

Veni Vidi Vici

Welcome to issue 52 of Veni, Vidi, Vici, (I came, I saw, I conquered), a once proud zine now declining in it's old age towards it's avowed intention of running regular Diplomacy games and providing a focal point for the hobby's Chess players. I am Brian Frew.

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A well founded sounding rumour has it that Clive Newse is back in hospital again so the Regular Diplomacy waiting list now has the following:-

WAITING LIST.

Regular Diplomacy: Howard Sykes, John Colledge. Charles Dreyer

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My thanks to all those who asked, yes, I'm enjoying my early retirement from zine production very much. Little Frew no.2 seems to be progressing splendidly so far. I'm not sure if knowing what to expect with the arrival of a new baby makes it any easier to prepare or otherwise. I think, on balance not - the trepidation is greater due to previous practical experience.

Anna has grown even more vocal, (Daddy's genes get the blame), and has developed the toddler's habit of making embarrassing remarks in public. We were happily having a meal in a local pub recently when she suddenly announced at the top of her voice, "Look Daddy, that lady's going to the toilet to do a wee!". Now, this was in fact an accurate summary of the scenario, but I doubt if the person concerned wished it to be univerally known.

REGULAR DIPLOMACY. G.M. BRIAN FREW.

SUPPLY CENTRE CHART.

	1901	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
AUSTRIA. JOHN WEBBLEY.	3	3	3	1	0				
ENGLAND. NIALL CLKARY.	4	4	3	3	5	5	7	5	4
FRANCE. TONY FRAZER.	5	6	5	5	3	1	0		
GERMANY. ANDREW HARDY.	5	5	6	6	6	7	5	8	9
ITALY. TOBY HARRIS.	4	6	5	7	9	12	15	17	20
RUSSIA. CORMAC MCGUINNESS.	5	6	7	9	10	9	7	4	1
TURKEY. PETER CHARLES.	4	4	5	3	1	0			

GAME-END STATEMENTS.

TOBY HARRIS, (ITALY).

My first reaction to this game was to leave Austria alone and head for Turkey. This is, without a doubt, Italy's best chance. After the first year though, things were pretty hot. Austria had tried a stab on me and let me into Yireste! He then made the mistake of helping me into Greece. Never stab someone and then let them off the hook - they will always want revenge.

Russia came to my aid and we worked well together for a long time as Turkey and Austria went out quickly.

Just as I was looking for further expansion France NMRed. We had good relations but an NMR is always a good excuse to attack. All you have to say is "how was I to know you were still in the game?"

Shortly after seizing Marseilles Russia stopped writing to me. At this point a draw could still have been secured but Cormac decided to drop out. However I do feel that one of my letters to England played a powerful part in the result as I persuaded him to attack Germany at the exact time when he was due for some builds. This must have severely annoyed Andrew, (it did Ed). My commiserations to Andrew who was the only real opposition. Thanks to all for the game.

BRIAN FREW. (G.M.).

Toby has pretty well given you the gist of what happened here. John chanced his arm early on and suffered the inevitable consequences as Austria when it didn't come off. Peter was squeezed out by the Russo/Italian alliance and England and Germany just had to get their act together if a draw was to be achieved, particularly after the wretched Cormac dropped out, leaving Toby with a free run in the east.

This didn't happen. Niall stabbed Andrew with a dagger that had "Made in Italy" written all over it. Thereafter, even though Niall saw the light, they had lost too much ground to prevent Toby winning. Near the end Andrew stabbed Niall to come "second" and I can't honestly say I blame him.

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THE QUADROSCRABBLE LEAGUE.

Since it looked as if Martin was going to run ordinary Scrabble rather than Quadroscrabble in the future, John Webley has sent me this final update of his statistics on the VVV Quadroscrabble games. However, I know that Martin has heard from a few of you campaigning for a resumption of Quadroscrabble so I think it might well reappear, I certainly hope so. The power of protest!

Player.	Loveys factor.	CumX	Played.	Won.	High Score.
John Webley	85.22	3494.5	40	12	324
Martin Cutmore	84.82	1187.5	13	5	269
Michael Jessop	84.77	763	8	5	303
John Mellor	84.63	2454.3	28	10	350
Andy Mayfield	79.36	2301.7	28	10	336
Peter Atkins	76.91	692.2	8	1	288
Steven Hamer	75.73	1438.8	18	4	308
John Wilman	75.47	981.1	12	1	252
Stan Moore	66.62	266.3	3	1	270
Clive Newse	63.71	1975	30	2	269
Bernard Emblem	59.00	294.8	4	0	161
Jon Pollock	55.96	279.8	4	0	206
Dave Lee	55.8	334.8	5	0	161

BORODINO.

GAME-END STATEMENT; ITALY. JOHN COLLEDGE.

The only person I knew from previous games was Andy Mayfield, (T), and for some reason, he and I just can't seem to hit it off. I think that this is because Andy likes to stir things up between other players in the hope of picking something up, whereas I prefer something a little more solid in the way of alliances. I knew that John, (E), was a good player, so I suggested that we might combine against France, Jim Stewart.

Unfortunately this crazy Austrian insisted on attacking me as his idea of the best defence, so all the plans for heading west had to go by the board. I picked up Tun and decided to head east against Andy, who was playing his usual stirring game. When the penny dropped in the Austrian camp that I wasn't going to attack him, Martin decided he would go south and not attack Ven. Unfortunately he didn't mention this fact to me so I went for Tri, as I had done for the previous three turns. Martin thought I was all sorts of unpleasantness, and rather than ask me politely to remove it vowed retribution that would make your hair stand on end!

Well, what was a poor Italian to do? This Italian called in the Russians and between us we flattened Turkey and moved into Austria. Fortunately Jim (F), had plans which didn't include moving south.

I knew that John, (E), was probably the best player in the game, so when it was clear that I could take no part in what was happening in the north and west, I suggested to France and Germany that they should be working to keep him at bay. Unfortunately Jim attacked Germany, (Graham), and I had visions of England expanding at an alarming rate. However Jim was the one who was doing well. This suited me fine as John was quite receptive to the idea of joint action. I felt it was better that he should be moving against France rather than Russia.

By 1905 I began to have thoughts about an outright win. I had moved a couple of fleets over to the west to assist France as there was an English fleet in MAO. The problem was of course to keep Jim believing that they were there to help him rather than attack him. As it happened the easy centres to take were the Russian ones but that probably meant John expanding more in the North, depending on what Peter disbanded.

Unfortunately I was a bit cheesed of with things in general at about this time and didn't give the game much thought, though I did spot the English convoy that could have given him a breakthrough. In hindsight I'm sure an Italian win was there. Jim couldn't support Mar and Mun at the same time. The plan would have been something along the lines of letting Russia take Mun while I went for Mar. Then when the time came I would take the southern Russian centres plus Ser and or course Mun. It would all have depended on how quickly John could get armies over to try to stop me but I think I could have done it.

Many thanks to Brian for GMing the game and apologies to anyone who thought it ended up a bit of an anticlimax. I would gladly play with any of you again - yes even the man with the big wooden spoon!

SAYERS.

POSTAL CLURDO TURN 4.

PLAYER.	SUGGESTION.	RESPONSE FROM.
1. STABBER BLUE.	The Champ; Rope; Dining Room.	Simply Red.
2. WOPDINGER.	Stabber Blue; Dagger; Library.	Stabber Blue.
3. GAIVS CALIGULA.	Simply Red; Rope; Kitchen.	Stabber Blue.
4. LANCKER BOYLE.	Gains Caligula; Chainsaw; Study.	Simply Red.
5. SIMPLY RED.	The Champ; Candlestick; Library.	Wopdinger.
6. THE CHAMP.	NR!!	

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ROOMS.

KITCHEN.	BALLROOM.	CONSERVATORY.	BASMENT.
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DINING ROOM.	LIBRARY.	BILLIARD ROOM.	BEDROOM.
6	1 2		
LOUNGE.	HALL.	STUDY.	ATTIC.
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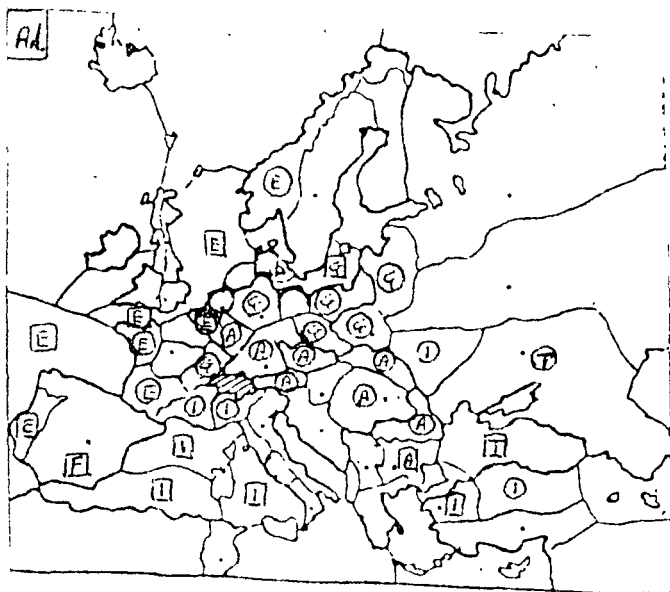
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POSTAL CHESS LEAGUE.

A change has been forced on us by Clive Hense disappearing back into hospital. Fortunately I was able to call on Steve Hillar, who is an experienced hand, having played board 1 for the second team which we ran a couple of seasons back.

If players would like to tell me what openings they are playing and the current state of their games I will publish a table in the next issue similar to those which I have done in the past. I had hoped to get hold of a copy of the British gradings list and tell you the current grades, if any, of your opponents - perhaps next time.

My own games are proceeding with extreme sloth. At the current rate it will be August before we are out of the openings. So it goes.



AUSTRIA. JULIEN SHEPLEY.

F(Bulsc)-con.
A(Rum)-s Turkish
F(ELA)-Sev.
 A(Ser)-Bud.
 A(Tr₁)-Tyr.
 A(Tyr)-Mun.
 A(Mun)-Ruh.
 A(Boh)-s A(Tyr)-Mun.
A(Gal)-Sil.

ENGLAND. PETER CHARLES.

F(Por)-s French F(Spasc).
 F(MAO)-s French F(Spasc).
 A(Par)-Gas.
 A(Lon)-Bre.
 F(ENC)-s A(Lon)-Bre.
 A(Ed₁)-bel.
 F(NTW)-c A(Ed₁)-Bel.
 A(Nwy)-stands.

FRANCE. CHARLES SMEDLEY.

F(Spasc)-stands.

GERMANY. JON POLLOCK.
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A(Lvn)-stands.
 A(War)-stands.
 A(Fru)-stands.
 F(BAL)-stands.
 A(Bur)-stands.
 A(Kie)-stands.
 A(Sil)-stands.

ITALY ANDY MAYFIELD.

A(Ukr)-War.
A(Mar)-Spa.
 A(Ank)-stands.
F(Con)-BLA.
 F(WMS)-s A(Mar)-Spa.
 F(GOL)-s A(Mar)-Spa.
 A(Vie)-Pie.
 F(Nap)-TYS.

TURKEY ADAM HARRIS

A(Mos)-Sev.
F(BLA)-s A(Mos)-Sev.

MISSING GERBANS IN BIG TROUBLE NOW.

FRES.

TO World. There were 7 in a bed etc. ...
 and Russia tell out.