

FROBOZZ

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Well, here we go again. I've made an offer to buy a condominium here in Ann Arbor, and the offer's been accepted. I expect to be moving in March and also expect to be *very* busy until I'm settled in the new place. I hope you puzzle fans will be understanding, for I don't believe I'll have the time to put any puzzles in these pages until April.

1985V ends in this issue. Ordinarily, when a game ends here, I start a new one. But, because I'm so busy right now, I'm going to delay this until April. Please be patient.

1986D

Flying Carpet

Summer, 1906

Eng: F spa(sc) r POR. Ger: A sil r BER. Ita: A ven r ROM.

Fall, 1906

ENGLAND (*Holley*) A GAS S F mid-SPA(SC), A pic-PAR, F BEL H, F iri-MID, F mid-SPA(SC), F SWE H, F POR S F mid-SPA(SC).

FRANCE (*Geryk*) F MAR-spa(sc), F spa(nc)-gas(d,a).

GERMANY (*Plummer*) A BUR-mar, F hol-KIE, F stp(sc)-BOT, A pru-SIL, A MUN S A pru-SIL, A BER S A pru-SIL, A LVN-war.

ITALY (*Gonsalves*) A TYO S A vie, A vie S A TYO(d,r boh,otb), F TYN S A ROM, F NAP S A ROM, A ROM S F NAP.

RUSSIA (*Early*) NMR. F BAL H, A SEV H.

TURKEY (*Baker*) F ION-nap, A APU S F ION-nap, F AEG-ion, F ADR-ven, F TRI S F ADR-ven, A sil S A WAR(d,r boh,otb), A WAR S Russian A SEV-mos(nso), A VEN-tyo, A bud-VIE, A GAL S A bud-VIE.

Deadline for Spring, 1907 is 9PM EST Friday, February 13, 1987. Michael Gonsalves is the new player for Italy. An E-G-T draw is proposed. Players should note that if the dislodged armies both attempt to retreat to Bohemia, then both armies will be annihilated. I recommend that Italy and Turkey write conditional orders. No standby will be called for Russia.

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1986D supply center chart - 1906

ENGLAND	lon, lvp, edi, nwy, bre, por, spa, PAR, BEL, SWE.....	10, +3
FRANCE	mar, hol, ber	2, +1
GERMANY	ber, kie, mun, swe , den, par , stp.....	5, -2
ITALY	rom, ven , nap, tun, vie	3, -2
RUSSIA	mos, sev.....	2, even
TURKEY	con, ank, smy, bul, rum, gre, bud, ser, war, tri, VEN, VIE.....	12, +2

PRESS — France to GM: "Out"? Whadd'ya mean, "out"?!

GM to France: Such a pessimist.

England to Germany: Sorry, Stan. Just call me greedy, I guess.

Ann Arbor to London: "Greedy, I guess"? What an unusual name.

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The Scoreboard

Last month's puzzle turned out to be particularly difficult for the solvers, and even more difficult for the scorer! Almost everyone made some sort of mistake. One solver obviously didn't understand the rules. There were two cases of letters being incorrectly copied from the Letter Pool. And there were several scoring errors. Ironically, the only solver to protect against this by submitting three solutions, made no mistakes at all! This was Jim Lawniczak, who gets credit for his best solution, scoring 463 points. Other solvers (all of who scored lower than they thought) earned points as follows: Pete Kurucz - 309, John Ricotta - 230, Bruce Linsey - 206, Melinda Holley - 92. You may be interested to know that it was possible to score over 1200 points on this puzzle. It's an obscure solution, and I'm not surprised that no one found it. I won't go into detail about it, but for the curious, the eighth play is "D 1-15 EXTEMPORIZATION". That should give you a pretty good idea how it's done.

An addendum to last month's Scoreboard: Brady Richter earned 95 points for the November puzzle. I apologize for the omission. And now, here are the final totals for 1986. Congratulations to the winner, Bruce Linsey:

1. BRUCE LINSEY - 1390 points	6. Pete Kurucz - 489 points	11. Brady Richter - 195 points
2. Jim Lawniczak - 1070 points	7. John Ricotta - 480 points	12/13. Russ Rusnak - 100 points
3. Steve Langley - 1057 points	8. Lu Henry - 400 points	12/13. Joel Peacher - 100 points
4. Matt Chen - 600 points	9. Paul Milewski - 290 points	14. Pat O'Brien - 95 points
5. Melinda Holley - 563 points	10. Chuff Afflerbach - 210 points	15. Pat Jensen - 94 points

PRESS — Bruce Geryk to Bruce Linsey: Congratulations to the new *Frobozz* puzzle champ, as I assume you are going to be as I write this press. The challenge that you posed two issues ago was interesting, but I'm afraid that I'll have to decline your offer. I hate to be unsporting and all, but I never have the time to do Jeff's puzzles in the first place. Besides, should I ever *find* the time and sit down to challenge you, I would certainly find myself outclassed. No, should we duel with puzzles, I would probably concede defeat by February. Sorry. You'll have to get that free meal out of me by some other means (pbm ASL — now I like *that* idea)...

1985CX

Isengard

Winter, 1907

Rus: Declines build, plays one short.

Spring, 1908

AUSTRIA (Steve Langley, 2296 Eden Roc Lane #1, Sacramento, CA 95825-3350) A PIE S French A MAR, A BOH S Russian A MUN, F TYN H(U), F WES H(U), F LYO H(U), A VEN H(U), A TYO H(U), A GAL H(U), A SER H(U), A GRE H(U).

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie, 43 E. Houston Ave., Montgomery, PA 17752-1104) A FIN-stp, F NWY S A FIN-stp, F den-BAL, A PIC S German A BUR, F MID S F GAS, F GAS S F MID, F BRE S F MID, F ENG S F MID.

FRANCE (Mike Van Wie?) NMR. A POR H, A MAR H, F SPA(SC) H.

GERMANY (Fred Townsend, 2144 N. Dayton, Chicago, IL 60614) A BUR S A RUH, A RUH S A KIE, A KIE S A RUH.

RUSSIA (Pete Kurucz, 6465 Chantilly Pl., Colorado Springs, CO 80922) A STP H, A LVN S A STP, A SEV H, A WAR H, A SIL S A MUN, A MUN S English F den-kie(nso), A BER S A MUN, F NAF-mid.

Deadline for Fall, 1908 is 9PM EST Friday, February 13, 1987. Note the COA for Fred Townsend. Pat Jensen has NMRed out of the game, but Mike Van Wie may still have the French position if he wishes. I'm also asking Roby Noble, 436 S. 10th St., St. Helens, OR 97051-2404 to standby for France, please. All of the draw proposals were defeated. Now proposed are these draws: A-E, A-R, A-E-G, A-E-R, A-E-G-R, A-E-F-G-R. You should also note that under house rule #16, the game will automatically be declared a draw among all remaining players next season, unless a supply center changes hands or a player demonstrates a plan to break the deadlock and his intention to do so.

PRESS — England to GM: Are perpetual orders allowed? We could all save ourselves a lot of effort by voting for a draw or writing perpetual orders.

GM to England: Yes, perpetual orders are permitted.

Russia to Germany: My question to you is — why aren't you voting for the A-E-R draw?

Austria: I've been voting yes.

Here is the current standby pool: Geryk, Noble, Townsend, Heinowski, Richter, Ricotta, Davis, Hood, Acheson, Barents, Taube, Christie. Does anyone want on or off the list?

1986CG

The Eye of Agamotto

Fall, 1902

AUSTRIA (Peters) A SER-bul, F GRE S A SER-bul, A BUD-ser, A vie-GAL.

ENGLAND (Geryk) A nwy-STP, F BAR S A nwy-STP, F nth-NWY, F eng-BRE.

FRANCE (Johnston) NMR. F POR H, A mar h(d,r bur,gas,spa,otb), A PIC H.

GERMANY (O'Brien) A bur-PAR, F SKA-swe, A mun-SIL, A HOL S English F nth-bel(nso).

ITALY (Van Wie) A pie-MAR, A TUN H, F LYO S A pie-MAR, F tyn-WES.

RUSSIA (Taube) A gal-RUM, F BLA S A gal-RUM, A MOS-stp, A war-LVN, F SWE S German F SKA-nwy(nso).

TURKEY (Noble) A BUL S Russian A gal-RUM, F CON S A BUL, A ANK H, A SMY H.

Deadline for Spring, 1903 is 9PM EST Friday, February 13, 1987. No standby will be called for France. The proposed draw was defeated. I thank Hugh Christie for submitting standby orders, though they were not needed.

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1986CG supply center chart - 1902

AUSTRIA	vie,tri,bud,ser,GRE.....	5, +1
ENGLAND	lon,lvp,edi,nwy,STP,BRE.....	6, +2
FRANCE	par,brs,azs ,POR.....	1, -2 *
GERMANY	ber,kie,mun,den,PAR,HOL.....	6, +2
ITALY	rom,nap,ven,tun,MAR.....	5, +1
RUSSIA	stp ,mos,war,sev,rum,SWE.....	5, even
TURKEY	con,ank,smy,bul.....	4, even

* If the French army in retreat from Marseilles goes to Spain, France will be at 2, -1.

PRESS — London (Reuters): The Royal Committee on Education has just released its findings concerning the quality of schooling provided to children in St. Petersburg. The Committee found that the level of education is so poor that it finds it hard to believe that the Russians are capable of consistently turning out philosophers on the level of Platonov (*Which is probably why they didn't — Oops! An editorial comment slipped through.*) In light of this, the Crown has decided to send a group of teachers from its famed public school system to rectify the situation immediately.

Burgundy to Marseilles (via Germany): When does the last ship leave for Elba? I think you'd better wait for one more passenger, a short fat guy.

Constantinople to Rome: Yes!

Turkey to all: It seems that the USPS has something about delivering my letters late. Which one of you is responsible for putting a spy into this great government agency and intercepting my most secret documents? If I ever find out, boy are you gonna get it!

Noble to readers of Frobozz: My zine, *The Volcano City News* is still looking for a few good men (and women). It's a little late right now, but will be out within the week. I still have a special half-price offer for game fees, so why not give it a try?

Ann Arbor: Hmm, using press to get a free plug, huh? Well, getting a new zine off the ground is a good cause, so I'll let it pass this time...

Rome to football fans: Of course, the Redskins are probably out of the playoffs by now, but if not, GO 'SKINS!!

1987F

The Blue Parrot

Spring, 1901

AUSTRIA (Rusnak) F tri-ALB, A bud-SER, A VIE-tyo.

ENGLAND (Ricotta) F lon-ENG, F edi-NTH, A lvp-WAL. JOHR

FRANCE (Richter) A PAR-bur, A mar-SPA, F bre-MID. BRADY

GERMANY (Hood) A MUN-bur, A ber-KIE, F kie-DEN. DAVI D

ITALY (Chen) A VEN-tyo, A rom-APU, F nap-ION. MAST

RUSSIA (Seaman) F stp(sc)-BOT, A mos-STP, A war-GAL, F sev-RUM. TALL

TURKEY (Davis) F ank-BLA, A con-BUL, A smy-ARM. TIL

Deadline for Fall, 1901 is 9PM EST Friday, February 13, 1987. The \$4.00 game fee is still due from Seaman.

PRESS — Turkey to England: Letter on the way, I also accept your proposal (in case you hadn't noticed).

Turkey to Germany: Are you still willing to help?

Turkey to Russia: Your letter arrived too late to be convincing!

1986CF

The Philosopher's Stone

Winter, 1982

Aus: A ser r TRI. Eng: Builds F EDI. Ger: Removes A ber.
 Ita: Builds F NAP. Rus: F swe r BOT. Tur: Builds F SMY.

Spring, 1903

AUSTRIA (Holley) A ven-PIE, F GRE-bul(sc), A tyo-VIE, A bud S A TRI-ser(d,a), A TRI-ser.

ENGLAND (Gonsalves) F edi-NWG, F nwg-BAR, A bel-ruh(d,a), A HOL S A bel-ruh, F NTH S F swe-DEN, F swe-DEN.

FRANCE (Vaporis) A bur-BEL, A PIC S A bur-BEL, A mar-BUR, F naf-TUN, F WES S F naf-TUN.

GERMANY (Falkiner) A RUH S Italian A mun-bur(nso), A KIE S A RUH, F den goes fishing(d,r bal, ska, hel, oth).

ITALY (Bakken) F NAP-ion, F TYN-tun, A ROM H, A mun-TYO.

RUSSIA (Drane) A rum-BUD, A GAL S A rum-BUD, F sev-RUM, F bot-SWE, A NWY S F bot-SWE, A STP S A NWY.

TURKEY (Rothchild) A SER-tri, F AEG-ion, F CON-bul(sc), F SMY-aeg, A ANK-con.

Deadline for Fall, 1903 is 9PM EST Friday, February 13, 1987. Melinda Holley is the new player for Austria.

PRESS — Rome: The Pope sends his blessings to all his neighbors and hopes peace will prevail in Italy once more.
 Italy to England: Boy, I can't seem to do anything right anymore. I don't know why. Does anybody know why? I shoulda called Federal.

1985V

The Ruby Yacht

Final

The E-R-T draw is approved. Congratulations, Paul, Michael, and Stan! Deadline for endgame statements is Friday, February 13, 1987.

GM: Jeff Richmond. Zine: Frobozz. Austria: Dale Bakken (out F'05). England: James Early (res S'02), Paul Milewski (draw S'12). France: Russ MacKechnie (res S'03), Mark Frueh (out F'11). Germany: Fred Townsend. Italy: Steve Dycus (drop W'01), Pat Jensen (out F'11). Russia: Howard Christie (drop F'09), Michael Gonsalves (draw S'12). Turkey: Stan Plummer (draw S'12).

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	
AUSTRIA	4	4	4	1	0							
ENGLAND	4	3	4	3	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	Draws S'12
FRANCE	5	5	3	3	1	2	2	3	2	1	0	
GERMANY	5	6	7	6	6	5	3	3	4	3	1	
ITALY	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	0	
RUSSIA	7	7	8	10	13	13	12	9	8	9	10	Draws S'12
TURKEY	4	5	5	8	8	8	10	12	12	12	15	Draws S'12

_____ Your sub has expired. Please renew.

_____ Please standby in

Russ Rusnak (S50)
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Dear Russ,
 Well, I wouldn't really know how to go about explaining the appeal of pro wrestling to someone not in the know. I'm not sure I understand it myself. Why don't you explain it to Deb?

Best,
 Jill