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THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION presents

A RATING SURVEY 3

<u>Averaged Score</u>	<u>The Top Twenty</u>	<u>Games Won</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Games Rated</u>
813	Mike Rocamora	6	6.500	8
683	John Beshara	8	8.200	12
628	Tom Eller	7	7.533	12
561	Doug Beyerlein	10	10.650	19
542	Randy Bytwerk	6	6.500	12
523	Andrew Phillips	9	11.517	22
500	Monte Zelazny	4	4.000	8
494	Lewis Pulsipher	6	7.900	16
488	Peter Rosamilia	3	3.900	8
354	Jeff Power	4	4.250	12
321	Lenard Lakofka	5	5.783	18
321	John Smythe	8	8.333	26
293	Eugene Prosnitz	6	6.450	22
281	Rod Walker	2	3.367	12
279	Don Berman	1	2.233	8
278	Mike Goldstein	4	4.167	15
275	Edi Birsan	13	14.567	53
255	Hal Naus	5	7.917	31
244	Jeff Key	2	2.200	9
243	Dan Barrows	1	1.700	7

The number listed under "Points" is the Calhamer point count where only wins and draws are tabulated: Winners receive 1 point; in a draw, the point is divided among the surviving players. The "Averaged Score" is computed by dividing the number of points by the number of "Games Rated," omitting decimals. The resultant score is similar to a batting average in baseball.

A score of 143 is average, equivalent to winning 1 of 7 games. To arrive at an equitable score, therefore, only players completing a minimum of 7 games are included. Also excluded are players believed to be inactive for more than a year and games with less than 7 players or team games. Replacement players are not charged under "Games Rated," unless they win or draw the game.

All players should check their scores. Kindly direct inquiries to THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION, c/o Mr. John J. Beshara, 155 West 68th St., New York, NY 10023.

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THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION presents

NORTHERN STALEMATE POSITIONS

by ERIC VERHEIDEN

During the past few years, a number of analyses of western stalemate positions were published. See, for example, the articles by John Beshara and Robert Lipton, and my own "Western Stalemate Positions" in Graustark #313. None of these, however, extended a certain fundamental progression: Positions not requiring control of the Mid-Atlantic.

1. Armies: Bel, Bre, Den, Kie, Nwy, Par, Pic, Ruh, StP.

Fleets: Eng, Iri, NAT.

Supply Centers: England, Low Countries, Scandinavia, Bre, Par, Kie, StP. (12)

F Eng S A Bre A Pic S A Par A Bel S A Ruh A Den S A Kie A Nwy S A StP

Remove A Pic and A Bel. Add A Bur and with support from Paris and Ruhr, this new position requires only 11 units for 12 centers. From here, trade-in A Den for A Ber and F Bal. By supporting Berlin with A Kie and F Bal, there are now 12 units and 13 centers. Notice in the last two positions St. Petersburg is expendable; the stalemate is effective with A Swe S A Nwy.

(A slight reduction of this position appeared in John Beshara's "Fundamental Stalemate Positions, IV" in ATLANTIS #73.)

2. Armies: Ber, Bre, Bur, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Par, Ruh, StP.

Fleets: Bal, Eng, Iri, NAT.

Supply Centers: England, Germany, Low Countries, Scandinavia, Bre, Par, StP. (14)

F Eng S A Bre A Par S A Bur A Ruh S A Mun A Kie S A Mun F Bal S A Ber A Nwy S A StP

Extensions proceed in two directions:

First, heading towards Russia, add armies in Prussia and Livonia, remove A Nwy and A Ruh. A Ber and A Kie S A Mun, F Bal S A Pru, A StP S A Liv, making the position solid.

Next, exchange F Bal for A Sil, to be supported from Berlin and Prussia. A new

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A Mos supported from Livonia and St. Petersburg adds another center. Alternately, A War is controlled by support from Prussia and Livonia. To hold both Moscow and Warsaw, move A Liv-Mos. Then, A Pru S A War, A StP S A Mos, owns 16 centers with 14 units.

Finally, remove A Pru and A StP in favor of A Ukr to arrive at:

3. Armies: Ber, Bre, Bur, Kie, Mos, Mun, Par, Sil, Ukr, War.

Fleets: Eng, Iri, Nat.

Supply Centers: England, Germany, Low Countries,
Scandinavia, Bre, Mos, Par, StP, War. (16)

F Eng S A Bre A Par S A Bur A Kie S A Mun A Ber S A Sil A War S A Ukr
A Mos S A Ukr

This position of 16 centers with 13 units allows certain reductions without sacrificing the stalemate:

Remove A Par, add A Pic, A Bel and A Ruh. To retain this stalemate, F Eng add A Pic S A Bre, A Bel and A Ruh S A Bur, needing all the units of the 15 centers.

By removing A Bre, A Bur, A Pic and replacing them with A Hol and F Nth, we arrive at a position Robert Lipton previously published:

4. Armies: Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mos, Mun, Ruh, Sil, Ukr, War.

Fleets: Eng, Iri, NAT, Nth.

Supply Centers: England, Germany, Low Countries,
Scandinavia, Mos., StP, War. (14)

F Iri S F Eng F Nth S F Eng A Hol S A Bel A Ruh S A Mun A Kie S A Mun
A Ber S A Sll A War S A Ukr A Mos S A Ukr

Returning to position 2 again and heading towards Iberia instead of Russia, we see that by moving A Par-Gas and then ordering A Bre and A Bur S A Gas, we're again solid. From here, build F Mid, supporting with all three fleets in the coastal waters off England. A Bre becomes superfluous.

With either of the above variations, Marseilles is held by A Bur and A Gas, reaching the last basic position:

5. Armies: Ber., Bur., Gas., Kie., Mar., Mun., Nwy., Ruh., StP.

Fleets: Bal, Eng, Iri, Mid, NAT.

Supply Centers: England, France, Germany, Low Countries, Scandinavia, StP. (15)

F NAT S F Mid F Iri S F Mid F Eng S F Mid A Gas S A Mar A Bur S A Mar
 A Ruh S A Mun A Kie S A Mun F Bal S A Ber A Nwy S A StP

All positions described herein assume unopposed dominance of northern waters by the stalemating power or alliance. Combinations of progressions proceeding in the two directions from position 2 are generally viable and sufficiently obvious so as not to require delineation.

"Fall 1910"

1971CB

R-4

GERMANY (Jordan):

F Den-Nth
F Nwy (S) F Den-Nth
F Nth-Lon
F Hel-Hol
F Iri-Mid
F Tun-Ion
F Tyr-Rom
A Spa-Mar
A Mar-Pie
A Pic-Bre
A Vie-Tri
A Tyr (S) A Vie-Tri
A Gal-Vie
A Sil-Boh
A War-Ukr
A Mos (S) A War-Ukr
A Pru-War

ENGLAND (CD):

F Nth (R)
F Eng
F Eng
ITALY (Lamb):
A Ser (R)
A Ven-Tri
A Tri-Ser [Dislodged]
F Eas-Ion
F Ion-Aeg

TURKEY (Cleaver):

F Eas-Ion
F Gre (S) F Eas-Ion
F Sev holds
A Ser-Tri
A Bud (S) A Ser-Tri
A Bul (S) F Gre (S)
A Rum (S) A Bud

F Ion (R) Adr (S) A Ser-Tri

Underlined moves do not succeed.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

ENGLAND (CD): Edi, Nwy. (1)

GERMANY (Jordan): Ber, Mun, Kie, Den, Hol, Bel, War, Bre, Par, Mar, Spa, Mos, Lon, Tun, Swe, Por, StP, Vie, Liv, Nwy, Rom. (21)* Builds A Mun, F Kie, F Ber.

ITALY (Lamb): Rom, Ven, Nap, Tri, Ser. (3)

TURKEY (Cleaver): Con, Ank, Smy, Sev, Rum, Bul, Bud, Gre, Tri. (9)

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AUSTRIA	4	5	3	2	1	0				
ENGLAND	4	4	5	5	6*	7*	6	2	1	
FRANCE	3	4	5	6	5	2	0			
GERMANY	5	6	8	8	9	11	12	14	19**21*	Won "Winter 1910"
ITALY	5	5	7	8	8	10	10	8	5	3
RUSSIA	6	5	1	0						
TURKEY	4	4	5	5	6	5	5	6	8	9

* - indicates one build or unit short.

Austria: Steve Brooks OO-S06 (out).

England: Chris Almstrom OO-S04, David Johnson S04-F09, CD S10-W10.

France: Gary Jones OO-W01, Steve Nozik S02-S06, CD F06-W07. (out).

Germany: John Devereaux OO-S04, Harley Jordan F04-U10 (wins).

Italy: Robert Lamb OO-V10.

Russia: Blaine Mischel OO-S03, Jerry White W03-S04 (out).

Turkey: Tom Cleaver OO-W10.

Congratulations to Harley Jordan for his win; and, a special congratulations to Tom Cleaver for his second place finish and outstanding tenacity. Best of luck to you both in the rest of your games.

"Fall 1907"

1972BO

R-7

FRANCE (CD):

A Tus
A Gas
F Lyo [Dislodged]

RUSSIA (CD):

A Mos [Dislodged]

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA (CD): Waf. (O)

ENGLAND (McGuistion): Lon, Liv, Edi, Nwy, Hol, Den, Ber, Kie, StP, Swe, Bel, Par, Bre, Spa, Max. (15) Build 1.

FRANCE (CD): Max., Por, Mid. (1) Remove 2.

RUSSIA (CD): Mos. (O)

TURKEY (Beshara): Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Sev, Rum, Bud, Ser, Vie, Tri, Ven, Mun, Rom, Nap, Mos., War, Tun. (18) Build 3.

Gain --- Loss. "Winter 1907" and "Spring 1908" moves are due 1 March 1975.

"Fall 1907"

1972BY

R-2

ENGLAND (Horton):

F Mid-Wes
F NAF (S) F Mid-Wes
F Eng-Mid
F StP (nc)-Nwy
A Liv-Mos

ITALY (Beat): NMR

A Ven
A Tyr
A Pie
A Spa
F Lyo
F Por
F Wes [Dislodged]

TURKEY (Ayres): COA

A Con-Bul
A Arm-Sev
A Sev (R)
A Bul-Ser
F Aeg-Ion
F Alb (S) F Tri
F Tri holds

GERMANY (Eisen):

A War holds
A Sil (S) A War
A Boh (S) AUSTRIAN A Gal-Vie
A Mun-Tyr
A Bre (S) A Gas
A Gas (S) A Bre
A Bur (S) A Gas
F Bel holds
F Swe holds

Underlined moves do not succeed.

AUSTRIA (Jordan):

A Sev-Mos
A Ukr (S) A Sev-Mos
A Gal-Vie
F Tun-Tyr

RUSSIA (CD):

A War (R)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

AUSTRIA (Jordan): Bud, Ser, Vie, Mos, Rum. (4) No change.

ENGLAND (Horton): Edi, Liv, Lon, StP, Nwy. (5) No change.

GERMANY (Eisen): Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Den, Hol, Swe, Par, Bre, War. (10) Build 1.

ITALY (Bent): Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar, Spa, Por, Yis. (7) No change.

RUSSIA (CD): Waf. (O)

TURKEY (Ayres): Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Sev, Tri, Ser. (8) Build 2.

Gain --- Loss. The "Winter 1907" adjustments are due 1 March 1975. Dave Ayres is now at E. 2007 Desmet, Spokane, Wash. 99202.

"Winter 1906"

TDA #1

R-9

AUSTRIA (Roter): Bud, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, War, Ank, Con, Smy. (10)* No change.
ENGLAND (Ripperda): Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe, Den, StP, Mos, Sev. (9) Builds A Edi.
FRANCE (Ayres): Ere, Mar, Par, Bel, Mun, Por, Kie, Spa, Ber, Hol. (10) No change.
ITALY (Huff): Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri. (5) No change.

"Spring 1907"

ENGLAND (Ripperda):

A Sev-Mos
A Den-Kie
F Mid-Bre
F Lon-Eng
F Eng-Bel
A Edi-Hol
F Nth (C) A Edi-Hol
F Hel (S) A Edi-Hol
F Iri (S) F Lon-Eng

FRANCE (Ayres): COA

A Boh-Mun
A Spa holds
A Par (S) F Bre
A Kie-Ruh
A Bel-Hol
F Hol-Kie
A Ber (S) F Hol-Kie
F Bre (S) F Pic-Eng
F Pic-Eng
F Por-Mid

AUSTRIA (Roter):

A War-Gal
A Bud-Tri
A Bul (S) F Gre
A Tyr-Ven
A Vie (S) A Bud-Tri
A Smy holds
A Ser (S) A Bud-Tri
F Gre (S) F Con-Aeg
F Con-Aeg

ITALY (Huff):

A Tri holds [Dislodged]
A Ven (S) A Tri
F Adr (S) A Tri
F Ion-Gre
F Aeg (S) F Ion-Gre

Underlined moves do not succeed.

"Fall 1907" moves are due on 1 March 1975. Dave Ayres' new address is on Page 8.

NEWS RELEASE

THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION announces the appointment of Raymond E. Heuer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, New York 11415, as Variants Officer. Mr. Heuer is the publisher of CARN-DUM, a variant journal and addicted to variants, as both player and Gamesmaster, for almost two years. He is an Accountant with the New York State Drug Abuse Control Commission and is studying for his CPA. He is also the Numbers Custodian of "Origins of World War II," the Associate Miller Number Custodian for Orphans and Statistics, Assistant Director of the North American Variant Bank, and a member of the National Games Club of Britain.

Under Mr. Heuer's direction, TDA is currently organizing a Variants Committee, the members of which will be announced soon. Aside from his compulsion to refer to variants as "varinats," TDA is grateful for his hardy and able assistance in a number of TDA services for the hobby.

CARN-DUM has openings in many variant games available, write to Ray (address above) for more information.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART:

FRANCE (Lanham): Bre, Spa, Mar, Lon, Liv, Par, Por. (6) No change.

GERMANY (Sidor): Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Hol, Den, Zzz, Liv. (7) No change.

ITALY (Ayres): Nap, Rom Ven, Tun, Vie, Tri, Gre, Ser, Bud, Bul, Psi. (10) No change.

RUSSIA (Hollingsworth): Mos, Sev, StP, War, Nwy, Edi, Sve. (7) Build 1.

TURKEY (Roter): Ank, Con, Smy, Rum. (4) No change.

Gain --- Zzz. The Italian F Por is annihilated. The "Winter 1906" adjustments and the "Spring 1907" moves are due 1 March 1975.

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"Spring 1906"

TDA #6

R-14

GERMANY (Grahar):

FRANCE (Anderson):

A Mun-Bur [Dislodged]

F Par-Liv

A Kie-Bel

F Den-Wal

RUSSIA (Measel):

F Edi-Nth

F Wal-Lon [Dislodged]

F Cly-Liv

F Nth (S) F Wal-Lon

F Liv-Wal

F Ska (S) F Nth

F Lon (S) F Liv-Wal

A Ber-Kie

A Par-Bur

F Den (S) A Ber-Kie

A Bel (S) A Par-Bur

A Nwy holds

A Hol (S) A Bel

A Pru-Ber

AUSTRIA (McKeon):

A Sil-Mun

A Pie-Mar

A Smy holds

A Rom-Tus

F Aeg holds

A Nap-Rom

F Ion-Tyr

A Tyr (S) RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun

A Vie-Tri

A Bud holds

A Rum holds

F Tun (S) RUSSIAN F Ion-Tyr

F Ven-Apu

F Adr-Ion

F Tri-Alb

Underlined moves do not succeed.

"Fall 1906" moves and the retreats of the dislodged units are due on 1 March 1975.

R-15

Jon Michal	T r e a f g i
Alix Lischett	G t a r f e i
David Hoffman	g A f e i r t
Ken Silko	t e f I r g a
Colin Foster	R a e f t i g
Jad Dittmar	e F i t g r a
Gael Kent	E t f r i g a

R-16

Andy Lischett	G t a r f e i
Carlos Ortiz	e f T r i g a
Steve Tresco	g R t e a f i
David Holmes	E t r a g f i
Philip George	F e r t g i a
Ferkin Doyle	I t a g f r e
Steve Brooks	f t e i g r A

Countries assigned to each player are indicated by capital letter. Random choices made where ties occurred. Deadline for the "Spring 1901" moves is 8 March 1975.

Good Luck to all!