/6D |
| Bank New | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Pool | - | - | - | - | 10/1 | - | - | - |
| Quote | 418A | 288B | 260B | 134B | 152C | 154D | 122C | 94D |
| Credit | 100M | 5M | 178M | 250M | 219M | 0M | 120M | 140M |
| Tokens Left | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - |

The CPR & NYC claim bases in the west as Mike B cements his victory. Comments next time printed will be.

Operating Round 15

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|---------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| NYC | JS | 3:E7:1 | | | 300 | Y | 225A | 56 | D | |
| Erie | MB | 8:D6:4 | | | 250 | Y | 200B | 248 | 5 | A |
| CPR | MB | 4:D4:3 | | H4 | 250 | Y | 200B | 67 | 5 | B |
| NYNH | JS | 28:G5:5 | [8] | | 250 | Y | 185C | 269 | 5 | |
| PRR | MR | 41:H8:6 | [23] | | 270 | Y | 170C | 180 | D | |
| B&O | MH | | | | 200 | Y | 140C | 52 | 6 | |
| B&M | MH | | | | 440 | Y | 90E | 371 | D | |
| C&O | MR | | | | 250 | Y | 75F | 451 | 6 | |

Operating Round 16

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| NYC | JS | 40:B12:1 | [25] | F4 | 340 | Y | 250A | 16 | D | C |
| Erie | MB | | | | 250 | Y | 220B | 273 | 5 | |
| CPR | MB | | | | 250 | Y | 220B | 67 | 5 | |
| NYNH | JS | | | | 250 | Y | 200C | 294 | 5 | |
| PRR | MR | | | | 270 | Y | 185C | 180 | D | |
| B&O | MH | | | | 200 | Y | 155C | 72 | 6 | |
| B&M | MH | | | | 410 | Y | 100E | 371 | D | |
| C&O | MR | | | | 250 | Y | 80F | 551 | 6 | |

Operating Round 17

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|---------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| NYC | JS | 25:G3:1 | [8] | | 380 | Y | 275A | 16 | D | |
| Erie | MB | | | | 250 | Y | 240B | 298 | 5 | |
| CPR | MB | | | | 250 | Y | 240B | 67 | 5 | |
| NYNH | JS | | | | 250 | Y | 240B | 319 | 5 | |
| PRR | MR | | | | 270 | Y | 200C | 180 | D | |
| B&O | MH | | | | 200 | Y | 170C | 92 | 6 | |
| B&M | MH | | | | 410 | Y | 110D | 371 | D | |
| C&O | MR | | | | 250 | Y | 90E | 651 | 6 | |

Notes A \$80 to Bank for a river C \$40 to the Bank for a garrison
B \$100 to the Bank for a garrison

Final Cash Flow

| | Start | OR15 | OR16 | OR17 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 16 |
|---------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|---------|--------|
| Mike Bennett | 2,264 | 471 | 483 | 495 | 3,713 | 8,018 | 29.9 | 16 - 16 | |
| John Shelley | 1,690 | 539 | 554 | 578 | 3,361 | 7,461 | 27.9 | 16 - 16 | |
| Mike Ruffhead | 2,489 | 481 | 482 | 486 | 3,938 | 6,953 | 26.0 | 16 - 16 | |
| Mark Hancock | 201 | 489 | 471 | 471 | 1,632 | 4,342 | 16.2 | 14 - 14 | |

| Portfolios | PRR | NYC | CPR | B&O | C&O | Erie | NYNH | B&M |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Mark Hancock | - | - | 2 | 5P | - | 1 | 2 | 6P |
| Mike Ruffhead * | 6P | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6P | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mike Bennett | 3 | 3 | 6P | - | - | 6P | - | - |
| John Shelley | 1 | 6P | 1 | - | - | 1 | 6P | 3 |
| Bank New | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| Par | 90 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 67 | 100 | 82 | 67 |
| Bank Pool | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Quote | 200C | 275A | 240B | 170C | 90E | 240B | 240B | 110D |
| Credit | \$180 | \$16 | \$67 | \$92 | \$651 | \$298 | \$319 | \$371 |
| Tokens Left | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |

In OR14, the GCR Receiver will try to lay a type 10 tile on K8 and move to M7, with second choice being a promotion of L7. The LSWR Receiver will try to promote D9 to be a 14 tile and will otherwise promote C8.

Operating Round 13

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Token | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|----------|-------|--------------|-----|-----|-------|--------|----------|-------|
| LNWR | AM | | | G6 - F6 ! | 70 | Y | 225 | 110 | (2) +3 | A |
| GWR | JS | | | F6 - D5 | 220 | Y | 200 | 480 | (4) 3 +5 | B C |
| Mid | MR | 34:H6:6 | | H8 - H6 =S | 250 | Y | 160 | 100 | 4 3 +5 | D B I |
| LSWR | BP | 38:C10:4 | [12] | D10 - C10 =S | 130 | N | 53 | 90 | | E F |
| GNR | AM | 38:I6:3 | [10] | M9 - H11 | 130 | N | 76 | 90 | 4 +5 | B |
| LBSC | JS | 38:C7:5 | [13] | C10 - D10 | 120 | N | 58 | 50 | 3 +4 | G |
| GER | MR | 38:F10:1 | [12] | I9 - F10 =S | 90 | N | 67 | 90 | 4 3 3 | E I |
| GCR | BP | 6:L7:6 | | L7 - K8 | | | 53 | 10 | | H |

| Notes | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | £300 to the GNR for a 3 Train | £550 to the Bank for a 5 Train | 5 Train purchase starts Phase 3 | £100 to the Bank for a garrison | £40 to the Bank for a garrison | Run by the receiver - train rented | £260 to the GWR for a 4 Train | Run by the receiver | At Train Limit |

| Tiles | 1/1 | 2/2 | 3/0 | 4/6 | 5/4 | 6/3 | 7/2 | 8/6 | 9/8 | 10/2 | 12/2 | 13/2 |
|--------|-----------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 14/0 | 15/1 | 16/1 | 17/1 | 18/1 | 19/2 | 20/0 | 21/1 | 22/1 | 23/1 | 24/3 | 25/2 |
| | 26/2 | 27/2 | 28/0 | 29/0 | 30/1 | 31/1 | 32/1 | 33/1 | 34/0 | 35/1 | 36/1 | 37/1 |
| | 38/2 | 39/1 | 40/1 | 41/2 | 42/2 | 43/1 | 44/1 | 45/1 | 46/1 | 47/2 | | |
| Trains | 5/1(£550) | | then | 7/4(£720) | | | | | | | | |

| Cash Flow | Start | OR13 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 18 |
|---------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|---------|--------|
| Andy Muir | 70 | 108 | 178 | 3,034 | 30.4 | 18 - 18 | |
| John Shelley | 564 | 167 | 731 | 2,643 | 26.5 | 14 - 14 | |
| Mark Hancock | 466 | 109 | 575 | 1,696 | 17.0 | 7 - 7 | |
| Mike Ruffhead | 284 | 197 | 481 | 2,605 | 26.1 | 18 - 18 | |

| Portfolios | Privates | LNWR | GWR | Mid | LSWR | GNR | LBSC | GER | GCR |
|----------------|-----------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Andy Muir | S&M | 8D | 1 | 1 | - | 7D | - | 2 | - |
| John Shelley * | C&HP | - | 6D | 1 | 1 | - | 5D | 2 | - |
| Mark Hancock | C&W, Hull | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | - |
| Mike Ruffhead | - | - | 1 | 7D | - | 3 | 3 | 6D | - |
| Bank New | Preston | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Pool | L&M | 2 | - | - | 9R | - | - | - | 10R |
| Tokens Left | | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

1829H45 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 3 : BANK - £18,035 NEXT TIME - OR14 & SDR10

Just the one OR as advertised - during which two new 4 trains and two new 5 trains were bought.

Operating Round 7

| | Dir | Lay | [Rep] | Base | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|------|-----|----------|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------------|
| RDR | MB | 7:F18:4 | | | 110 | Y | 110D | 247 | 3 | E |
| C&O | DH | 57:F4:2 | | | 190 | Y | 110D | 272 | 4 3 | B F L |
| B&O | JS | 23:I13:1 | [8] | | 260 | N | 90E | 713 | 4 (3) | A |
| PRR | MB | 9:G11:2 | | | 110 | Y | 111C | 500 | 3 | |
| NYC | JS | 57:E19:3 | | | | | 82B | 400 | +4 +3 | G H L |
| CPR | MB | 7:B18:1 | | | | | 82B | 170 | +4 +5 | F G I J K L |
| B&M | TS | 8:C23:2 | | | 90 | Y | 90E | 270 | 3 | C D |
| NYNH | TS | 29:F18:4 | [7] | | 110 | Y | 90C | 81 | 4 +5 | I L |

Notes

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|---|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| A | \$5 from the SVR Private | G | \$300 to the Bank for a 4 Train |
| B | \$10 from the CStL Private | H | \$300 to the B&O for a 3 Train |
| C | \$15 from the D&H Private | I | \$450 to the Bank for a 5 Train |
| D | \$20 from the M&H Private | J | 5 Train purchase starts Phase 4 |
| E | \$25 from the C&A Private | K | 5 Train purchase closes the Privates |
| F | \$80 to Bank for a river | L | At Train Limit |

Tiles

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

Trains 5/1(\$450) then 6/3(\$630) D/6(\$900)

Cash Flow

| | Start | OR7 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 17 |
|--------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|------|---------|--------|
| John Shelley | 11 | 44 | 55 | 1,448 | 23.6 | 13 - 13 | |
| Mike Bennett | 100 | 121 | 221 | 1,846 | 30.1 | 12 - 12 | |
| David Hooton | 28 | 147 | 175 | 1,437 | 23.5 | 10 - 10 | |
| Tony Sait | 62 | 122 | 184 | 1,394 | 22.8 | 11 - 11 | |

Portfolios

| | PRR | NYC | CPR | B&O | C&O | Erie | NYNH | B&M | RDR |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| John Shelley | 3 | 5P | - | 6P | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Mike Bennett | 5P | - | 5P | - | - | - | - | - | 6P |
| David Hooton * | 2 | - | - | 1 | 6P | 2P | 1 | - | - |
| Tony Sait | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 5P | 5P | 2 |
| Bank New | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | 8 | 3 | 4 | - |
| Par | 82 | 100 | 100 | 90 | 90 | 100 | 90 | 76 | 76 |
| Bank Pool | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Quote | 111C | 82B | 82B | 90E | 110D | 100A | 90C | 90E | 110D |
| Credit | \$500 | \$400 | \$170 | \$713 | \$272 | | \$81 | \$270 | \$247 |
| Tokens Left | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - |

The OR8 operating order is - PRR, RDR, C&O, B&O, B&M, NYNH, NYC, CPR.

Three companies make an orderly claim to operate ...

Stock Round 5

* share from the pool

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| John Shelley | Tony Sait | Mike Bennett | John Webley |
| -GW(100),-LPS(125), +CV/P(200) | +LPS(80) | -LPS(110), +GT/P(200) | +CA*(65) |
| +CV(100) | +LPS(80) | +GT(100) | ~ |
| +CV(100) | -LPS/2(200),+BBG/P(160) | +GT(100) | ~ |
| +CV(100) | +BBG(80) | +GT(100) | ~ |
| ~ | +BBG(80),+BBG(80) | [Priority] | |

| Cash Flow | Start | SR5 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max 16 |
|--------------|-------|------|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|
| Tony Sait | 417 | -360 | 57 | 1,117 | 29.7 | 9 - 9 | |
| Mike Bennett | 431 | -390 | 41 | 991 | 26.3 | 8 - 8 | |
| John Webley | 91 | -65 | 26 | 491 | 13.0 | 4 - 4 | |
| John Shelley | 340 | -275 | 65 | 1,165 | 31.0 | 9 - 9 | |

| Portfolios | Privates | BBG | CA | CPR | CV | GT | GW | LPS | TGB | THB | WR | WGB |
|----------------|----------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Tony Sait | - | 5P | - | 6P | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mike Bennett * | - | - | - | - | - | 5P | - | 5P | - | - | - | - |
| John Webley | - | - | 3P | - | - | - | 3P | - | - | - | - | - |
| John Shelley | - | - | - | - | 5P | - | - | - | - | - | 6P | - |
| Bank New | - | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 10P | 10P | 4 | 10P |
| Par | | 80 | 90 | 75 | 100 | 100 | 80 | 80 | | | 70 | |
| Bank Pool | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| Quote | | 80C | 65D | 110D | 100A | 100A | 90D | 90F | | | 100E | |
| Credit | | \$400 | \$0 | \$125 | \$500 | \$500 | \$0 | \$200 | | | \$55 | |
| Loans | | 0 | 200 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 500 | | | 500 | |
| Trains | | | 4 | 3 | | | 4 | 3 3 | | | 3 3 | |
| Tokens Left | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Privates Owned by ShareCos : CPR - WSR, GLSC | GW - SCFTC | LPS - FT, TCC | WR - NFSBC.

Rights Held by ShareCos : GW - Tunnel | WR - Bridge.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------------|------|------|------------|------|------------|-------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| Tiles | 1/1 | 2/1 | 3/3 | 4/2 | 5/2 | 6/2 | 7/6 | 8/11 | 9/12 | 14/3 | 15/0 | 16/1 |
| | 17/1 | 18/1 | 19/1 | 20/1 | 23/3 | 24/4 | 25/1 | 26/1 | 27/1 | 28/1 | 29/1 | 55/1 |
| | 56/1 | 57/2 | 58/2 | 59/1 | 69/1 | 120/0 | 121/0 | | | | | |
| Trains | 4/2(\$350) | | then | 5/3(\$550) | | 6/2(\$700) | | D/9(\$1,100) | | | | |

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

A 3 train was bought during OR4 so we stop after SR5 as advertised.

Operating Round 4

| | Dir | Lay(s) | Run | Pay | Quote | Credit | Trains | Notes |
|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|--------|-------------------|---------------|
| B-M | GL | | 40 | H | | 60 | 2 | |
| B-P | JW | | 70 | H | | 110 | 2 | |
| Mag | JS | 7:D10:3 | 60 | H | | 70 | 2 | |
| K-M | BM | 57:F10:3 | 60 | H | | 90 | 2 2 | E |
| B-S | BM | 201:H20:2 | 40 | H | | 60 | 2 | |
| A-K | JW | 4:B14:6 | 60 | H | | 90 | 2 | |
| ByE | MB | | 170 | Y | 110C | 530 | 2+2 2 2 | |
| SxE | GL | 6:H16:3 9:H18:3 | | | 84D | 164 | +2+2 +2+2 +2+2 +3 | A B A A C D E |

Notes
 A 120M to the Bank for a 2+2 Train
 B Train purchase closes the L-D Private
 C 180M to the Bank for a 3 Train
 D 3 Train purchase starts Phase 2
 E At Train Limit

Tiles

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1/1 | 2/1 | 3/2 | 4/1 | 5/2 | 6/0 | 7/6 | 8/8 | 9/6 | 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 | 57/0 | 58/2 | 69/1 | 87/2 | 88/2 | 201/1 | 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
 3/3(180M) then 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 5

* share from the pool

| | | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| John Shelley | Graham Lee | Mike Bennett | John Webley | Brad Martin |
| +SxE/10(88) | - | +SxE/10(88) | [Loco] | |

| Cash Flow | Start | OR4 | SR5 | End | Value | % | Certs | Max |
|--------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|
| Mike Bennett | 32 | 95 | -88 | 39 | 845 | 22.5 | 6 | 12 |
| John Webley | 4 | 90 | 0 | 94 | 646 | 17.2 | 5 | 12 |
| Brad Martin | 23 | 106 | 0 | 129 | 829 | 22.1 | 6 | 12 |
| John Shelley | 39 | 109 | -88 | 60 | 862 | 22.9 | 7 | 12 |
| Graham Lee | 24 | 40 | 0 | 64 | 574 | 15.3 | 5 | 12 |

| Portfolios | Privates/Minors | PrE | ByE | SxE | BaE | WtE | HeE | MsE | OIE |
|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mike Bennett | Ost | - | 50/4D | 10/1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| John Webley * | Bra, B-P, A-K | - | - | 20/2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brad Martin | N-F, K-M, B-S | - | 30/3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| John Shelley | Pfa, Han, Mag | - | 20/2 | 20/2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Graham Lee | B-M | - | - | 50/4D | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank New | - | 40/4D | - | - | 100/8D | 100/8D | 100/8D | 100/7D | 100/7D |
| Bank Pool | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Quote | | | 120B | 86C | | | | | |
| Credit | | | 530M | 340M | | | | | |
| Tokens Left | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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

This time fortune favours the MRR as it overcomes a route disadvantage in run 9.4 and then has a last-minute winning lunge in run 9.7 after being neck and neck with GITCO throughout the race.

Runs

| Company | Earn | Length | Choice(s) | R&B | VR | MRR | GITCO | GRAVS |
|---------|------|--------|-----------|-----|----|-----|-------|-------|
|---------|------|--------|-----------|-----|----|-----|-------|-------|

9.1> 12-52 Monmouth - Wellington | Coalbrookdale

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|---------------|--|--|----|--|----|
| MRR | | | | | | | | +4 |
| GRAVS | 20 | 38 | Coalbrookdale | | | -4 | | |

9.2> 14-66 Hereford - Bromsgrove | Redditch

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|------------|----|----|----|----|--|
| R&B | 10 | 22 | Bromsgrove | | -5 | | | |
| VR | 0 | 49 | Redditch | +5 | | | | |
| MRR | 20 | 19 | Bromsgrove | | | | -2 | |
| GITCO | | | | | | +2 | | |

9.3> 24-46 Winchcombe | Evesham - Shrewsbury

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|------------|----|--|----|-------|-------|
| R&B | 10 | 33 | Evesham | | | | -3 | +2 |
| MRR | | | | | | | | +2 |
| GITCO | 20 | 34 | Evesham | +3 | | | | -1 +2 |
| GRAVS | 0 | 36 | Winchcombe | -2 | | -2 | -2 +1 | |

9.4> 25-62 Tewkesbury | Pershore - Birmingham

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|------------|-------|----|----|----|----|
| R&B | 20 | 17 | Pershore | | +5 | -1 | | -2 |
| VR | 5 | 17 | Pershore | -5 | | -2 | | |
| MRR | 5 | 20 | Tewkesbury | +1 +2 | | | +2 | |
| GITCO | 0 | 28 | Tewkesbury | | | -2 | | |
| GRAVS | | | | +2 | | | | |

9.5> 31-53 Tenbury | Bromyard - North West [Welshpool | Shrewsbury | Wellington | Wolverhampton]

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|----------------------|--|--|--|----|----|
| VR | 10 | 17 | Tenbury Shrewsbury | | | | | |
| GITCO | 20 | 16 | Tenbury Shrewsbury | | | | | -4 |
| GRAVS | 0 | 19 | Tenbury Shrewsbury | | | | +4 | |

9.6> 35-53 Worcester - Bridgnorth

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|--|----|--|--|--|----|
| R&B | 10 | 17 | | | | | | -3 |
| GRAVS | 20 | 14 | | +3 | | | | |

9.7> 41-55 [Knighton | Presteign] - East England [Birmingham | Redditch | Evesham | Cheltenham]

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|----|------------------------|--|--|----|----|--|
| MRR | 20 | 27 | Presteign Chelt'ham | | | | -1 | |
| GITCO | 10 | 26 | Presteign Birmingham | | | +1 | | |

Earnings - Payments + Receipts - R&B 43, VR 13, MRR 69, GITCO 35, GRAVS 40

| Builds | | | Paid Received |
|--------|--------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| R&B | Purple | (H2) - H3 ----- B6 | 7 +1/VR +1 |
| VR | Blue | (I10) -- I12 ---- Ditton Priors; (J55) - J56 - I57 | 8 +1/R&B +2 |
| MRR | Red | None | 0 0 |
| GITCO | Brown | (E13) -- E11 - D10 -- Bishops Castle - D7 | 6 +1/VR 0 |
| GRAVS | Green | None | 0 0 |

| Scores | | | Runs | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | Builds |
|--------|---------------|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| R&B | David Hooton | 127 = 91 | | | +5 | +9 | +22 | | +7 | | -7 |
| VR | Brad Martin | 166 = 160 | | | +5 | | -2 | +10 | | | -7 |
| MRR | Mike Ruffhead | 190 = 137 | | +4 | +18 | +2 | +10 | | | +19 | -0 |
| GITCO | Tony Sait | 155 = 111 | | | +2 | +24 | -2 | +16 | | +11 | -7 |
| GRAVS | John Webley | 141 = 101 | | +16 | | -5 | +2 | +4 | +23 | | -0 |

Runs for Round 10 - Enter up to 4

- 10.1> 12-53 Monmouth - Bridgnorth
- 10.2> 14-53 Hereford - The North West [Welshpool | Shrewsbury | Wellington | Wolverhampton]
- 10.3> 22-56 Gloucester - Walsall
- 10.4> 24-63 Winchcombe | Evesham - Birmingham
- 10.5> 31-41 Tenbury | Bromyard - Knighton | Presteign
- 10.6> 34-55 Worcester - East England [Birmingham | Redditch | Evesham | Cheltenham]
- 10.7> 43-61 Welshpool - Birmingham

Building Allowances & Run Length

The building allowance in round 10 will be 6 points (plus payments to rivals) and will then decrease by 2 for each subsequent round.

The minimum run length is 6 hexes.

The Scientists are in demand and then some Outposts appear at last ...

Round 10 Actions

Mike R Auctioned a Scientists for 40. John W joined at 41, Mick H at 42, David S at 65, Tony S at 66, Dane M joined at 67. Mike R & John W dropped out. David S bid 73. Tony S & Dane M dropped out. Mick H bid 74. David S dropped out.
Mick H got it for 74 (o:1,3,3,4,5 w:9,30 m:19)

Mike R Auctioned a Scientists for 40. John W joined at 41, Mick H at 42, David S at 65, Tony S at 66, Dane M joined at 67. John W dropped out. David S bid 73. Tony S & Dane M dropped out. Mike R bid 74. David S dropped out.
Mike R got it for 74 reduced to 34 after Data Library discounts (w:8,8,9,9)

Mike R Auctioned a Scientists for 40. John W joined at 41, Mick H at 42, David S at 65, Tony S at 66, Dane M joined at 67. John W dropped out. David S bid 73. Tony S & Dane M dropped out. Mike R bid 74. David S dropped out.
Mike R got it for 74 reduced to 34 after Data Library discounts (r:10,12,14)

John W Passed

Mick H Passed

David S Auctioned an Ecoplants for 30. Tony S joined at 31, Dane M at 33, David H at 34. David S dropped out. Dane M bid 36. David H dropped out. Tony S bid 37, Dane M bid 39, Tony S bid 40. Dane M dropped out.
Tony S got it for 40 (w:30 t:10)

David S Auctioned an Ecoplants for 30. Dane M joined at 33, David H at 34. David S dropped out. Dane M bid 36. David H dropped out.
Dane M got it for 36 (w:6,30)

Brad M Bought one Titanium Factory (w:6,7 t:8,9)

Brad M Bought two Robots (w:7,10 t:9)

Tony S Bought one Population Unit (t:12)

Dane M Passed

David H Bought one Titanium Factory (o:2,4 w:5,8 t:11)

Dane M Discarded o:2

John W Discarded o:2 o:3 o:4 o:5 w:4 w:4

| Pos | Player | Factories | Operators (Limits) | Production | Total |
|-----|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| 1 | Mike R | 2o,4w,2r | 5 (5) 0 (0) | 1o,3w,5r | (89,10) |
| 2 | Tony S | 2o,4w,2t | 8 (8) 0 (0) | 3o,1W,3t | (69,15) |
| 3 | Mick H | 2o,5w | 8 (8) 0 (0) | 3o,1w,1W,1r,3m | (110,15) |
| 4 | Dane M | 2o,7w | 8 (8) 0 (0) | 1o,5w,1W,2m | (102,10) |
| 5 | John W | 2o,2w,3t | 8 (8) 0 (0) | 1o,3w,6t | (84,10) |
| 6 | Brad M | 2o,3w,4t | 5 (5) 3 (5) | 1o,3w,1T | (68,10) |
| 7 | David S | 2o,4w,1t | 5 (5) 0 (0) | 2W,2t,4m | (148,15) |
| 8 | David H | 2o,3w,2t | 6 (8) 0 (0) | 2o,6w,3t | (78,15) |

| Pos | Player | Colony Cards | VPs | Purchases |
|-----|---------|------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| 1 | Mike R | DL, DL, DL, DL, Sci, Sci, Sci, Lab | 22 | (260) |
| 2 | Tony S | WH, HE, Nod, Eco | 19 | (110) |
| 3 | Mick H | WH, Nod, Sci, OL, OL | 18 | (190) |
| 4 | Dane M | Nod, OL, Eco | 18 | (105) |
| 5 | John W | HE, Nod, Eco | 18 | (85) |
| 6 | Brad M | DL, HE, Rob | 17 | (95) |
| 7 | David S | WH, HE, OL, OL | 14 | (155) |
| 8 | David H | WH, HE, Nod | 12 | (80) |

| On Offer | Warehouse | 1 (none left) | Laboratory | 3 (1 more) |
|----------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | Scientists | 0 (1 more) | Ecoplants | 1 (1 more) |
| | Robots | 0 (4 more) | Outpost | 3 (2 more) |

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

Brisk and orderly business ...

Buildings Actions

| Brad Martin | John Webley | Mick Haytack | Mike Ruffhead |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ~ | Buy Market [4] | Buy Firehouse [10] | Buy Observatory [6] Observe Aristocrats Take Author Into Hand |
| ~ | Buy Market [4] | Trade Firehouse for Peterhof From Hand [3] | ~ |
| ~ | Buy Market [3] | | |

The Cards for Next Time

Top Row | Bottom Row



Cards Bought

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

| | |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brad M | Lumberjack [3-3-0], Gold Miner [4-3-0], Library [17-0-5] |
| John W | Lumberjack [3-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Fur Trapper [6-3-0] by 2, Market [5-0-1] by 3, Pub [1-0-2 for 1] |
| Mick H | Gold Miner [4-3-0] by 3, Shepherd [5-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0], Pub [1-0-2 for 1], Peterhof* [14-4-2], Secretary [12-4-0] |
| Mike R | Gold Miner [4-3-0], Shepherd [5-3-0], Ship Builder [7-3-0] by 3, Observatory [6-0-1/0], Bank* [13-5-1], Secretary [12-4-0] |

Cards In Hand

* indicates a Trading (Upgrade) Card

| | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Brad M | |
| John W | |
| Mick H | Fur Shop* [10-3-2] |
| Mike R | Author [4-1-0], Controller [14-4-1] |

Summary

| Player | Hand Cap | Rubles | VPs | Income per Phase - Rubles + VPs | | | Round 3 Start [Cards Left] |
|--------|----------|--------|-----|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Workers | Buildings | Aristocrats | |
| Brad M | 3 | 20 | 10 | 6r + 0v | 0r + 5v | 0r + 0v | Aristocrats [18] |
| John W | 3 | 21 | 3 | 12r + 0v | 0r + 3v | 0r + 0v | Trading [27] |
| Mick H | 3 | 20 | 2 | 15r + 0v | 4r + 2v | 4r + 0v | Workers [15] |
| Mike R | 3 | 15 | 2 | 15r + 0v | 5r + 2/1v | 4r + 0v | Buildings [12] |