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EDITORIAL

A very late issue, I'm afraid, but all UK readers should have received a letter warning them that this issue was delayed. Part of the reason was undoubtedly the arrival of John Frederick at 10.27pm on 13 November 1996, a little brother for Kate. Freddie was two weeks overdue - indeed Esme had to go in for an induction. That rather surprised us as we had been assured that the baby was in the ideal position, facing downwards and backwards, fully engaged, so we couldn't work out why he didn't want to be born. Anyway, on 13th we turned up at 8.30am in the morning for an induction, which involves pessaries of the requisite hormones to kick-start the natural process, and of course lots of monitoring of the baby (still in ideal position, we were assured). By the afternoon, nothing much was happening, so Esme was given a second dose, which more or less sent her into the early stages of labour straight away. The midwife in the afternoon was a little concerned that she was having to put the monitor up so high to get the baby's heartbeat, (which could mean a breech position) so she called in a more experienced midwife for a second opinion. No, everything was fine, the baby was perfect etc. etc. When it got to 5.30pm, as birth was still a good way off, I went to collect Kate from the nursery and deliver her into the care of Esme's parents. The plan was to go back to the hospital about 9.00pm (after I'd got Kate to bed and had a bite to eat), but at around 8 I got a call from the hospital and told I should come in.

By this stage Esme was 6cm dilated and they had just decided that in fact the baby was in the worst possible position - extended breach, which is bum first, legs straight up past the head - and was going to have to have a caesarean. To be honest, Esme was rather pleased at being told that a caesarean was necessary, as she had a lot of tearing when Kate was born (Kate was posterior - that is facing the wrong way round) and didn't want to do herself any permanent damage. There was a bit of delay getting down to theatre, but it wasn't long before Esme was given a spinal and all pain and feeling disappeared. I felt a bit of a wally all dressed up in those green robes you see in hospital dramas (a little too small for someone with my generous proportions), but it was fascinating to be in an operating theatre for real. As the pain was gone Esme was positively cheerful, and it didn't take long at all before Freddie was born (all 8lbs 13oz of him). As Esme couldn't sit up, I held him for the first hour of his life and we spent most of that time just staring at each other. He didn't cry much, just looked around. As he hadn't had to be born by the conventional route, he wasn't scrunched up like most newborn babies and he had a perfectly rounded head (although with precious little hair). Born on Wednesday night, Freddie and Esme returned home on the Sunday.

Kate hasn't reacted as badly to Freddie as we thought she might. Her initial reaction was to treat him like one of the cats - that is, fine for a bit of teasing or poking, but something to be disregarded if he came between her and something she wanted. While Kate seemed to tolerate Esme giving Freddie attention, even now she is far less tolerant if I cuddle him. Apparently she will share her mummy if she must, but a little girl's daddy is not for sharing. It would be quite flattering if it wasn't such a pain sometimes.

Freddie has had a few problems in recent weeks due to constant vomiting, to such an extent that he fell from the 50% percentile at birth to the bottom 10% before Christmas. The solution appears to be a thickening agent which we have to brew up with bottled milk and feed him that instead - it resembles a thick milkshake and is so dense that even he finds it difficult to bring back up (though he manages it sometimes). However, since Christmas he has got a lot better - which is just as well as the rest of us then went down with flu.

Pete Birks asks in the latest **Greatest Hits** what on earth is this freelance work I have been doing. It occurs to me that I haven't really explained in any detail what it is I actually do for a living. My full job title is Assistant Director in charge of the Postal Services and Regulation Division of the Post Office Legal Services. What this means is that I am in charge of a team of six Senior Lawyers who provide most commercial and regulatory legal advice for Royal Mail. I take special responsibility for things to do with the DTI, the monopoly, Post Office powers and that sort of thing. Now, a couple of years back I spend a great deal of time working with the DTI on the aborted privatisation of the Post Office (something which was finally abandoned on the day Kate was born, but that's another story) and I guess I am probably the country's leading expert on UK postal law. As it happens the States of Jersey are in the process of revamping their postal legislation (which is based on outdated UK legislation) as they want to incorporate their Post Office. That's where I come in. With the consent of Royal Mail, I have already written one report highlighting all the policy decisions that need

to be made, and I have been commissioned to put together the drafting instructions for the new act. This has involved a lot of work, and I've got to go back out to Jersey in a couple of weeks, but the money is good so it's worth sacrificing my leave to do the work.

Included with this games-only issue you will find a copy of **T2W3** No.1 which should at least provide the reading material lacking from this issue. Given that I said long ago that **Spring Offensive** would fold in its present form after issue 50, I better spell out what is going to happen to the games, subs etc.

(1) All outstanding subs will be transferred to **T2W3**. If you want a refund, just let me know.

(2) **SpOff** will continue in order to run existing games and start the occasional new game. It will be 4-weekly and pretty much games-only. I suppose this issue is more or less an example of what I have in mind. If you want to keep playing, join the Diplomacy waiting list on the back page.

(3) Subbers can get either or both of these zines, though unless anyone asks to the contrary I will assume that non-players do not wish to continue to see **SpOff** after issue 50.

(4) To preserve the Archive I am willing to trade either the slimline **SpOff** or **T2W3** for other zines (but not both unless the editor is playing in **SpOff**). Frankly, I can't see many editors wanting to see a games-only zine, though I think **T2W3** will be a good value trade even if it is bi-monthly. If any current trade wants to call an end to our arrangement, let me know and I'll subscribe to your zine (to keep the Archives up to date). Of course, RS will get copies of **SpOff** for the stats.

It only leaves for me to ask for some contributions for the next and rather final issue of **Spring Offensive** - I have a few ideas of my own, but I really would value some final feedback.

LETTERS

Toby Harris

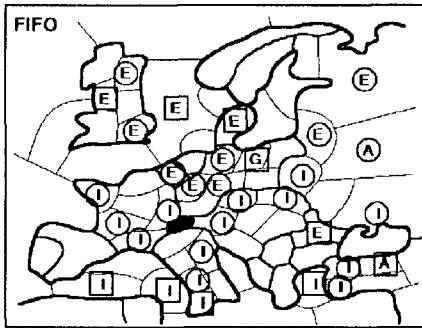
Big shame you weren't at MidCon but I understand you have other news of your own. Congratulations. Whilst I accept that watching the birth of your second child must be marginally more appealing than handing out the prizes at MidCon, you sure missed a good one; highest turnout I've seen and the usual quality of Dip games. Ironic that the table on my first day was like a typical 'table 1, day 2' (Shaun Derrick, Richard Williams, Emeric Mistzi, Mrs Eyelash etc.) whilst on day 2, I actually faced a table 1 which looked more like a random splattering of players. Certainly not your usual top table; hardly surprising as most of the stars had their comeuppance on the first day.

Probably the closest ever finish to MidCon also (approx. one decimal place) though I am not totally convinced a 17 and an elimination should ever beat two table-toppers; a 12 (above 8) and an 11 (above 10). Apparently, had Jim's knockout been in 1904 (instead of 1902) it would have made the difference. I thought the whole purpose of MidCon was that, realistically, you need to have one of the better results (at least in the top 50%) on the first day to be in with a shout. This way clearly illustrates anyone who gets eliminated on the first day could end up on the 'weakest' table, get a win and walk away with the title!

SA: *There's no easy answer to this problem. How do you compare (say) an 18 centre win to a couple of table-topping 10's or 11's. there's no right answer. I believe that the current scoring system is as good as any because it is simply based on how close each player was to winning when the game ended, as compared to the other players on the board. A couple of years ago someone who was eliminated on day 1 had an outright victory on day 2, but still only came second overall. This is definitely better compared to those Tournaments where an outright win effectively gives you the title.*

Taking nothing away from Jim of course; aside from being generally regarded as the best FtF player, his board had some strong players on it also. But the point remains the same. It is almost as if the players who do relatively well on the first day are in some way punished - i.e. have to play a harder board on the next day, where a runaway score (14+ centres) is a near-impossibility. All too often we see the winner coming from table 2 or 3; or, in the case of Julian Shepley, from the bottom table!

SA: *I would agree that a "top table" is not sensible given the way the rating system works. Perhaps Jeremy could tell us the thinking behind it?*



1991DB FIFO (Autumn 1922)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Phil Rutter) F(Ank) - Con (FAILED); A(War) - Ukr* (FAILED, DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRO); A(Mos) - War (FAILED)

ENGLAND (Ray Ince) F(BLA) - Rum; F(Con) - Bul sc* (FAILED, DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRO); A(StP) - Lvn; A(Bel) - Bur (FAILED); A(Fin) - StP; A(Kie) s A(Mun); A(Lon) Stands; A(Mun) Stands; A(Ruh) s A(Mun); F(NTH) s F(SKA) - Den; F(SKA) - Den

GERMANY (Anarchy - Ex-Peter Hawkins) F(Den) Stands* (DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRO); F(Ber) Stands

ITALY (Alasdair Barden) A(Gas) - Bre; A(Mar) - Gas; A(Bur) s A(Tyr) - Mun (CUT); A(Pie) - Mar; A(Boh) s A(Tyr) - Mun; A(Gal) s A(Ukr) - War; A(Sev) - Mos (FAILED); A(Smy) s A(Bul) - Con; A(Bul) - Con; A(Tyr) - Mun (FAILED); F(AEG) s A(Bul) - Con; F(ION) - TYS; F(TYS) - WMS; A(Ukr) - War

Autumn 1922 Adjustments:

A: Ank, Mos, -Sev, -War = 2; Loses 2.

E: +Rum, +Bel, StP, Kie, Lon, Mun, +Den, Hol, Nwy, Edi, Lpl, Swe -Con, -Smy = 12; Gains 1. Builds F(Lpl), A(Edi).

G: Ber -Den = 1; Loses 1.

I: Bre, Mar, +Sev, +Smy, +Con, +War, Spa, Bud, Nap, Bul, Gre, Ven, Rom, Vie, Tri, Ser, Par, Por, Tun -Bel, -Rum = 19; Gains 2. Builds F(Nap), A(Ven), A(Rom). 2 Build centres short. WINS!

Press:

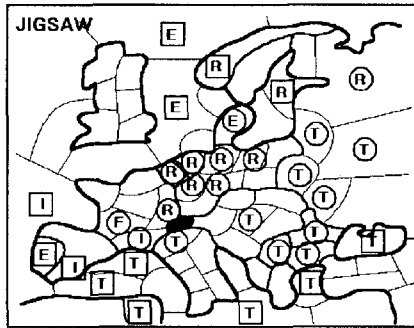
Baby Benito-World: Gotcha!

Austria(Gvmt.)-Italy: Congratulations AliB... you've proved your point: it was a bad idea to want to build a fleet back in 1903 - does this mean that we can be friends again?

Lady Di-Jock: Ha! Ha! Very amusing.

Obviously you recall those phone calls at 2150 hours? How much did you get for your Gran at the auction? Never trust a doctor! Sausage will be chuckling in his grave! Ma phone is bust" so don't bother ringing! Hope yer boat sinks on the way to your next wedding! Just read your letter from Aug 1992 sausage, you were right! I'll give you a ring Ali, obviously your mind has gone!

Wilfred: Congratulations to Alasdair on a well-executed win, even if it was achieved by stabbing his long-time ally mercilessly in the back. Anyone for endgame statements?



1994DK JIGSAW (Spring 1912)

ENGLAND (Keith Ashbolt) F(Por) - Spa sc (FAILED); F(NTH) c A(Lon) - Den; F(NWG) - Nwy (FAILED); A(Lon) - Den

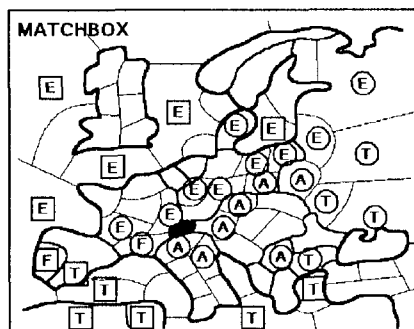
FRANCE (Gerwyn Michael) A(Gas) s ITALIAN A(Mar)

ITALY (Richard Williams) F(Spa) sc - Por (FAILED); F(WMS) - Spa sc* (FAILED, DISLODGED TO MAO); A(Mar) Stands

RUSSIA (Chris Palm) A(Mos) Stands* (DISLODGED TO StP); F(Nwy) Stands; F(Swe) - GoB; A(Bur) s ITALIAN A(Mar); A(Ber) Stands; A(Bel) Stands; A(Hol) Stands; A(Mun) Stands; A(Ruh) Stands; A(Kie) Stands

TURKEY (David Horton) A(War) - Lvn; A(Gal) - War; A(Ukr) s A(Sev) - Mos; A(Ven) - Pie; A(Tri) - Vie; A(Bul) - Ser; A(Con) - Bul; F(BLA) c A(Ank) - Rum; F(GoL) s F(TYS) - WMS; F(ION) - Tun; F(Gre) - ION; F(Smy) - AEG; A(Sev) - Mos; F(TYS) - WMS; A(Ank) - Rum

Wilfred: Please note the COA for Keith Ashbolt to 17 Willingale Way, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3SL. The 5-way draw was defeated, 1 against. It is re-proposed, votes please, unanimity required, abstentions and NMRs = yes.



1994DV MATCHBOX (Spring 1911)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bob Wills) A(Pie) s FRENCH A(Mar); A(Ven) s A(Pie); A(War) s A(Sil) (CUT); A(Sil) Stands; A(Boh) s A(Sil); A(Ser) Stands; A(Tyr) Stands

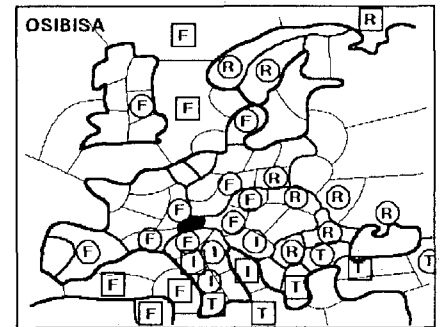
ENGLAND (Peter Berlin) F(MAO) s F(Spa) sc - Por (CUT); F(ENG) s F(MAO); F(NAO) s F(MAO); A(Gas) s A(Bur) - Mar; F(NTH) c A(Lon) - Den; A(Ber) s A(Mun); A(Mun) s A(Pru) - Sil; A(StP) s AUSTRIAN A(War) - Mos (MISORDER); A(Lvn) - War (FAILED); A(Pru) - Sil (FAILED); F(Spa) sc - Por* (FAILED, DISLODGED - DISBANDED

NRP; A(Bur) - Mar (FAILED); A(Lon) - Den; F(BAL) Stands u/o; A(Ruh) Stands u/o

FRANCE (Allan Stagg for Tony Hyland) A(Mar) Stands; F(Por) Stands

TURKEY (Guy Thomas) A(Bul) - Ser (FAILED); A(Mos) s AUSTRIAN A(War); A(Sev) s A(Mos); F(Naf) - MAO (FAILED); F(WMS) s F(GoL) - Spa sc; A(Ukr) s AUSTRIAN A(War); F(Con) - AEG; F(GoL) - Spa sc; F(Gre) - ION; F(Tun) Stands

Wilfred: The endgame proposal was defeated, one against. A 4-way draw has been proposd. Votes please, unanimity required, abstentions and NMRs = yes.



1995BG OSIBISA (Spring 1910)

FRANCE (Derek Wood) F(Naf) - Tun; F(GoL) - TYS; F(WMS) s F(GoL) - TYS; A(Lpl) - Yor; F(NTH) s A(Den); A(Mun) - Boh; A(Bur) - Mun; A(Par) - Bur; A(Den) Stands; A(Tyr) Stands; A(Pie) Stands; A(Spa) Stands; F(NWG) Stands; A(Mar) Stands

ITALY (Bill Eaton) A(Vie) - Tri; F(ADS) s A(Ven); A(Rom) s A(Ven); A(Ven) s A(Vie) - Tri; F(TYS) - Tus

RUSSIA (Rosie Sexton) A(Ser) s A(Rum); A(Ukr) s A(Sev); A(Bud) - Gal; A(War) - Sil; A(Sev) s A(Rum); A(Rum) s A(Sev); F(BAR) s A(Nwy); A(Swe) s A(Nwy); A(Nwy) smiles idiotically at F(NTH)

TURKEY (Gihan Bandaranaike) F(Apu) - ION; F(Nap) s F(Apu) - ION; F(Gre) s A(Bul); F(BLA) - Con; A(Arm) Stands; A(Bul) Stands

Wilfred: Please note that Bill is now back in the UK (see COA).

Press:

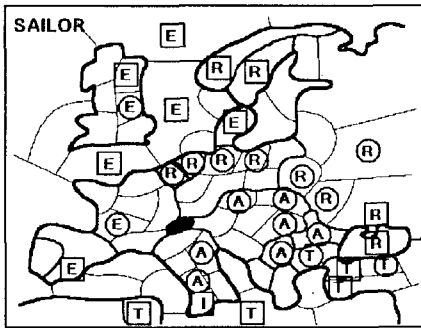
Sultan-Frogs: Do you know that Rosie has Bill's proxy?

Sultan-Commies & Wops: For Allah's sake, we need to build a stalemate line! I've made a unilateral peace gesture as the line needs my fleets. Stab me and we all lose. You two myopically attacking me throughout has caused this. Now let's get an inevitable draw agreed. You can contact me on 0181-930-8309 or nx59@dial.pipex.com.

Italy - Turkey: Sorry for the lack of correspondence recently. If you'll let me keep what I've still got, I'll hold off the frogs at land and you can concentrate on the Med. Deal?

Czarina - Sultan: Sorry I haven't written. <insert usual limp excuses about too much work> Can we be friends again? (note friendly moves and absence of fleets) F(BLA) surely has better things to do?

Czarina - France: Can I have a slice of Austria, please?



1995DG SAILOR (Autumn 1907)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Steve Walton-Stein) F(Alb) - ADS; A(Ser) s A(Rum); A(Bud) s A(Rum); A(Gal) s A(Vie) - Boh (CUT); A(Vie) - Boh; A(Pie) - Ven; A(Rum) s A(Gal) (CUT); A(Ven) - Rom

ENGLAND (Veronica Conboy) F(Cly) - NWG; F(Edi) s F(Cly) - NWG; F(NTH) s F(BAL) - Den; A(Lon) - Yor; F(ENG) s F(NTH); A(Gas) s F(MAO) - Spa sc; F(MAO) - Spa sc; F(BAL) - Den

FRANCE (Anarchy - Mark Scott) A(Spa) Stands* (DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRO)

ITALY (Jimmy Cowie) F(Apu) - Nap

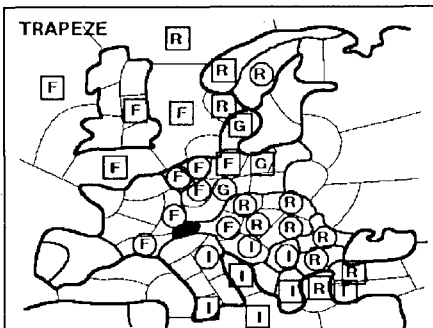
RUSSIA (Andrew Clawson) F(NWG) - Nwy; F(Den) - Swe; A(Bel) s A(Ruh) - Hol; A(Ruh) - Hol; A(Kie) s A(Sil) - Ber; A(Sil) - Ber; A(War) - Gal (FAILED); A(Ukr) s F(BLA) - Rum; F(BLA) - Rum (FAILED); F(Sev) s F(BLA) - Rum

TURKEY (Mark Golby) F(ION) - Tun; A(Ank) Stands; A(Bul) s AUSTRIAN A(Rum); F(AEG) - ION; F(Con) - BLA (FAILED)

Autumn 1907 Adjustments:

A: Ser, Bud, Ven, Rum, Rom, Tri, Vie, -Nap = 7; Loses 1. GM removes F(ADS)
 E: Edi, +Spa, +Den, Bre, Lon, Lpl, Par, Por - Bel, -Ber = 8; No change.
 F: Mar, -Spa = 1; Loses 1. 1 short.
 I: +Nap -Tun = 1; No change.
 R: Nwy, Swe, +Bel, Hol, Kie, +Ber, War, Sev, Mos, Mun, StP -Den = 11; Gains 1. Builds A(Mos).
 T: +Tun, Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy = 6; Gains 1. Builds F(Smy).

Wilfred: Please note that Veronica is now back in the UK (see COA).



1995DS TRAPEZE (Autumn 1906)

FRANCE (Roy British) F(ENG) - NTH (FAILED); F(Yor) s F(ENG) - NTH; F(NTH) - Den (FAILED); F(HEL) - Kie; A(Ruh) s F(HEL) - Kie; A(Bel) - Hol; A(Tyr) - Mun (FAILED); A(Bur) s A(Tyr) - Mun; A(Pic) - Bel; F(NWG) - Nwy* (FAILED, DISLODGED TO NAO)

GERMANY (David Evans) F(Kie) - HEL* (FAILED, DISLODGED TO Ber); F(Den) s F(Kie) - HEL (CUT); A(Sil) s A(Mun); A(Mun) Stands

ITALY (Richard Scholefield) A(Tri) s A(Gre) - Ser; A(Gre) - Ser; A(Ven) s A(Tri); F(ADS) s A(Tri); F(Bul) sc - Gre; F(ION) s F(Bul) sc - Gre

RUSSIA (Paul Reeves) F(BAR) - NWG; F(SKA) - NTH (FAILED); A(Swe) s GERMAN F(Den); A(Gal) s A(Vie); F(Nwy) s F(BAR) - NWG; A(Boh) s GERMAN A(Mun); A(Rum) s A(Ser) - Bul; A(Bud) - Ser (FAILED); A(Ser) - Bul; A(Vie) s A(Boh); F(AEG) - Gre (FAILED); F(BLA) - Con

TURKEY (Anarchy Ex-David Teakle) F(Smy) Stands

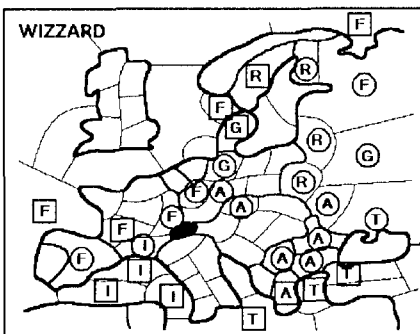
Autumn 1906 Adjustments:

F: +Kie, Hol, Bel, Lon, Mar, Edi, Lpl, Spa, Por, Bre, Par = 11; Gains 1. Builds A(Mar).
 G: Ber, Den, Mun, -Kie = 3; Loses 1. GM removes A(Sil).
 I: Tri, Ser, Ven, +Gre, Nap, Tun, Rom = 7; Gains 1. Builds F(Nap).
 R: Swe, Nwy, Rum, Bud, Bul, Vie, Con, Sev, StP, Mos, Ank, War = 12; No change.
 T: Smy -Gre = 1; Loses 1.

Wilfred: See COA for Paul Reeves:

Press:

Rome: All Italian forces are desperately attempting to press forward, but as usual are having difficulty selecting any forward gears.



1995EN WIZZARD (Spring 1906)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Richard Scholefield) A(Ser) s A(Rum) - Bul; F(Gre) - AEG (FAILED); A(Bud) - Rum; A(Gal) - Ukr; A(Mun) - Bur (FAILED); A(Rum) - Bul; A(Vie) - Boh

FRANCE (Peter Dunnett) F(BAR) s A(Nwy) - StP; A(Nwy) - StP; F(NTH) - SKA; A(Ruh) s GERMAN A(Hol) - Kie; A(Bur) s A(Spa) - Mar (CUT); F(ENG) - MAO; F(Bre) - Gas; A(Spa) - Mar (FAILED); F(Mar) - GoL* (FAILED, DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRP)

GERMANY (Steve Bibby) A(Hol) - Kie; A(Lvn) - Mos; F(Den) s F(Swe) (CUT); F(Swe)* s FRENCH F(NTH) - SKA

(DISLODGED - TRIES TO RETREAT TO BAL - DISBANDED)

ITALY (Allan Stagg) A(Pie) - Mar; F(WMS) - Spa sc (FAILED); F(GoL) s A(Pie) - Mar; F(TYS) - ION (FAILED)

RUSSIA (Rob Walk) A(StP) - Nwy* (FAILED, DISLODGED TO Lvn); A(Fin) s F(SKA) - Swe; A(War) Stands; F(Kie) - Den* (FAILED, DISLODGED- TRIES TO RETREAT TO BAL - DISBANDED); F(SKA) - Swe

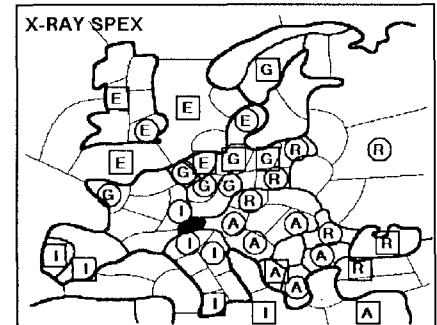
TURKEY (David Harris) A(Bul) s F(AEG) - Gre* (CUT, DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRP); A(Sev) Stands; F(Con) - AEG (FAILED); F(AEG) - Gre (FAILED); F(ION) s F(AEG) - Gre (CUT)

Press:

Italy-Russia and Germany: Can you count in French to dix-huit?

Italy-Turkey: Let's talk about this.

Turkey-Italy: Did you believe me?



96?? X-RAY SPEX (Autumn 1904)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Chris Stone) F(ADS) - Alb; A(Vie) - Tyr; A(Bud) s A(Tri); A(Tri) s A(Bud); A(Gre) s A(Bul); A(Bul) s A(Gre); F(Smy) - EMS

ENGLAND (Brad Martin) F(Por) - Spa sc* (FAILED, DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRP); F(ENG) - Bel (FAILED); A(Den) - Kie (FAILED); F(HEL) - Hol; F(NTH) s F(HEL) - Hol

FRANCE (Mark Ward) A(Pic) - Par (FAILED)

GERMANY (Paul Harrison) A(Bre) - Par (FAILED); F(GoB) - Swe; A(Bel) s A(Hol) (CUT); A(Hol)* s F(Kie) (CUT, DISLODGED TO Ruh); A(Mun) s F(Ber); F(Kie) s F(Ber) (CUT); F(Ber) Stands

ITALY (Geoff Norwood) F(Spa) sc s F(MAO) - Por; F(MAO) - Por; A(Bur) - Par (FAILED); A(Ven) - Pie; A(Rom) - Ven; F(ION) Stands

RUSSIA (Paul Ridout - NMR!) F(BAL) Stands; A(Pru) Stands; A(Sil) Stands; A(Boh) Stands; A(Mos) Stands; A(Rum) Stands; F(BLA) Stands; F(Con) Stands

Autumn 1904 Adjustments:

A: Bud, Tri, Gre, Bul, Smy, Ser, Vie = 7; No change.
 E: Den, +Hol, Lon, Nwy, Edi, Lpl = 6; Gains 1. Builds F(Lpl), A(Lon).
 F: -Por = 0; Loses 1. Removes A(Pic). OUT!
 G: Bre, +Swe, Bel, Mun, Kie, Ber, Par, -Hol = 7; No change.
 I: Spa, +Por, Ven, Mar, Tun, Nap, Rom = 7; Gains 1. Builds F(Nap).

R: Mos, Rum, Con, Ank, Sev, StP, War -Swe = 7; Loses 1. GM removes F(BAL).

Press:

Germany-France: I feel hurt, as your oldest and closest neighbour, to be left out of the salutation you sent to your other friends. However, I shall drink your health in an Australian Merlot - the price of claret's too much for me.

Germany-Wilfred: I just bought a copy of *War Winds*; have you any strategy hints?

**DIPLOMACY II
ITHACA (Spring 1912)**

England (John Etherington) F(Nwy) s A(StP); A(StP) s F(Nwy); F(NTH) c A(Lon) - Hol; F(Bre) - ENG; F(Por) - MAO; A(Bur) s F(Spa) sc - Mar; F(Spa) sc - Mar; F(WMS) c A(Tun) - Spa; A(Lpl) - Yor; A(Lon) - Hol; A(Tun) - Spa

Germany (Aidan Slattery) A(Tyr) s A(Tri) - Ven; A(Vie) s A(Boh) - Gal; A(Pie) s F(GoL) - Rom; A(Mil) s F(GoL) - Rom; A(War) s A(Gal) - Ukr; A(Lvn) s A(War); A(Tri) - Ven* (FAILED, DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRP); A(Gal) - Ukr; F(GoL) - Rom; F(Swe) Stands; F(Bel) Stands; A(Boh) - Gal

Turkey (Allan Stagg) F(Lib) s F(ION) - Tun; F(Ven) - Tri; F(TYS) - WMS (FAILED); F(Rom) Stands* (DISLODGED TO Nap); A(Ukr) - Gal* (FAILED, DISLODGED - DISBANDED NRP); A(Mos) Stands; A(Bud) s F(Ven) - Tri; A(Alb) s F(Ven) - Tri; A(Ser) s F(Ven) - Tri; A(Rum) s A(Bud); F(ION) - Tun; A(Sev) s A(Mos); A(Sib) s A(Mos)

Wilfred: The 3-way draw was defeated, one yes, one no, one abstention. It is re-proposed, but this time abstention or NMR = yes!

**CITY STATE II
LIGHTHOUSE (Spring 1310)**

VENICE (Steve Cox) A(Modena) & A(Parma) S A(Reggio)-Tuscan Alps; A(Mantova) S MANTUAN A(Piacenza); A(Ravenna)-Bologna; F(Gulf of Venice)-ADS; A(Rimini) MS A(Perugia); F(TYS)Std.u/o; F(Bari)Std.u/o;

GENOA (Andy Bassett) A(Lodi) S A(Milano)-Sondrio; F(ISCHIA)-TIBER; A(Liguria)-Pavia; F(GoG) & A(Carrera) S A(Lucca) MS A(Pisa); F(ELBA)-BONIFACIO; A(Civitavecchia) S A(Roma)-Terni; A(Genova)-Liguria

MANTUA (Anarchy Ex-Neil Kendrick) A(Piacenza);

POPE (Chris Brann) A((Bari))-Bari; A((Lucca))-Lucca; F(Napoli)-Gaeta; A(Sienna) S A(Viterbo)-Grosseto; A(San Marino) S A((Rimini))-Rimini; A(Pistoia) S VENETIAN A(Reggio)-Tuscan Alps; A(Florence)-Pisa; A(Spoleto) S A(Arezzo)-Viterbo

EMPEROR (Anarchy - Ex-John Boocock) DA(Cremona); DA(Sondrio); DA(Bressica); DA(Germany)

Removals: POPISH A((Bari))and A((Lucca)) have been besieged and removed.

Press:

Genoa-Venice: Steve, your voice just didn't seem to give that usual signal to me.

Pope-Genoa: Thanks for liberating the Holy City. I am willing to swap Napoli for it.

Bologna (overheard in a meeting place): "It would be better to live under the Emperor than to have all these armies marching around here."

Grosseto-Corsica: KEEP OUT

**GUNBOAT STAB
1995?? UFO (Autumn 1906)**

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Anarchy - Ex-Arthur Fowler) A(Bud) Stands* (DISLODGED); A(Gal) Stands* (DISLODGED)

ENGLAND (Paul Daniels) A(Yor) s F(Wal) - Lon; F(Wal) - Lon;

FRANCE (Stephen Agar) A(Nap) - Rom* (FAILED, DISLODGED)

GERMANY (Anarchy Ex-To Be Announced) ???

ITALY (II Duce) A(Con) Stands; A(Ser) s A(Tri) - Bud; A(Tri) - Bud; A(Ven) - Rom (FAILED); F(AEG) s A(Con); F(ION) s F(TYS) - Nap; F(TYS) - Nap

RUSSIA (Neil Kendrick) A(Ukr) s A(War) - Gal; A(War) - Gal; F(Lon) Stands* (DISLODGED)

TURKEY (Santa) F(Ank) - Con (FAILED); A(Bul) s F(Ank) - Con

Autumn 1906 SC Totals:

A = 1; E = 6; F = 3; G = 1; I = 9; R = 12; T = 2

TROUBLESHOOTER (accompanies Sailor)

	SB	NC NMR	PC	BE NMR	PF	MH NMR	KQ NMR	AS	CS Res	MS	SW NMR	Totals	Value \$
Cr (Before)	995	760	0	100	2117	200	250	1413	1309	0	0	7144	1.30
Cr (Trade)	-200	0	0	0	403	0	0	403	0	0	0	606	
Cr (After)	795	760	0	100	2520	200	250	1816	1309	0	0	7750	1.36
£ (Before)	187	0	1757	1389	405	1274	400	497	482	542	300	7233	1.27
£ (Trade)	0	0	137	0	-200	0	0	-200	0	-200	0	-463	
£ (After)	187	0	1894	1389	205	1274	400	297	482	342	300	6770	1.23
Fr (Before)	0	0	893	0	0	788	885	0	0	660	118	3344	0.87
Fr (Trade)	0	0	-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200	0	-400	
Fr (After)	0	0	693	0	0	788	885	0	0	460	118	2944	0.83
Mk (Before)	1102	0	93	100	0	0	125	0	83	0	1660	3163	0.87
Mk (Trade)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mk (After)	1102	0	93	100	0	0	125	0	83	0	1660	3163	0.87
Li (Before)	0	0	0	0	0	317	250	0	0	149	0	716	0.64
Li (Trade)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-149	0	-149	
Li (After)	0	0	0	0	0	317	250	0	0	0	0	567	0.63
Ro (Before)	0	2353	0	1535	340	218	400	1230	188	450	0	6714	1.35
Ro (Trade)	303	0	0	0	-200	0	0	-200	0	387	0	290	
Ro (After)	303	2353	0	1535	140	218	400	1030	188	837	0	7004	1.37
Pi (Before)	366	396	1	0	0	600	800	0	0	0	0	2163	0.75
Pi (Trade)	-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200	
Pi (After)	166	396	1	0	0	600	800	0	0	0	0	1963	0.73

The Troubleshooters

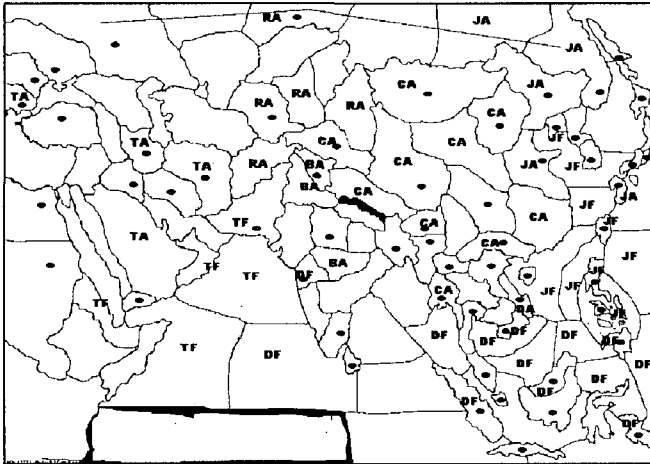
Steve Bibby TS(Ukr)-Rum-Bul-Con (-3%) = Ro 49,534 = Pi 92,961 x 6/5 = Pi 111,553
 Nic Chilton TS (Gal) = Ro 29,581
 Paul Cockayne TS(NTH)-Nwy-StP (-2%) = £7,393 = Ro 6,637 x 11/10 = Ro 7,300
 Bill Eaton TS(War)Std. = Ro 33,530 x 11/10 = Ro 36,883

Patrick Finglass TS(Vie)Std. = Cr 27,097 x 7/8 = Cr 23,709
 Mick Haytack TS(Lon)Std = £22,276
 Kieron Quirke TS(Par)Std. = Fr 5,832 x 1/2 = Fr 2,916
 Colin Smith TS(Vie)Std. = Cr 37,874 x 7/8 = Cr 33,139
 Alan Stagg TS(Tri)Std. = Cr 54,411 x 7/8 = Cr 47,609
 Mark Stretch TS(Lon)-NTH-Nwy-StP (-3%) = £ 9,563 = Ro 8,996 x 11/10 = Ro 9,895
 Steve Watts TS(Vie) = Cr 7,348 x 7/8 = Cr 6,429

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Colonial Diplomacy - Antigua (CD95-A) - Turn 1892



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F(Raj)-Bom, A(Del)-Nag, A(Kam) S Chinese A Kag, A(Pun) S A Kam
China: Chris Latimer, 79 Chapel Street, Pelsall, Walsall WS3 4LW
A(Nan)-Can, A(Ton)-Can, A(May)-Ran, A(Ben)-Ass, A(Tib) S A Kag,
A(Kag) S British A Pun-Afg, A(Sik) S A Mon, **A(Mon) MS A(Pek),**
A(Lan) S A Pek

Dutch: Colin Smith, 14 Dukes Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 5UE
F(Bom) S British F Raj, F(WIO)std, F(GOS) & F(Coc) S A Cam-Ann,
A(Cam)-Ann, F(Sul.S) & F(LP) S F Dav, F(CS) S F Sul.S, F(New) S F
LP, F(Bor)-Sar, F(JS)-AS, F(Dav) std, F(Sun.S) std unordered

French: Anarchy! **F(Ann)*** stand unordered
Japan: Aidan Slattery, 24 Newgate Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 4NG
F(UP)-For, F(MP) & F(Mna) & F(LS) S F Cebu, F(Cebu) S F MP,
F(SCS) S Chinese A Ton-Can, **A(Sha)-Pek,** **A(Irk)-Mon,** F(ECS) S &
F(YS) C A Kyu-Sha, **A(Kyu)-Sha,** **A(Vla)-Irk,** A(Mac) S A Sha-Pek,
F(P.Art) S A Mac

Russia: Steve Walton-Bunker, 213 Broomfield Road, Earlsdon,
 Coventry CV5 6LD NMR! A(Omsk), A(Uru), A(Kir), A(Tas), A(Afg) std
 unordered

Turkey: Vick Hall, 115a Offord Road, Islington, London N1
 NMR! A(Rum), F(Eri), A(Ara), F(Oman), F(GOA), F(ARA.S), F(Kar),
 A(Per), A(Tab) std unordered

Retreats: French F(Ann) disbands NRO!

Adjustments

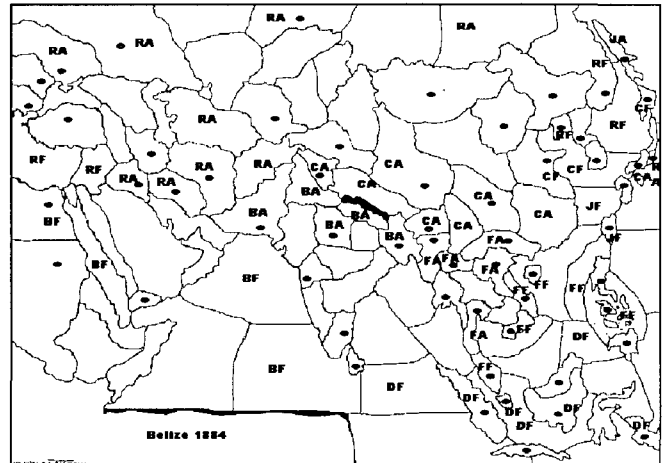
BRITISH: Del, HK, Kam, -Kar = 3 Remove F(Raj)
CHINA: Pek, Can, Sik, Mon, Ass, Chu, May, Ben, U.Bur, Kag, Ton +
 Ran = 12 2 short No room!
DUTCH: Java, Bor, Sum, Cey, Sar, New, Dav, Mad, Mal, Sin, Ban,
 Bom, Coc + Ann = 14 Build F(Sum)
FRENCH: -Ann, -Ran = 0 Out!
JAPAN: Tok, Ota, Kyu, Kyu, Sak, For, Fus, Mna, Vla, Seo, P.Art,
 Cebu, Mac, Sha = 14 No change
RUSSIA: Mos, Ode, Omsk, Rum, Tas = 5 No change
TURKEY: Con, Ang, Bag, Tab, Shi, Per, Egy, Sud, Aden + Kar
 = 10 1 short NBO!

DEADLINE 1 WEEK BEFORE SO DEADLINE

The Sakhalin Question - the sequel!

As I wrote the last article nearly three months ago - see last issue of Spring Offensive - I have had another though regarding this problem. Why not join Sakhalin to the Sea of Japan and put a crossing arrow between Vladivostok and Sakhalin? I think this is possibly the best solution of all. The amount of Diplomacy required by all sides in the vicinity will increase dramatically. I suppose my change of mind is indicative of the problem posed. As with all games, they need thorough playtesting before we can ascertain which change is for the best. The only universal consensus is that there has to be a change of some kind.

Colonial Diplomacy - Belize (CD96-A) - Turn 1884



British: Mark Golby, 403 Camphill Road, Nuneaton, Warks CV10 0JU
F(RS) S F Egy, F(Egy) std, F(Shi) std*, A(Kar) std, F(ARA.S) S A Kar,
A(Pun) S Russian A Afg-Kam, A(Del) S A Pun, A(Nep) S A Ben,
A(Ben) S French A U.Bur, **F(WIO)-Cey,** **F(GOM)-Cey,** **F(BOB)-AS**
China: Colin Hobbs, 113 Antill Road, Tottenham, London N15 4BB
A(Kam)-Pun, A(Tib) S A Ass, A(Ass) S A Yun-U.Bur, **A(Yun)-U.Bur,**
A(Chu)-Can, A(Nan) S A Chu-Can, F(Sha) S A Nan, **F(YS)-Kyu,**
A(Kyo) S Russian A Aki-Tok, F(SOJ)-Ota

Dutch: Chris Stone, 3 Abbey Close, Pewsham, Chippenham, Wilts
 SN15 3TD F(TS)-JS, F(New) std, F(CS)-Sul. S, **F(Sin) S F TS-JS,**
F(EIO) std, F(Sum) S F EIO

French: Peter Berlin, 64 rue Rochecouart, PARIS 75009, France
F(HK) & A(Ton) S A Can, A(Can) std, A(May) S A U.Bur, **A(U.Bur) S**
British A Ben, **F(Mal)-Sin,** A(Ban) std, F(LS)-Cebu, F(SCS)-LS

Japan: Pete Duxon, 3 Bentley Drive, Kiln Lane, Church Langley,
 Harlow, Essex CM17 9PA A(Sak) std, F(Ota)-OS, **F(Tok) std*,** F(Kyu)
 std, F(ECS) S F UP-For, F(UP)-For

Russia: Neil Duncan, 25 Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 8SS
F(Vla)-SOJ, A(Irk) std, A(Aki)-Tok, F(Seowc)-P.Art, **A(Afg)-Kar,**
A(Bok) S A Per, A(Per) S A Afg-Kar, A(Bag) S A Tab-Shi, A(Tab)-Shi,
F(Syr) S F MED-Egy, **F(MED)-Egy**

Retreats: British F(Shi) disbands NRO!; Japanese F(Tok) disbands

Adjustments

BRITISH: Aden, Del, Bom, Mad, Sud, Kar, Ben, -Shi, -Per, Cey, -
 U.Bur, Egy, -New = 9 Remove F(AS), F(GOM)
CHINA: Pek, Mac, Sha, Sik, Mon, Kag, Chu, Ass, -P.Art, Kam + Kyu,
 Ota = 11 Build A(Sik)
DUTCH: Java, Sum, Bor, Sar, Sin, Dav + New = 7 Build F(Bor)
FRENCH: Ann, Ton, Coc, Ban, Ran, May, HK, Can, Mal + U.Bur,
 Cebu = 11 Build F(Coc), F(Ann)
JAPAN: -Tok, -Ota, -Kyu, Kyu, Sak, For = 3 Remove F(Kyu), F(OS)
RUSSIA: Mos, Ode, Omsk, Vla, Con, Tas, Seo, Fus, Tab, Ang, Bag +
 Shi, Per, Tok, P.Art = 15 Build A(Mos), A(Omsk), F(Vla), A(Ode)

Press

China-France: How long must the Cantonese endure such cruel
 oppression?

Paris(gvmt)-London gvmt: Got your letter, but lost it!!

DEADLINE 1 WEEK BEFORE SO DEADLINE

Colonial Diplomacy statistics

For those of you who may be interested in such things, I have all the gamestart and first build year information for all the seven games currently being played by post in the UK. The only exception being 'Jaguar' in Flights of Fancy. If anyone has the 1872 gains and builds, please let me have them as the GM nor editor seem willing to bother. I would urge anyone who starts a game of Colonial Diplomacy please let me know so that I can assign the 'Derrick' numbers. If you want a copy of the openings and 1872 gains and builds, please send a first class stamp to cover return postage.

International Conventions

A number of you will have received the details and a booking form for the group visiting GothCon in Gothenburg, Sweden over Easter 1997. If you haven't and would like to receive the information, then please don't hesitate to let me know. I am

fortunate that my job as Sales Executive - Special Interest Tours allows me to put these packages together with all the cover required of a tour operator. My employer, Farthing Holidays, have given me the opportunity to try and put Games tours together for any major events overseas. This is a project that I am confident will succeed, eventually, but may need a little time for players to get used to.

It seems amazing that the International Playing Card Society of less than 600 members worldwide have a foreign convention every year that is well attended by overseas enthusiasts, but our hobby of thousands worldwide find it difficult to get a handful of people interested enough to go to international conventions. I must assume that games players consider their hobby a low priority when it comes to time spent on it for conventions, and a low priority for financial commitment too. But, it is because I think that will change that I have stuck my neck out to convince Farthing Holidays that there is a future in such trips.

Forthcoming conventions besides GothCon are the European Diplomacy Championship in Namur, Belgium - details to be announced, AvalonCon in Baltimore - probably August, and Spiel '97 in Essen.

GothCon, by the way is a large gathering of about 1200 games players involved in boardgames and Fantasy role-playing in the main, but also in Tabletop miniature gaming and Sci-Fi too. The highlight is the 1997 World Diplomacy Championships (World DipCon VII). I have a package of flights from Gatwick to Gothenburg, and 4 nights in a 3* hotel including breakfast for only £315.00 - for Sweden that is tremendous value. Normal rates done on an individual basis would be over £500! The rate also includes all entry fees to the convention and tournaments being played there. The organizers will specifically arrange English-speaking role-playing games for those interested. All Swedes speak very good English, so language is no problem. I have been to Sweden three times to play in Diplomacy tournaments and thoroughly enjoyed it - indeed my favourite place to play Diplomacy.

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(This address changed last week)

RAILWAY RIVALS ACTIVE - ROUND 10

Orders to : Steve Watts, Sutton Farm Post Office, Tilstock Crescent, Shrewsbury, SY2 6HW Tel: 01743 270139

YOUR RIVALS ARE :

PETER BERLIN	PETERS	(black)
RICHARD BAIRSTOW	MERDE	(red)
DAVE GITTINS	IDRIS	(green)
ALLAN STAGG	MENTAL	(brown)

Firstly an apology. It seems that the score table lost two of its columns last round.

Although it is correct in my original file, somewhere along its journey from me via AOL, and the internet, then arriving at Stephen's PC, and then incorporated into SO, the last 2 columns disappeared, and hence you could not see the points gained from the racing round, or the final totals. Hopefully, this round you will be able to see the full table, (I've removed 2 redundant intermediate columns).

For the record:

PETERS gained 73 points from the racing round giving a total of 105;
MERDE gained 61 points from the racing round giving a total of 117;
IDRIS gained 38 points from the racing round giving a total of 86;
MENTAL gained 48 points from the racing round giving a total of 154

RACING RESULTS

Race 1.4 : 32 (TRANQUIL) - 61 (DURTHANG)
MENTAL arrives at the start all by himself, and strolls home for an easy 20 points.
MENTAL 20

Race 4.2 : 15 (HARLOND) - 43 (ISENGARD)
Only MENTAL fails to turn out for this race, which is closely fought by all three runners.
IDRIS, with the slightly shorter route wins by a short funnel from PETERS, with MERDE only just failing to be in the points.
IDRIS 20-2+4 PETERS 10-2+1 MERDE 1-3 MENTAL 1

Race 4.3 : 52 (LINHIR) - 63 (MOUNT DOOM)
Funnel to Funnel race between PETERS and MERDE. Peters having by far the shortest route the result was never really in doubt.
PETERS 20 + 1 MERDE 10 - 1

Race 4.4 21 (CARNDUM) - 25 (BREE)
This time it's the turn of IDRIS and MENTAL to show up at the start. With routes of equal length, it's all down to the luck of the dice. Idris wins, but after paying rent for Mental's track they each ride away with 15 points apiece.
IDRIS 20 - 5 MENTAL 10 + 5

Race 4.5 46 (LEFNU) - 53 (MINAS TIRITH)
A walkover for IDRIS
IDRIS 20 - 4 PETERS 4

Race 4.6 62 (MINAS MORGUL) - 31 (DALE)
And another walkover, this time for MENTAL.

MENTAL 20 - 2 PETERS 2

Building:

PETERS : A83 - B83; H96 - F97
MERDE : NIL
IDRIS : B107 - A108 - N67 - M67
MENTAL : I100 - B136

(NB. Peter telephoned me with his orders, and either he gave me the wrong hex, or I wrote his order down incorrectly. When I came to adjudicate, the second part of his build made no sense. Hopefully H96 - F97 is what he intended. If not Peter, please get in touch as soon as possible and I will put out a correction before the next deadline. MENTAL attempted to build H98 - THRANDUIL!!! Now come on Allan. That would definitely be over your build allowance. I assume you meant Tharbad, but even that was beyond your means. Sorry.)

BUILDING ACCOUNTS :

PETERS	pays	1	to	MERDE
PETERS	pays	1	to	MENTAL
MENTAL	pays	1	to	MERDE
MENTAL	pays	1	to	PETERS

	Start	Costs	Builds	Races	Total
			+		
PETERS	105	-5	+1	+36	137
MERDE	117	0	+2	+7	126
IDRIS	86	-9		+37	114
MENTAL	154	-7	+1	+70	218
GCR	39				

MENTAL would seem to be building up an unassailable lead, but as for the minor placings...

PETERS is in second place but the gap between him and MERDE can hardly be called comfortable, and IDRIS in fourth place ain't that far behind.

NB Don't forget all building during the racing stages has to be paid for from your account.

ROUND 11 RACES :

5.1) 36 (DOL GULDUR) - 55 (ANY SOUTHERN PORT)
5.2) 13 (FORLOND) - 51 (DOL AMROTH)
5.3) 12 (FOROCHEL) - 22 (FORNOST)
5.4) 66 (RHUN) - 65 (BARAD-DUR)
5.5) 42 (ISENGARD) - 24 (BUCKLAND)
5.6) 44 (HELM'S DEEP) - 35 (MORIA)

Note that you may enter up to 4 of these races. You may also enter as many of the unentered races you wish.

HELD OVER RACES :

Race 1.1 : 51 (DOL AMROTH) - 53 (MINAS TIRITH)
Race 2.4 : 31 (DALE) - 16 (BARANDUIN)

and for your last chance to build that missing bit of track your building allowance is 8.

And please remember that the deadline is one week earlier than the Spring Offensive deadline.

IDRIS - MERDE: What's up? Are you not feeling well or something? You didn't insult anyone last turn.
 IDRIS - GM Er..... what exactly are the scores on the doors?
 ((GM - ALL See my miserable whinging at the beginning of this piece about how my table lost it's last 2 columns. They'll probably turn up on somebody's PC one day and spark some revolutionary new theory as to the meaning of life and all that.))

PRESS

MENTAL - IDRIS If you don't know who Gandalf is, I can see why you need some help! I expect that next thing you'll admit is that you've never been to the Prancing Pony at Bree? (They probably don't serve Directors)..

TOM'S BIT

'FALCON'

Sopwith (T233SO)
 GM: Tom Tweedy

Turn 11

	Pilot	Start	Move1	Move2	Move3	End	AM:DG:PT
2	DULL WILLIAM (Allan Stagg)	H11/SW	A	A	LS	I9/SW	14:12:08
6	RED LEMMING (Jed Stone)	D5/SW	A	A	A	D2/SW	07:11:08

Clouds moved - Southeast [] Aircraft was hit * Aircraft scored a hit
 Clouds : 1 : F3-G4-G3-G2 2 : H8-G8-H9 3 : K12-L13-M13 4 : J2-K3-L3-M4 5 : P12-Q13-O11 6 : O8-P9-P8-Q9-R10

Move 1, 2 & 3: Nothing of interest happened.

PRESS

DULL WILLIAM - RED LEMMING: Come on, fight like a man. Or a lemming.
 DULL WILLIAM - LUTON AIRPORT: Only having one opponent does tend to restrict the scope for sparkling and witty press, doesn't it? ((Oh yeah... how come? Are you saying RED LEMMING is unslagable, as well as unkillable? Shame on you!))

'TORNADO'

Sopwith (T237SO)
 GM: Tom Tweedy

TURN 6

	Pilot	Start	Move1	Move2	Move3	End	AM:DG:PT
1	KABOOBY (James Cowie)	I10/SE	A	A	LS fA	L11/SE	14:12:00
2	OLAF KRACKOV (Donald Scarr)	P11/SE	A	A	A	S11/SE	16:05:00
3	HERR SICK (David Evans)	Q19/NW	LT	LT	A	P16/SW	14:12:00
4	THE PINK PIGMY (Stephen Agar)	P13/SW	A	A	A	P10/SW	15:08:05
5	ERIC THE RED (Steve Wells)	P13/SE	RT fA	LT fR	A	R12/SE	10:07:09
6	LUDWIG VON BORING (Brad Martin)	P10/SW	RT	A	LT	N7/SW	10:08:05

Clouds moved - East [] Aircraft was hit * Aircraft scored a hit
 Clouds : 1 : C4-D5-D4-D3 2 : E9-D9-E10 3 : H13-I14-J14 4 : G3-H4-I4-J5 5 : M13-N14-L12 6 : L9-M10-M9-N10-O

Move 1, 2 & 3: Nothing of interest happened.

PRESS

HERR SICK - VON BORING: I'm sorry. I know you are talking to me but I cannot understand what you are saying. Try talking slowly. Deep breathing may help too. ((HE MEANS STOP USING DER PIDGIN ENGLISH YER DAFT KRAUT!))
 LUTON AIRPORT - STEVE W: Sorry Steve, but you can't order a stop in Move 1. Only in Move 2 and/or 3.
 LUTON AIRPORT - ALL: That's it then for another year! Have a nice Christmas.

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Diplomacy Waiting List

Bob Wills, Keith Loveys, Anthony Coogan*, Peter Berlin (?), approx. three needed. (* = pref. list on file). No gamefee.

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Response to Zines Needed for Archives

Thanks to all those who got back to me. Graham Tunnicliffe sent me the missing issues of **Match Abandoned** (Graham, do you want them back? Should I copy them?), while Jed Stone has **Breakdown 1** and the missing issues of **Hopscotch** (could I confirm that I would like them Jed? I'll add P&P to your credit). Mark Stretch has a few issues that will search out for me (thanks Mark). Jimmy Cowie sent me the missing **PV's** (thanks - all I need now is **PV No.1**).

Two current zines I am looking for are **Flights of Fancy** (anyone got any copies they don't want?) and the first couple of issues of Keith Smith's new zine, which I haven't been sent and have had no reply to my enquiry. Can anyone help? (Richard Williams?)

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A top up would be nice...

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