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Game Openings: Diplomacy! (One)

This issue is exactly two weeks late, and I do apologize. I don't like to make excuses, but there just wasn't any way I could get this out any earlier. I have a lot of good news, and a little bad news, and not nearly enough time to go into all of it.

First off, everybody congratulate me! Sometime near the end of April Polly and I will be having a baby. As I understand it, she does most of the work but it is still considered a joint effort. Everyone expects me to participate in this, but I thought I had already done my part. We'll see what happens, I guess. Polly is just looking forward to calling me names and getting away with it. And she has already started using it, e.g. "We have to go to Red Lobster! I'm pregnant and I have to eat right!" All I know is that she could have timed this better; right before finals isn't the best time in the world to have a new baby!

On the law school front, I am taking 14 hours and I have also entered two competitions. I had planned on entering the Mock Trial competition, and we got to Octafinals, so it was probably worth it. The other competition was just supposed to be a tryout to get enough points to join the Board of Advocates. I tried out for the National and Benton Interscholastic Moot Court teams. Son of a gun if I didn't make it on to the Benton team! I made the team three days before the zine deadline and had exactly two weeks to write a 40 page brief. (When it is 40 pages, why do they call it a brief?) We put it in the mail one hour before the deadline. (more on this on page 2)

On the bad news front, the rest of my time is spent trying to nurse my dog back to health. We still aren't sure what is wrong with him, but he seems to have serious blood disorder. Tomorrow we are taking him to the Animal Clinic at Texas A&M University. His red blood cell count, which should be about 40, has dropped as low as 16. Those of you who know us know how much our dog means to us and what we are going through now.

Wish Polly and I a happy 7th anniversary, which we are spending typing this.

NEW PHONE NUMBER: (512) 463-0802

Please don't call the old number except in emergencies. If I am not at this number, I probably can't help you anyway. All my Dip stuff is at work now, and when I am not at work, I am at school. Thanks.

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GAME OPENING

I only need one more person to fill out my last Dip opening. The following people have paid for a game and a sub: Steve Emmert (who mentioned that he might be too busy now -- please let me know for sure, Steve) Mark Sheron, and Melinda Holley. Steve Smith and Robert Bartles have paid game fees but not the sub fee (that's why I haven't been sending you the zine guys -- I figured you didn't want the sub to start until the game did), and Jim Diehl has paid a sub fee and said he wanted to play in this game, but he hasn't yet paid the game fee. Once I get the game fee from one more person, I can start this game. All players must also keep a current sub to FF. I will send out the game start as soon as I can. If you are looking for a game, let me know ASAP!

Thanks to all of you who responded to my call for standbys. Below is the rotating list. Please let me know if you want on or off the list.

RIGHT OF PRIVACY VS. RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH

One reason I like the competitions at law school so much is that it gives me chance to see a more practical side to the law, and at the same time debate a "cutting edge" legal issue. The issue that we are debating in the Benton Moot Court competition is really interesting. The hypothetical fact situation is that an employer (Wilson) provides an annual physical exam for all of his employees. The exam has always included the taking of a blood sample to test for hypoglycemia and cholesterol levels. This year Wilson included a test for the AIDS antibody, but he did not tell his employees about the additional test. One employee (Slater) tests positive. On April 30, Slater quits. On May 1, Wilson gets the test results and informs Slater. On May 6, at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Wilson mentions to the people at his table that he had tested his employees for the AIDS antibody, and one, Slater, had tested positive.

Slater sues Wilson for invasion of privacy under two theories: 1) intrusion into his seclusion by doing the test to begin with, and 2) public disclosure of private facts. Let me say immediately that as far as the law is concerned, there isn't a correct answer to this question.

This issue will be mostly warehouse. I will try to catch up on the letters and discussion next time. And we have so much to discuss: Judge Bork's confirmation hearings, the main inquisitor's problems with the press and subsequent withdrawal from the Presidential race (didn't his good-bye speech sound like it came from The Grapes of Wrath?), the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution, and Pat Robertson's straw poll victory in Iowa. Exciting stuff!

Just to get things rolling, I will say here that 1) I support Judge Bork wholeheartedly, 2) Biden shouldn't have withdrawn from the race, 3) the best way to celebrate the Anniversary of the Constitution is to get back to it by putting Bork on the Bench, and 4) I hope Robertson runs, and I hope he shakes the Republican party out of its doldrums.

STANDBYS

Mark Frueh, Fred Townsend, David Pierce, Pete Gaughan, Jim Diehl, Nick Felella, and Melinda Holley.

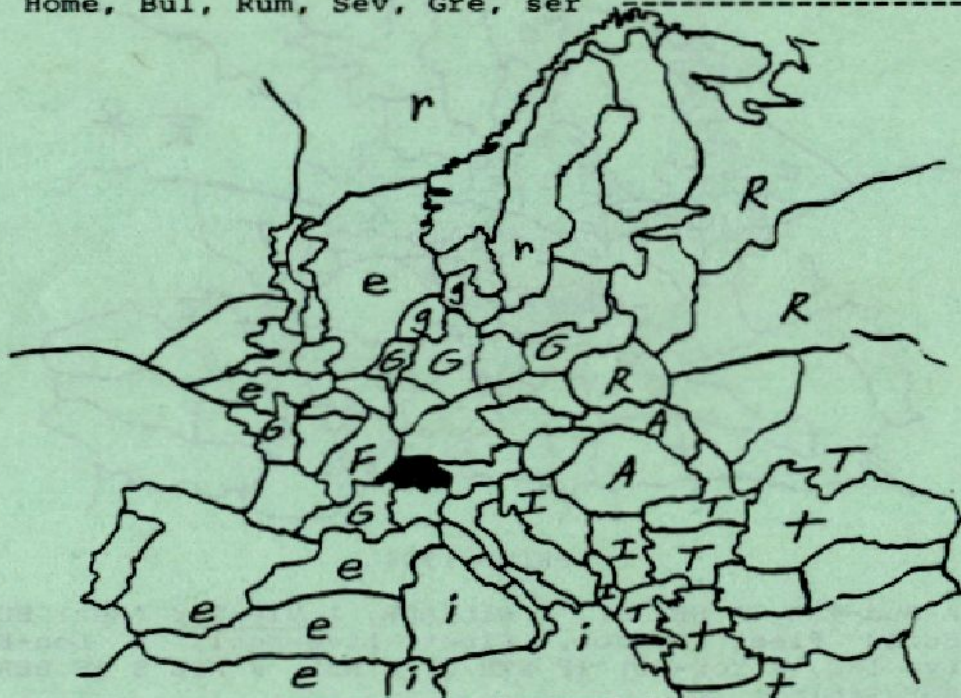
SAM DONALDSON
1986Wrb32

FALL 1908

AUSTRIA A VIE-Gal (A BUD S)
ENGLAND F WES H (F SPA(sc) S), F Mid-POR, F Iri-MID, F Eng-BEL, F NTH-Hol
FRANCE A PAR S Ger A Bre
GERMANY F HOL H, A BRE H, A MAR H, A Pru-SIL, A Mun-KIE (A RUH S), F DEN-Swe
ITALY A SER S Aus A Bud-Rum (NSO), F ION-Gre (A ALB S), F TYH-Ion (F TUN S)
RUSSIA A MOS H, A GAL H (A WAR S), F Stp(nc)-NWY, F SKA-Swe
TURKEY A RUM-Ser, F EAS-Ion, A SEV-Rum, F BLA-Sev, A GRE S Aus A Bud-Ser (NSO) (F AEG, A BUL S)

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Vie, Bud	-----	2 --
ENGLAND	Home, Bel, Spa, POR, hol	-----	6 --
FRANCE	PAR, por	-----	1 --
GERMANY	Home, Den, Mar, Bre, HOL, par	-----	7 --
ITALY	Home, Tun, Tri, SER	-----	6 +1
RUSSIA	Mos, Stp, War, Nwy, Swe	-----	5 --
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Rum, Sev, Gre, ser	-----	7 -1



WINTER 1908/SPRING 1909

AUSTRIA A Vie-GAL, A BUD-Rum
ENGLAND F Spa(sc)-LYO (F WES S), F Mid-NAF, F Por-SPA(sc), F Bel-ENG, F NTH S Ger F Den (OTM)
FRANCE A Par-BUR
GERMANY F Hol-HEL, F DEN H, A MAR H, A BRE H, A Sil-PRU, A Ruh-HOL (A KIE S)
ITALY Build Army Venice; A Ven-TRI, F ION-Gre (A Alb, A SER S), F TUN-Ion (F TYH S)
RUSSIA A Mos-STP, A War-MOS, A Gal-WAR, F Nwy-NWG, F Ska-SWE
TURKEY F EAS-Ion, A GRE S Aus A Bud-Ser (F AEG, A BAL S), A RUM S Rus A Gal (OTM) (A SEV, F BLA S)

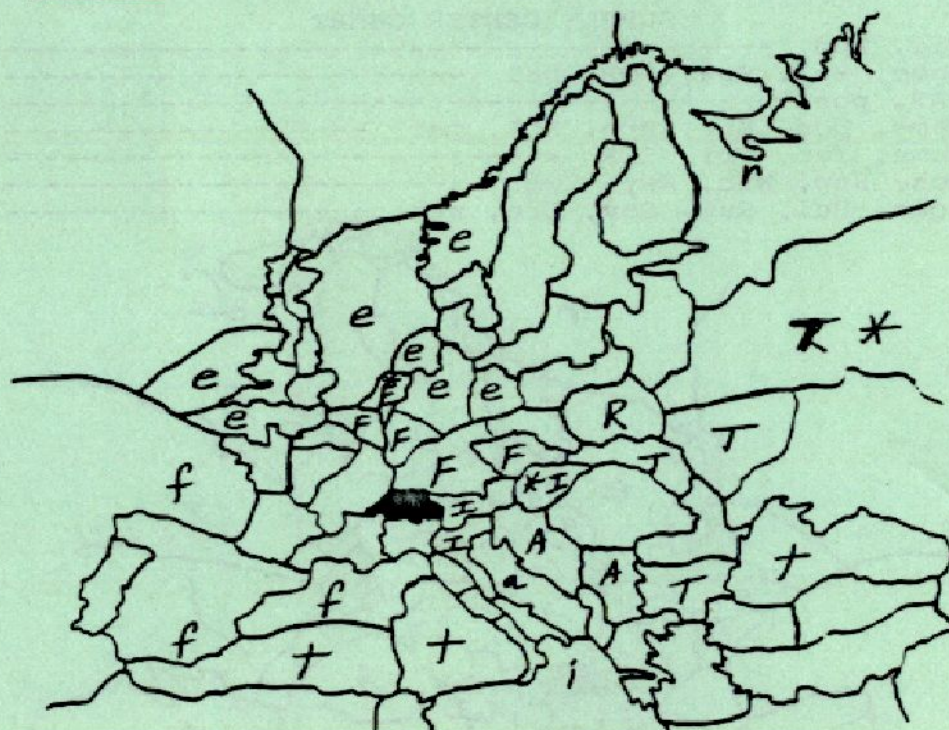
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Proposed: E/G/I/T. Please vote by next deadline.

DAVID BRINKLEY
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FALL 1904

AUSTRIA Ret. A Tri-BUD; F Gre-ALB, A SER-Tri (A VIE S (A BUD S))
ENGLAND F Bal-BER (F KIE S (F HEL S)), F NTH-Lon, A YOR-Lon, F
NWY-Stp
FRANCE F LYO S Ita F Rom-Tyh (NSO), A HOL H (A BEL, A RUH S), A
MUN S Eng F Bal-Ber (A BUR S), F Eng-MID
GERMANY A SIL-War, A BOH S Ita A Tyo-VIE (NSO)
ITALY F NAP S Fre F Lyo-Tyh (NSO) (F ROM S), A TRI S Ger A
Boh-Vie (NSO) (A TYO, A VEN S)
RUSSIA A MOS H (A LIV S), F STP(nc)-Nwy
TURKEY A RUM MS F BUL(ec), F Ion-TUN, F Tyh-WES, A SEV-Mos, A
UKR-War



SPRING 1904

AUSTRIA A Bud-TRI (A SER S), F Alb-ADR, A Vie-Tyr (Ret. BUD, OTB)
ENGLAND Build Fleet London, Fleet Liverpool; F Lon-ENG, F
Lvp-IRI, A Yor-HOL (F NTH C, F HEL, F KIE S (F BER S)), F
NWY-Stp(nc)
FRANCE Build Fleet Brest; F Mid-SPA(sc) (F LYO S), F Bre-MID, A
Mun-BOH, A Bur-MUN (A RUH S (A Hol S (ANN) (A BEL S)))
ITALY Remove Fleet Rome; F Nap-ION, A Tri-VIE (A TYO S), A
VEN-Tri
RUSSIA F STP(nc) H, A Lvn-WAR (A Mos S) (Ret. LVN, OTB)
TURKEY Build Army Constantinople; A Con-BUL, A Rum-GAL, A
Sev-MOS (A UKR S), F Tun-TYH, F Bul(ec)-BLA, F WES S Fre
F Lyo-Spa(sc) (NSO)

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VOTES: E/F lost 3/3; F/I lost 1/5; E/F/I lost 2/4.

Proposals: E/F, E/F/T. Please vote on these by the next
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FALL 1902

Austria A Ukr-RUM (A SER S), F Alb S Ita F Gre
England F Iri-MID, A SWE H, F ENG-Pic, F Stp(nc) H (Ret. BAR, OTB) (F NWY S)
France A Mar-BUR, A Par-BRE, F Mid-NAT, F SPA(sc)-Mar, A Bel S
Ger A Ruh-Hol (NSO) (ANN) (F PIC S)
Germany A Hol-BEL (A RUH S), A Ber-SIL (A MUN S), F Den-BAL
Italy A VIE H, F ION H (F GRE S), F Tun-WES, F Tyr-LYO, A PIE-Mar
Russia Retreat A Stp-LVN; A Mos-STP (A LVN, F BOT S), A Gal-BUD, A Sev-UKR
Turkey A BUL-Rum, A CON-Bul (F AEG S (F EAS S))

SUPPLY CENTER CHART

AUSTRIA	Tri, Ser, RUM, bud	-----	3 --
ENGLAND	Home, Nwy, Swe	-----	5 --
FRANCE	Home, Por, Spa, bel	-----	5 -1
GERMANY	Home, Hol, Den, BEL	-----	6 +1
ITALY	Home, Tun, Vie, Gre	-----	6 --
RUSSIA	Home, BUD, rum	-----	5 --
TURKEY	Home, Bul	-----	4 --

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FRA-ENG: I guess this means we are not allies anymore.

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NAVAL BATTLES SHAPE UP IN THE MED

SPRING 1905

AUSTRIA Remove Army Galicia; NMR! A VIE H, A Tri H (Ret. BUD, OTB)
ENGLAND Build Fleet London and Army Edinburgh; F Stp-NWY, A Edi-BEL (F NTH C), A Par-BUR (A GAS S), F Lon-ENG, F Eng-MID (F POR S), F Mid-WES
GERMANY Build Army Munich; A Mun-BOH, F Bal-KIE, F BOT H, A SIL-Gal, A TYO S Aus A Tri-Ven (NSO), A LVN-Mos (A WAR S)
ITALY Retreat A Tri-ALB; Remove Army Spain; F Naf-TUN, F Wes-TYH, F Mar-LYO, A Alb-TRI (A VEN S), F ION H
TURKEY Build Army Ankara, Fleet Constantiople, and Fleet Smyrna; A Ank-ARM, A BUD-Gal, F Rum-BLA, F Gre-ALB, F Con-AEG, F Smy-EAS, A BUL-Ser, A SER-Tri, A SEV-Mos (A UKR S)

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Exile FRA-GER: Ever get the feeling you're sandwiched between giants? Of course, you're almost a giant yourself. I don't think you really have to worry about Englandstabbing you though, so this game may well end up as a three-way draw.

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND	Home, Hol, Den, Nwy, Kie, Swe, Ber	-----	9 --
FRANCE	Par, Bre, Por, Spa, Bel, Mar	-----	6 --
ITALY	Home, Tun, Ser, Gre, Ank, Smy, Tri, Con, Bul, Rum, Mun	-----	13 --
RUSSIA	Home, Vie, Bud,	-----	6 --



SPRING 1910

England Build Army London; A Lon-HOL (F NTH C), F Bal-BOT (F SWE S), F Den-BAL, F ENG S Fre F Mid, A Ber S Fre A Ruh-Mun (Ret. KIE, OTB), A NWY-Stp (F BAR S)
 France A Mar-SPA (F MID S), F Spa-POR, A RUH-Mun, A BUR-Mar (A GAS S)
 Italy Build Fleet Rome; F Rom-TYH, F Bul(ec)-RUM, A Rum-UKR, A Ser-BUD, A Mun-BER, A Ven-TYO, A Tyo-MUN, F LYO-Mar (A PIE S), F WES-Mid, F TUN-Wes (F NAF S)
 Russia Remove Army Warsaw, Fleet Sevastopol; A BOH S Ita A Tyo-MUN, A FIN MS A STP (F Bot S (ANN)), A PRU & A SIL S Ita A Mun-Ber

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MOLLY IVINS
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SPRING 1901



ALL MOVES AGREED TO?

Austria A Vie-GAL, A Bud-SER, F Tri-ALB
England F Edi-NWG, A Lvp-EDI, F Lon-NTH
France F Bre-MID, A Par-BUR (A MAR S)
Germany A Ber-SIL, F Kie-DEN, A Mun-RUH
Italy A Ven-TYO, A Rom-APU, F Nap-ION
Russia F Stp-BOT, F Sev-RUM, A Mos-SEV, A War-UKR
Turkey F Ank-BLA, A Con-BUL, A Smy-ARM

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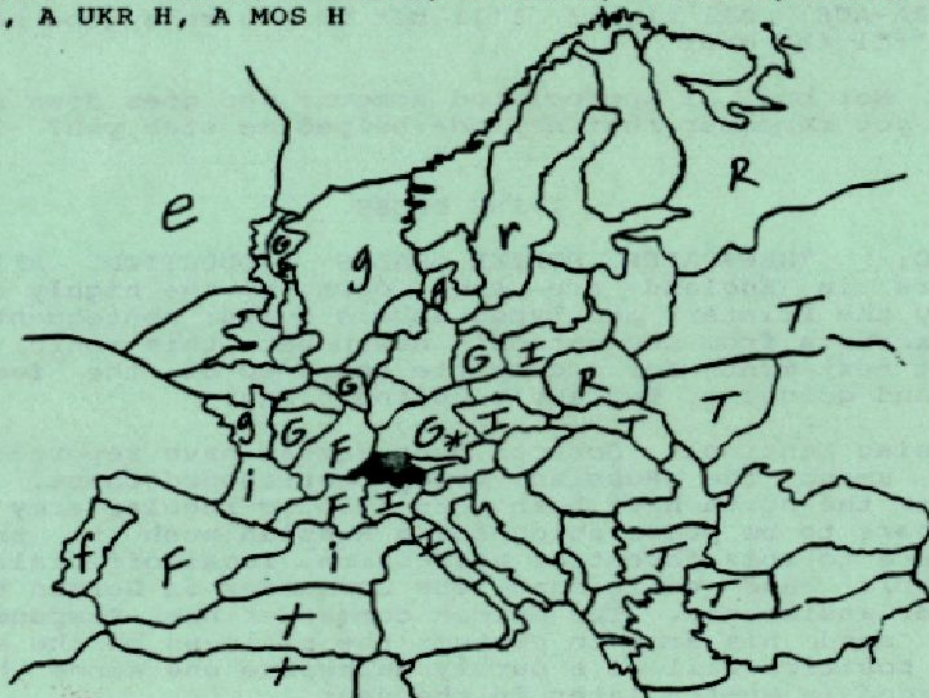
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FALL 1904

England NMR! F NAT H, F Edi H (Ret. CLY, NWG, OTB)
 France A BUR S Ger A Sil-Mun, A MAR MS A SPA (F POR S)
 Germany Retreat A Mun-RUH; A Ruh-BEL, A Sil-MUN, A Yor-EDI (F NTH S), F Eng-BRE, A Gas-PAR, A BER-Kie, F DEN-Kie
 Italy Retreat A Gal-BOH; F Mid-GAS, A Mun-Bur (ANN), A TUS-Pie, A PRU-Ber, A BOH S Tur A Tyo-Mun (NSO), A PIE-Mar (F LYO S)
 Russia A WAR H, A Nwy-STP, F SWE H
 Turkey NMR! F CON H, A BUL H, F WES H, F NAF H, A TYO H, A GAL H, A UKR H, A MOS H



1903 SUPPLY CENTER CHART

ENGLAND	Lvp, edi	-----	1 -1
FRANCE	Spa, Mar, Por, par	-----	3 -1
GERMANY	Home, Bel, Den, Hol, Bre, Lon, EDI, PAR	-----	10 +2
ITALY	Home, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud	-----	7 --*
RUSSIA	War, Stp, Swe, Nwy, mos	-----	4 -1
TURKEY	Home, Bul, Gre, Ser, Rum, Sev	-----	9 +1

* May build one due to annihilation.

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Please note that David Hood has taken the Russian position. I have heard from both Kevin and Marc since the deadline, so I am not going to call any standbys.

RASPBERRY PRESS

Exile FRA-ITA: Didn't anyone ever tell you not to bend over while facing away from a Turk?

ITA-ENG: Stab the German now, and grab for 18. I'll hold the Turk at bay until you get a good jump. The longer you wait to grab my dots, the longer I'll hold Melinda back. In any case, get what you can.

Exile FRA-TUR: Have fun... You know, now that Turkey has distracted Italy you could win this game...all you have to do is borrow Germany's 7 centers and grab 2 of Italy's.

ENG-TUR: Your units look like "The Blob" -- all bunched up together and slimy. And only The Blob would swallow up its friends along with it's enemies!

ENG-GER: Right, Evans?

ITA-GER: Sorry, Evans. You and I managed to get in the middle of this.

Exile FRA-AUS: All right! I'll bet if you're a good boy you'll survive 'til the end!

ITA-AUS: Not bad. I appreciated someone who goes down swinging. Only, do you remember that Melinda helped me stab you? I thought not.

IVINS PRESS

ENG-WORLD: "NEWSPAPER STRIKE HALTS PRODUCTION" All major newspapers in England are shut down by the highly effective strike by the Printers and Typographers Guild; consequently there are no excerpts from the nation's newspapers this month. Look in this spot next month for a complete round-up of the fascinating comings and goings of England's ruling class.

The Silesian Sentinel: Sources near Warsaw have reported unusual activity among the Russian troops garrisoned there. Reserve units from the north have been seen joining regular army units in what appears to be preparation for a Russian push to the west. In response to this threat of aggression, local officials through out Silesia have petitioned the Commander of German troops in Berlin for assistance. The German commander has responded that he will send his army to protect the citizens of the area, but that his position will be a purely defensive one since his army maybe needed in Munich later in the year.

Berlin-Munich: During the past week, communications with other world leaders have contained numerous warnings of Russian intentions to pursue a course of westward expansion. Germany does not desire a war with Russia, but we will take all measures necessary to defend our borders. If the warnings were false, those who supplied them can expect quick retaliation.

Bloom County



GFL 1987

ONLY 5 UNDEFEATED TEAMS LEFT

As the commissioner gloated over the degree of parity in the GFL, only five of the opening week's winners were able to repeat. This was the first intradivision contest of the season, and last year's doormat, the Philadelphia Main Line Muffins (formerly the Rocky Mountain Oysters), beat last years GFL champion, the Botswana Bats. The Offense of the week belongs to the Niagara Star Lords, with the defense of the week going to Philly (two points from perfect). There were three shutouts, as defense dominated the day. The closest contest of the second week was the Monday night game between the L.A. Bruins and the Oregon Annihilators, a 7 to 5 win for the Bruins.

STRIKE!

Right after the Monday night game the GFL players went on strike, claiming that management had not been responsive to their demands for stability. "We hate this free agency bit!", declared Botswana kicker Anderson. "One season you're in Mt. Fuji, and the next someplace called Botswana. What about our families? This kind of uprooting is destabilizing. And the only reason the owners do it is to keep us wondering about job security. It is inhuman to cut more than half the team members after each season. Either they guarantee us some stability or we stay out." The owners claimed that free agency was to the players benefit. Not only would they not get stuck with a loser team, but they get a chance to renegotiate contracts every year.

COMMISSIONER DECLARES "SEASON CAN BE SALVAGED"

In a rare move for football games, GFL Commissioner Ellis declared that any games lost due to the strike would be made up in up to six double-headers. "We can work this out where four teams are all in close enough proximity to play one game on Saturday and another on Sunday." Asked if he thought the he was putting the players at risk by doing this he only said the players had brought this on themselves. "If we don't have games we don't make money, and if we don't make money, the players don't get paid." The commissioner said that up to six games may be made up in this way, and if the strike should last longer than six games interconference games would be cancelled first.

The commissioner had considered a supplemental draft to fill out teams and continue the season, but decided against that plan. "We wouldn't be able to get teams together fast enough. By the time we were ready to play some games the strike will probably be over. It just isn't worth the time and effort.", he said.

STANDINGS 1987 SEASON

YANKEE CONFERENCE

East			West		
Niagara	2	0	Philly	2	0
Mt. Fuji	1	1	Botswana	1	1
Chesapeake	0	2	LA Bruins	1	1
Mt. Kisco	0	2	Oregon	1	1

DIXIE CONFERENCE

East			West		
Kokomo	2	0	Colorado	2	0
Glasgow	1	1	Western	2	0
Baltimore	0	2	Houston	1	1
Virginia	0	2	Puddletown	0	2

ROSTER CHANGES

Just prior to the strike announcement several teams announced trades and free agent signings. The owners denied that these particular cuts had anything to do with the union.

Baltimore picks up DEN Lang RB, cuts BUF Sampson WR (player rep)
Puddletown picks up NYG Baker WR, cuts STL Marsh TE (player rep)
Virginia picks up PIT Malone QB, cuts RAM Dils QB (assitant player rep)
Glasgow (free agent pick from Mt. Kisco) picks up KC Chiefs DB, no cut necessary
Kokomo picks up ATL Bailey WR, cuts MIA Nathan RB
Chesapeake picks up PHI Haddix RB, cuts CHI Ortego WR
Oregon picks up MIN Vikings OL, cuts PHI Eagles OL
Glasgow picks up DET Mandley WR, cuts SEA Skansi WR
Colorado picks up DET Hipple QB, cuts RAD Hilger QB (Player Rep)

TRADES

Baltimore gets GB Davis RB, CLE Langhorne WR, and DAL Pelleur QB from Chesapeake for STL Lomax QB, SF CLark WR, SEA Williams J.L., and '88 5th round draft pick.

Some rules clarifications.

First, you cannot play a player until after I have published that you own that player. That goes for free agents as well as trades. You also cannot use a free agent pick that you have traded for until after it has been published. If anyone trades for a "week 3" free agent pick it is useless. You may, however, trade for whoever the other owner picks up that week. For example, if Mt. Kisco wants to give his week 3 free agent pick to Glasgow he can't. But he can send in a list of players to pick up and then both owners can specify in that week's trade that Glasgow gets whoever Mt. Kisco picks up. IF YOU DO THAT BE SURE TO STATE WHETHER THE TRADE GOES THROUGH SHOULD THE FREE AGENT PICKUP BE UNSUCCESSFUL.

Trading can be a fun part of this league (if you don't believe me, just ask Joe "Steinbrenner" Barth), but the trades need to be worded properly so nobody gets upset with the results.

I would like to establish as soon as possible exactly how many players we want to carry over to next year. My suggestion is to go with 10 this time. Seven was a good number, and I didn't have too many problems with the draft, but I like to follow teams that have the same players from year to year. It would add some continuity to allow more carryovers. I am also not adverse to allow trades of carryover spots. If you want to give away a draft pick so that you can carry one additional player, and you can find an owner who is willing to carry only 9 players to get the additional draft, go for it. Please let me know how you feel about this.

The interview with the "Commissioner" on the preceding page is exactly how I intend to handle the strike. Most of you seem to agree that we shouldn't attempt another draft. For the rest of you (Mike, have you thought about starting a hobby, like needlepoint, or Diplomacy?), I am sorry. I just can't take the time now to do a proper job of another draft.

Please make note of my new phone number on the first page of the zine. Here's to a short strike!