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BNC Comments

Good news for the subscribers to *Everything*. I am not going to charge anyone for this issue and the expiration issue on your mailing labels will be advanced by one. I raised the subscription price when it appeared that this would be a 24-page publication regularly. The past two issues have been slim; even with the regular and welcomed submissions by Mark Nelson. So, I'm giving everyone a break with this issue.

Next issue I hope to start my "BNC Project". I'm planning on starting with the first BN issued in *Everything* and track when the gamestart was reported and the endgame reported (issue numbers). This will give a cross-index of *E* game reports and I'll find out which endgame reports are still outstanding. I may not complete the project in my tenure as BNC; but I've briefed Mike Gonsalves (the Asst BNC) about the it and he's indicated he'll work on finishing it if need be.

The next issue should be out around the end of February. Any submissions should be in my hands by February 15th.

The Winner's Circle

Eric Brosius	England	1989Z
Alan Berwick	France	1991IC
Bob Acheson	England	1992X
Gary Behnen	Turkey	1992AA
Tim Goodwin	Turkey	1992AJ
Keith Sherwood	England	1992AQ
John Schultz	Austria	19931
Dave Partridge	Russia	1993AU
Tarlach MacNiallais	Germany	1993HV
Dan Mathias	Turkey	1993IC

By Country: England, Turkey -- 3; Austria, France, Germany, Russia-- 1; Italy -- 0

GAME STATS

Since the last issue of *Everything*, there were 29 Boardman Numbers issued including orphans and past games first submitted. 24 endgames have been reported; along with one revisions and no abandoned games.

Everything.... is the Journal and official record of the Boardman Number Custodian. It was founded in October 1972 to promote and record the postal play of the game Diplomacy. This issue of Everything... was compiled and edited by the ENC W. Andrew York (POB 2307; Universal City TX 78148; USA). Subscription fees currently are \$1.25 each domestic mail; \$1.50 Canada; or \$2.50 (US) for international subscribers. All-for-all trades with any Diplomacy related zine are accepted and are solicited. Diplomacy is the trademark name of the boardgame designed by Allan Calhamer and published by the Avalon Hill Game Co. Contents may be reprinted with appropriate attribution.

GAME STARTS

Boardman Number: 1995CB

RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer TURKEY: Kevin Wilson

Boardman Bumber: 1995HA

Boardman Number: 1995HB Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C164 G.M.: Natt Novak

Roardman Humber: 1995HC

MOTES: This is an irregular game until the players are identified.

Boardman Humber: 1995HD Boardman number.
Zeen: Diplomacy World
Name: Flapjack
G.N.: Doug Kent

Boardman Number: 1995HE Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Boardman Rumber: 1995HF
Zeen: Perelandra #130
Hame: Kaider III
C.M.: Pate Gauchan Name: Kaider III G.M.: Pete Gaughan Date Started: June 1995

Boardman Number: 1995HG

Zeen: Carolina Commd & Commentary #82

Boardman Humber: 1995HC
Zeen: America On-Line
Boardman Humber: 1995HG
Hame: Dip 104
G.M.: Alan Goldstein
Date Started: June 1995
G.M.: Michael Lowrey
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Hountdrago
ENGLAND: Tynans
FRANCE: CKratz
GERHANY: ChiefDMZ
ITALY: PDoug09
RUSSIA: WayneNK
TURKEY: Clarkweeks
Boardman Humber: 1995HG
Boardman Hum Rame: Asquith
G.M.: Michael Lowrey
Date Started: June 1995
The Players:
AUSTRIA: John Powers
ENGLAND: Kevin Wilson
PRANCE: Lance Ottman
GERMANY: Tom Johnston
ITALY: Vince Lutterbie
RUSSIA: Bric Mikulaninec

TURKEY: Alan Wiltshire

Boardman Number: 1995HH Zeen: Crimson Sky #62 Name: Brice's Crossroads

| Mame: Brice's Crossroads | Mame: Flapjack | Mame: Brice's Crossroads | Mame: Patsy Stone | Date Started: June 1995 | Date Started: July 1995 | Date Started: September 1995 | AUSTRIA: Dave Partridge | AUSTRIA: Michael Vaporis | The Players: | BEGLAND: Michael Gonsalves | BEGLAND: Tim Snyder | AUSTRIA: Pierre Touchette | FRANCE: Tom Pasko | FRANCE: Tom Boyd | ENGLAND: Don Gill | GERMANY: Stephen Koehler | GERMANY: Alan Greier | FRANCE: Rich Goranson | ITALY: James McQuinn | ITALY: Art Schleinkoffer | GERMANY: Bob Sorfleet | RUSSIA: Jerry Ritcey | RUSSIA: Fred Weidmeyer | ITALY: Melinda Holley | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | RUSSIA: Fred Wiedemeyer | TURKEY: Mark Passio | TURKEY: Melson Heintzman | TURKEY: Melson

Boardman Number: 1995HI Zeen: Maniac's Paradise

Date Started: August 1995

Zeen: Maniac's Paradise

G.M.: Bernard I Finel

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G.M.: Doug Kent

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Boardman Humber: 1995HJ

Zeen/Issue #: Costaguana (#250)

Name: The Fist

G.M.: Conrad von Metake

G.M.: Matt Howak

Date Started: June 1995

Date Started: June 1995

Date Started: June 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Steve Rutta

ENGLAND: David Garrett

ENGLAND: Paul Gardner

FRANCE: Joseph Perez

GERMANY: Mark Edmondson

ITALY: Derek Levinson

FUSSIA: Laurence Zuriff

FUSSIA: Laurence Zuriff

FUSSIA: Tin Goodwin

TURKEY: Chris Niemann

G.M.: Conrad von Metre

July 1995

The Players:

Roardman Tumber: 1995HK Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Boardman Number: 1995HL Zeen/Issue #: Graustark (#646)

G.M.: John Boardman Date Started: July 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Michael Quirk ENGLAND: Hark Edmondson FRANCE: Stuart Eves GERHANY: R J Budway ITALY: R Paul Schembari RUSSIA: Warren K Ball TURKEY: Baron M Powell

Boardman Number: 1995HN Zeen: Rambling WAY (#57) Name: Pascinatin' Rhytha G.M.: W Andrew York Date Started: August 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Andrew Lloyd ENGLAND: William Deer FRANCE: John Power GERMANY: John Szpykla ITALY: R. E. Cope RUSSIA: Rick Stuart TURIEY: Ed Rothenheber

Boardman Number: 1995HR Zeen/Issue #: America On-Line

Name: Dip 174 G.M.: Joel Veeneman Date Started: August 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Beth Habrid ENGLAND: Steven Wagner FRANCE: Richard Ferguson GERMANY: Wayne Kramer ITALY: Donald Kammer RUSSIA: John Jackson TURKEY: Frank Martin

Boardman Number: 1995HO Zeen: America On-Line

Name: Dip 177 G.M.: Joel Veeneman

TURKEY: Bill Cheney

Boardman Rumber: 1995HP Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: Overtrump G.M.: Don Croyle

Date Started: August 1995

The Players:
AUSTRIA: Roddy Beveridge
ENGLAND: Steve Cross
PRANCE: Rob Morris
GERMANY: John Cassidy ITALY: Nick Malewski RUSSIA: Luca Mosotti TURKRY: Marco Boria

Boardman Wumber: 1995HO

Zeen: The Abyssinian Prince (#163) Name: Szine Register Invitational

G.M.: Jim Burgess

Date Started: August 1995

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The Players:
AUSTRIA: Terry Tallman
EMGLAND: Tom Mash
FRANCE: Paul Rauterberg
GERMANY: Doug Kent
ITALY: Simon Billenness
RUSSIA: Ken Peel

Boardman Mumber: 1995HR Zeen: America On-Line Mame: Dip 181

TURKEY: Pete Gaughan

G.M.: Joel Veeneman

Date Started: September 1995
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Alan Goldstein
EMGLAMD: Amy Stuart
FRANCE: Edward Virgin
GERNAMY: Ted Fatovic
ITALY: Jim Caputo
RUSSIA: Mathan Jones

Boardman Number: 1995HS Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Mame: C170

O.R.: Steve Cross
Date Started: September 1995
AUSTRIA: Michael Maness
ENGLAND: Robert Anderson
PRANCE: Rob Gill
GERMANY: Harold Hardinge
ITALY: Jason Bock
RUSSIA: Jeffrey Jave RUSSIA: Tim Butler

TURKEY: Steve Smith

Boardman Rumber: 1995HT Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Rame: C171/Routine Business

G.M.: Rob Coan

Date Started: September 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Gordon Dewar ENGLAND: Steve Billington FRANCE: Ralf Krusat GERMANY: David Dworman ITALY: Bill Heine RUSSIA: Luca Mosotti TURKRY: Matt Royak

Roardman Number: 1995HU Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Name: C172/Opportunity Knocks

G.N.: Natt Howak

Date Started: September 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Dave Scharf REGLAND: lan Maxwell PRANCE: Davdi Florian GERMANY: Peter Schwaninger ITALY: Peter Smith RUSSIA: Chris Niemann TURKET: Phil Bolger

Boardman Mumber: 1995HV Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Mame: C173 G.M.: Steve Smith

Date Started: September 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Dave Scharf REGLAED: Rmeric Miszti FRANCE: Thomas Pasko GERMANY: Ian Maxwell ITALY: Havden Walters RUSSIA: Steve Taylor TURKEY: Patrick Main

Boardman Number: 1995HW Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Name: C174/And the Beat Goes ON

G.M.: Dave Scharf

Date Started: September 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Paul Paquet ENGLAND: James Mueller FRANCE: Jeff Feldman ENGLAND: James Mueller GERMARY: Bric Wirtanea ITALY: John Pares RUSSIA: Wick Malewski TURKEY: Ryk Downes

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END-GAME REPORTS

Please note the following standard codes are used through the listings: * - Played one unit short; + - Played two units short; ! - Played three units short; \$ - Played four units short; \$ - Played five units short; \$ - Played six units short

If you have any information on any game that is incomplete, it would be appreciated if you would forward that information to me. If additional information is received on an incomplete game, an updated report will be printed in a future *Everything*. Corrections are also appreciated on any printed report.

Boardman Rumber: 1994IO -- Revised

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C147

G.M.: Bric Brosius

Date Started: December 1994 Completed: May 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Mike Palmer (elim FO2) ENGLAND: James Mueller (2-way Draw) FRANCE: Gui Jospin (elim FO4) GERMANY: Mike Oliveri (2-way Draw)

ITALY: Edwin L Turnage (surv)

RUSSIA: Justin Lee (drop F06); Rob Coan (surv)

TURKEY: Bruce A Beutel (drop PO6); Hark Brifman (surv)

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I	5	6	7	8	8	5
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Boardman Number: 1989%

Zeen: Fiat Bellum (through SO4); The Abyssinian Prince (#162)

Name: Illuminatus

G.M.: Don Williams (through 804); Jim Burgess

Date Started: ?? Completed: August 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Ian Skelton (drop WO4); Bob Acheson (elim FO7) ENGLAND: Derek Levison (drop FO2); Eric Brosius (Win)

FRANCE: Eric Klein (surv)

GERMANY: Michael Pustilnik (surv)

ITALY: Tim Moore (drop PO4); Vince Lutterbie (elim P18)

RUSSIA: Glen Petroski (elim F07)

TURKEY: James Woodson (drop FO4); David Lagerson (res FO7);

Tom Engelhardt (res P15); David Partridge (surv)

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Boardman Number: 1991IC

Zeen: Boast Name: #59

G.M.: Herb Barents

Date Started: ??

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Karl Hoffman (elim F07) ENGLAND: Jack Wingate (elim F06)

FRANCE: John Crosby (?? ??); Alan Berwick (Win)

GERMARY: Richard Weiss (surv)
ITALY: Rick Lynch (elim F07)

RUSSIA: David Senzig(?); John Bolet(?); Ton Tiffany (elim F21)

Completed: October 1995

TURKEY: Mark Patterson (surv)

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Boardman Number: 1992X

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Zeen: Diplomacy Downs (through FO1); Cheesecake

Name: Forego

G.M.: Bruce Reiff (through FO1); Andy Lischett

Date Started: ?? Completed: October 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Steve Dorneman (??, FO5); Melinda Holley (elim FO9)

ENGLAND: Brian Youse (??, F01); Bob Acheson (WIN)
FRANCE: Steve Hughes (??, F02); Doug Kent (surv)
GERMANT: Ian Kralt (??, S03); Larry Botimer (elim F10)
ITALY: George Inzer (??, F02); Frank Wranovix (?? S06);

Jim Diehl (elim FO9)

RUSSIA: Darrell Wiseman (??, F04); Tim Swider (??, F08);

Eric Klein (surv)

TORKEY: John Moah (??, SO8); Paul Milewski (surv)

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Boardman Number: 1992AA SUPPLY CENTERS: Zeen: Ter-Ran (through FO9); Yellow Pajamas <u>01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10</u> G.M.: Steve Heinowski (thorugh FO9); Paul Milewski A 5 6 6 5 6 7 9 10 10 10 Date Started: ?? Completed: July 1995 E 4 7 7 8 8 8 9 10 13 18 The Players: 7 6 6 8 6 7* 3 1 Q G 3 2 0 AUSTRIA: Dan Gorham (drop WO3); CD (elim FO4) ENGLAND: Benoit Lauzon (res FO6); Phil Reynolds (surv) I 4 4 4 3 2 3* 1 0 FRANCE: Mark Fassio (res 809); David Wang (surv) R 5 6 6 8* 8 10* 10 9 5 0 GERMANY: Russ Rusnak (elim FO6) T 4 3 3 4 3 3 4 5 6 6 ITALY: Melinda Holley (surv) RUSSIA: Carl Eichelberger (drop F08); James Goode (drop S10); Boardman Number: 1992AT Pat Conion (surv) Zeen: Crimson Sky (#??-#62) TURKEY: Gary Behnen (win) Mame: Fisher's Hill SUPPLY CENTERS: G.M.: Michael Gonsalves Completed: July 1995 Date Started: ?? A 4 4 1 0 The Players: 4 4 4 4 6 6 6 6 8 6 6 2 4 4 4 4 AUSTRIA: Mark Brush (2-way Draw) F 5 5 5 7 7 7 6 6 6 6 ENGLAND: Fred Hyatt (dec FO8); Dave Patridge (2-way Draw) G 5 5 4 3 2 0 FRANCE: J Stephen Shields (elim F10) 14566678662 GERMANY: Michael Vaporis (elim F08) 6 5 5 5 4 ITALY: Gary Behnan (res FO2); Robert Koehler (surv) T 4 5 7 8 10 11 12 14 14 18 RUSSIA: Stan Johnson (surv) TURKEY: Richard Weiss (elim F06) Boardman Number: 1992AJ Zeen: Perelandra (??-#132) SUPPLY CENTERS: Name: Lameth G.M.: Pete Gaughan A 5 6 5 6 6 8 12 15* 14 16 15 15 Date Started: ?? Completed: October 1995 E 5 6 6 7 8 6 7 8 9 11 11 13 The Players: F 5 5 5 4 4 5 3 2 1 0 G 4 5 6 6 4 3 1 0 I 4 4 6 6 8 8 7 7 8 5 6 4 AUSTRIA: Dan Sellers (drop WOO); John McLaurin (elim FO3) ENGLAND: Stan Johnson (surv) FRANCE: Martin Johnson (drop W12); CD (surv) R 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 GERMANY: Randy Havens (elim F06) T 4 4 3 2 1 0 ITALY: Dennis Young (drop WO4); Kathy Caruso RUSSIA: James Bailey (surv) Boardman Rumber: 1993I TURKEY: Tim Goodwin (win) Zeen: The Home Office (through ??); Absolute! (#43) SUPPLY CENTERS: Name: Sioux <u>01</u> <u>02</u> <u>03</u> <u>04</u> <u>05</u> <u>06</u> <u>07</u> <u>08</u> <u>09</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u> <u>13</u> G.M.: Fred Hyatt (through ??); Paul Kenny A 3 1 0 Date Started: ?? Completed: October 1995 E 4 5 6 6 7 9 10 10 12 11 11 12 12 The Players: F 4 5 6 6 8 9 8 8 6 5 4 2 1 AUSTRIA: John Schultz (Von) G 5 4 1 1 1 0 ENGLAND: Jeff Suchard (?? ??); David Anderson (surv) 144443210 FRANCE: Karl Hoffman (surv) R 7 9 9 9 8 6 6 7 5 5 4 4 2 GERMANY: Bruce McClung (elim F06) T 4 6 8 8 7 8 9 9 11 13 15 16 19 ITALY: Jerry Ritcey (elim F04) RUSSIA: Patrick O'Brien (drop S11); Dwight McMahon (surv) Boardman Number: 1992AO TURKEY: Bill Sarego (elim F03) Zeen: The Abyssinian Prince Name: The Duck Invitational SUPPLY CENTERS: G.M.: Jim Burgess <u>01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11</u> Date Started: ?? Completed: August 1995 A 5 6 8 8 9 10 13 15 17 17 18 The Players: E 4 4 5 5 5 5 6 7 5 5 5 AUSTRIA: Bob Slossar (res SO4); Paul Rauterberg (surv) P 4 5 5 6 6 7 7 6 6 6 6 ENGLAND: Keith Sherwood (Win) G 4 6 5 2 2 0 FRANCE: Larry Peery (elim F08) I 4 3 1 0 GERMANY: Don Williams (elim F03) R 7 9 10 13 12 12 8 6 6 6 5 ITALY: Mark Luedi (elim FO8) T 3 1 0 RUSSIA: Bric Ozog (res WO3); Mark Lew (elim P10)

TURKEY: Robert Courtemanche (surv)

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TURKEY: Paul Glenn (drop S06); Brian Limnet (drop F09);
Boardman Number: 1993AU
                                                                                             Scott Bloom (surv)
Zeen: Crimson Sky
                                                              SUPPLY CENTERS:
Name: Natevan
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G.N.: Michael Gonsalves
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                               Completed: August 1995
Date Started: ??
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The Players:
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AUSTRIA: Chris Thomas (elim 907)
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ENGLAND: Nelson Neintzman (surv)
                                                             I 4 4 5 7 8 10 11 10 9 7
FRANCE: Stan Johnson (surv)
GERMANY: Tom Boyd (elim F06)
                                                             T 5 6* 6* 6 5 5 5 4 5
ITALY: Thomas Thornsen (surv)
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RUSSIA: Dave Partridge (Win)
TURKEY: Tim Snyder (elim F04)
                                                             Boardman Number: 1993IB
SUPPLY CENTERS:
                                                             Zeen: Carolina Command & Commentary (??-#82)
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A 5 6 6 7 4 3 0
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                                                            G.M.: Michael Lowrey
Date Started: ??
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F 4 6 7 8 10 10 10 9 7 6 3
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                                                       The Players:
AUSTRIA: Tom Johnston (drop SO4); John Daly (3-way Draw)
ENGLAND: Steve Cooley (3-way Draw)
FRANCE: Philip Cooper (surv)
GERMANY: Lance Ottman (elim FO6)
ITALY: Michael Taylor (res SO4); Bob Acheson (surv)
RUSSIA: Melinda Holley (surv)
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R 6 6 8 10 9 12 13 14 15 17 18
T 4 3 2 0
Boardman Number: 1993HO
Zeen: Rambling WAY (#35-#55)
                                                              TURKEY: Allen Ingram (3-way Draw)
Name: River City Folk
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G.M.: W Andrew York
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Date Started: October 1993
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AUSTRIA: Glenn Harden (2-way Draw)
ENGLAND: Mark Simonitch (res SO8); CD (surv)
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FRANCE: Dan Mathias (elim PO5)
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GERMANY: Phil Cooper (drop S09); Kevin Wilson (surv)
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ITALY: Michael Johnson (2-way Draw)
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RUSSIA: Robert Fabry (drop WO1); Sandy Styles (drop FO3);
                Stephen Koehler (elim F06)
                                                               Boardman Number: 1993IC
TURKEY: R.E. Cope (drop F03); CD (elim F04)
                                                               Zeen: Concordia (through PO5); The Abyssinian Prince
SUPPLY CENTERS:
                                                               Name: Valley Forge
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                                                               G.M.: Tom Mainardi (through FO5); Jim Burgess
A 5 5 7 8 10 12 12 15
                                                                                              Completed: August 1995
                                                               Date Started: ??
R 4 5 5 5 7 6 3 2
                                                               The Players:
F 4 5 5 4 0
                                                               AUSTRIA: Brian Donnelly (elim FO2)
G 5 6 6 6 7 7 7 4
                                                               ENGLAND: Scott Simpson (drop FO2); Stephen O'Brien (drop SO3);
I 4 5 6 7 9 9 12 13
                                                                       Donna Higgins (drop FO5); Phil Reynolds (surv)
R 5 5 4 4 1 0
                                                               FRANCE: John Quigley (drop Su02); Jack McHugh (drop Su07);
T 4 3 1 0
                                                                              Doug Kent (elim F08)
NOTE: Game ended prior to Fall 1909.
                                                               GERMANY: Revin Kozlowski (res WO5); Paul Kenny (surv)
                                                               ITALY: Gene Haley (drop WO5); Glenn Petroski (elim FO6)
Boardman Number: 1993HV
                                                               RUSSIA: Fred Hyatt (dec. FO8); Michael Pustilnik (surv)
Zeen: Concordia (thorugh SO2); Graustark
                                                               TURKEY: Peter Baker (drop F05); Dan Mathias (Win)
G.M.: Tom Mainardi (through SO2); John Boardman
                                                             SUPPLY CENTERS:
                               Completed: September 1995
Date Started:
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The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Cody Knotts (drop FO2); Brad Wilson (elim SO6)
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 ENGLAND: Phil Reynolds (drop SO4); Scott Skellie (drop FO9);
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                Mary Simmons (surv)
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 FRANCE: Tom Plasko (drop F02): Jim Diehl (surv)
                                                             I 4 5* 4 3 1 0
 GERMANY: Jerry Ritcey (drop FO2): Tarlach MacMiallais (Win)
                                                             R 6 9* 9 9 9 11 10 11 7 2 1
T 4 6 6 7* 8 9 10 11 12 17+ 18
 ITALY: Mike Wyant (drop S03); Paul D Kenny (surv)
 RUSSIA: Roger Cos (res SO2); David E Schwartz (elim FO3)
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Boardman Number: 1994X Boardman Number: 1994TL Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Mame: C137 Name: International Mayhem G.M.: Mark Archambault G.M.: Rob Coan Date Started: ?? Completed: July 1995 Date Started: November 1994 Completed: August 1995 The Players: The Players: AUSTRIA: Jack Leigh (elim FO5) AUSTRIA: Zvi Mowshowitz (elim F02) ENGLAND: Andy Marshall (drop 806); Zvi Mowshowitz (drop 810); ENGLAND: Rob MacArthur (elim PO4) Thomas Pasko (surv) PRANCE: Emeric Miseti (2-way Draw?) FRANCE: Dan Emberley (elim F03) GERNANY: Paul Keating (surv) GERMANY: Malcolm Wollf (surv) ITALY: Angel Monjaras (drop FO4); CD (surv) ITALY: Jaldhar Vyas (elim F08) RUSSIA: Darren Mathers (drop FO4); RUSSIA: Kevin Dalley (2-way Draw) Michale Ribeiro (2-way Draw?) TORKEY: Brain Wallace (res Su04); Chris Wiemann (surv) TURKEY: Basil Daoust (2-way Draw) SUPPLY CENTERS: SUPPLY CENTERS: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 A 4 3 2 1 0 A 3 0 E 5 4 5 5 6 6 6 4 2 1 1 1 1 E 4 4 2 0 F 6 6 8 9 12 12 14 16 15 17 G 5 6 8 9 10 11 12 14 15 15 14 11 12 G 5 5 6 7 6 6 2 1 1 1 I 5 7 5 3 3 3 1 0 I 5 5 4 3 2 2 2 1 1 1 R 6 7 8 6 6 5 5 6 8 7 7 9 9 R 6 7 7 6 6 5 7 7 8 6 T 4 5 6 10 9 9 10 10 9 11 12 13 12 1467989999 Boardman Number: 1994HA Boardman Number: 1994IP Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Name: C141 Name: C149 G.M.: Nike Oliveri G.M.: Kevin Jackley Date Started: July 1994 Completed: October 1995 Date Started: December 1994 Completed: August 1995 The Players:
AUSTRIA: Steve Smith (2-way Draw) fhe Players: The Players: AUSTRIA: Tim Hoyt (2-way Draw) ENGLAND: Bob Aube (elim F16) ENGLAND: Mike Ribeiro (surv) PRANCE: Bob Hazlewood (elim P05) FRANCE: Ian Corner (res SO5); Olaf Weckesser (drop SO6); GERMANY: Bernard I Finel (2-way Draw) J C Rice (surv) ITALY: Mike Morris (surv) GERMARY: Gerry Woolfenden (drop S06); CD (elim F07) RUSSIA: Tom Heinze (elim FO8) ITALY: Laurence Zuriff (2-way Draw) TURKEY: General Mendor (??, ?02); Doug Kent (elim F03) RUSSIA: Curt Grizzle (drop SO3); Nike R Miller (surv) TURKEY: Steve Walton (elim FO5) SUPPLY CENTERS: SUPPLY CENTERS: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 A 4 6 7 8 12 12 15 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 A 5 7 7 8 8 9 10 9 9 9 11 12 15 16 15 R 5 6 6 7 7 7 8 8 6 3 3 2 1 1 E 4 3 3 2 1 1 1 F 5 3 4 2 0 G 5 6 4 5 7 7 7 8 7 10 10 11 9 9 9 F 5 5 6 6 6 4 4 I 4 4 6 8 9 9 9 9 10 9 10 8 8 8 9 G 5 6 4 3 2 2 0 R 4 6 7 5 3 2 1 0 I 5 7 7 9 9 11 12

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RUSSIA: Louis Manios (elim POS)
Boardman Number: 1994NB
                                                          TURKEY: Loren Davis (res FO2); Ed Bennett (elim FO9)
Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
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Mame: C150/"Sesquicentennial Feud"
                                                          01 02 03 04 05 <u>06</u> <u>07</u> <u>08</u> <u>09</u> <u>10</u>
G.M.: Rob Coan
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AUSTRIA: Jose Isasi (elim F03)
                                                         G 5 6 6 6 8 9 10 11 11 11
ENGLAND: POE (elim FO5)
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FRANCE: Alexander Kleanthou (2-way Draw)
GERMANY: Andrew Wright (??, SO4); Steve Taylor (2-way Draw)
ITALY: Olaf Weckesser (??, FO5); Rob MacArthur (??, SO6);
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              Kevin Jackley (surv)
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ROSSIA: Darek Levison (surv)
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TURKEY: Patrick Main (surv)
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SUPPLY CENTERS:
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                                                          Date Started: January 1995 Completed: July 1995
A 3 2 0
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E 4 2 2 1 0
                                                        AUSTRIA: Brian Bales (drop WO1); Richard Shannon (surv)
F 5 6 6 8 8 11 11 15 14
                                                        RRGLAND: Dino Frederico (rem SO2); "Enlightened" (rem SO3);
G 5 6 6 4 6 7 6 8 11
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                                                                                Jerry McGoveran (elim F04)
                                                       FRANCE: Marc Pinsonneault (2-way Draw)
GERMANY: Jack McMaughton (2-way Draw)
R 7 9 12 12 11 8 9 5 4
T 4 3 2 3 3 2 1 1 1
                                                         ITALY: Thomas J Murphy (elim P06)
                                                        RUSSIA: Rob Winslow (res SO4); Oren Phipps (surv)
NOTES: This game is irregular until "POE" is identified.
                                                          TURKET: Louis Manios (rem WO4); Walter & Bardell (surv)
                                                          SUPPLY CENTERS:
Boardman Number: 1995A
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Zeen: America On-Line
                                                          A 4 4 3 4 3 2 1
Name: D124
                                                          E 4 3 1 0
G.M.: Brian Alden
                                                         F 6 6 7 7 10 11 12
Date Started: January 1995 Completed: July 1995
                                                          G 5 5 7 8 10 12 12
The Players:
AUSTRIA: David Morrison (elim F09)
                                                          I 4 3 4 3 1 0
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RNGLAND: Alan Packer (elim FO5
                                                         14554333
FRANCE: Thomas Ruwitch (3-way Draw)
GERMANY: David Rivenburgh (res S06); Bob Gibbs (3-way Draw) ROTES: This game is irregular until "Enlightened" is
                                                                  identified. The draw occured in SOS.
ITALY: Adam Lipton (elim F10)
RUSSIA: Joel Veeneman (3-way Draw)
                                                           Boardman Humber: 1995V
TURKEY: Mike Mapierala (elim F04)
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  G M Brian Alden
A 5 6 7 9 9 8 8 4 0
B 4 4 2 1 0
                                                          Date Started: February 1995 Completed: June 1995
F 5 6 6 7 7 7 7 8 11 12
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G 5 5 6 6 6 7 7 8 10 10
                                                         AUSTRIA: Glenn Wallin (surv)
                                                      ENGLAND: Cliff Riggs (3-way Draw)
FRANCE: Hike Hapierala (elim F07)
I 4
      5 5
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             6 5 6 7 9 10 12
R 6
    6 7
T 4 2 1 0
                                                         GERMANY: Ricky Frank (elim FO6)
                                                         ITALY:
                                                                  Ron Benditt (elim F05)
                                                         ROSSIA: Andrew Hill (3-way Draw)
Boardman Number: 1995E
Zeen: America On-Line
                                                         TURKET: Jeff Bicher (3-way Draw)
                                                         SUPPLY CENTERS:
Name: Dip 125
G.M.: Brian Alden
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Date Started: January 1995 Completed: August 1995
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The Players:
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AUSTRIA: David Lincoln (3-way Draw)
BNGLAND: Michael Corbin (3-way Draw)
                                                          G 4 4 3 4 3 0
                                                          I 4 4 3 2 0
FRANCE: Lane Hess (elim F09)
                                                          R 4 4 6
                                                                      6 7 9 9 10
GERMARY: Todd Boaz (3-way Draw)
                                                          T 5 6 7 7 8 10 10 10
ITALY: Guillermo Escobar (elim FO4)
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Boardman Number: 1995% Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Mame: C157 G.M.: Justin Mitchell Date Started: March 1995 Completed: July 1995 The Players: AUSTRIA: Steve Cross (surv) ENGLAND: Eric Wirtanen (2-way Draw) FRANCE: Gordon Dewar (elim F06) GERNANY: Bill Heine (2-way Draw) ITALY: "Piete" (elim FO5) RUSSIA: David Garrett (elim FO5) TURKEY: Jeff Roughgarden (surv) SUPPLY CENTRES: 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 A 5 6 6 6 7 6 7 R 5 5 6 7 9 11 12 F 5 5 4 2 1 0 G 5 6 6 8 10 10 12 I 4 3 2 1 0 R 4 3 3 1 0 T 4 6 7 9 7 7 3 MOTE: This game is irregular until "Fiete" is identified. Boardman Number: 1995AB Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Name: Grand Marshall G.M.: Steve Smith Date Started: April 1995 Completed: August 1995 The Players: AUSTRIA: Ian Maxwell (elim PO3) ENGLAND: Thomas Pasko (elim F05) PRANCE: Steve Taylor (4-way Draw) GERMANY: Emeric Miszti (4-way Draw) ITALY: Dave Scharf (4-way Draw) RUSSIA: Patrick Main (4-way Draw) TURKEY: Hayden Walters (elim F07) SUPPLY CENTERS: <u>01</u> <u>02</u> <u>03</u> <u>04</u> <u>05</u> <u>06</u> <u>07</u> <u>08</u> A 4 3 0 E 4 3 2 1 P 6 6 6 6 8 8 8 8 G 5 6 7 7 8 9 9 7 I 4 5 7 8 9 11 11 12 6 7 8 6 5 6 R 5 T 4 5 5 4 3 1 0 Boardman Number: 1995HX Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Name: C175 G.M.: Clif Rice

Date Started: October 1995 The Players: AUSTRIA: Bruce de Wet ENGLAND: Michael Guenther FRANCE: George Atkins GERMANY: Nick Deagle ITALY: Jay Ouzts RUSSIA: Chris Jenson TURKEY: Laurence Tilley

Boardman Number: 1995HY Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T1

G.N.: Steve Cross

Date Started: October 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Ian Maxwell ENGLAND: Didier Flipo FRANCE: David Sidelinger GERNANY: Ryk Downes ITALY: Drew Franz RUSSIA: Patrick Loughlin TURKEY: James Mueller

Boardman Rumber: 1995HZ Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat Name: 72/Race to the Finish Line

G.M.: Nark Brifman

Date Started: October 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Rod Vincent ENGLAND: Alexis Claux FRANCE: Chris Bienann GERMANY: Bric Wirtanen ITALY: Jeff Feldman BUSSIA: Red MacDougall TURKEY: Nike Morris

Boardman Number: 1995IA Icon: The Armchair Diplomat Name: \$4/Unanimous Defeat

G M : Nath Howak

Date Started: October 1995

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Bruce Allen ESCLASD: fin Hoyt FRANCE: John Bolash CERNALY: Jim Shapiro ITALT. Mark Weston 1988ia John Cassidy TVERET: Ralph Tropeano

Boardman Bumber: 1995IB Lees The Armchair Diplomat Name. 78/What a Lovely Little War

G M Joe Roberts

Date Started: October 1995

the Players:

AUSTRIA: Craig Mills ENGLAND: Gregg Smith FRANCE: Bob Hazlewood GERMANY: John Pares ITALY: Andrew Brown RUSSIA: Shawn Miklaucic TURKRY: Rmeric Miszti

Statistical Survey Of Non-Orphaned Game Results: Everything 83 through Everything 92.

By Mark Nelson

1 Introduction.

In this article I present statistics on non-orphaned postal and Compuserve games. The analysed games have been culled from Everything 83 (January-December 1990) through to Everything 92 (June 1995). Games played over AOL and internet networks are excluded, in the former because the sample size (eleven games) is too small. A game is considered orphaned if it had more than one GM and/or if it was GMd in more than one zine. However a game which had one GM and two, or more, zines is not considered to be an orphan game if the name change in zines is `cosmetic'; the change is considered to be cosmetic if the publisher either changes the name of the zine but the `nature' of the zine remains, more-or-less, the same (eg The Boob Report to The Abyssinian Prince) or the publisher converts smoothly from non-warehouse to warehouse (eg Penguin Dip to Black Tie Affairs).

2. Presentation of Statistical Data.

Table 1 provides basic statistical data on the games, using the indicator functions introduced in an earlier article (1). In that article I analysed non-orphan games reported in *Everything* 85 (May 1992) through *Everything* 88 (September 1993). The survey size in this earlier article was 112 postal games and 28 Compuserve games.

There is little difference in the statistics in the earlier and current articles, suggesting that there has been little, or no, change in postal (Compuserve) diplomacy in recent years. Although the win number has decreased very slightly since the earlier article, where it was 49\% and 46\% for postal games and compuserve games respectively, this change does not appear to be significant; the Dropout number has decreased slightly, but again this does not appear to be significant, \$2.86 \pm 1.65\\$ and \$2.07 \pm 1.36\\$ for postal and compuserve games in the first survey; the length number has slightly decreased since the first survey, the figures are \$1910 \pm 3.45\\$ and \$1909.75 \pm 3.44\\$ respectively for postal and Compuserve games; the QR ranking for postal games has increased from 3.50 to 3.77 whilst that for compuserve games has decreased from 4.71 to 4.58.

		Postal			Compusery	7 e	
Games	:	273			80 .		
Wins	:	131			35		
Draws	:	142			45		
Win Number	:	48.0			43.7		
Av Dropouts	:	2.60	+/-	1.54	2.02	+/-	1.30
Av Gamelengt	h::	1909.80	+/-	3.89	1909.26	/pm	3.00
QR	:	3.77			4.58		

Table 1: Basic statistical data on game results, average number of dropouts, average game length and QR rating for non-orphaned games reported in *Everything* 83 through *Everything* 92.

Table 2 contains the percentage Calhamer points gained by each power in non-orphaned games. In interpreting such data we normally have to worry about how significant any differences are, are the differences due to random fluxs?, in this case it is clear that there are considerable differences between results of postal games and results played on Compuserve; Italy is underachieving in Compuserve games, scoring a dismal 3.75\%.

What I find fascinating about this is how little Austria is benefiting from Italy's under-achievement. The beneficiaries are Germany $(+3.95\$), France $(+2.73\$), Austria $(+0.52\$) and England $(0.49\$). Note that Russian Calhamer Point Score has hardly been effected $(\$-0.007\$).

Power	Percentage	Calhamer Points
	Postal	Compuserve
AUSTRIA	13.540	14.062
ENGLAND	15.238	15.729
FRANCE	17.478	20.208
GERMANY	12.094	16.041
ITALY	11.226	3.750
RUSSIA	14.902	14.895
TURKEY	15.519	15.312

Table 2: Percentage number of Calhamer Points achieved in non-orphaned games by each power. Data from *Everything* 83 through *Everything* 92.

The win number for postal and compuserve games are very similar, 48\% and 43.7\%. Is there any difference in the type of draws achieved in the two mediums? To answer this question Table 3 contains the Draw Spectrum for each medium. Clearly the spectra are distinct, there have been no `large' (5-way or greater) draws in compuserve games and, most importantly, just over three draws in four on Compuserve are 2-way.

	Postal	Compuserve
2-way	41.843	77.777
3-way	32.624	17.777
4-way	16.312	4.444
5-way	7.801	0.000
6-way	1.418	0.000
7-way	0.000	0.000

Table 3: Draw Spectrum for non-orphaned games. Data from Everything 83 through Everything 92.

3. Discussion.

Suppose a group of diplomacy players is randomly distributed into two groups. One plays postal diplomacy and the other plays

over Compuserve. Does the medium of play effect how long it takes to play the game? If the average gamelength varies significantly with the medium then this variation might be sufficient to explain any differences in Calhamer Point scores for the seven powers. For example games which finish 'quickly' are more likely to see Russian, rather than Turkish, wins, so that in a survey of quickly finished games Russia would score higher, and Turkey lower, than in a survey based on all games.

If the number of original players who dropout is significantly different between the two mediums than this might cause a difference in the structure of results. One might expect that in games with a larger number of dropouts there are smaller draws, either because standby players are more willing to concede draws to the original players, who are fewer in number, or because the original players, who are fewer in number, have better positions because they have not NMRd.

In (1) I analysed how the result of postal games varied with the number of original players to drop from the game. The data was scattered but when presented in the form of rolling averages suggested that games with fewer dropouts (0-2 and 1-3) and large number of dropouts (5-7) were less likely to end in a win than games with an 'average' number of dropouts (2-4, 3-5, and 4-6).

Table 1 shows that there is negligible difference in the average game length in postal (\$1909.80 \pm 3.89\$) and Compuserve (\$1909.26 \pm 3.00\$) mediums. Any difference in Calhamer Point scores can not be explained on the basis of differing game lengths. In addition Table 1 shows little difference in the number of dropouts between the two mediums, \$2.6 \pm 1.54\$ for postal and \$2.02 \pm 1.30\$ for Compuserve. The number of wins is slightly lower for compuserve games (\$43.7\%\$ against \$48.0\%\$) and this is consistent with the analysis of (1) (assuming that we can move from a discrete to continuous analysis), however the distribution of draws is opposite to that expected: The medium with fewer dropouts has an increased number of small-way draws.

Italy is considered by many to be the hardest power to play, and this suggests an explanation for the dismal performance of Italy in Compuserve games: Is the selection of postal and Compuserve players equally random?

Many postal players played diplomacy face-to-face prior to entering The Hobby. For those not having FTF experience the 'long' deadlines of postal play provide an opportunity to study the rulebook, to study the game position and to play through suggestions mentioned in correspondence. In addition there is the opportunity of playing through games reported in zines that they receive and analysing current positions, this in particularly easy thesedays since so many zines carry maps.

From my involvement in the internet diplomacy community I know that there are internet players who start playing only days (perhaps hours!) after discovering diplomacy. Internet deadlines are 'quick', there is less time to study a position and to consider correspondence. In theory it is easier to get complete games to play through, in practice I believe most players (particularly beginners) pay no attention to games other than those in which they are playing. In particularly this means that

absolute novices do not look at other games. In theory internet players have access to more games than postal players, in practice they access less games than postal players; in practice they do not access games unless they are playing. This means that a complete beginner has nothing to go on --- this would certainly explain some of the strange, bizarre, openings that have been reported!

I suspect that something similar happens on Compuserve. It is almost too easy for an absolute novice to enter a game, with no exposure to other games and no expectations. As a consequence the `standard-of-play' in Compuserve games is lower than that in postal games and the power which is the hardest to play (Italy) fares worse. However it is difficult to believe that this could account for such a dramatic decline (\$-7.48\%\$) in Italy's performance.

It is not presently possible to explain the poor performance of Italy in Compuserve games. What is required is a more in-depth survey of Compuserve games: Is Italy scoring poorly because it is being eliminated unusually early in the game, is Italy reaching four centers and then remaining static for the rest of the game, is Italy surviving until the endgame but just not scoring results? An analysis based on sc count variation during the course of each game is required to answer these questions.

Whatever the explanation for Italy's poor performance, is it possible to explain that the main beneficiaries of weak Italian play are France and Germany? It would be more logical if the main beneficiaries were Austria and Turkey, perhaps in addition Russia.

In making the comments that I have from the data presented in Table 2 I am assuming that each power has an intrinsic strength which is independent of the player pool. An analysis of British Postal games, played since 1969, shows that the relative strength of the powers has been constantly evolving. Two explanations are usually offered for this behaviour: diplomacy statistics have often been widely reported in British zines, so the fact that one power has done well in the recent past results in it performing relatively poorly in the recent future, and, since the British Hobby is fairly compact, new ideas in 'opening theory' are rapidly disseminated.

Whilst fluxs of this kind could account for `small' differences between postal and Compuserve results they can not account for the large difference observed. I can only conclude that compuserve players just don't know how to play Italy!

As noted above the draw spectrum for Compuserve games is very different to that for postal play. My anecdotal explanation for this, gained whilst entering data from Everything, is that Compuserve games are not DIAS. Although I haven't examined any Compuserve game positions I believe that Compuserve players are agreeing two-way draws prematurely, they are agreeing draws when there is still play left in the game. If the standard of players on compuserve is lower than that in postal games then it may be the case that players are not aware of minority stalemate lines. Additionally small powers may not be using the threat to throw the game to gain larger draws.

I noted in an early article (1) that it would be interesting to examine the effect that DIAS rules have on game results, I also commented that it is difficult to know which zines ran DIAS games. Without knowing the houserules of the zines it is still possible to gain an approximate insight into the DIAS effect. Although a draw which includes all survivors has not necessarily been played to DIAS rules, a draw which excludes one, or more, survivors is not DIAS. By examining the number of survivors not included in the draw it is possible to gain an insight into the difference between DIAS/no-DIAS games. At the moment my databases do not include this information (I didn't think it was interesting!), at a latter date I hope to add this data and examine the DIAS/no-DIAS divide.

4.0 Conclusion

From Table 1 and the discussion in Section 3.0 I conclude that differences in results between postal and Compuserve games are not due to differences in the time taken to complete the game and the number of dropouts.

Any firm conclusions drawn from the data presented in this article are likely to be controversial. At first sight it appears that Compuserve players aren't up to the task of playing Italy, but the poor Italian results may be a result of strategic failure on the part of other powers. Austria is not greatly benefiting greatly from Italy's dismal performance, Russia appears not to be touched by it and Turkey appears to be slightly suffering --- it may be that Compuserve players don't know how to play Austria, Italy, Russia and Turkey!

The draw spectrum? Compuserve players are weak-willed and easily dominated, they do not have the fighting spirit; preferring to head home for an early bath rather than to fight to the last breath. Shame on them. Sname.

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