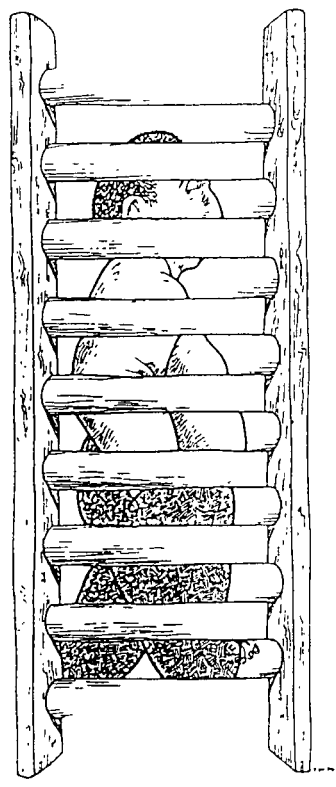


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WALKING UNDER MR ESCHER'S LADDER WAS ALWAYS AN EXPERIENCE

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IT'S SATURDAY, IT'S MANORCON...  
IT MUST BE BALTI TIME!



*If you are reading this at Manorcon, put it down at once, find the editor and offer to buy her a cold drink, she will probably need it, if not due to the heat, then due to the company.*

## UP AROUND THE BEND 39

A postal zine/potrzenie/diptych/squib/tsynne/mag/what's yours called? of Diplomacy and other games, appearing at more or less irregular intervals averaging out at 5-6 weeks, and edited by

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U-Bend costs you 50p plus postage per issue, which neatly absorbs the recent postage increase by dumping it straight in your lap, ha ha, and *that*, John Piggott, is why a plus-postage pricing system is better than a flat rate (Why am I talking to Piggott? He isn't reading this) First class postage to players, second class to others At the moment it runs far too many games for comfort, so waiting lists (see below) are being reined in a little, at least until and unless another outside GM of the reliability and quality of David Oya offers themself

***deadline: friday august 9th (all games)***

( 'Debaser' orders to. David Oya, 24 Kingsway, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9NY)

### *waiting lists:*

DIPLOMACY Allan Stagg\*, Warren Gillham\*, John Miller\*, 4 wanted That list shrunk a bit, didn't it?  
FUTURE TENSE DIP Edmund Morgan, John Boocock, Bob Holliday\*, 4 wanted Two seasons played per year, and you have to guess where your bits will be after the first -- conditional orders not allowed!  
THE AWFUL GREEN THINGS FROM OUTER SPACE Tony Dickinson, Allan Stagg, Fiona McArthur, Chris Jones, Mark Wightman, Geoff Brown, Andy Cox = list full -- but see notes in 'Reti' inside!  
POSTAL HUNT-THE-THIMBLE [GM Fiona McArthur -- see her not-a-subzine] Sandra Bond, Fiona Campbell, Robin ap Cynan, Ryk Downes, Louise Auty, Bob Holliday Room for up to 4 more At this rate I shall have to stand down! I think everyone who's had this game mentioned to them has asked to play it  
VARIANTS See 'Cynic' and 'Dot' inside for possible standby positions in these transferred games (Deluge Diplomacy II and Diplomacy The Gathering )

Other lists closed, with apologies to those on them, until I can be sure I've got the space and time to run anything else There may be a new RR or Bus Boss list before too long

Having stayed up till 3am I think I am now in a position to confirm that this issue will be out for Manorcon It goes to the printer on my way to work in the morning, is collected at 5p m on Friday evening, and since Bob Holliday forgot that I'd offered him a lift in the car and is going on the train, will be collated at th con itself -- had Bob been a tad less forgetful he would have found a large box of paper and a stapler on the back seat next to him I look forward to seeing many of you there, as usual, and Fiona is just dying to meet all these fascinating people

Just room for a Quote of the Month, from Malc Cornelius's *Backstabbers United Monthly* Well, not a quote since I've lost the zine, but he sang my praises to the skies, and made much play not only of my entertaining writing, which I won't argue with, but of my well-run games Reluctant as I am to turn away undeserved honours, I must point out that nobody has ever said that before, and Malc might be advised to try playing in some of my games before telling his readers how well, or otherwise, they are conducted

*letter snippets* TONY DICKINSON Funny you should mention it, I know a beautiful beach in Leeds -- the elephants are pink, the monkeys talk to you JOHN WILMAN If the hoods don't get you, the monoxide will Beware lithium carbonate NICK PARISH I take it you'll be at Manorcon for the traditional "My Boomerang Won't Come Back" Oxford Balti '96 tour? JOHN BOOCOOCK All that fighting! I'd sooner be loving, or screwing people ALEX RICHARDSON Have you tried the version of the White Russian which has Bailey's instead of milk? JOHN BREAKWELL Have you tried tables? PAUL COCKAYNE Now you've stepped back onto the slippery slope you'll soon be sliding, once again, down the razor-blade of life GEOFF BROWN Imagine, city centre Manchester, the week after the IRA set off a bomb, and you're trying to get permission for a removal truck to park all day! DAVID OYA Lungfish prune juice escarpment toasted teacake entanglement scenario Lunge! Lunge! Gordon, lunge! I have to repair a window frame

*I want to run a nice, sensible letter column, and what do I get? I get letters like the above Why do all my correspondents seem to be completely insane, Tom Lehrer fanatics, or both? As a punishment I'm keeping the letter column in for this playtime, and I'm not letting it out until you lot send me some nice sensible letters for it*

*Instead we'll smoothly insert some HOBBY NEWS:*

I can't imagine anyone not knowing this by now, but Stephen Agar, faced with a growing family, has decided to fold *Spring Offensive* Typical of the bastard to tell me but embargo the news, and then print it himself the day after my last issue went to press. All is not lost, for he intends to a) run his games down till they all finish in a players-only minzine, as Pete Tamlyn did many moons ago, and b) to launch in its place a Diplomacy article-zine (just like that complete flop from the early '80s, now what was it called? Ah yes, *Here We Go Again*) which already has various luminaries hooked on as correspondents He might even run a demonstration Dip game or two, just as *Diplomacy World* does in the US -- in fact he intends this to be a sort of UK equivalent, or so he says He is currently soliciting titles, how about *The Diplomatic Rag*, with the multiple meanings of 'rag' plus the obvious pun?

New zines this year have been sparse, even non-existent, but one Nic Chilton has been widely advertising *The Gentle Art of Making Enemies* (GAME for short), which scores highly on tradition by having a title which abbreviates to a pet-name, and also by calling its flyer 'Issue 0' He intends to focus on Dip and variants, to run bi-monthly with monthly game-reports in a publication called *Submazine* Cost is to be 90p for 20pp A4, and if you're interested Nic is at 21 Nowell Street, Harehills, Leeds LS9 6HS (0113 249 2761/0378 502560/ n chilton@bradford.ac.uk) (Trade, Nic?) Shortly following this, news comes that old-timer Keith Smith is launching his own zine after what must be 20 or more years in the hobby, with a United subzine by Bob Holliday Details, no doubt, from Keith at 32 Burdetts Road, Dagenham, Essex RM9 6XZ

Mick Dunnett asks me to publicise ClacCon 2, a Midcon qualifying tourney at Clacton on Sea in a church hall, from 10a m on 17th August He thoughtfully points out that this venue is opposite a chippy and next door to a pub Details from 307 Frinton Road, Holland on Sea, Essex CO15 5SP (01255 8128578 6pm-10pm)

Then there's the London qualifying bash, this year organised by Gihan Bandaranaike This will doubtless be at the Royal George, Euston, but Gihan is enquiring as to the most convenient date for the event, so I can't give you a firm date yet, though a Saturday in September seems most likely For Gihan's new address see 'Tal' below, his phone number is 0181 930 8309 I'll most likely be there, I'm afraid

Oh, and I am in two minds whether to publicise this after his recent antics, but Neil Duncan is running a Dip player poll, rank your choices from 1 to 6 in Most and Least of these categories Prolific Letter Writer, Speed of Response, Interesting Letter Writer, Truthful Player, Tactically Sound Player, Reliable Player Votes to Neil at 25 Sarum Hill, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 8SS by 2nd August

## sandra goes to glastonbury

There had been a visit to my parents in Devon, always a trying experience. There had been a sunny day. There had been a road sign on the way back, and a hurried consultation of maps, and a realisation that it was only twenty miles out of our way.

"Hey! Let's do Glastonbury!".

and a turn of the wheel and a sight of a looming tor with a tower on the top, and there we were.

Fiona says that Glastonbury is commercialised and demystified, and generally not a patch on what it was a few years ago. To which I reply I only wish I had seen it a few years ago, because to me now, seeing it for the first time in my adult life, it was complete hippie heaven. I had only been in town five minutes when I was overcome by an urge to sneak into a public loo and emerge wearing my Indian skirt (the one with the tassels from off Coventry market). Armed thus we ventured into town itself, and a marvel it was to behold the many and various establishments which I, thirty years behind my time as ever, persist in referring to as 'head-shops'. The secret hippy who inhabits my head and sneaks out when I allow her to be in ecstasy. Some were tatty and disorganised, others neat and well-stocked. One was run by a pair of German dykes and seemed to consist of bare boards on the floor and bare shelves on the wall, with a crystal every foot of shelving. Another sold nothing but candles, and earned the honour of being the only shop to take money off us that day, unless you count the supermarket and deli later on.

because as we passed by another shop, a five-foot-eight bullet streaked out of the door and squeaked at Fiona. Closer inspection revealed that he was called Dan, and had known Fiona since he was *very* high, and my god, we never even went into his shop, what did we think we were doing, ignoring him? To which Fiona replied that she had been in both the shops she knew he worked in, but he evidently was in another one. Evidently Dan works in half the headshops in Glastonbury. What they'll do when he goes to college in Southampton later this year I don't know.

By main force Dan coerced us into staying the night, so we went back to his house and talked, and Fiona cooked an impromptu meal from the deli and supermarket aforementioned, and I played with small baby Myfanwy from the house next door. (She eats anything and everything, as babies will, when my eye was off her she discovered a dead beetle and sampled it. "It's all protein," remarked mother Fiona, evidently an old hand at this). (An old hand in baby terms is any parent with a baby more than three months old).

And then Dan had to go off and be on the door for a local scruffpunk band, so left with a few hours to kill, Fiona and I went to climb the Tor. Without her walking stick, Fi only made it a little way up, but I huffed and puffed my way to the top, to find myself in a company made half of hippies with a guitar and bodhran, and half soccer fans (what they were doing in Glastonbury I cannot fathom). This, along with the alcohol I later consumed, was probably at the root of my drifting off to sleep later on, at approximately 1a.m., with half a glass of wine in my hand and half way through a sentence addressed to Dan. I was most annoyed that Fi and Dan didn't wake me up, I was enjoying that conversation. And I *hate* sleeping in my clothes.

Prior to this, as we waited for Dan in the antechamber to the assembly rooms with the band in, Fi and I had an interesting encounter with a fortyish, lesbianish woman who was involved in permaculture. Her initial positive reaction turned to horror when she found out what I did for a living. "You mean you work in an *office*?" she gasped, as though I were the Woman Who Said She Was Anti-Abortion off the old New Statesman cover. The whole room gasped, a light bulb blew and three pictures on the wall went crooked. Actually I can't see what's wrong with working in an office if it's what you enjoy, and I do. I only realised afterwards that her amazement's being so great must have meant that I had blended in sufficiently for her to identify me as a full-time Glastonbury resident.

I like the place. I'm going back. And you may call me a hippy if you may. I won't argue. Man.

# SELF EXPLANATORY

## by Ryk Downes

[[Ryk may have thought that this piece would never see the light of day, but by the power of the great Deity Fy-Lin-Siss-Temm, it appears anyway....]]

**What's the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning?** Shove my eldest daughter out of bed, go and warm the youngest one's bottle, and feed and change her.

**First fanzine received?** GROUND ZERO (Neil Hopkins) from playing D&D. Of the mainstream -- MAD POLICY, ZEEBY, THE CHURCH MOUSE and HOWAY THE LADS from memory, closely followed by DIB DIB DIB, ODE, BOOJUM and lots more.

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?** I wish I'd listened to what my Mum said when I was 12. What was it? I dunno, I never listened! Actually, the best piece of advice was from my English teacher when they were trying to persuade me to stay on for a sixth year to be Head Boy. He said 'Better the devil you know', so I left and went to college.

**What zine do you wish you had produced?** THE CHURCH MOUSE -- I'm never that funny -- or THE THING ON THE MAT for the same reason.

**Your most treasured possession?** I'm not materialistic, so no objects spring to mind. I guess the wife and kids are my most treasured possession. I do have one trophy, for go-karting at Silverstone, which brings back memories of driving round the circuit in a Formula Ford and having dinner with John Watson.

**What do you think of the weather?** I hate ice, I love snow, I hate high winds, I love fog, I don't like it too hot. I wish it would rain every night and be dry every day.

**When did you last cry?** When my parents' dog died about 10-12 years ago.

**What characteristics do you think you've inherited from your parents?** Er... my dad's beard, although I've now shaved it off. High intelligence -- my IQ is 158, which is about the same as my parents.

**What are you like when you're drunk?** Very romantic! I see the world through rose-tinted glasses and it is a wonderful place until the morning. I lose all my inhibitions but am too drunk to do anything about it. I remember EVERYTHING, and retail control of my bodily functions.

**Pick 5 words to describe yourself.** Honest, understanding, analytical, compromising, trustworthy.

**Do you remember any particular piece of criticism?** I talk too much about myself -- well, it's the subject I know most about. If someone

relates a story I tend to respond by talking about a similar incident that happened to me. I'm not intentionally big-headed -- it's just my way of socialising. I don't mind if other people talk to me about themselves.

**What's your most unpleasant characteristic?** See above!

**What's your greatest fear?** Claustrophobia -- I can't travel in lifts or be in a small locked room without windows (i.e. I'm fine in glass lifts). If I am, I have been known to suffer a type of epileptic fit until I black out or am released.

**What are your ambitions?** To own my own games company.

**Are you afraid of failure?** Yes, and I always try to play it safe if money is concerned.

**What don't you leave home without?** The car CD player and CDs, the wife and kids, the filofax.

**Who's your best male friend?** None in particular -- just lots of good friends, all in the hobby.

**And your best female friend?** The wife.

**Who'd you most like to meet?** Clare Grogan! In the hobby -- Kim Head.

**What are the last 3 books you read?** The Complete Adventures of Sherlock Holmes -- Short Stories, by Arthur Conan Doyle. The Ringway Virus -- Russell Foreman. Dance Band on the Titanic -- Jack L Chalker.

**And the last 3 records you listened to?** I listen to more than that a day! THE SUN AND THE MOON -- The Sun and the Moon. THIS MORTAL COIL -- Filigree and Shadow. REM -- Out of Time.

**What music would you have played at your funeral?** 'Atmosphere' by Joy Division, followed by 'In a Lonely Place' by New Order.

**What do you see when you look in the mirror?** What mirror? They all crack!

Phew! That was like the Spanish Inquisition -- about the only thing not asked was 'what's your favourite position'?

*What's your favourite position, Ryk?*

*All readers are invited to send in answers to such questions as the above, though I'd prefer it if, unlike Ryk, you refrain from ripping off jokes from The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy. In actual fact I don't think I have any left on file at all now, so if I don't get any I may be forced to pick subscribers at random and invent likely and/or interesting answers on their behalf*

*Andy Cox* I can probably sing along with the Steeleye Span song  
*John Wilman* Yes, I'll sing your Steeleye Span parody

*[[Well, those two are the ones to blame for what follows]]*

## HARD TIMES OF THE HOBBY

to the tune of 'Hard Times of Old England',  
with apologies to the very great Steeleye Span

Come, all of you zine-eds who publish a zine,  
Oh pray can you tell me if any there've been?  
For long have I waited and none have I seen,

And oh, the hard times of the hobby,  
In the hobby very hard times

Now Dippy you find it in W H Smith,  
But when you go to buy it, they say that's a myth  
So instead you play Risk, and you're sadly bored stiff,

And oh, the hard times of the hobby,  
In the hobby very hard times

When you go to a con you will see people there,  
And they play 1830 -- for Dip they don't care,  
And to find seven players is vanishing rare,

And oh, the hard times of the hobby,  
In the hobby very hard times

In the zines that you get there are games by the score,  
There's United and Sopwith and Bus Boss and more,  
But Diplomacy's not in those pages galore,

And oh, the hard times of the hobby,  
In the hobby very hard times

So if you want a game, why then all you can do  
Is subscribe to the purists, whose numbers are few,  
And half of them are rabid right-wingers too,

And oh, the hard times of the hobby,  
In the hobby very hard times

So what we need now is a zine that lives long  
And on Dippy, its variants, and such-like is strong,  
So that I may have cause then to alter my song

And sing oh, the good times of the hobby,  
In the hobby very good times

**sitzkrieg**  
the games section

OLAESSON

Railway Rivals (Ireland)

Not Turn 4

At deadline I had one set of orders (thanks, Steve) One more came later I do not like adjudicating games with 50% of orders missing Peter, Bill, please bestir yourselves



RETI

The Awful Green Things from Outer Space

Not Turn 3

\*sigh\* I knew that when John Todd talked me into running a postal game of this the Baycon before last, it was a bad idea I armed myself with a copy of the map and postal rules from *Der Große Dampfmaschine*, and thought in my naivety that they would suffice Not so, it seems Both Dave Lomas and Louise Auty have bombarded me with corrections and queries, and frankly I'm not in a very good position to answer most of them I shall be hunting round at Manorcon to see if anyone can slip me a copy of the actual game (as opposed to postal) rules, which will no doubt tell me that I've been running the whole thing all wrong since the word go Once I feel sure that I know what I'm talking about I shall start the game moving again, having made any corrections necessary This will also give naughty NMRers John Todd and Richard Walkerdine the chance to get orders in

For this reason, though I've got another list full and a game ready to start, I am slapping it on hold until my doubts concerning my own competence are allayed My apologies to all players in this game, and to those on the full list I shall get wheels in motion as soon as I can



CAPABLANCA

Sopwith T207UB

Turn 13

**EASIEST ADJUDICATION I'LL EVER DO:** Victory roll for Ginge

Duncan NMRs again and flies off the map, which renders 'Ginger' Rogers the champion of the skies, huzzah Summary for Dave Tant follows next issue



VAGANIAN

Bus Boss (Map CD)

Turn 1

Passage Around Silly Towns In Ecstasy, Bob Holliday, purple.

Bodmun-Redruth-Camborne 120-12 = 108

Charmingly Inefficient Devon and Exeter Routes, Fiona McArthur, green

Penzance-Camborne-Redruth-Truro 120-12 = 108

Grand Rusty Old Coaches Keeping the Roads of England Smoggy, Louise Auty, yellow

Plymouth-Tavistock-Okehampton 120-12 = 108

Westcountry Underpowered Buses, David Oya, red

Plymouth-Saltash-Liskeard-Looe 120-12 = 108

Order of play next turn is Fiona, Louise, David, Bob



Oh dear, oh dear This is quite probably the silliest variant ever designed, and yet some people are still taking it deadly seriously. Allan Gordon (Vienna) has written a completely crazed and generally rude letter stating that he never wishes to see Ximenez, U-Bend or me again, I shall not quote from this letter, since the mere thought of it makes me want to tear my own legs off and beat Mr Gordon over the head with them

Following this, that paragon of editors, Neil Duncan (who had already cut trades with me by enclosing a note in Fiona Campbell's copy of TCP and asking her to pass it to me, which she failed to do because she didn't see it in the envelope, thus causing much confusion -- I'd've thought the courtesy of a personal note wouldn't be beyond even Speccy) sent myself, and, I believe, everyone else a remarkable letter stating that he will only continue if Allan stays in the game and the game is forcibly orphaned to another zine, since I had 'spoiled' the game I *do* hope that Mr Duncan's zine never suffers delays as a result of lifestyle or employment problems, cos if it does, I am going to come down on him like a ton of bricks crowing 'I told you so'. Hard on the heels of *that* letter came a third, from Guy Thomas, stating that *he* is enjoying the game just fine, and that it's no business of *his* if others "can't be bothered" with the game "I want to play on, and I am confident I can win Maybe that's why they want to stop?" He proposes a win for Marseille as a counter to Neil's proposed draw including all survivors (and Allan), which I shan't bother asking for votes on as Guy has publicly vetoed it

When the smoke cleared after that little lot I had orders from Guy, Peter D , Alex and Edmund only, Peter R and Duncan having NMRed and Neil and Allan, presumably, having washed their hands of the game So anyone who is bothered may vote on the proposed win for Guy, and if this fails I shall adjudicate Spring 1910 in U-Bend 40 whether or nor I get any more than the four sets of orders on file I might also add that Neil will get this issue, having an outstanding subscription, but Allan won't, since he's stated in such strong terms his wish not to get any more

This has been a cross public service announcement



**BREYER**

RR 1222IN

Round 12 and, thankfully, last

**Race Results**

- 34) 15-21 Bareilly - Ahmadabad ERRRR 20-9, DIPSO +5, MOO +4
- 36) 56-23 Madras - Bombay ERRR 20
- 37) 46-16 Cuttack - Jaipur MOO 20-5, DIPSO +5
- 38) 12-63 Delhi - Mangalore RAITA 20-2+3, ERRR 10-3, IRATE +2, MOO disqualified, you're *blue*, Paul
- 39) 24-x1 Pune - Pakistan. ERRR 20-2+1, MOO 10-9+1, DIPSO +5+1, RAITA +3
- 40) 35-41 Lucknow - Patna ERRR 20
- 41) 62-31 Hubli - Nagpur RAITA 20
- 42) x6-53 Seaport - Hyderabad RAITA 20+6, MOO 10-6

**Final Totals**

- RAITA (Steve Guest, orange).  $325\frac{1}{2} + 70 = 395\frac{1}{2}$
- ERRRR (David Oya, purple)  $218\frac{1}{2} + 77 = 295\frac{1}{2}$
- MOO (Paul Cockayne, blue)  $219 + 25 = 244$
- DIPSO (Duncan Adams, red) **NMR2!**  $141\frac{1}{2} + 16 = 156\frac{1}{2}$
- IRATE (receivership, green)  $106\frac{1}{2} + 2 = 108\frac{1}{2}$

Anyone who can be bothered can send in a game-end statement for next issue, when we shall lay this Thyng to rest with few if any regrets

Attacks Well, GOTHIC's B-1 goes to drop that 20-meg chunk of plute on APPLIANCE. The putative target, however, sees it coming and scrambles its Jet Interceptor, which promptly blasts the enemy bomber from the sky. This means, incredibly enough, that the world is still at peace.

Secrets revealed None

Revealed Cards

APPLIANCE (Andy Bell) Plays 10million propoganda on GOTHIC, which, peace being in force, works PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF PECKHAM (Alan Coulthard) A similar amount of people defect from the Fnords

THE FNORDS (Geoff Brown) The Titan is fired off harmlessly, and in its stead we have an Atlas GOTHIC (Tony Dickinson) Well, he was going to fire his Hound Dog missile from the B-1 bomber, *sed responsa est ab omnibus: non est inventus, -a or um* Poor Tony's bomber having perished, the missile is wasted

Deterrents None at present

In Orbit Fnords space platform, Killer Satellite  
PRP SDI satellite  
Ex-Frogland LandSat

Population Changes since 1999AD TF-39m, FI -32m and OUT, Go-337m, AP-5m, Fr-31m and OUT, PRP-20m

Your New Card(s)/Personal Notes Don't forget that the world is still at peace

New Secrets One drawn by APPLIANCE, to be revealed next turn unless stolen or otherwise meddled with

Press

Howard stared at the damage. Suddenly life wasn't so funny. A bomb is a bomb is a bomb



CHESSMIND II

Turn 1

- Louise Aury 1st pawn (b5) not vulnerable, 2nd to knight, 3rd to rook and king
- Andy Bell 1st pawn (b1) not vulnerable, 2nd not vulnerable, 3rd not vulnerable Andy wins a U-Bend non-prize for this feat
- Paul Cockayne 1st pawn (h2) square occupied, 2nd not vulnerable, 3rd to queen, rook, king
- Craig Jones 1st pawn (b2) to queen and knight, 2nd to queen, 3rd to rook and king
- Dave Lomas 1st pawn (f6) to queen, rook, king, 2nd to king, 3rd to queen and knight

Rule query yes, my pieces *do* block one another, thus if I had rooks on b1 and c1, and you put a pawn on a1, it would only be vulnerable to one rook, not both

More players are welcome for this game, and you may join at any time. The normal eight black pieces are on the board, which is hidden from you, you have three white pawns, which you place on the board each turn, and I tell you which of my pieces, if any, they are *en prise* to. Your job is to deduce the placement of my eight pieces

IVKOV

Sopwith T229UB

Turn 7

EVERYONE INVOLVED AS THE BULLETS FLY: Byron's position not good

Pilot	Starts	Moves	Ends	A .D :P
<i>Mr Rusty</i>	F7-E7	LT f-A, A f-A&L, LS	D4-C3	05:12:28
1 ACE Rob Cullender				
<i>Ralph</i>	J15-K15	LT f-A&R&L, A, RT	M17-N17	04:06:10
3 ACE Tony Dickinson				
<i>'Ginger' Rogers</i>	L12-K12	A f-R, RT f-A&L, LS	J13-J14	12:10:02
4 ACE John Miller				
<i>Hippy</i>	C3-B2	RT and dies		-5
5 Chris Jones				
<i>Red Byron</i>	K16-K17	A, RT, LT	L19-NE	05:02:04
6 Alex Richardson				

Clouds move SE: (R12-R13-S12-S13-S14): (G2-H2-I3-J3): (L6-L7-L8): (G11-H11-H12-I13): (O16-P17-Q17).

*Press*

Mr Rusty - Hippy: Hey, this is my airfield!

Judge English - Mr Rusty: Is that the way you normally treat trespassers, then?

Ralph - Byron: This is going to hurt me more than it is going to hurt you!



NIMZOVITCH

Sopwith T234UB

Turn 5

ACES LOW: But Jack looks a bit one-eyed

Pilot	Starts	Moves	Ends	A .D :P
<i>Algae</i>	F4-E4	RS f-L&A&R, A, LT	D4-C3	03:07:23
1 Andy Cox				
<i>Rolf</i>	F5-E5	I f-A&R and dies!		07
2 ACE Tony Dickinson				
<i>Snoopy's Brother</i>	N14-M13	LT f-L, LT f-A, RT	O12-O11	09:02:03
3 John Boocock				
<i>Sky Tripper</i>	N8-N7	A, A, A	N5-SW	15:06:00
4 Duncan Adams (NMR!)				
<i>Punk Panther</i>	O13-P13	I f-A, RS f-A&L, I	O14-P14	05:09:12
5 ACE Ryk Downes				

Clouds move SE to: (G6-H5-H6-H7):(F9-G10-H11) (E12-F12-G12-H13-I13):(L8-L9-L10-M10-M11) (J16-K17-L17):(M14-N14-N15).

**ARTHUR MAKES THE HAT TRICK** *Someone please beat the cobbler!*

*1st Round:*

Arthur Tennis-Fyffe[1] beat Slobodan Robdogagobadan 7-5, 7-5, 6-4  
 Bjorn Toulouse[5] beat David Oya [NMR!] 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, 7-6  
 Bjoring Boris[7] beat Ten S. Elbow 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 (nailbiter!)  
 Jacques de Boule[4] vs Vic Rackethead [NMR!] 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.  
 Cavid Doverdale beat Chris Trace[3] 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4  
 New Balls beat Angry Agassi[8] 6-1, 6-2, 0-6, 6-4  
 Axel Bendt[6] beat Buster Racket 3-6, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, 6-1  
 Hertz Van Rentall[2] beat Adolf Hinn 6-1, 0-6, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2

*Quarter-Finals:*

Arthur Tennis-Fyffe [1] beat Bjorn Toulouse [5] 7-5, 7-5, 7-5  
 Jacques de Boule [4] beat Bjoring Bjoris [7] 6-1, 7-6, 7-5  
 Cavid Doverdale beat New Balls 1-6 5-7 7-5 7-5 6-2  
 Axel Bendt [6] beat Hertz van Rentall [2] 0-6 7-5 5-7 6-0 7-6

*Semi-Finals.*

Arthur Tennis-Fyffe [1] beat Jacques de Boule [4] 3-6 7-5 6-3 3-6 6-3  
 Axel Bendt [6] beat Cavid Doverdale 7-5 4-6 6-3 4-6 7-5

*FINAL*

Arthur Tennis-Fyffe [1] beat Axel Bendt [6] 6-4, 6-0, 7-5

Draw for the **SLOVAKIAN OPEN**:

Arthur Tennis-Fyffe[1]{Aus, Allan Stagg} vs Angry Agassi {USA, Mark Stretch}  
 Bjorn Toulouse [5] {Swe, Louise Auty} vs Vic Rackethead {UK, Rob Moore}  
 Bjoring Bjoris [7] {Swe, Ian Harris} vs David Oya {Spa, Richard Walkerdine}  
 Hertz van Rentall [4]{Slv, Chris Dickson} vs Slobodan Robdogagobadan {Slv, Bill Eaton}  
 Jacques de Boule [3]{Fra, John Boocock} vs Adolf Hinn {Ger, Geoff Brown}  
 Chris Trace [8] {Aus, Craig Jones} vs Ten S. Elbow {Spa, Colin Smith}  
 Cavid Doverdale [6] {Fra, Nick Parish} vs Buster Racket {USA, Bob Holliday}  
 Axel Bendt [2]{Ger, John Miller} vs New Balls {UK, Paul Cockayne}

Seeds 5-8 may add one point to their basic profile, 3-4 add two, 2 adds 3 and 1 adds 4. In addition, the two native Slovaks both get a further three for playing to a home audience; native fans are already rioting over the van Rentall-Robdogagobadan match.... Bill, Rob, Richard, wakey wakey, s.v p.

I hope the above format helps ~~Nicholas Parish~~ the forgetful amongst you to remember your name and nationality!

Press

*Paul Cockayne:* The rules don't seem to state who the winner is ..?!

*Judge English:* Oh, go away I think it's going to be Allan whichever way you calculate it, unless he goes badly off the boil.

UHA: James Hardy            Cell SPAIN, 1 bomb  
                                  Cell SWEDEN, 1 bomb  
 NAUSEA: Alan Coulthard: Cell PARIS, no bombs  
                                  Cell MUNICH, 1 bomb  
 POTATOLAND: Chris Jones: Cell BULGARIA, no bombs  
                                  Cell LONDON, no bombs

SIEGE: The tardy US marines finally arrive and blow the UHA cell to bits, and take the grateful hostages home to godzoneland. But even as they do so, word comes from Bulgaria that a bunch of King Edwards are holding a plane hostage there, and some NAUSEANS are leaping aboard a 747 at Orly and demanding free annual passes for the Eiffel Tower...

SNITCHING: ADU cell (Hol) are terminated by the US Navy

BOMB SUPPLIES (1each): Ireland supplies both extant UHA cells and Potatoland (Lon); Paris supplies NAUSEA cell (Mun)

BOMB STOCKPILES. Nil, but 1 extra bomb for Potatoland and NAUSEA next turn

BOMBINGS: UHA cell (Spa) tries to bomb Par, but all the tourists are being held captive at the airport, so no effect.  
                  NAUSEA cell (Mun) bombs Ber, killing 2.

NEW CELLS: NAUSEA forms cell (Rom).

ROLL OF SHAME AND DISHONOUR

NAUSEA: 15 POTATOLAND: 9 UHA: 7 ADU. No cells extant, so I fear Tony is out I do hope the winners of this game won't be the US Marines....

OLD TOURISTS

2 are stranded at Bulgaria's airport and 3 at Paris's. 4 tourists move from IRI to ENG; 2 move from Prussia to Warsaw; 2 move from Kiel to Berlin; 1 moves from Apulia to ION, 2 move from BLA to Bulgaria; 2 move from Vienna to Galicia; 2 move from Sevastopol to BLA; 2 move from Tyrolia to Venice; 4 move from Rome to Venice and join with them; 2 move from Constantinople to BLA and join with their compatriots, 2 move from Armenia to Ankara; 4 move from Ankara to BLA - that now makes 8 there; 2 move from Picardy to ENG, making 6 there; 3 move from London to ENG, so that makes 9; 3 move from Edinburgh to liberated Liverpool; 2 move from Naples to ION, making 3 in all; 2 move from Venice to Rome Well, that simplifies the bookkeeping.

NEW TOURISTS (no special event) 3 in Budapest, 2 in Liverpool (makes 5 in all), 3 in Ankara (making 5), 2 in Smyrna.

What do you think of it so far? Comments on the rules and play welcome, since I'm not sure this game was ever actually meant to be played.



AUSTRIA (anarchy): A(Tri), A(Tyr), A(Bud), A(Vie)

ENGLAND (Stephen Agar, 79 Florence Road, Brighton BN1 6DL): F(NTH).

FRANCE (Neil Kendrick, Flat 5, 133 College Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9JL)  
F(PIC), F(MAO), A(Spa), F(ENG), F(Spa/sc).

GERMANY (Rosie Sexton): F(DEN), F(Edi), A(Mun), F(Kie), A(Ber)

ITALY (anarchy): A(Smy), F(AEG), F(Tun), F(Alb).

RUSSIA (Jed Stone, 7 Harstoft Avenue, Worksop, Notts S81 0HS)  
F(Bul/ec), F(Swe), A(Ukr), A(Gal), F(RUM), F(Nwy), A(War), F(Mos/nc)

TURKEY (Rob Tesh, 20 Hill Grove Cres, Kidderminster, Worcs). F(Gre), A(Con), F(BLA).

Supply centres currently owned

Austria.	Bud Vie Tri Ser	= 4
England:	Lpl	= 1
France	Bre Par Mar Por Spa	= 5
Germany	Kie Ber Mun Hol Edi	= 5
Italy	Rom Nap Smy Tun	= 4
Russia	StP Mos Sev War Rum Swe Bul Nwy	= 8
Turkey	Ank Con Bul Gre	= 4 (1 short)

This game, formerly housed in my subzine in *Spring Offensive*, is coming here if I can get any of its players to keep at it. Jed and Stephen are willing to keep going; I've heard nothing from Rosie and Neil, but I have hopes, I am very dubious about Rob Tesh ( a former U-Bend dropout), and as detailed elsewhere, Allan Gordon (formerly Italy) has resigned from the game in an abusive and intemperate letter. Standbies are eagerly solicited for up to three rather decent positions. I don't want to abandon this game if I can help it. Now where did I put Rosie and Rob's home addresses... and Neil's COA. ?



UHLMANN

Railway Rivals (Map ND)

Startup

- Start BREMEN: LNER (no expansion for acronym given), John Boocock, green
- Start HANOVER: We Aim For European Rule, Bob Holliday, purple
- Start HANOVER: Fiona's Invincible Railway Engines, Fiona McArthur, black
- Start HAMBURG: Ludicrous European Electric Railways, David Oya, red
- Start HAMBURG: Black Ryebreads Are Terrific When U R Suppenkaspar Thin, Steve Guest, orange
- Start EAST BERLIN: The Blue Nose Special, John Colledge, blue
- Start WEST BERLIN: Best Operated Railway In North Germany, Allan Stagg, brown

Rolls for the first round are 5 - 3 - 4. Allan wanted to be puce, a colour I do not have in my pencil case, and lower down on David's preference list came such salubrious colours as armadillo, phlegm and parsnip. Mr Faber and Mr Castell would faint dead away.

For the sake of harmony I shall not reveal the author of the comment "For the sake of balance you should start Steve Guest from Warsaw".

# BROKEN FACE

Breaking Away [GM David Oya]

Turn 15

- Sq Cyclist
- 126 Noether [10]  
^^
- 121 Gremlin Griff [12], Grumpy [8]  
120 Aahz [6]  
119 Hilbert [4], Bashful [2]  
118 Sleepy  
117 Vampire Val  
^^
- 114 Mutton Jeff  
113 Skeeve  
112 Eileen Dover, Poltergeist Pete, Stuffed  
111 Leeding Pack, Rally Splash, Happy  
^^
- 106 Satan Sam

## Results:

1st	Math Mode	Stuart Dagger	53 points
2nd	MYTH Inc	Mark Stretch	41
3rd	Dwarves	Mick Haytack	33
4th	Spooky Spokes	Bob Holliday	12
5th	Boston Brakers	Alan Coulthard	9
6th	Windy Pops	Edward Ainsworth	8

*Agrajag*: Congratulations to Stuart on a good win, and I hope you all enjoyed the game.



# MARSHALL

Railway Rivals (Georgia)

Turn 3

## COLLEDGE'S SELF-HANDICAPPING CONTINUES: All action around Griffin

TBNS (Colledge/blue): 3a) (Marietta)-G46-G45: 3b) (G45)-~~Rome~~; (G46)-I45-J45-~~Dalton~~-L44:  
3c) (L44)-~~Chattanooga~~; (B48)-Y7 {1 short}. 41+6+6+6-1C-1Gr = 57

RHETT(Todd/black): NMR! 3a) (Columbia)-O6: 3b) (O6)-K8-Albany: 3c) (Albany)-G12-~~Thomasville~~  
40+6-7Gn-5[NMR] = 34

GNR (Boocock/green): 3a) (Cordele)-Albany: 3b) (Fort Valley)-Americus; (Albany)-H11:  
3c) (H11)-~~Moultrie~~; (Americus)-L7-~~Cuthbert~~. 32+6+6+3+3+7R+6Gr = 63

CCC(Neale/purple): 3a) (Y15)-Y12: 3b) (Y12)-Griffin-~~Newman~~: 3c) (Newman)-Lagrange;  
(Y13)-~~Covington~~ 38+3+3+1T-2Gr = 43

GRITS(Bowen/scarlett) 3a) (V11)-Y10: 3b) (Y10)-Griffin-B47-Atlanta; (M15)-~~Fitzgerald~~: 3c) (T11)-Fort  
Valley-Americus; (Fitzgerald)-K14. 27+3+1T+2C-6Gn = 27

Rolls for round 4 are 3 - 3 - 6. Iain has yet another COA: 4 Old Town Close, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8RY.

# DEBASER

Breaking Away [GM David Oya]

Turn 12

RC Sq	Cyclist		
3 97	Anna Madrigal, John Daker	Hell's Grannies	43
96		Team Barbary	14
3 95	Elric, Erekoze, Ursula, Mary Ann	Flintstones	13½
7 94	Cecily, Fred, Betty	MYTH Inc	12½
^^		Poetic Licence	12
3 90	Aahz	Eternal Champs	3
4 89	Barney, Wilma		
88			
3 87	John Donne		
4 86	Mouse, Kitty, Skeeve		
7 85	Tanda, Gleep		
^^			
74	Charles Baudelaire (dropped)		
^^			
70	Wendy Cope (dropped)		

Team Barbary (Sandra Bond)	MYTH Inc (Mark Stretch)	Flintstones (Bob Holliday)
Anna Madrigal 3, 3, 4, 9	Skeeve 4, 4, 12	Betty 4, 4, 7, 9
Mouse 3, 3, 4	Aahz 3, 5, 13	Fred 6, 7, 7
Mona (dropped)	Tanda 3, 4, 7	Barney 4, 5, 5
Mary Ann 3, 3, 4	Gleep 7, 9, 10	Wilma 3, 4, 4

Eternal Champions (Alex R)	Hell's Grannies (Dave Lomas)	Poetic Licence (Kim Head)
Elric 3, 3, 3	Fanny WINNER	Baudelaire (dropped)
Corum (dropped)	Ursula 3, 9, 10	Wendy Cope (dropped)
Erekoze 3, 3, 4	Cecily 4, 7, 8	John Donne 3, 3, 4
John Daker 3, 3, 3	Kitty 4, 5, 5	Alice Walker 3, 6, 14

Agrajag: NMRs from Sandra and Alex but no real harm done, I think



# SHORT

Breaking Away

Turn 1

Square	New Card	Cyclist
14	3	Groucho, Speed
13	5	Charlie
==		
9	3	Chico
8	4	Snorky
7	5	Bingo, Paddington, Fleegle
6	8	Tony Adams, Mary-Jane, Waterloo
5	11	Alan Ball, Liverpool Street
4	3	Euston, Niall Quinn, CO2, Harpo, Drooper
3	8	David James, N2, Horse
2	11	H2O
1	12	Zeppo, O2



[SHORT cont ]

<i>The Splits</i> (Craig Jones)	<i>4 Stations of the Cross</i> (Allan Stag)	<i>Tall Order</i> (Edmund Morgan)
Bingo 3, 5, 8, 12	Euston 3, 6, 10, 10	Tony Adams 1, 8, 9, 14
Drooper 3, 10, 11	Paddington 5, 8, 10	Niall Quinn: 3, 8, 13
Fleegle 4, 5, 9	Waterloo: 6, 8, 8	David James: 3, 8, 10
Snorky 2, 4, 6	Liverpool Street: 5, 6, 11	Alan Ball: 4, 7, 11
<i>Marxists</i> (Alex Richardson)	<i>Phamaceutical</i> (Tony Dickinson)	<i>Natural Cycles</i> (Louise Auty)
Groucho: 1, 3, 15	Speed. 1, 3, 15	H <sub>2</sub> O: 1, 11, 12, 15
Chico 1, 3, 15	Charlie: 2, 5, 10	CO <sub>2</sub> : 3, 10, 11
Harpo 1, 3, 15	Mary-Jane. 3, 8, 11	N <sub>2</sub> : 2, 8, 15
Zeppo 1, 12, 14	Horse: 1, 8, 12	O <sub>2</sub> : 5, 10, 12



KASPAROV

Diplomacy 95BK

Autumn 1902

AUSTRIA (Alan II Coulthard, 8 Redhurst Way, Gleniffer Gate, Paisley, Renfrewshire PA2 8NH)  
~~F(Gre)-Bul~~/sc, A(Bul)-Rum, A(Tri)-Ser, A(Bud) S A(Bul)-Rum

ENGLAND (Duncan II Adams, Flat 2, Remus House, Castle Street, Buckingham MK18)  
 NMR! F(NTH), F(StP/nc), A(Nwy)\*, F(Lon)

FRANCE (Edward Ainsworth, 4 Park Avenue, Bedford MK40 2JY)  
 F(MAO)-IRI, A(Bel) H, A(Mar) H, A(Par)-Pic, F(Bre)-MAO

GERMANY (Mark Underhay, 65 The Chase, Holland on Sea, Essex CO15 5PZ)  
 F(SKA) S A(Swe)-Nwy, A(Hol) S A(Ruh), A(Swe)-Nwy, A(Sil)-War, A(Ruh) S A(Hol),  
 F(BAL)-Den.

ITALY (John Marsden, 33 Weston Road, Strood, Kent ME2 3HA)  
~~F(ION)-AEG~~, A(Tun) H, A(Apu)-Ven, ~~F(Nap)-ION~~.

RUSSIA (Simon Amos, 5 Oak Cottages, Pymmes Road, London N13 4RY)  
 NMR! F(Sev), A(Ukr), F(GOB) H w/o

TURKEY (Paul Cockayne, 18 Henry Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7SS)  
 F(BLA) S A(Con)-Bul, A(Rum) S A(Con)-Bul\*, A(Con)-Bul, ~~F(AEG)-Gre~~, F(Smy) H

Retreats English A(Nwy) dies, Turkish A(Rum)-Gal

Adjustments:

AUSTRIA	Vie Tri Ser Gre Bud Rum	= 7	Builds A(Vie), 1 short, no room!
ENGLAND	Lon Lpl Edi Nwy StP	= 4	1 short, no builds ordered
FRANCE:	Par Mar Bre Spa Por Bel	= 6	Builds F(Bre)
GERMANY:	Kie Ber Mun Hol Den Swe Nwy War	= 8	Builds A(Ber), F(Kie)
ITALY:	Rom Ven Nap Tun	= 4	no change
RUSSIA:	StP Mos War Sev Bud	= 2	GM disbands F(GOB)
TURKEY:	Ank Con Smy Bul Rum	= 4	Disbands F(BLA)

Duncan Adams is not yet technically in anarchy, but since he's not getting this issue due to numerous sins, you can assume he won't be back (unless he buys me *lots* of drinks at Manorcon) I do apologise for letting the wretch spoil the game. Simon, if you don't get some orders in I shall come round and stick pins in you!

*Austria* (secret power): A(Bud) S A(Vie)-Gal; A(Gal)-Sil, F(Tri)-Ven; A(Vie)-Gal

*Balkans* (secret power): A(Bul)-Mac; A(Gre)-Mac; A(Ser)-Bud

*England* (anarchy): F(Edi), F(Lon) and F(NAO) H u/o.

*France* (Peter Dunnett, 328 Old Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 3NU)

A(Swi)-Mar; A(Bur) S A(Swi)-Mar; E(ENG)-MAO; A(Bel) S A(Bur).

*Germany* (John Boocock, 25 Melrose Drive, Old Fletton, Peterborough PE2 9DN)

F(NTH)-HEL; A(Ruh)-Kie; A(Tyr)-Swi; A(Mun) S A(Tyr)-Swi.

*Italy* (anarchy): A(Ven), E(Nap)\* H u/o.

*Russia* (secret power): A(Den)-Kie; A(War)-Gal; A(Ukr)-Mos; A(Rum) S A(War)-Gal; F(BLA) S A(Rum)\*.

*Scandinavia* (Bob Holliday, 6 Rooke House, Bishop Street, Portsmouth PO1 3DF)

A(StP)-Mos; E(NWG) S German F(NTH)-Edi {nso}; E(Swe)-Den

*Spain* (Tony Dickinson, 67 Little Lane, Featherstone, West Yorkshire WF7 5DN).

A(Mar) S A(Mad)-Gas\*; F(ION) S F(Rom)-Nap; F(Rom)-Nap; F(WMS) S F(Mor)-MAO;  
F(Mor)-MAO; A(Mad)-Gas.

*Turkey* (secret power): F(Con) S F(Ank)-BLA; A(Smy)-Arm; F(Ank)-BLA, F(AEG)-Gre.

**Retreats** Italian F(Nap) dies: Spanish A(Mar)-Mad: Russian F(BLA)-Sev.

### Press

*Austria - Spain*. I was looking round for an ally who wouldn't stab me and I picked on Italy. At least I was a good judge of character!

*Balkans - Russia*. Look, I'm helping you again, you should get Gal.. any chance you'll help me against Turkey?

*Germany - Scandinavia*: Write to me quick!!

*Germany - France*: Sod off -- you don't scare me!

*Russia - Balkans & Spain*: Come on chaps, let's get the Turk before it's too late!

*Spain - France*: Sorry, old chap



### QUINTEROS

Diplomacy 96??

Autumn 1901

**FIVE APIECE FOR THOSE WHO ORDER: GM pissed off with those who don't**

**AUSTRIA** (Jim Goulsbra, 72 Moor Lane South, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S Yorks S65 4QN)

F(Tri)-Ven, A(Gal)-War, A(Ser)-Gre.

**ENGLAND** (Colin Smith, 14 Dukes Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 5UE)

F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Hol, F(NWG)-Nwy, A(Yor)-Hol.

**FRANCE** (Warren Gillham, Flat D, 10 Ashburnham Road, Bedford MK40 1DS)

F(MAO)-Por, A(Bur) S Italian A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Mar)-Spa.

**GERMANY** (Tim Deacon, 11 Murdoch Rise, Loughborough, Leics LE11 0YZ)

NMR! F(Den), A(Kie), A(Mun)\* [dies NRO] H u/o.

**ITALY** (Nicholas Parish, 38 Eccles Road, London SW11 1LZ)

F(ION)-Tun, A(Rom)-Ven, A(Tyr)-Mun.

**RUSSIA** (John Boocock, 25 Melrose Drive, Old Fletton, Peterborough PE2 9DN)

F(GOB)-Swe, F(Rum) S A(Sev), A(Ukr) S F(Rum), A(Sev) H.

**TURKEY** (Bill Eaton, 42 Princes Street, Oxford OX4 1DD)

NMR! F(BLA), A(Bul), A(Arm) H u/o.

[QUINTEROS cont.]

Press

Russia - Turkey: You called?

France - Germany: Hello, is anybody there?

Judge English - France: I've seen Tim NMRing elsewhere of late, so I fear the answer may be negative

*Builds*

AUSTRIA.	Tri Bud Vie <u>War Gre</u>	= 5	Builds A(Vie), A(Bud)
ENGLAND:	Lon Lpl Edi <u>Nwy Hol</u>	= 5	Builds F(Lon), F(Edi)
FRANCE.	Par Mar Bre <u>Por Spa</u>	= 5	Builds A(Par), A(Bre)
GERMANY.	Ber Kie <u>Mun Den</u>	= 3	1 short, NBO
ITALY:	Ven Rom Nap <u>Tun Mun</u>	= 5	Builds A(Ven), F(Nap)
RUSSIA:	Mos StP Sev <u>War Rum Swe</u>	= 5	Builds A(StP)
TURKEY.	Con Ank Smy <u>Bul</u>	= 4	1 short, NBO
Neutral	Bel Ser	= 2	



## HÜBNER

Breaking Away

Turn 6

<i>New Card</i>	<i>Square Racer</i>	<i>Totals</i>
3	64 Phil, Ballcock	U-Benders 19
	==	Cullender's Own Racers 10
3	52 Bowl	Confusion 9
4	50 69, Seat	Dungbeetles 1
6	49 121, Amy Thyst	
8	48 Jim	
9	47 McCartney	
	46	
3	45 Cistern, Lennon, Cardinal Machete, 11	
7	44 42, Drongo, Starr	
10	43 Harrison, George	
	42	
3	41 Cardinal Wolsey, Cardinal Tetra	
5	40 Cardinal Andropov	
	39	
3	38 Di Amond	
	==	
3	34 Ruby	
4	33 Emma Rald	

*U-Benders* (Paul Cockayne) *The Dungbeetles* (David Oya)

Cistern:	3, 7, 10, 15	Jim:	4, 8, 15, 16
Bowl:	3, 5, 15	Phil:	3, 3, 14
Seat:	3, 4, 11	George:	3, 10, 20
Ballcock:	3, 5, 8	Drongo:	3, 7, 15

*Red Cardinals* (Vick Hall)

Cardinal Wolsey:	3, 3, 3, 7
Cardinal Tetra:	3, 3, 11
Cardinal Machete:	3, 8, 8
Cardinal Andropov	3, 5, 5

*Beatles* (Bob Holliday) *Confusion* (Ryk Downes)

Lennon:	3, 4, 16	69:	4, 4, 10
Harrison:	9, 10, 12	121:	5, 6, 6
McCartney:	7, 7, 9	42:	7, 7, 8
Starr:	7, 8, 10	11:	3, 5, 10

*Cullender's Own Racers* (Rob Cullender)

Amy Thyst:	4, 5, 6, 7
Emma Rald	4, 5, 16
Di Amond:	3, 5, 15
Ruby	3, 3, 19

**ASSISTANT MANAGER DOES ITALY GOOD:** We particularly liked the retreat, didn't we?

ENGLAND (Mark Stretch, 48 Wilsdon Way, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1TN)

A(StP) S Turkish A(Mos)\*; E(Den)-Swe; F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Bel, A(Hol) S A(Yor)-Bel; F(Bel)-Pic, A(Yor)-Bel; F(ENG) C A(Wal)-Bre; A(Wal)-Bre; E(Spa/sc) S Italian A(Mar) (ordered to move), F(MAO) S F(Spa/sc).

GERMANY (Fiona Campbell, 61 Waverley Road, Southsea, Hants PO5 [COA])

E(BAL)-Swe, F(Kie)-Hol; A(Lvn)-StP; A(Sil)-Gal; A(Bur) S A(Mun); A(Mun) S A(Bur)\*.

ITALY (Martin Draper, per Edmund Morgan, 22 Meadow Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4NF)

A(Bul) S A(Ser)-Rum\*; A(Bud) S A(Ser)-Rum; F(ION) S F(Gre)-AEG, A(Mar)-Bur; A(Ser)-Rum, F(Gre)-AEG; F(WMS)-GOL; A(Boh) S A(Tyr)-Mun; A(Tyr)-Mun; F(TYS) S F(ION)

TURKEY (Bob Holliday, 6 Rooke House, Bishop Street, Portsmouth PO1 3DF)

A(Mos) S German A(Lvn)-StP; A(Rum)-Bul; F(BLA) S A(Rum)-Bul; F(EMS)-ION; F(AEG)-Gre

Retreats German A(Mun) dies NRO! English A(StP)-Nwy, Italian A(Bul)-...nice one...Con!

Game End Proposal Voted down, one AYE, one NAY, 2 abstentions

#### Adjustments

England.	Lon Lpl Edi Swe Por Nwy Bre Spa Bel StP Den Hol	= 11 n/c
Germany.	Mun Kie Ber Hol Par Mar War StP	= 5 n/c
Italy.	Rom Nap Ven Tun Vie Tri Bud Ser Gre Rum Con Mar Mun	= 13 +A(Ven, Rom) F(Nap)
Turkey	Con Ank Smy Bul Sev Mos	= 5 n/c

Judge English I love this game --spectators are invited to set up the position and predict a result.



## FISCHER

Railway Rivals RR1294AG

Round 8

Duncan Adams has NMRed yet *again*, so I have obtained a standby in the sylph-like form of Fiona McArthur (editorial address) I also forgot to credit DROP with 3 points for Formosa last time, and to transfer 2 from IDLE to TBNS for junctions.

#### Race Results

- 54-x1 La Rioja - Chile: STONED 20-4, DROP 10-9+4, CHOC +9.
- 43-11 Concordia - La Plata: TBNS 20-2, CHOC10+2-1, DROP +1.
- 64-26 Salta - G'ral Alvear/Telen: STONED 20-6+2, TBNS 10-8, JUDGE 0+6, DROP +6.
- 33-52 San Rafael - Cordoba: 3-way draw! STONED 10-5+3, DROP 10+5+3, TBNS 10-6.
- 12-x4 Buenos Aires - Brazil: TBNS 20, CHOC 10-1, DROP 0+1.
- 51-45 Cordoba - Resistencia/Corrientes. JUDGE 20, DROP 10, STONED 0-1, CHOC 0, IDLE +1
- 22-63 Coronel P/3 Arroy - Pres RSP/Las Lom: JUDGE 20-1, STONED 10-1, CHOC 0-1, TBNS +2, IDLE +1
- x3-31 Paraguay - Río Cuarto/Rufino: JUDGE 20-4, DROP 10-3+3, IDLE +3, CHOC +1

Builds See next page

[FISCHER cont.]

STONED (Fiona McArthur, red): (N19)-N20-Q22, (J15)-J19). 35+38-13 = 60

DROP (John Breakwell, purple). No builds. 80+33+1 = 114

CHOCALOLIC (Fiona Campbell, chocolate): (K20)-Rufino 40+29-6 = 63

JUDGE ENGLISH (David Oya, black): (I20)-H20. 100+61+3 = 164

IDLE NOT! (Peter Ritchie, green): NMR! No builds. 28+5 = 33

TBNS (John Colledge, blue) (C53)-C51-B50; (L20)-L16; (M6)-M5. 91+46-11 = 126

Runs for round 9 (enter up to 4, build up to 8 physical points):

15. 41-55 Santa Fe - Cru del Eje/Dean Funes

19. 13-36 Buenos A - San Fran/Villa Maria

16. 25-42 Santa Rosa - Parana

20. 34-16 Mendoza - Rosario

17. 53-23 La Banda/Anatuya - Bolivar/Olavarría

21. x6-62 Seaport - SM de Tucuman

18. 61-x5 SM de Tucuman - Uruguay

COA Fiona Campbell, 61 Waverley Road, Southsea, Hants PO5. Fiona, I disallowed the second part of your build because (a) it was ambiguous ((C18)-B17-A17- Tres Arroyos) and (b) it took you over the limit.



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Contract Bridge Diplomacy 95?? ???? ?

Autumn 1901

AUSTRIA: Colin Smith, 14 Dukes Road, Braintree, Essex CM7 5UE

A(Ser) S F(Alb)-Gre; F(Alb)-Gre; A(Vie)-Tri

ENGLAND: Ryk Downes, Chapel House, Manor Gardens, Pool in Wharfedale, W Yorkshire LS21 1NB

F(Lon)-ENG; F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Bel; A(Yor)-Bel

FRANCE: Stephen Agar, 79 Florence Road, Brighton BN1 6DL

A(Mar)-Spa; A(Pic)-Bel; F(Bre)-MAO

GERMANY: Allan Stagg, 32 Chepstow Drive, Bleichley, Milton Keynes MK3 5NB

A(Sil)-Mun; A(Pru)-Lvn; F(Den)-Swe

ITALY: John Boocock, 25 Melrose Drive, Old Fletton, Peterborough PE2 9DN

A(Tyr)-Vie; A(Ven) H; F(ION)-Tun

RUSSIA: Tony Dickinson, 67 Little Lane, Purston, Featherstone, W Yorkshire WF7 5DN

A(War) S F(StP/sc)-Lvn; A(Ukr) S A(War); E(BLA)-Sev; F(StP/sc)-Lvn

TURKEY: Gihan Bandaranaike, Courtlands, 237 Kenton Rd, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 0HD [COA again]

A(Bul)-Rum; F(Con)-Bul/sc; A(Arm)-Sev

Builds

AUSTRIA: Bud Vie Tri Ser Gre = 4 Builds A(Vie)

ENGLAND: Lon Lpl Edi = 3 n/c

FRANCE: Par Mar Bre Spa = 4 Builds F(Bre)

GERMANY: Mun Ber Kie Swe = 4 Builds F(Ber)

ITALY: Nap Rom Ven Tun Vie = 5 Builds F(Nap), F(Rom)

RUSSIA: Mos StP Sev War = 4 n/c

TURKEY: Con Ank Smy Bul Rum = 5 Builds F(Smy), F(Ank)

NEUTRAL: Bel Hol Den Nwy Por = 5 (1)

Your Bids I forgot to call for your bids with these orders, so needless to say most of you tried to clarify the situation. Since this is a playtest, I ruled that I would bend the rules a wee bit and call for final bids from you with Spring 02 orders (which at least gives you one build season to gauge which way the wind blows), but invited you to submit provisional bids with these orders. This results in my having five provisional bids (two of you having ploughed merrily on regardless), which I will hold on file unless you update them next season, which is when final bids are due. Your bid is [ ] or still awaited: [ ]

## HEADACHES FOR THE GM Have you no mercy, Paul?

## RACE RESULTS:

1. KS-4S England - Rhymney: SWIG 20+4, BOYO 10-4
3. QC-JS The North - Chepstow: ACRONYM/BOYO jt 15-2/15-2, SWIG +4.
6. 9C-8H Builth Wells - Rhondda. BOYO/BOOM jt 15/15
7. AD-6S Cardigan - Caerphilly: BOYO 30-8, ACRONYM +8
10. 9D-KH Carmarthen - Cardiff: BOYO 20, SWIG 10-9, BOOM +9.
11. QS-QH England - Cardiff: BOYO 15-4, SWIG 15+4 (tie)
12. 4D-2D Haverfordwest - Fishguard: BOOM 30. See below.
13. 7C-7H Rhayader - Aberdare. No entries (joint run offered but not taken up). Reoffered.
14. 7S-3C Blaenavon - Newquay Ditto.
15. 8S-3H Pontypool - Neath. No entries.
16. 4H-2C Port Talbot - Aberaeron: ACRONYM 30-3, BOYO +3.
17. 3S-2H Merthyr Tydfil - Swansea: BOYO 30-2, SWIG +2
18. AC-QD Aberystwyth - Ammanford: ACRONYM 30-3, SWIG +3.

BOYO tried to enter Haverfordwest-Fishguard by going one space towards Narberth and back, thus notionally using part of his own route, and points out that the rules don't forbid reversing as RR rules forbid shunting. I don't think it's allowed, but I'll ask the great DGW at Manorcon and if he rules otherwise scores will be amended. Besides, (a) Paul, you've scored quite enough in this round already, and (b) have *you* ever tried turning a coach round on the Haverfordwest-Narberth road? (laughingly called the A40, but believe me, A roads in Pembrokeshire are not the same as A roads in Nottingham when it comes to width and quality).

## ROUTES PURCHASED and SCORES:

SWIG (Kim Head, black). Aberdare - Neath: Ebbw Vale-Blainavon. 88 +53 -12 = 129  
 BOOM (John Breakwell, green). Abergavenny-Pontypool-Newport. 100 +54 -10 = 144  
 ACRONYM (Ryk Downes, red): Swansea-Port Talbot-Porthcawl. 81 +75 -10 = 146  
 BOYO (Paul Cockayne, purple). Bridgend-Pontypridd. Newport-Pontypool\* 126 +118! -11 = 233

\*Paul, you wrote Cwmbran, which doesn't seem to relate to a blob on the map. Don't ask me why the name's there

## RACES 13, 14 and 15 re-offered, plus:

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| 19. 5C-JD Lampeter - Kidwelly      | 23. 9H-8C Pontypridd - Llandrindod Wells |
| 20. 5H-TD Porthcawl - Llandeilo    | 24. 6H-9S Bridgend - Abergavenny         |
| 21. JC-AH Brecon - Cardiff         | 25. 4C-8D Tregaron - Narberth            |
| 22. TS-5D Monmouth - Milford Haven | 26. KC-5S The North - Ebbw Vale          |



*DOT* Diplomacy: The Gathering (95?? ????) Autumn 1902 (action replay)

Another game rehoused from *Spring Offensive*, this one with more success as we have a response from everyone bar Germany and Italy. I even have orders on file for England! We will restart from this position for next deadline, if that's okay with you.

Press onto the next page for the position

[DOT cont ]

AUSTRIA (Jed Stone, 7 Harstoft Avenue, Worksop, Notts S81 0HS)  
A(Ven)-Rom, A(Rum)-TELEPORT-StP, F(Apu) H, A(Bud) S A(Vie)-Gal, A(Vie)-Gal Plays *Sudden Death* on Turkish F(Rom) (fails!)

ENGLAND (Des Langford, 8 Hornbeam Lane, Barnehurst, Kent DA7 6HH)  
F(Bel) H\*, F(NTH)-TELEPORT-Por Plays *Black Hole* on Edi

FRANCE (Jeremy Tullett, 19 Khartoum Road, Rodwell, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 9LG)  
A(Bur) frozen, A(Spa) H, F(Cly) H, F(Bre)-ENG, 2A(Pic)-DOUBLE TROUBLE-Bel Plays *Black Hole* on Edi (No, did you hear an echo?)

GERMANY (Neil Kendrick, Flat 5, 133 College Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9JL)  
NMR! A(Mun), F(HEL) H w/o F(Den) vapourised A(BAL) sits on the sea bed and sulks Discards at random *Mystic Shield*

ITALY (Rob Tesh, 20 Hill Grove Cres, Kidderminster, Worcs)  
2F(Tun)-DOUBLE TROUBLE-ION Discards at random *Black Hole*

RUSSIA (Chris Stone, 3 Abbey Close, Pewsham, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 3TD)  
F(SKA)-NTH, A(Swe)-Den, A(Gal) S A(Ukr)-Rum, F(NAO)-Lpl, A(Sev) S A(Ukr)-Rum,  
A(Nwy) H, A(Ukr)-Rum Plays *Sudden Death* on German F(Den)

TURKEY (Stephen Agar, 79 Florence Road, Brighton BN1 6BL)  
F(Gre)-Alb, A(Bul) H, F(AEG) C A (Smy)-Gre, F(EMS)-ION, A(Smy)-Gre, F(Rom) H Plays  
*Garden of Eden* on Syria and *Mystical Shield* on F(Rom)

RETREATS English F(Bel)-Hol, Russian A(Gal)-Boh

#### ADJUSTMENTS

Austria	Bud Vie Tri Ser Ven StP Apu	= 7	Builds F(Tn), nflbo! 1 sht
England	Lon Edi Hol Por	= 4	Builds A(Lon)
France	Bre Mar Spa Bel	= 4	Disbands A(Spa)
Germany	Kie Ber Mun	= 3	N/C
Italy	Tun	= 1	N/C
Russia	Mos Sev War Rum Swe Nwy Den Lpl = 8		Builds A(War)
Turkey	Smy Ank Con Bul Gre Nap Rom Syr = 8		Builds F(Smy), A(Ank)



That's all the games for this issue, and since Fiona seems to have taken a fancy to the back page I had better bow out here Just room for a quick query from Tim Neale, who wants to know where he can play *En Garde!* I can point you towards two zines, Tim Malc Cornelius's *BUM*, which has, I believe, two campaigns run separately from the zine itself [3 Gretton Close, Longsight, Manchester M13 0YR] and Kim Head's *Life's Rich Pageant* [23 Higher Efford Road, Efford, Plymouth PL3 6LB] The latter zine's campaign was orphaned there from Brian Betts's *Mopsy*, I was at a picnic with a bunch of Viking reenactors last weekend and found out quite by chance that not only did they all know Mr Betts, but that he is unversally referred to in the Vike as 'Boring Bryan' H-m-mmm Anyway, I can state confidently that both zines are heavyweights and well worth your time, though I've no experience of the *En Garde* in either -- in fact I've never played it

## THIS IS THE BACK PAGE. THAT IS ALL IT IS. IT IS NOT A SUBZINE. HONEST.

'Scuse me for a moment, but I'm half way through making myself a chocolate milk shake [glug] Aaah!

After reading David Oya's recent mystic campaign, it must be taking effect After sitting down and trying to work out a game, in the end I came up with one Some people actually like the idea -- I've got 6 people wanting to play already, without writing the rules for it!

You may wonder what this dark, mystical game is going to be It is not some dark, deep, mystical, serious game, I'm afraid but a game of Hunt the Thimble I thought this might be suitably weird to run I have actually worked out the rules, and I'm now working on the map What might happen is anybody's guess The people so far who want to take part in this unusual but interesting game are, Sandra Bond, who's not getting any clues even though she is living with me -- if anything she may find that if she reaches some spots before other people she may be found hiding things that she may not want everybody in the hobby to know about!, Fiona Campbell, who although she knows the flat very well still doesn't know the deepest, darkest secrets of the bottom drawer in the bedroom, Robin ap Cyman, who knows nothing about the flat whatsoever and is therefore in an advantaged position of finding lots of surprises, Louise Auty, who as a fellow woman-loving-woman may have some better ideas where I might have hidden the thimble, Ryk Downes, who I only know of by name and reputation but who may have good inspiration due to the fact that he too has a wild, wacky mind, and I understand that he is the maker of such games as Postal Dropping Table Salt on Slugs, and Bob Holliday, who has some idea as to the contents of the flat because he helped us move in So there are up to 4 places left, first come, first served!

If this proves to be a popular game I might think of running 'Find the Hidey-Hole of the Theatre Ghost', based on the King's Theatre across the road from us I wonder how I can get hold of the blueprints of the building?

Enough of such frivolities, and now, on to retaliation time!

My dear Mr Oya thinks that I am somewhat psychic, perhaps, and made an offer for anyone who wished to write away of a Free Mystical Fiona So as not to disappoint anybody, please find enclosed below one (1) cut-out Fiona The instructions are

Place your hand five inches from your lucky Fiona and concentrate hard Into your mind will spring six lucky lottery numbers Fill in your lottery coupon and win millions! If by any freak chance it works, please send a cheque for 10% of your winnings to The Mystical Fiona McArthur, better known in pagan circles as Fifi Trixibelle, The Mystic One

PS David, I might write a back page or two but I will never write a subzine, a mini-zine, a large zine, a round zine, a square zine, a pink zine or a purple zine, no matter how hard you try! Love, *Fifi*

