

EVERYTHING

Journal of the Boardman Number Custodian

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BNC Comments

The next BNC has been chosen, and it is returning BNC Conrad von Metzke. We've been talking about the transfer and such that will take place next summer. I will definitely do the next issue (out in February/March). We does the following, summer, issue is still to be determined. I expect a smooth transition and will keep everyone informed on the progress.

The Winner's Circle

Glenn McMaster	Turkey	1989CA
David Anderson	Turkey	1990CF
Buz Eddy	France	1991AR
Tarlach MacNiallais	France	1993G
Harley Jordan	Italy	1993U
Richard Weiss	England	1993HA
Ken Walker	Italy	1994B
Jim O'Kelley	Russia	1994HM
Lee Simpson	Italy	1995HK
James Mueller	Turkey	1995HY
Bernard Finel	Austria	1995IE
Mark Simpson	Germany	1995IF
Bernard Finel	England	1996F
Colin Partridge	Austria	1996M
Randall Goldring	Austria	1996N
Lee Simpson	Germany	1996AY
Jeff Munkers	Austria	1996HH
Lynn Ashton	France	1996HO (irr)

By Country: Austria -- 4, Italy, France, Turkey -- 3,
Germany, England -- 2; Russia -- 1

GAME STATS

Since the last issue of *Everything*, there were 28 Boardman Numbers issued including orphans and past games first submitted. 28 endgames have been reported; along with one revision and zero abandoned games.

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GAME STARTS

Boardman Number: 1996AV
 Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C201/Beautiful New Century
 G.M.: Lee Simpson
 Date Started: July 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Iain Frew
 ENGLAND: Malc Smith
 FRANCE: Steve Cross
 GERMANY: Christian Lecoq
 ITALY: John Pierce
 RUSSIA: Mike Oliveri
 TURKEY: David Dworman

Boardman Number: 1996AW
 Zeen/Issue #: Maniac's Paradise #89
 Name: Pattycake, Pattycake
 G.M.: Doug Kent
 Date Started: July 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Fred Wiedemeyer
 ENGLAND: Fulton Broemer
 FRANCE: Rick Davis
 GERMANY: Jonas Johnson
 ITALY: Mike Bardach
 RUSSIA: Tarlach MacNiallais
 TURKEY: Harold Zarr

Boardman Number: 1996AX
 Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C202/The Seven Deadly Sinners
 G.M.: Ian Hayward
 Date Started: July 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Eric Peterson
 ENGLAND: Grant Wilkinson
 FRANCE: Matt Gegg
 GERMANY: Richard Pike
 ITALY: Joseph Buchanan
 RUSSIA: Rich Todd
 TURKEY: Frank Pohlen

Boardman Number: 1996AY
 Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C205Q/Attack of Killer Squid
 G.M.: Jason Israel
 Date Started: August 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Michael J Roderick
 ENGLAND: Nick Malewski
 FRANCE: Michael Warren
 GERMANY: Lee Simpson
 ITALY: Hayden Walters
 RUSSIA: Ernst Teunissen
 TURKEY: Mike Shaw

Boardman Number: 1996AZ
 Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C203/The 1900 Olympiad
 G.M.: Richard Pike
 Date Started: August 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Marc St Rose
 ENGLAND: Gary Nield
 FRANCE: Mark Berman
 GERMANY: Tim Roberts
 ITALY: David Florian
 RUSSIA: Kurt Cepeda
 TURKEY: Ian Hayward

Boardman Number: 1996HA
 Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C206
 G.M.: Steve Angers
 Date Started: August 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Tom DeButts
 ENGLAND: Hobie Brooks
 FRANCE: Randall Goldring
 GERMANY: Malcolm Lamb
 ITALY: Stefan Berz
 RUSSIA: Dan Rue
 TURKEY: Mark Finley

Boardman Number: 1996HB
 Zeen/Issue #: CyberSide/??
 Name: Kraft
 G.M.: Jason Wilke
 Date Started: August 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Tim Goodwin
 ENGLAND: Berry Renken
 FRANCE: Greg Ellis
 GERMANY: Richard Bender
 ITALY: John Rushforth
 RUSSIA: Pasquale Glovine
 TURKEY: Curtis VanMeter

Boardman Number: 1996HC
 Zeen/Issue #: Cyberside
 Name: Weider Normal
 G.M.: Jason Wilke
 Date Started: September 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Fred Wiedemeyer
 ENGLAND: Jef French
 FRANCE: Marc Peters
 GERMANY: Hjal Nelson
 ITALY: Craig House
 RUSSIA: Dave Baxter
 TURKEY: Gary Moriarty

Boardman Number: 1996HD
 Zeen/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C204/Phoney War
 G.M.: Richard Pike
 Date Started: September 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Joe Faust
 ENGLAND: Christian Lecoq
 FRANCE: Iain Frew
 GERMANY: Joseph Buchanan
 ITALY: Rob Hawkins
 RUSSIA: Dermot Nolan
 TURKEY: Mike Shaw

Boardman Number: 1996HE
 Zeen/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C206
 G.M.: Steve Angers
 Date Started: September 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Richard Pike
 ENGLAND: Gordon Dewar
 FRANCE: Bruce Calder
 GERMANY: Allan MacKenzie
 ITALY: Bob Anderson
 RUSSIA: Javi Perez
 TURKEY: Norm Ryan

Boardman Number: 1996HF
 Zeen/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
 Name: C208
 G.M.: Justin Mitchell
 Date Started: September 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Bret Cousins
 ENGLAND: Ganesh Sittampalam
 FRANCE: John Pierce
 GERMANY: Steve Wainer
 ITALY: Mark Farbus
 RUSSIA: Ken Sparta
 TURKEY: Tony Lockett

Boardman Number: 1996HG
 Zeen/Issue #: off-the-shelf/Vol 4 #7
 Name: Dosewallips River
 G.M.: Tom Howell
 Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Harold Zarr
 ENGLAND: Rich Goranson
 FRANCE: Fred Weidemeyer
 GERMANY: Peter Boyum
 ITALY: Tim Lurz
 RUSSIA: Pete Dixon
 TURKEY: Ward Narhi

Boardman Number: 1996HH
Zeem/Issue #: America On-Line
Name: The Pen and Ink/Dip 215
G.M.: RL Sargent
Date Started: February 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Jeff Munkers
ENGLAND: Scott Downie
FRANCE: Brien Martin
GERMANY: Robert Wolf
ITALY: Creigh Rahenkamp
RUSSIA: Chris Evans
TURKEY: Mike Lively

Boardman Number: 1996HL
Zeem/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: Hops or Barley, Your Choice
G.M.: Edwin Turnage
Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Ken Sparta
ENGLAND: Koen Verelst
FRANCE: Colin Partridge
GERMANY: Frank Pohlen
ITALY: Pete Redo
RUSSIA: Mike Shaw
TURKEY: Martin Willan

Boardman Number: 1996HP
Zeem/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: T21
G.M.: Bob Aube
Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Steve Angers
ENGLAND: Edwin Turnage
FRANCE: Mike Morris
GERMANY: Bernard Pinel
ITALY: Bob Hazlewood
RUSSIA: David Sidelinger
TURKEY: Kevin Jaekley

Boardman Number: 1996HI
Zeem/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: C209
G.M.: Ganesh Sittampalam
Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Marcel van Vliet
ENGLAND: Mark Heyward
FRANCE: Tom DeButts
GERMANY: Matt Gegg
ITALY: Scott Tortorice
RUSSIA: Ken Hill
TURKEY: Pete Birks

Boardman Number: 1996HM
Zeem/Issue #: Maniac's Paradise/93
Name: Looks the Same, Tastes the Same
G.M.: Doug Kent
Date Started: November 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Bill McCullan
ENGLAND: Ward Narhu
FRANCE: Dave Grabar
GERMANY: Steve Bernosky
ITALY: Stephen Dorneman
RUSSIA: Harold Zarr
TURKEY: Brad Wilson

Boardman Number: 1996HQ
Zeem/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: T23
G.M.: Kevin Jaekley
Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: John Pares
ENGLAND: Ryk Downes
FRANCE: Eric Writanen
GERMANY: Mark Brifman
ITALY: Steve Cross
RUSSIA: Matt Nowak
TURKEY: Dirk Fischbach

1996HJ
Zeem/Issue #: America On-Line
Name: Dip 254
G.M.: Ed Fish
Date Started: August 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Jim Flowe
ENGLAND: Mark Thompson
FRANCE: R J Gill
GERMANY: Robert Morris
ITALY: Andrew Lloyd
RUSSIA: Jim Phillips
TURKEY: Michael Fishman

Boardman Number: 1996HN
Zeem/Issue #: Yellow Pajamas/16
Name: Fritz Brenner
G.M.: Paul Milewski
Date Started: Ocotober 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Mark Fassio
ENGLAND: Randy Davis
FRANCE: Joe Payne
GERMANY: Harold Zarr
ITALY: Jack Garrett
RUSSIA: Peter Boyum
TURKEY: Mark Newburger

Boardman Number: 1996HR
Zeem/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: T28/Bandidos
G.M.: John Bolash
Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Ralph Tropeano
ENGLAND: Bill Heine
FRANCE: Mark Simpson
GERMANY: Gregg Smith
ITALY: Rod Vincent
RUSSIA: Arnie Toporowski
TURKEY: Kenneth Collins

Boardman Number: 1996HK
Zeem/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: T19/The James Conspiracy
G.M.: Bill Heine
Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Lee Simpson
ENGLAND: Dennis Niemira
FRANCE: Alexis Claux
GERMANY: Jim Garvey
ITALY: Jim Shapiro
RUSSIA: James Mueller
TURKEY: Mark Gregory

Boardman Number: 1996HO
Zeem/Issue #: America On-line
Name: Dip 224
G.M.: Richard Sargent
Date Started: April 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Michael J Roderick
ENGLAND: Rudolphe A J Boulanger
FRANCE: Lynn Ashton
GERMANY: Eric Van Rossum
ITALY: Charles Toots
RUSSIA: Rodger Garfinkle
TURKEY: S Beckley

Boardman Number: 1996HS
Zeem/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: T19/The James Conspiracy
G.M.: Bill Heine
Date Started: October 1996
The Players:
AUSTRIA: Lee Simpson
ENGLAND: Dennis Niemira
FRANCE: Alexis Claux
GERMANY: Jim Garvey
ITALY: Jim Shapiro
RUSSIA: James Mueller
TURKEY: Mark Gregory

More after End-Game Reports

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.

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Boardman Number: 1989CA
 Zeen: Clandestine Activites (through F04); Fly by Night (flyer-through F07); Northern Flame
 Name: Windfields
 G.M.: Doug Acheson (through F04); Mario Cauz (through P09); Robert Lesco (through F11); Doug Acheson
 Date Started: 1989 Completed: April 1996
 The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Melinda Holley (elim F12)
 ENGLAND: Mark Hunt (drop W04); Bob Acheson (surv)
 FRANCE: Gary Sinnott (drop W07); Dave Elliott (drop S10); John McLaurin (surv)
 GERMANY: Bernie Oaklyn (drop W04); Cal White (elim P07)
 ITALY: Pierre Touchette (drop W04); CD (elim P06)
 RUSSIA: Brian Wilson (rep P04); W Andrew York (surv)
 TURKEY: Glenn McMaster (Win)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
A	4	4	2	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	0		
E	4	6	7	6	5	4	4	5	6	6	5	4	4	4
F	6	5	5	5	4	5	7	7!	6+	5+	6	6	5	3
G	4	4	2	2	1	1	0							
I	5	4	3	1	1	0								
R	5	7	10	10	13	12	10	9	7	7	7	7	8	7
T	4	4	5	7	7	10	11	11	14	15	15	17	17	20

Boardman Number: 1990CP
 Zeen: Northern Flame
 Name: Steve Earle
 G.M.: Cal White (through F11); Robert Lesco
 Date Started: August 1990 Completed: June 1996
 The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Nelson Heintzman (elim F05)
 ENGLAND: Fred Wiedemeyer (surv)
 FRANCE: Andy DeShaw (drop S04); W Andrew York (surv)
 GERMANY: Michael Gonsalves (elim P06)
 ITALY: David Senzig (elim F06)
 RUSSIA: Phil Reynolds (res W09); Bob Acheson (surv)
 TURKEY: Steve Nicewarner (drop W10); David Anderson (Win)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A	4	3	3	1	0												
E	4	3	3	4	5	4	5	3	3	4	4	4	5	7	7	7	7
F	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	8	6	6	6	5	4	4	3	1
G	5	7	7	4	1	0											
I	4	4	2	2	1	0											
R	6	7	8	9	11	12*	11	14	12	12	12	11	9	7	7	7	7
T	4	5	6	8	10	11	11	10	11	12	12+	13*	15	16	16	17	19

Boardman Number: 1991AR
 Zeen: Upstart (through S09); Cheesecake
 Name: Shenandoah
 G.M.: Garrett Schenk (through S09); Andy Lischett
 Date Started: Completed: September 1996
 The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Don Williams (drop P09); Peter Boyum (surv)
 ENGLAND: J Scott Simpson (?? ??)
 FRANCE: Buz Eddy (Win)
 GERMANY: J Douglas English (drop S09); Ricky Aderman (surv)
 ITALY: Richard L Tucker (surv)
 RUSSIA: Joe Brooks (?? ??)
 TURKEY: Steve Emmert (?? ??)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
A								10	10	11	11	11	10	
E														
F								12	11	11	11	13	18	
G								5	5	5	5	2	2	
I								7	8	7	7	8	4	
R														
T														

NOTES: Information on the game prior to it being rehoused is unknown.

Boardman Number: 1992AS
 Zeen: Northern Flame
 Name: Dolly Parton
 G.M.: Cal White (through W04); Robert Lesco
 Date Started: November 1992 Completed: June 1996
 The Players:
 AUSTRIA: Vance Copeland (surv)
 ENGLAND: Bob Sorfleet (2-way Draw)
 FRANCE: Fred Wiedemeyer (elim P05)
 GERMANY: Martyn Phillips (2-way Draw)
 ITALY: Nelson Heintzman (res S08); Mike Gonsalves (elim F09)
 RUSSIA: Grant Current (drop W05); Gale Wetmore (res F08); Melinda Holley (surv)
 TURKEY: Bob Acheson (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	7	8
E	4	6	6	5	7	7	8	10	11
F	5	5	5	3	0				
G	5	5	5	7	9	8	10	10*	11
I	5	5	4	5	5	6	4	1	0
R	5	5	5	5	4*	4	3	2	1
T	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	3

Boardman Number: 1993G

Zine: Rambling WAY

Name: Stardate

G.M.: W Andrew York

Began: February 1993 Ended: July 1996

The Players:

Austria: Ed Quellette (res W01), Ken Marcinonis (elim F02)

England: Jerry Ritcey (drop S09), Eric Young (surv)

France : Christian Thomas (drop F09),

Tarlach MacNiallais (Win)

Germany: Andreas Phelps (drop F03), Bob Herbst (elim F15)

Italy : Will Richardson (res S04), Joe Brooks (res S12),

CD (elim F14)

Russia : Rick Stuart (res F05); Doug Kent (surv)

Turkey : David Smith (surv)

Supply Centers:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
A	3	0														
E	5	6	6	6	6	5	4	4	4*	4*	4*	4*	4*	4*	5+	3
F	5	6	7	8	8	9	11	11	11	11	12	12	13*	14	14	20
G	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	
I	4	7	7	6	6	5	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	0		
R	6	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	4	4	2
T	4	6	7	9	9	10	11	11	11	12	13	12	10	11	11	9

Boardman Number: 1993U

Zeen: Graustark

G.M.: John Boardman

Date Started: ?? Completed: September 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Brad Wilson (drop F10); Eric Verheiden (surv)

ENGLAND: Marcel Carbonneau (res S02); Jim Diehl (elim F15)

FRANCE: Allen Beals (drop S14); Michael J Elliott (surv)

GERMANY: Lawrence Chafetz (drop F02); Michael Quirk (surv)

ITALY: Harley Jordan (Win)

RUSSIA: Burrard W Eddy (drop F02); John Rigley (drop F05);

David E Schwartz (elim F07)

TURKEY: Karl Hoffman (elim F05)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A	6	6	6	7	9	8	10	11	9	6	6*	5	5	5	4	4	4
R	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0		
F	4	5	5	6	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	9	9*	8*	5
G	5	5	7	8	6	6	5	4	3	3	3	4*	4*	4*	4*	5+	6
I	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	9	12*	15!	16!	14*	14	16	17	17	19
R	4	5*	4	3	2	1	1	0									
T	4*	5	3	2	0												

Boardman Number: 1993HA

Zeen: Get Them Dots Now! (to W01); The Home Office (to F04);

Maniac's Paradise

Name: ?? (to W01); Cherokee

G.M.: Lee Kendter Jr (to W01); Fred Hyatt (to F04); Doug Kent

Date Started: Completed: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Michael Goncalves (elim F13)

ENGLAND: Eric Sorenson (drop F04); Richard Weiss (Win)

FRANCE: Joe Payne (drop F06); Alan Levin (res F08);

Stan Johnson (surv)

GERMANY: Mark Sheron (elim F03)

ITALY: Tom Guggenheim (drop F04); Bob Acheson (elim F11)

RUSSIA: Paul Milewski (elim F05)

TURKEY: Andrew Pendleton (drop F04); Steven McKinnon (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
A	4	5	7	8	8	9	6	5	4	2	1	1	0	
E	4	5	7	8	9	9	10	11	11	12	14	16	17	21
F	5	6	7	9	8	7	8	8	10	12	13	13	12	7
G	4	3	0											
I	4	4	5	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	0			
R	4	4	3	1	0									
T	5	6	5	5	7	7	9	9	8	7	6	4	5	6

Boardman Number: 1993IN -- REVISED, see note

Zeen: Rambling WAY

Name: A Prairie Home Companion

G.M.: W Andrew York

Date Started: ?? Completed: January 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Rudolf Ced (drop S02); Michael Gonsalves (surv)

ENGLAND: Mark Murray (elim F06)

FRANCE: Peter Evett (surv)

GERMANY: Bob Herbst (Win)

ITALY: C Melton Doxey (drop S05); Jim Lewis (surv)

RUSSIA: Royce Schultz (drop F04); Dan Mathias (drop F06);

CD (elim F07)

TURKEY: Fred Hyatt (replaced Su02); Joe Brooks (res F06);

Ed Quelette (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1
E	3	2	1	1	1	0		
F	5	7	7	7	8	9	9	7
G	5	6	7	9	11	13	16*	18
I	4	5	6	5	4	3	1	1
R	6	6	5	3	1	1	0	
T	4	4	4	5	7	6	7	7

NOTES: This was reported in *Everything* #94 as 1994B. From reviewing the records, it appears that two numbers were issued in 1993 for "Car Talk" (1993HY & 1993IN) and that, when it was caught, Vince renumbered this from 1994B to 1993IN. Then 1994B was given to a different game in *Absolute!*.

Boardman Number: 1994B

Zeen: Absolute!

Name: Norman Augustine

G.M.: Paul Kenny

Date Started: ??

Completed: August 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Andy Wetzel (elim F06)

ENGLAND: Bob DiClaudio (drop F04); Brad Wilson (surv)

FRANCE: Mike Scartoli (res W05); Steve Courtemanche (??, ??);

Gene Audrey (surv)

GERMANY: Bryan Ainsworth (drop F02); Richard Weiss (elim F06)

ITALY: Ken Walker (Win)

RUSSIA: Mark D'Ambrosio (surv)

TURKEY: Kevin Tupper (drop W05); Steve Cameron (elim F08)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	4	5	4	3	3	0			
E	4	5	6	4	5	5	6	6	6
F	5	6	8	11	10	11	10	9	8
G	3	2	1	1	1	0			
I	4	6	7	7	9	10	11	14	18
R	6	6	4	4	4	5	5	5	2
T	4	4	4	4	2	3	2	0	

Boardman Number: 1994AV

Zeen: Maniac's Paradise

Name: Unmutual

G.M.: Doug Kent

Date Started: ??

Completed: August 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Gabe Dambaugh (elim F07)

ENGLAND: Mike Lord (drop F02); Mike Johnson (3-way Draw)

FRANCE: Daniel Bendjy (drop S04); Jack Garrett (3-way Draw)

GERMANY: Matt Nowak (drop F03); Randall Schultz (surv)

ITALY: Thomas Coveney (drop F02); Matt Greenberg (drop S05);

W Andrew York (surv)

RUSSIA: Jonas Johnson (surv)

TURKEY: Austen Wilson (3-way Draw)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	5	5	4	4	4	2	0	
E	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	6
F	4	5	5	5	6	6	7	7
G	5	6	6	6	5	5	3	1
I	4	4	4	4	3	4	2	1
R	6	6	6	6	6	7	8	10
T	4	4	5	5	6	5	8	9

Boardman Number: 1994HM

Zeen: Rebel (to S02); Maniac's Paradise

Name: Pyramid

G.M.: Melinda Holley (to S02); Doug Kent

Date Started: September 1994

Completed: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Rick Davis (elim F07)

ENGLAND: Stan Johnson (elim F03)

FRANCE: Harold Zarr (surv)

GERMANY: Russ Smith (drop S02); Kevin Wilson (surv)

ITALY: Fulton Broemer (elim F08) F11)

RUSSIA: Pete Clark (drop S02); Jim O'Kelley (Win)

TURKEY: Paul McCarty (res S02); David Wang (elim F04)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	5	6	6	5	5	2	0		
E	4	2	0						
F	5	6	7	7	8	7	9	11	11
G	6	6	6	7	7	7	8	6	5
I	3	4	4	6	5	7	4	0	
R	6	7	10	9	8	11	13	17	18
T	4	3	1	0					

Boardman Number: 1995HG

Zeen: Carolina Command & Commentary

Name: Asquith

G.M.: Michael Lowrey

Date Started: June 1995

Completed: November 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: John Powers (2-way Draw)

ENGLAND: Kevin Wilson (surv)

FRANCE: Lance Ottman (res S03); W Andrew York (elim F06)

GERMANY: Tom Johnston (drop S02); Wayne Morrison (res S06);

Melinda Holley (surv)

ITALY: Vince Lutterbie (2-way Draw)

RUSSIA: Eric Mikulaninec (surv)

TURKEY: Gene Aubry (drop S02); Kevin Wilson (elim F04)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06
A	5	5	5	8	7	6
E	4	5	4	4	3	3
F	5	5	4	2	1	0
G	4	4	4	4	4	4
I	5	5	6	7	8	9
R	6	7	9	9	11	12
T	4	3	2	0		

Boardman Number: 1995HK

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C168

G.M.: Mark Brifman

Date Started: July 1995

Completed: July 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Christophe Mathy (elim F02)

ENGLAND: Ernst Teunissen (surv)

FRANCE: Hayden Walters (surv)

GERMANY: Anthony Hyams (??, ?03); R Stephen Smith (elim F06)

ITALY: Lee Simpson (Win)

RUSSIA: Justin King (surv)

TURKEY: Alan Wiltshire (?? ?02); John Bolash (elim F07)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	2	0						
E	4	4	6	6	7	7	7	6
F	6	6	7	8	8	8	8	10
G	4	4	2	2	2	0		
I	5	9	10	13	13	16	16	17
R	8	7	5	4	3	2	3	1
T	4	3	3	1	1	1	0	

Boardman Number: 1995HY
Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: T1

G.M.: Steve Cross

Date Started: October 1995 Completed: August 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Ian Maxwell (res S02); Joe Roberts (surv)
ENGLAND: Didier Flipo (surv)
FRANCE: David Sidelinger (surv)
GERMANY: Ryk Downes (surv)
ITALY: Drew Franz (drop S03); Rob Morris (elim F04)
RUSSIA: Patrick Loughling (drop S03); CD (elim F04)
TURKEY: James Mueller (Win)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
A	6	6	8	9	9	7	2
E	4	5	5	5	4	4	2
F	4	6	6	7	6	6	7
G	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
I	4	4	2	0			
R	5	3	1	0			
T	4	5	7	9	11	13	19

Boardman Number: 1995IA

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T4/Unanimous Defeat

G.M.: Matt Nowak

Date Started: October 1995 Completed: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Bruce Allen (elim F03)
ENGLAND: Tim Hoyt (2-way Draw)
FRANCE: John Bolash (2-way Draw)
GERMANY: Jim Shapiro (elim F04)
ITALY: Mark Weston (elim F06)
RUSSIA: John Cassidy (elim F09)
TURKEY: Ralph Tropeano (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
A	4	3	0								
E	5	5	7	9	9	10	10	10	10	12	13
F	5	6	7	9	10	10	9	10	11	11	11
G	4	3	1	0							
I	4	4	5	2	1	0					
R	6	6	6	4	3	3	2	2	0		
T	5	7	8	10	11	11	13	12	12	11	10

Boardman Number: 1995ID

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T5

G.M.: Bernard Finel

Date Started: October 1995 Completed: August 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Dennis Niemira (elim F04)
ENGLAND: Chris Bryer (drop S03); Kenneth Collins (surv)
FRANCE: Andrew Menard (surv)
GERMANY: Jack Leigh (surv)
ITALY: Kevin Jaekley (surv)
RUSSIA: Bill Heine (2-way Draw)
TURKEY: Steve Cross (2-way Draw)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06
A	3	1	1	0		
E	4	3	2	1	1	1
F	5	5	5	6	7	6
G	5	6	7	7	6	4
I	5	6	6	4	2	1
R	6	8	7	9	9	12
T	4	5	6	7	9	10

Boardman Number: 1995IE

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T6

G.M.: Kevin Jaekley

Date Started: October 1995

Completed: August 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Bernard Finel (Win)
ENGLAND: Mark Gregory (surv)
FRANCE: Patrick Cordier (elim F05)
GERMANY: Dave Scharf (surv)
ITALY: Christian Schwegler (surv)
RUSSIA: ?? (?? ??); CD (elim F04)
TURKEY: Mark Brifman (elim F08)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	5	7	7	6	7	9	10	12	
E	4	5	7	7	5	4	3	4	
F	5	4	1	1	0				
G	5	6	8	8	10	11	11	9	
I	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	
R	4	3	1	0					
T	5	4	4	6	5	3	2	0	

NOTES: A draw passed in Spring 1909.

Boardman Number: 1995IF

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T7

G.M.: Steve Smith

Date Started: October 1995

Completed: September 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: James F Garvey (surv)
ENGLAND: Rob Coan (elim F04)
FRANCE: Edwin L Turnage (surv)
GERMANY: Mark Simpson (Win)
ITALY: Nick Malewski (drop S06); Tom DeButts (surv)
RUSSIA: Gordon Dewar (elim F06)
TURKEY: Matt Nowak (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
A	5	5	6	5	7	7	10	9	9	6
E	4	4	2	0						
F	5	6	8	8	9	9	7	7	6	4
G	6	6	6	8	10	10	12	14	15	18
I	4	4	4	5	5	5	3	3	2	4
R	6	6	4	5	2	0				
T	4	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	2	2

Boardman Number: 1995IM
Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat
Name: C179

G.M.: Bob Aube

Date Started: December 1995 Completed: September 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: John Rushforth (drop S08); Bernard Finel (surv)

ENGLAND: Steve Wainer (2-way Draw)

FRANCE: Bob Brandt (2-way Draw)

GERMANY: George Geddes (elim F05)

ITALY: Andreas Klambauer (elim F05)

RUSSIA: Dirk Hoiser (elim F06)

TURKEY: Levan Sardjveladze (drop F08);

Peter Schwaninger (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	4	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	2
E	4	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
F	5	6	8	9	12	13	14	15	14
G	5	5	3	1	0				
I	5	7	5	4	0				
R	5	3	1	1	1	0			
T	4	4	6	7	7	8	6	4	4

Boardman Number: 1995IN

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C180/The Gathering Storm

G.M.: Ganesh Sitampalam

Date Started: December 1995 Completed: September 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Andrew Adey (elim F09)

ENGLAND: Pete Birks (3-way Draw)

FRANCE: Edward Shannon (surv)

GERMANY: David Woelke (drop S04); CD (elim F04)

ITALY: Bret Cousins (3-way Draw)

RUSSIA: David Scotland (elim F05)

TURKEY: Horst Muszynski (3-way Draw)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	5	6	6	7	7	4	2	1	0
E	4	5	7	8	11	11	13	13	12
F	5	6	6	7	4	4	2	2	2
G	3	2	1	0					
I	5	5	5	5	3	5	6	7	9
R	4	4	4	1	0				
T	5	5	5	6	9	10	11	11	11

NOTES: Draw passed in Spring 1910.

Boardman Number: 1996F

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C182/First Blood is the Sweetest

G.M.: James Mueller

Date Started: January 1996 Completed: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Ralph Tropeano (surv)

ENGLAND: Bernard Finel (Win)

FRANCE: Bob Brandt (elim F07)

GERMANY: Brian Van Pelt (res F01);

Ganesh Sittampalam (elim F04)

ITALY: Edwin Turange (surv)

RUSSIA: Greg Bezoff (drop S09); CD (surv)

TURKEY: Mike Ribeiro (elim F06)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	5	6	5	4	5	6	4	4
E	5	7	8	10	11	10	12	13
F	5	6	5	4	2	1	0	
G	5	1	1	0				
I	4	4	4	4	5	7	5	6
R	6	7	8	9	8	10	12	11
T	4	3	3	3	3	0		

NOTES: Concession to England passed prior to Fali 1909.

Boardman Number: 1996I

Zeen: America On-Line

Name: Dip 209

G.M.: Brian Alden

Date Started: January 1996 Completed: August 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Adam Lipton (elim F03)

ENGLAND: Eric Nelson (2-way Draw)

FRANCE: Bruce Myers (elim F10)

GERMANY: Richard Maltz (2-way Draw)

ITALY: Bill Davie (elim F08)

RUSSIA: Todd Brown (elim F07)

TURKEY: Scott Finley (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
A	3	1	0							
E	4	5	6	7	8	8	8	8	9	9
F	5	5	6	5	4	4	4	3	1	0
G	6	6	6	8	8	9	8	10	10	11
I	4	6	6	5	5	5	3	0		
R	6	6	5	2	2	1	0			
T	4	5	5	7	7	7	11	13	14	14

Boardman Number: 1996K

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C183

G.M.: Mike Ribeiro

Date Started: January 1996 Completed: July 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Dennis Niemira (elim F05)

ENGLAND: Levan Sardjveladze (4-way Draw)

FRANCE: Arnie Toporowski (4-way Draw)

GERMANY: Jonathan Higgins (elim F03)

ITALY: Paul Lemon (elim F03)

RUSSIA: Christian Weber (4-way Draw)

TURKEY: Hayden Walters (4-way Draw)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06
A	4	4	2	0		
E	5	6	9	8	8	8
F	5	5	8	9	8	8
G	5	3	0			
I	4	3	0			
R	6	8	10	9	10	10
T	4	4	5	7	8	8

Boardman Number: 1996L

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C185/Down to the Wire

G.M.: Rob Coan

Date Started: January 1996

Completed: September 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Terry Cooper (3-way Draw)

ENGLAND: Matthew Annable (3-way Draw)

FRANCE: Doug Ropa (elim F04)

GERMANY: Ken Hill (3-way Draw)

ITALY: John Kalous (surv)

RUSSIA: Kevin Venzke (elim F05)

TURKEY: Ian Hayward (elim F06)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	5	5	6	8	10	12	13	15
E	5	6	8	9	9	10	10	9
F	5	3	1	0				
G	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	8
I	4	5	5	7	6	4	3	2
R	6	6	4	1	0			
T	4	3	4	2	2	0		

Boardman Number: 1996M

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C184/Danger in the Meadow

G.M.: Edwin Turnage

Date Started: February 1996

Completed: September 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Colin Partridge (Win)

ENGLAND: Tony Luckett (surv)

FRANCE: John Godfrey (drop F03); Jonathan Higgons (surv)

GERMANY: Matthew Leeds (drop F04); Heather Newton (surv)

ITALY: Tim Stark (elim F04);

RUSSIA: Tim Stark (drop F07); Marc Bekerman (surv)

TURKEY: Phil Bolger (elim F07)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
A	5	7	8	9	12	13	16	19
E	4	4	5	4	3	3	2	1
F	5	5	6	7	8	7	8	8
G	5	7	7	6	6	7	6	6
I	5	2	1	0				
R	5	5	4	5	3	3	3	2
T	4	3	3	3	2	1	0	

Boardman Number: 1996N

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C186

G.M.: Justin Mitchell

Date Started: February 1996

Completed: August 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Randall Goldring (Win)

ENGLAND: Mark Farbus (surv)

FRANCE: Jim Berryhill (elim F08)

GERMANY: Malcolm Jones (surv)

ITALY: Mark Heyward (surv)

RUSSIA: David Dworman (elim F06)

TURKEY: Hayden Walters (elim F06)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
A	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	12	16
E	4	4	6	8	7	8	8	9	9	10	8
F	4	5	4	3	3	3	2	0			
G	5	6	8	6	8	9	3	7	7	4	3
I	5	5	6	6	6	6	7	8	8	8	7
R	6	6	2	2	1	0					
T	4	4	3	3	2	0					

Boardman Number: 1996AY

Zeen: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: C205Q/Q4/Lies Behind Doors/Attack of Killer Squid

G.M.: Jason Israel

Date Started: August 1996

Completed: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Michael J Roderick (drop ?03); Dan Rue (elim F05)

ENGLAND: Nick Malewski (surv)

FRANCE: Michael Warren (elim F05)

GERMANY: Lee Simpson (Win)

ITALY: Hayden Walters (surv)

RUSSIA: Ernst Teunissen (elim F09)

TURKEY: Mike Shaw (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
A	4	1	1	1	0				
E	5	5	6	7	8	8	9	9	7
F	3	2	1	1	0				
G	6	8	9	9	11	11	14	16	20
I	4	5	4	4	4	3	2	2	2
R	6	7	7	6	6	6	4	2	0
T	4	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	5

Boardman Number: 1996HH

Zeen: America On-Line

Name: The Pen and Ink/Dip 215

G.M.: RL Sargent

Date Started: February 1996

Completed: September 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Jeff Munkers (Win)

ENGLAND: Scott Downie (surv)

FRANCE: Brian Martin (res W02); Stephen Riga (elim F05)

GERMANY: Robert Wolf (drop W10); CD (surv)

ITALY: Creigh Rahenkamp (drop S09); Brett M Guth (surv)

RUSSIA: Chris Evans (drop S02);

Brian Zone (drop S05); CD (elim S10)

TURKEY: Mike Lively (elim F08)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
A	6	6	6	7	8	9	12	14	16	17	18
E	5	6	8	7	8	11	12	12	11	13	13
F	5	5	2	1	0						
G	4	4	6	7	7	5	2	2	2	1	1
I	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	3	1
R	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	
T	5	5	6	5	4	3	2	0			

Boardman Number: 1996HO

Zeen: America On-line

Name: Dip 224

G.M.: Richard Sargent

Date Started: April 1996

Completed: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Michael J Roderick (res S03); Kevin J Collins (elim F04)

ENGLAND: Rudolphe A J Boulanger (elim F04)

FRANCE: Lynn Ashton (Win)

GERMANY: Eric Van Rossum (elim F10)

ITALY: Charles Toots (drop W06); Kevin J Collins (surv)

RUSSIA: Rodger Garfinkle (surv)

TURKEY: S Beckley (drop W08); Brett M Guth (surv)

SUPPLY CENTERS:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11
A	4	4	3	0							
E	4	3	2	0							
F	6	6	7	9	11	10	10	11	12	15	15
G	5	5	7	9	6	7	5	3	2	0	
I	5	5	6	6	5	4	3	4	4	4	4
R	5	7	5	5	6	7	9	8	7	7	8
T	4	4	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	8	7

NOTES: This game is irregular as Kevin Collins played two countries in the game.

Boardman Number Block Assignments
(through October 1996)

North America (USA): A-AZ, HA-IZ, NA-NN, WA-WZ

North America (Canada): CA-CZ

United Kingdom: BA-BZ, DA-EZ, GA-GZ, JA-JZ, NO-OZ, RA-RZ

Continental Europe (Francophone): FA-FZ

Continental Europe (Germanophone): VA-VZ

Continental Europe (Italy): MA-MZ

Scandinavia: SA-SZ

AustralAsia: XA-XZ

InterNet: KA-LZ, PA-QZ, TA-UZ, YA-ZZ

NOTE - All future assignment of Boardman Number Blocks will consist of three letter designations.

Game Starts (continued)

Boardman Number: 1996HT

Zeen/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T22/Last Chance

G.M.: Matt Nowak

Date Started: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Mike Roderick

ENGLAND: Gordon Dewar

FRANCE: Emeric Miszti

GERMANY: Mark Berman

ITALY: Jose Isasi

RUSSIA: John Bolash

TURKEY: Rob Morris

Boardman Number: 1996HU

Zeen/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T20/Good Things Come....

G.M.: Bernard I Finel

Date Started: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Clive Thomas

ENGLAND: Craig Mills

FRANCE: Tom DeButts

GERMANY: Andrew Menard

ITALY: Dave Reed

RUSSIA: Chris Niemann

TURKEY: Bruce Allen

Boardman Number: 1996HV

Zeen/Issue #: The Armchair Diplomat

Name: T17

G.M.: Mark Farbus

Date Started: October 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Zvi Mowshowitz

ENGLAND: Shawn Miklaucic

FRANCE: Jack Leigh

GERMANY: Rob Coan

ITALY: Mike Ribeiro

RUSSIA: Tim Hoyt

TURKEY: Steve Smith

Boardman Number: 1996HW

Zeen/Issue #: Rambling WAY/70

Name: Beale Street Caravan

G.M.: W Andrew York

Date Started: November 1996

The Players:

AUSTRIA: Don Leaman

ENGLAND: Tim Snyder

FRANCE: Rich Goranson

GERMANY: Tarlach MacNiallais

ITALY: Pat Conlon

RUSSIA: Peter Boyum

TURKEY: Joe Brooks

OPENING'S CUSTODIAN'S REPORT FOR 1995
PART TWO: Austrian Openings In 1995

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Introduction

In this article I analyse Austrian openings used in regular diplomacy and gunboat games which started in 1995. As explained in the first part of this series only games starting in the period from the start of May to the end of the year are included.

This survey *excludes* partial-press gunboat games, these are classified as anonymous games. Furthermore I do not analyse the gunboat games according to the press regulations. The database comprises 78 regular games and 52 gunboat games.

Analysis of Individual Units

Given a sufficiently large set of games played in North American postal diplomacy zines and a sufficiently large set of games played in British postal diplomacy zines is it possible to say which set corresponds to which nationality? The answer is yes, examine the orders given to AF(Tri) in Spring 1901. In North American postal games the standard order is F(Tri)-Alb, whilst the order F(Tri)-Ven is a rarity. Due to the influence that Richard Sharp exercised on the development of the British diplomacy hobby during the 1970s the latter order is much more frequent in British circles than in American ones.

The order F(Tri)-Alb is most often seen in conjunction with the order A(Bud)-Ser and this combination is known as the Balkan Gambit. Austria makes an attempt to dominate the Balkans, looking forward to the prospect of two builds in Winter 1901 and a strong position with which to dictate future developments in the south. The weakness of this opening is that only a single unit is left to defend the homelands against hostile invaders. Should either Russia or Italy make an attack on Austria at the start of the game and Austria misjudge the situation, then Austria may lose a home supply centre. Should both powers attack, Austria may lose two centers. So whilst Austria strains for two builds, it risks fatally weakening its homeland, hence the gambit nature of the opening; if you see an Austrian heading for ritual humiliation via an early bath the odds are that the opening was a Balkan Gambit which went horrible wrong.

The order F(Tri)-Ven is defensive in nature and is usually seen in conjunction with the order of a unit to Galacia, usually A(Vie). This combination forms part of the Hedgehog complex of openings (there are three obscure Hedgehog variations with involve F(Tri)-Ven but no order to Gal). The Hedgehog is a defensive opening, designed to maximise Austria's chances of building at least one unit in Winter 1901. Even if both Italy and Russia attack in Spring 1901, Austria will still build.

The chances of long-term Austrian survival against a determined Italian-Russian alliance are low, but the Hedgehog maximise Austria's defensive resources; consequently giving Austria greater time to work diplomatic magic.

These two orders, F(Tri)-Alb and F(Tri)-Ven, are the most sensible options for this unit. Holding is a timid option, indicating that whilst

Austria is unsure of Italian intent Austria doesn't want to risk Italy by showing an anti-Italian stance by ordering F(Tri)-Ven. Such a perception of the F(Tri)-Ven order is obviously favourable for Italy, but does nothing for Austria. It is usually bad strategy to have units holding in diplomacy, this is particularly true in the early stages of the game. Clearly if Italy *is* hostile then F(Tri)-Ven is superior to F(Tri)H, if Italy is not hostile then will the order F(Tri)-Ven tip the scales?

If holding is timid, the order to ADR is bizarre. It only makes 'sense' (I use the word loosely) if it is backed up with A(Vie)-Tyr and A(Bud)-Tri (the von Metzke opening). Even if Italy didn't order to either Tyrolia or Trieste, so that Austria can capture Venice, the opening is very bad strategically; Russia and Turkey being given a free hand in the Balkans. If Russia has ordered to Galacia you are not even guaranteed a build! In the 1970s it was noticed that Austria has a very poor record in North American postal games. It was suggested that this was due to Conrad von Metzke's penchant for playing Austria in the 1960s, and the inevitable use of the von Metzke opening!

Misorder and F(Tri)SIA(Ven)H are 'specialist' gunboat openings. Spring 1901 misorders for fleets are invariable convoy orders and the support order indicates that Austria is looking for an alliance with Italy (or at least wants to convince Italy of that!).

It is not surprising that the order F(Tri)-Ven is more popular, nearly three times so, in gunboat games than in regular games. With the greater difficulty of co-ordinating alliances there is more incentive for players to grab what they can in gunboat. An early Italian attack on Austria, often unadvisable in regular diplomacy, becomes much more attractive in gunboat.

F(Tri)	Regular	Gunboat
1 -Alb	62 (79.5)	39 (75.0)
2 holds	9 (11.5)	2 (3.9)
3 -Ven	4 (5.1)	8 (15.4)
4 -ADR	3 (3.9)	1 (1.9)
5. misorder		1 (1.9)
6. SIA(Ven)H		1 (1.9)

Table One. Spring 1901 openings for F(Tri) in regular and gunboat games in 1995. The first column is the code number for the order given in the second column. In columns three and four the first figure is the number of times the order was used and the second (bracketed) figure is the percentage use.

The army in Budapest and two sensible orders, the usual order is to Serbia; securing Austria's natural neutral. The more aggressive alternative is the anti-Russian order to Rumania (Richard Sharp's original conception of the Hedgehog was F(Tri)-Ven, A(Bud)-Rum and A(Vie)-Gal --- the Hedgehog proper or true variation). The order to Galacia makes little sense (what has happened to A(Vie)?). At first sight supporting the army to Gal looks strange, Austria may not get a build! However this option is powerful when it is used in conjunction with F(Tri)-Alb and an Italian alliance, particularly if Italy has used the Key Lepanto. The resulting units in Tri/Gal/Bud/ION/Alb have a multitude of combinations to unleash upon the hopefully unsuspecting opponents in Russia and Turkey.

As noted above, defense is more appropriate to gunboat games than regular games. Accordingly it is not surprising that the solid move to Serbia is more popular in gunboat games, and that this is at the expense of the aggressive order to Rumania.

A(Bud)	Regular	Gunboat
1 -Ser	65 (83.3)	50 (96.2)
2 -Rum	10 (12.8)	1 (1.9)
6 -Gal	2 (2.6)	
7 SA(Vie)-Gal	1 (1.3)	1 (1.9)

Table Two. Spring 1901 openings for A(Bud) in regular and gunboat games in 1995. The first column is the code number for the order given in the second column. In columns three and four the first figure is the number of times the order was used and the second (bracketed) figure is the percentage use.

The Army in Vienna has the greatest number of reasonable moves of any Austrian unit (some are more reasonable than others). Of these, the order to Galacia is the most solid. The order to Trieste is most often seen in conjunction with F(Tri)-Alb and A(Bud)-Ser, the Trieste Variation of the Balkan Gambit. This was popular in British postal games in the 1970s, when Italy often tried to sneak into Trieste with a follow up into Venice, but is not so good if Italy opens A(Ven)-Try and A(Rom)-Ven, particularly if Russia has opened to Galacia. Even if Italy has opened with a pro-Austrian opening a Russian order of A(War)-Gal poses difficulties for an Austria with units positioned in Alb, Ser and Tri.

A(Vie) holds, when this is seen with F(Tri)-Alb and A(Bud)-Ser this is the Vienna Variation of the Balkan Gambit, attracted support in the British Hobby in the early 1970s from Don Turnbull. As indicated earlier it is not recommended to issue hold orders in Spring 1901. The hold order presumable shows that Austria doesn't want to antagonise either Russia (A(Vie)-Gal or A(Vie)-Bud) or Italy (A(Vie)-Tyr); but in such circumstances A(Vie)-Tri appears to be superior as a defensive order, unless Austria and Italy have agreed to demilitarise Ven/Tri. Italy agreeing to demilitarise Ven/Tri in Spring 1901 is often a euphemism for Italy attacking Austria... One advantage of holding in Vienna, as opposed to ordering to Budapest, is that if Russias has entered Galacia then it is possible to order a self-standoff in Budapest in the Autumn; however this does give Russia the option of outguessing Austria by attempting the Reinhardt Gambit.

A(Vie)-Bud is usually seen with F(Tri)-Alb and A(Bud)-Ser, the Budapest Variation of the Balkan Gambit which was popular in the 1960s. Austria takes no defensive precautions, but places two pieces adjacent to Rumania. An Austrian supported attack on Rumania is rare, usually Austria goes for the more likely gain in Greece, but there is scope for Austria and Turkey to liase in an attempt to deny Russia Rumania.

A(Vie)-Tyr will usually be seen in conjunction with F(Tri)-Alb (although it is also seen in the Alpine and Tyrolese variations of the Hedgehog), Austria is trying to outguess Italy over the intent of A(Ven). Nice, if it works; if Italy has outguessed Austria and ordered to Trieste, not so nice.

Variations involving A(Bie)-Boh are often called the Bohemian Abberation (or Fisher's Folly) by Richard Sharp. Richard, with

considerable justification, considered that an alliance between the two central powers was essential to the longer term security of both (the anshcluss). An Austrian attack on Germany in Spring 1901 is strategic madness, liable to lead to a sharp exit, and can only be justified if Richard is playing Germany and the other orders include FA(Mar)SA(Par)-Bur, I(A)Ven)-Tyr and RA(War)-Sil (this actually happened in one postal game where Richard played Germany!).

A(Vie)	Regular	Gunboat
1 -Tri	16 (20.5)	16 (30.8)
2 holds	6 (7.7)	1 (1.9)
3 -Bud	30 (38.5)	10 (19.2)
4 -Tyr	3 (3.9)	3 (5.8)
5 -Gal	21 (26.9)	22 (42.3)
6 -Boh	2 (2.6)	

Table Three. Spring 1901 openings for A(Vie) in regular and gunboat games in 1995. The first column is the code number for the order given in the second column. In columns three and four the first figure is the number of times the order was used and the second (bracketed) figure is the percentage use.

When Austria opens with the Balkan Gambit the Austrian player should keep in mind an observation of the British player John Piggott --- it's surprising how many times IA(Ven)H lulls Austria into a false sense of security in Autumn 1901!

Most Popular Combination Openings

I have listed the most popular combination openings in regular and gunboat games, the requirements to be listed was that an opening had to be used in at least 5% of the games. Note that the orders listed in the combination, eg 1-1-3, refer to the individual orders for the respective units. The units in the combinations occur in the order that they are discussed above. For example 1-1-3 means the first order for F(Tri), F(Tri)-Alb, the first order for A(Bud), A(Bud)-Ser, and the third order for A(Vie), A(Vie)-Bud.

The 78 regular diplomacy games saw 22 opening combinations, 4 of which secured a frequency of at least 5%. These were all variations of the Balkan Gambit. The most aggressive version of the gambit was ranked first, the Budapest variation; if all goes well Austria has the option of combining with Turkey to fight Russia over Rumania. How many times is the opening used in this way? How many times does Austria use this variation only to find that one of the Italians or Russians have entered the open door?

More defensive variations occupy second and third place, the most defensive (euphemism for useful?), the Galician Variation, ranking third. In fourth place is the Vienna Variation; as noted above it is a good idea to minimise the number of hold orders used in any season, in Spring 1901 this means avoiding any hold orders.

- 1-1-3 24 (30.8) Balkan Gambit (Budapest Variation).
- 1-1-1 14 (18.0) Balkan Gambit (Trieste Variation).
- 1-1-5 13 (16.7) Balkan Gambit (Galician Variation).
- 1-1-2 4 (5.1) Balkan Gambit (Vienna Variation).

Table Four. Combination openings used in regular diplomacy games in 1995: Column one, opening combination; column two, number of times opening played; column three, percentage use; column four, opening name.

The 56 gunboat games saw 14 opening combinations, 4 of which secured a frequency of at least 5%. The popularity of the more defensive forms of the Balkan Gambit (the Trieste and Galician variations) increased as the popularity of the most offensive, the Budapest variation, decreased. Note that the defensive Hedgehog, southern variation, enters the table. This is expected, a solid defensive opening is more appealing in Gunboat.

1-1-1 15 (28.9) Balkan Gambit (Trieste Variation).
 1-1-5 13 (25.0) Balkan Gambit (Galician Variation).
 1-1-3 7 (13.5) Balkan Gambit (Budapest Variation).
 3-1-5 7 (13.5) Hedgehog (Southern Variation).

Table Five. Combination openings used in gunboat diplomacy games in 1995: Column one, opening combination; column two, number of times opening played; column three, percentage use; column four, opening name.

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