
Influential Player Rankings.

From the desk of Dan Stafford, 215-D Delhi Ave, Columbus, OH, 43202, USA we get the latest (3/7/83) rankings for the IPR. This is a Calhammer-type rating except that it tabulates only the last 5 years, in this case from EVERYTHING #42-#55 (1977-82). Points are awarded as follows: Win=1pt, 2 way draw=0.5pt, 3 way=0.3pt, 4 way=0.2pt, 5 way=0.1 pt.

Rank.	Name.	IPR.	Wins+Draws.	Wins.	Rank.	Name.	IPR.	Wins+Draws.	Wins.
1	Lee Kendter snr	9.1	16	7	21	Steve McLendon	3.7	7	3
2	Kathy Byrne	7.9	11	6	22	Tom Ripper*	3.6	5	5
3	Jack Masters	7.3	10	6	23	John Kador	3.5	6	2
4	Don Ditter	5.7	10	4	24	Walter Blank	3.5	5	3
5	John Caruso	5.0	10	2	25	Greg Haskew*	3.5	4	3
6	Ron USA Brown	4.8	8	4	26	H.D. Bassett	3.5	4	3
7	Bill Hart	4.8	7	4	27	John Michalski	3.4	9	1
8	Eric Verheiden	4.7	13	2	28	Paul Rauterberg	3.4	7	2
9	Dan Stafford	4.6	7	3	29	Dave Ditter	3.3	6	2
10	Ron Kelly	4.5	10	3	30	Fred Townsend	3.3	5	3
11	Arturo Guadardo	4.4	8	2	31	Blair Cusack*	3.3	4	3
12	Bob Sergeant	4.4	7	4	32	John Kevern	3.2	7	1
13	Dick Martin	4.3	8	3	33	Gene Boggess	3.0	6	1
14	Stan Johnson	4.3	6	3	34	Dan MacLellan	3.0	6	1
15	Rick Kassel	4.1	6	3	35	Bill Bryg	3.0	3	3
16	Eric Kirchner	4.0	8	2	36	Eldon Nichol	3.0	3	3
17	Bob Osuch	3.9	6	3	37	Dave Crockett	3.0	3	3
18	Tom Thomson	3.9	6	3	38	Mark Berch	2.9	5	2
19	Dave Carter*	3.8	9	1	39	Al Pearson	2.8	4	2
20	Bill Becker	3.8	6	2	40	Doug Landon*	2.7	5	1

*represents first time on the list.

Letter Excerpts:

(Clarice Marie Lowes, age 2 months) *Dear Mr Carter, thank you very much for the sample issue #20 that you sent. It was a bit confusing to me - so many things I don't understand yet. But I like the pictures. The STAR WARS shots had to be explained to me but Dad says he'll take me to see the fifth one - I should be old enough by then. And those girls aren't wearing very much clothing. Everytime I have that few on I get cold. Am I supposed to look like that? Daddy mumbled something about needing a big club if I do....Anyways, I don't think I should subscribe yet, maybe in a couple of years after I learn to read. Good luck with your new baby-to-be.*

((I'm sorry to hear that you don't want to sub just yet Clarice. Don't let the fact that you can't read stop you, Steve Hutton publishes a zine without being able to write))

(Bob Acheson) *While I won't bet on my leafs yet, at least until they KO Minnesota and Chicago, I do believe that the Byrnes Islanders would be very lucky to get by Washington.*

((If I had any compassion I wouldn't print these old letters written before the playoffs but a real letter from Bob Acheson is hard to pass up.))

(Rob Rochester Winslow) *The SEC is indeed a very good basketball conference, Georgia proved that. I never said it wasn't good. About NCAA Football though, it seems that Penn State won the National title last year and this year seems to remember that Pennsylvania is somewhere North of the Mason-Dixon line.*

In the Northeast we do like to give our student-athletes an education, is that wrong? Bill Bradley, for instance, had a fine career with the Knicks and is now a US congressman (Although I'm not saying Congressmen have any brains, take Ted Kennedy for example) ((No thanks, you can keep him))

As far as toxic wastes go, how come every train loaded with some kind of poisonous gas seems to derail in Louisiana? Perhaps all the Chlorine gas drifting around down there has screwed up a few too many minds. This could explain why some folks actually brag about consuming Budweiser.

((If you guys would argue about NHL hockey maybe I could get in on this.))

(Ben Schilling) *Any one who believes that NCAA athletics are amateur sports expects All Dip players to keep all their promises.*

(Doug Karnes) *You might as well put me on your list of new daddys. Elsie (My wife) gave birth to our first child, a son, which we named James Christopher Ryan Karnes, on Feb 23rd at 1.20 am.*

((Congratulations Doug, if any more dippy-types have kids we'll have to call in the Atlanta disease control center to find out what is causing it. Maybe the thing is a virus transmitted by dippy zines?)

(Jeff Panches) *The floods and high seas we had in California have subsided and spring is in full bloom - it's soF out and beautiful sun - how's yours (ha, ha) ?*

I've been busy at work lately but still have some time for fun. I've been appointed the Traffic Safety Commissioner for the city of Carlsbad - no pay, but it does further my political career.

((We share the same sun Jeff. Weather-wise this winter was the mildest I can remember since I settled here in 1964. Hardly any snow, moderate temperatures and little ground frost. My job is construction-related and due to the moderate winter the Spring construction season is 4 weeks ahead of 1982. Spring is always our busiest time and we still have 1/3 of the staff working on winter research projects. I deleted your joke cos city officials in Carlsbad should not go around telling ethnic jokes...got any more?))

(Mark Keller) *Yes, my zine is done on a VIC 20. The VIC has 23 lines of 22 characters. The text editor I use is one that I wrote myself. It provides me with 5 logical lines of 82 characters each on the screen at once together with a status line and a command line. The VIC is now selling for \$89.00 in the US.*

One nice thing about Commodore is that if you buy the VIC with a printer & disc drive you can use them when you move up to the "64". I may be moving up very soon. The "64" is now selling for \$399.00 US. I've also

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1983 Runestone (a.k.a. Leeder) Zine and GM Poll:

SIXTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN GAMESMASTER POLL.

You may rate any GM in whose postal game(s) you were a player during the period beginning April 1, 1982 and whom you played under for long enough to gain an objective assessment of his/her competence as a GM. Rate each GM on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest possible rating, 10 the highest). No fractions. GM's may not rate themselves. Others may not rate GM's in whose games they were not active players during the poll period. Violations of these rules will result in invalidation of the entire ballot.

Rate each GM by name, not by zine. Votes which do not use the Gm's name will not be tabulated. To help in tabulation, please list the the GM's in alphabetical order by surname.

SEVENTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL.

You may rate any publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy (Including Genzines, house zines of Organizations etc) which has published more than 2 issues since Aprkl 1, 1982. Rate the series, not individual issues. Rate only zines of which you have seen enough issues to form an objective assessment of the quality of the Publication; do not base votes on hobby feuds, agreement or disagreement with the editor's opinions etc. Rate each zine on a scale of 0 to 10 (0 being the lowest, 10 the highest). No Fractions. Specify subzines and rate them seperately from the parent zine. Subzines will be listed seperately in an independant list.

Publishers may not rate their own zines. Violation will result in invalidation of the entire ballot. Please list the zines in alphabetical order to make tabulation of the results easier.

BALLOT: Sign your ballot and indicate 1 way in which you participate in the hobby (To establish eligibility) All votes will be kept confidential. Send your ballots to RANDOLPH SMYTH, RUNESTONE POLL, 212 ABERDEEN ST S.E. MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA, CANADA, T1A 0R1. Deadline is July 4th, 1983
Please rate only North American GM's and Zines, although any readers outside North America may participate.

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....I'm Sexist?!!!!...According to Judy Winsome of WINSOME/LO SOME I am! She is currently conducting a poll for the most "sexist person in the hobby" (That's sexist not sexi est. Julie Glass would win the sexi est hands down). The name of the award to be presented to the Sexist person in the hobby is the CARTER AWARD.

Write to Judy at 1993 Plymouth Dr, #11, Mountain View, CA, 94043, USA and nominate someone (Nominate yourself?). Deadline Mothers Day: Sunday May 8th.

...and to think that this all started because Dave Weatherhead refused to draw a nude male for my front page....Sheeesh.

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((The person who gave this to me tells me that it is a fairly old joke, but It's the first time that I can remember seeing it. So here goes HOW TO KILL A SOUTH DAKOTA EEL.)

Little Johnny was 12 years old and, like other boys his age, rather curious. He had been hearing quite a bit about "courting" from the older boys and he wondered what it was and how it was done. One day he took his questions to his mother who became rather frustrated. Instead of explaining things to Johnny, she told him to hide behind the curtains one night and watch his older sister and her boyfriend. This he did. The following morning he described everything to his mom. "Sis and her boyfriend sat and talked for awhile, then he turned off most of the lights." "Then he started kissing and hugging her. I figured Sis must be getting sick, because she started looking funny. He must have thought so to, because he put his hand inside her blouse to feel her heartbeat just like the doctor would do. Except I guess he's not as smart as the doctor because he seemed to have trouble finding her heart. I guess he must have been getting sick too, because pretty soon both of them started panting and getting out of breath. His other hand must have been cold because he put it under her skirt. About this time Sis got worse and started to moan and sigh and squirm around. They slid down to the end of the couch. This is when the fever started. I know it was the fever because Sis told him that she was really hot. Then finally I found out what was making them so sick. A great big eel had gotten inside his pants somehow. It just jumped out of his pants and stood there, about 10" high. Honest! Anyway, he grabbed it with one hand to keep it from getting away. And when Sis saw it she got really scared...her eyes got big and her mouth fell open. She started calling out to God and stuff like that. She said it was the biggest one she had ever seen (I should tell her about the ones down at the lake). Anyway, Sis got brave and tried to kill the eel by biting its head off. Then all of a sudden, she made a noise and let go of the eel...I guess it bit her back. Then Sis grabbed it with both hands this time while her boyfriend took a muzzel out of his pocket and slipped it over the eel's head to keep it from biting again. Then Sis lay back and spread her legs, so she could get a scissor lock on it, and her boyfriend helped by laying on top of the eel. The eel put up one hell of a fight. Sis started groaning again and then she squealed and her boyfriend almost upset the couch. I guess they were trying to kill the eel by squashing it between them. After awhile they both quit moving and gave a great sigh. Her boyfriend got up, and sure enough, they had killed the eel. I know it was dead because it just hung there, all limp, and some of its insides were hanging out. Sis and her boyfriend were a little tired from the battle, but they went back to courting anyways. He started hugging and kissing her again. But by golly...that old eel wasn't dead. It jumped straight up and started to fight again. I guess eels are like cats...they must have nine lives or something. This time Sis jumped up and tried to kill the eel by sitting on it. After a 35 min struggle, they finally killed the eel. I know it was dead for sure this time, because I saw Sis's boyfriend peel off the skin and flush it down the toilet.

sleepless Knights #22

1982 IS(NIDOL) SPRING 1902 DUE: MAY 28/83 GM: B.C. HICKEY

EARLY ALLIANCES FORMING IN NW & SE SECTORS

AUS(DAVE HEAD) a vie h, a tri-ser, a bud s RUS f rum, a ser-bul, f gre s a ser-bu
ENG(HEITZMAN) f nwy-swe, f nth-hel, f nth c @ER a hol-bel (IMP), f lon-eng,
f lvp-nao, a bel-pic
FRA(TOUCHETTE) f por-mid, a spa-gas, a mar s a spa-gas, a bre s a spa-gas
GER(R. WINSLOW) a par-gas, a mun-bur, a ber-kie, f den-swe, f kie-bal, a hol-bel
ITA(A. TORRES) f tun-wes, f nap-ion, a apu h, a pie-mar ((COA on P1))
RUS(G. PAULSON) f bot-swe, a mos-3+2, a sev-arm, a arm-syr,
f rum s AUS a ser-bul
TUR(LAGIMONIERE) a smy-arm, a con s a bul, a bul s AUS a ser-rum(NSO)
f bla s a bul

GREAT MOMENTS IN DIPLOMACY - PART VII
Bill Highfield's first sexual experience.
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"OK. We took off our clothes... I got on top of you How soon before it starts to feel good?"

PRESS:

ROME-LON The pope hopes that the King's remarks about co-habitation between himself and the Kaiser were not meant as a personal attack on the popes virtuosity! (By the way tell the Queen that "Love Bundle" sends his best)
KING OF ENGLAND- Your vile language and loose association undoubtedly has caused your late grandmother-onr dearly departed Queen-to turn over in her grave
KAISER Gee I have'nt heard from you since 12/8/82. What's shakin' doc?
ENG-AUS The Italian Inquisitors have found no corruption in the Papal processess, Unfounded rumors have been circulating that the Inquisitors have been drinking leaded water as did the early rulers of the roman empire such as Caligula. It is reported that the pope is looking for the rumor monger. His intentions are unknown.
ROM-ALL Despite my nephews immaturity and amorality. at least he has manners
KING ENG -SULTAN Apparently you have none... England is too far away for even an intro letter, is that the idea?
KAISER Hey Barry, I gave you a "10" in Randolph Smyth's sixth annual TO GM north american gamemaster poll while my spies inform me Heintzman gave you a "2". Does England NMR NOW or do I still have to pay \$37.42 as per houserule 27.36a? I think I should get a freebie
GM No I don't think it warrants a freebie. Your insolence in the matter requires me to double the amount and it be remitted in U.S. funds. Failure to do so within 10 days will result in the revokation of rule 13.13x. My rath you may find out has no bounds.

RAIL BARON #2 ROUND 4 TURN 6 DUE: MAY 28/83 GM: B.C. HICKEY

LOCOMOTIVE T6(2-6) \$10.5-1(ub)+5(fy) BAL \$14.5
BREATH 1 stop E of Omaha on CRI&P
BLACK Salt Lake City-Baltimore (\$23) 2nd trip
LOWES LUCKY T6(1-6) \$32.5-1(ub)+5(fw) BAL \$36.5
LOOPER 3 stops NW of Memphis on SLSF
BLUE Miami-Oklahoma City(\$13.5) 2nd trip
CARTER'S T6(3-4) \$22.5-5(uY)-1(ub) BAL \$16.5
CANNONBALL At Birmingham on L&N
GREEN Miami-Boston(\$16.) 2nd trip
THE BILLINGS T6(0-0) \$17-5(NMR) BAL \$12.
BULLET At Philadelphia
RED Philadelphia-Pocate1lo(\$23.5) 2nd trip
ROTARY T6(4-6) \$2-5(uB1)+20(py)-4(pr) BAL \$13.
ROCKET At Tampa New Destination: San Antonio
WHITE Tampa-San Antonio (\$13.5) 3rd trip
GZOG'S T6(3-6) \$16-5(uBk)+5(fG)+16(py)-24(pr) BAL \$8.
DCORMAT At New York New Destination: Portland Ore.
YELLOW R& New York-Portland Ore.(\$31) 3rd trip

GREAT MOMENTS IN DIPLOMACY - PART IX

Dip Tournament at Origins 82.
John Caruso protects Woody from the big bullies stealing his dots.



Q: When does a Negro become a Nigger
A: When he leaves the room.
Q: Why do Negroes make lousy mountain climbers?
A: Their lips explode over 5,000 ft

OWN LIST: LB HAS PA LLL HAS ACL CC HAS ExC
TBB HAS SOU RR HAS C&O, B&M OD HAS SAL, B&O

LB-OD... Thanks for the 5K, you are a true doormat. You're getting so much money you can afford to spread it around. Now I wonder if you'll continue on PA to New York or backtrack on the B&O to Chi-town then take the NYC. A longer way around, but you won't have to pay me. Me thinks timing is important in the early stages of the game so you'll shell out another 5K.

Games People Play Poll:

Jim Williams of Altoona, Idaho has completed his first GAMES PEOPLE PLAY POLL. He reports that there were 34 ballots from us peace-loving North Americans and 30 ballots from the commie-sucking Europeans. Points were awarded on a point basis: 1st=5, 2nd=4, 3rd=3, 4th=2 and 5th=1.

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FACE TO FACE

Table with 2 columns: Europe. and North America. listing game titles and points.

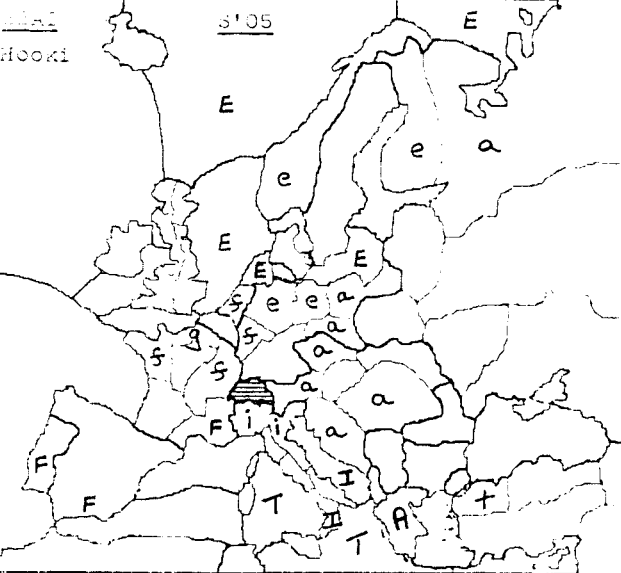


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I can't say as I have ever heard of "United"? Since it did beat out Diplomacy in European playing circles I shall make a point to burn any sets that I manage to pick up at the ORIGINS auction.

Interesting poll Jim but right now I have to plug..... James S Woodson of 2329 So 9th St, #414, Minneapolis, 55406 is going to start a zine called RAGING MAIN.

....and now for something completely different.... Q: What do you call a man with no arms and no legs sitting in a hole? A: Phil.



AUS (Steve Arnawoodian): a liv- pru, a war - sil, a vie - boh, f bul sc - gre, a bud s a tri, a tri s a tyr - ven, a mos - stp. a tyr - ven. ENG (Blair Cusack): f stp no - bar, a nwy - fin, a edi - nwy, f nwg c a edi - nwy, f ber - bal, a kie - ber, a lon - kie, f nth c a lon kie, f hel c a lon - kie.



1982 IB(MAKIEM) WIN 1902-SPRING 1903 DUE:MAY 28/83 GM:B.C.HICKEY

GERMANY FEELING THE SQUEEZE

ENG (ACHESON) Bld f edi::f edi-nth,f lon s f edi-nth,a yor h,f ska-den FRA(MacLELLAN)Rem f lon::a spa-gas,a mar-pie,a bue-bel,f eng s a bur-bel, f lyo-tyh GER(DAVE HEAD)Bld a mun,f kie::a den-swe/d/(ANN),f kie-bal,f hol-kie, a ruh s f hol-kie,a mun s f hol-kie

Since this issue has pictures of big virile men in it I figured why not stick my own in...picture that is.



