





Influential Player Rankings: Update -- 1st Oct 1983.

This is a Calhamer-type rating that awards points for wins and draws only. Only a limited number of games are rated--currently only Boardman numbered games 1977 through 1982 (no '83's have finished yet). Game start statistic reflects games begun between 1982 BA and 1983 AZ.

- Win = 1.0
2-way draw = .5
3-way draw = .3
4-way draw = .2
5-way draw = .1
6-way draw = .0

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Table with columns: Rank, Name, IPR, # of Wins and Draws, # of Wins, Game Starts - Past Year-. Lists 40 players including Lee Kender Sr, Kelly Byrne, Jack Masters, etc.

BUT HONEST, I'M NOT TWO-THING YOU WHEN I SAY THAT I FUCK THE DOG AT WORK



What's blue and sings alone? A: Dan Ackroyd. Q: Why doesn't Natalie Wood shower on the boat? A: She prefers to wash up ashore.

'Chekov, channel every last bit of power in the warp engines through the phasers and train them on that android on C level.' Scotty went wild eyed with infinity. 'Captain! No vessel in the fleet has ever attempted an internal phaser attack and survived!' he pleaded tearfully. Kirk quivered his upper lip. Scotty immediately dropped to his knees. 'Super idea, Captain. If it's all right with you, I'll go have myself floored right away!' Kirk nodded and turned to Chekov. Every light aboard the Enterprise dimmed as the unbelievable power drain herniated the life support systems and reduced the warp engines to a foul smelling pool of liquid metal. 'We missed, Captain,' Chekov noticed, seeing that the back half of the Enterprise was blown away. 'Missed?! Idiot! Lunatic! Ayatollah!' Kirk cried. 'How could you miss? You tore the back half off my ship and missed the bloody target?' I'll kill you, Chekov,' Kirk roared, veins bulging out on his forehead. Before he could barehandedly rip out the poor lad's heart, a voice came over the intercom. 'Kirk unit. This is the Ilia probe. I will allow you to live long enough to answer some questions I have. Meet me in sickbay this minute,' the voice said defiantly. Purple rage flooded Kirk's eyes as he charged down to Sickbay. 'I want answers!' the probe ordered. 'Ardon wants answers.' 'Ardon can blow it out his orifice,' Kirk growled viciously. The probe raised it's hand and evaporated a nearby security officer. 'So, big deal,' Kirk said, phasering a second one. The probe looked perplexed. It raised its head again and blasted the bioscanner units off the wall. Kirk melted an entire operating room. Sweat poured off the probe's forehead as it set fire to the entire C level. Kirk punched several holes in the outer hull of the ship. 'Had enough?' he asked, confidently holstering his phaser. The probe conceded the bout and offered to take the Captain to Ardon.

Star Trek - conclusion.

Reaching her door, Kirk, Spock and McCoy waited for the door panels to slide aside. The second they did, the now much despised pheromones washed over the three of them, gripping each man sequentially in an intestinal symphony...a kind of rectal fugue in four major. There before them stood the exquisitely mundane, the almost magically bland figure of the Deltan Ilia. Certain subtle changes in her attire belied an almost imperceptible departure from her previously sexy body. She wore a tattered, shapeless, terrycloth housecoat, pink fluffy slippers, dirty white sweatsocks and a headful of curlers stapled to her shiny dome. 'James Tiberius Kirk. Where have you been? I've been looking for you. Have you been drinking again?' the Deltan whined, wagging her finger angrily at Kirk.

'No, Captain, I am not your Ilia,' the being answered. 'I am a housewife probe sent here to observe, monitor and pick up after the non-inorganic filler units that infest Enterprise. Do you know what it's like picking up underwear, doing dishes, cleaning washrooms and making beds for 430 inconsiderate and ungrateful slob? And not even one word of thanks on Probe's Day.' 'Who programmed you?' Kirk wondered, barely curious. 'Ardon programmed me,' the probe replied. 'And who the hell are you, then?' Kirk screeched rapidly. 'I am that which was programmed by Ardon,' it answered simply. Furious, Kirk called for McCoy. 'Bones, give this probe everything you've got!' McCoy walked over and stood squarely in front of the machine.

Cracking his knuckles, he raised one eyebrow smugly and said, 'She's DEAD, Jim.' Stepping back, McCoy leaned against the wall and looked self confidently arrogant. When nothing happened, he turned speechless to Kirk, who stood pointing to the Hallway. 'It should've worked...it should've,' McCoy mumbled dejectedly as he walked out the door. Then, he spied a big strapping hulk of a crewman in the hall. McCoy tried one last shot. Pointing to the man, he said, 'There's nothing I can do for him, Jim' and the man fell dead to the floor. 'Haven't lost the old touch!' McCoy said happily, as he clicked his heels and went merrily on his way. Back on the bridge, Kirk pondered the probe's fate.

## Letter excerpts.....

JEFF PUNCHES: I noted that your "World's ugliest dog" joke included a line which mentioned what it meant if you didn't understand the joke - What does it mean if I understood it!!

I am surprised at the lack of interest in SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS to both PBM Flat Top and Gunslinger... maybe none of your subscribers own the games. I am playing in 3 PBM Gunslingers and finished another not too long ago. So far I have been killed, wounded in the leg and hit in the body, (not vital) - not so good. I have found Gunslinger a fun game to play by mail. Games generally last only 6-8 printings so they are very fast moving. Let's hope someone is interested and will sign up.

The San Diego Chargers suck this year and I don't believe they will win another game. "There is no joy in ~~Uddvlllll~~ San Diego!" They are not even fun to watch any more and for a dyed-in-the-wool football fan that is quite a statement.

((Let's face it Jeff, the only winning sports item that San Diego had was the Chicken. I don't watch the NFL that much but when I do I like to see Dallas win. I love to see Cincinnati lose! The Cincinnati coach is Forrest Gregg and he deserted the good ship Toronto of the CFL to hide in the NFL. I like to see Buffalo lose too but only cos I can't stand their Sports announcers on channels 2, 4 and 7.

I kinda suspected that FLAT TOP AND GUNSLINGER would find support wanting but I'm always trying to open up a variety of games here. I have had very limited success here opening even variants to Diplomacy. Both my Woolworth and Deadman games closed due to lack of interest. The only reason that we managed to start 82 Ird 05 was because Bob Acheson didn't realize it was a variant. Must have been a helluva Spring negotiating season Bob. Despite that the Bob is sticking with it.

If you understood that joke then you are obviously a very sick person and should immediately extend your sup.))

BOB ALBRECHT: I just thought that I'd tell you that the reason that Westerners gave numerical addresses is that our cities are so spread out (Calgary alone has 216.3 sq miles) that if we attempted to name all our streets, bays, boulevards, avenues etc... we would need maps the size of the CN Tower just to list all the names. Besides, our system is logical. Avenues run E-W, streets run N-S and the whole map is divided up into NE, NW, SE, SW to further simplify things. For example, the first road north and east of centre street and Central Avenue downtown would be 1st Ave NE OK? It's only silly Easterners who want to mess everyone up with Yonge St, Don Valley Parkway, Pembina Ave etc you guys in Ontario have a lot of cheek to be telling us what to do after voting in Trudeau in 1980... talk about conheads!

Anyhow, about Pacific Aircraft Carrier battles, I suggest that you acquire a copy of JAE GENERAL Mar/Apr 1983 because it has excellent rules for PBM "Victory In The Pacific" which happens to be a favourite of mine. I also like ~~SPWAJ~~ and perhaps we could get someone to GM a game for us?

SPJ games seem to suffer from unplayability generally. I played "The Battle For Germany" and wasn't all that impressed with it. They (SPJ) have overly complex approaches to what should be simply accurate games. This was part of the reason for it's downfall, that and the fact that SPJ specialized in 3000 unit 40 sq ft monster games that were just unplayable (requiring the equivalent of a 3cc in learning the rules and 20 years to play the damned game).

As far as computers go tho, do not buy an Atari, Vic - 20, C - 64 etc. They are trash with a capital J. When you get tired of the cartridge games, these computers have the capacity to do just about nothing. They are designed to be obsolete in 2-3 years and by about 1986-7 you will find that nothing is available for these machines. I work and study in the dept of Calgary computing science department and I know of whence I speak.

The only really smart buy is the personal computer that has a large "K" (Kilo byte) capacity. The Apple II and TRS 80 are your best alternatives here. Not only are Apple graphics the best going, you also have a good printer. With a good printer you could have a zine that would rival Time ~~in~~ in quality. Add a few 54K RAM cards to increase the memory and you could run Third Reich on one. So save your \$\$\$ as I am and buy an apple.

((Ig Lew and Rob Winslow both seem happy enough with their Atari's and Randolph Smyth did not have anything good to say about Radio Shack TRS so it all depends on the user. Since an Apple IIe without a printer goes for \$2200.00 I'll have to wait a long while for it. Ron Brown also wrote recently and he also put down the Commodore and suggested buying an IBM personal computer. I don't know what you guys do for money?

As for voting in Trudeau. Yes it was a mistake but lets look at the way Canadian electons go: Quebecers always go for the Liberals, Westerners always go for Conservatives, Maritimers always go for whoever will promise them a new fishery. In Ontario we sit down and study the issues and the people and then cast our votes. Sometimes it is Liberal and sometimes it is Conservative and very occassionally it is a little bit of New Democrat. If it wasn't for us there wouldn't be a need for an election. In 1980 it was a choice between Trudeau and Joe WHO and Ontarions obviously felt that, as arrogant as he is, Trudeau was a better choice than a man with string tied to his gloves. Until the Rhinos become a dominant force it will always be th at way.))

D.S. PALTER: Re: FISH CARRIERS - you've got it about right. Sub cute subsystems improperly melded do not a game make. Then again that was typical SPJ.

Re: DRJERNI DIES: Typical - wash away a Soviet atrocity by proving that it's a cold cold, cruel world out there. Yes no one has clean hands. Yes, especially in the third world we all have allies we'd prefer not to talk about. But, no, there are degrees of dirt. The process of civilization is one of slowly confining random violence in a chaotic world. Civilization is an imperfect process but it overall beats the alternative, a Hobesian "state of nature". The downing of Flight 007 was an act of murder. The only possible excuse, if that is the proper word, is incompetence of such an overwhelming cosmic level as to be tragically laughable. War has made no excuses and boasts he would do it, even with 20-20 hindsight, exactly the same way. Prosecution rests.

((Nobody ever accused the Soviets of humanitarianism. I don't know which scares me the most: the fact that trained Soviet pilots cannot tell the difference between a civilian plane and a military one or the fact that Soviet decision makers would give the signal to shoot down a loaded civilian airliner?

Personally I would not want my government to have as an ally any country with records of oppressive behaviour as bad as Central and South America and Lebanon. Especially Lebanon! I mean how do you go about explaining to 200 sets of parents that their son died in Lebanon defending....? Defending what?

Stand back and let the factions kill each other off is as good a policy as I can think off. Ditto for South America where neither side deserves to win. Oh well, I don't believe in taxes either so dream on.

Sleepless Knights #28

Letters continued.....

DAVE ANDERSON: Re Midway. I don't care which side I am in but I don't think I could fill it. The hardest part will be doing the air-battles. eg: The Americans attack a Japanese fleet with readied planes. The fill tells the Japanese player to set up his fleet on the battle board. Wouldn't the Japanese player immediately launch hi planes to avoid being caught with readied planes on deck?

((Nope, cos the Japanese player would have had to have already submitted his battle board layout to the GM "in case" it needs to be used. Using the AH PBA rules, each player is required to submit: moves for each task force, search zones, ready state, ship distribution for both air and surface battles. There is nothing to stop him from launching his planes but he would just be guessing since he would not have any indication that there is an attack coming.))

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Do not leave a message with my children no matter what they say. I do not know any seven year olds who can spell Tyrnhenian yet.

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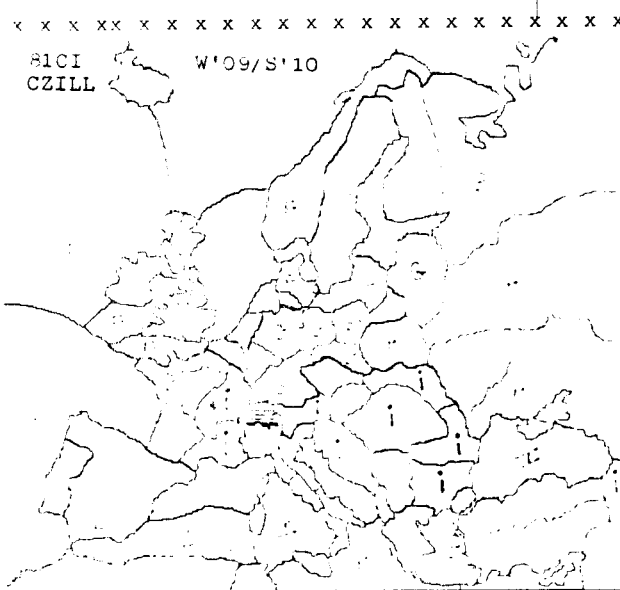
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DEADLINE: S01 on or before FRIDAY DECEMBER 30TH.

To: NO FIXED ADDRESS subscribers..

In NFA #13 Steve Hutton, the pubber of NFA, gave out a code word with each of his zines. When all of thes code words are put together they form a phrase or quote. It's not necessary to have every word to discover the quote but the more the merrier. My word was "TELL" and my number was #15. If any of you subscribe to NFA I ask that you tell me what your word is and your #. All replies will be published in SK#29 which will give all SK subscribers a chance for the 10 free issues of guessing the quote by Feb 1st.



81CI W'09/S'10 CZILL

Last Season I omitted the Russian orders of: a liv-mos, a war h, f rum s a sev, a sev h. The map was correct.

FRA Andre Torres (13): Build A Bre. f bar - nwy, f nwg - nat, f nat - iri, f eng s a bre, f nth - den, a kie s f nth - den, a bre h, a ber - pru, a mun s a sil, a sil s a ber - pru, a pru - liv, a stp s a pru - liv, a bur s a mun d/r (otb, ruh, bel, par, pic).

GCR Jack Junz (2): F liv h, f bal - den.

9JA Randolph Smyth (15): Build a ven, f nap. a gal - rum, a bul s a gal - rum, a smy - arm, f ank - bla, f nap - tyrr, a gas - our, f aeg - ion, a tri - bud, a ven - tri, a tyr - mun, a boh - gal, a mar s a gas - bur, f mao - bre, f wes - mao, f spa sc s f wes - mao.

RUS Dave Head (4): f rum - bul ec d/a, a mos - liv, a war s a mos - liv, a sev - mos.

Press: France-Germany: The move to Livonia was a bad choice on your part. You have bought Russia a bit more time but at a high price for yourself.

Jame-type notes: Y'all may or may not want to vote on the following draw proposals: (1) Italian concession (2) I/F draw, (3) R/I/F draw. No vote=No unless you really screw up and NMR in which case your absence to vote means YES. Deadline is: Friday January 6th. Don't leave it too late cos mail delivery is non-existent in Canada around Christmas.

Q: Did you hear about the asbestos miner who died after 25 years on the job? A: It took them 4 hours to cremate him.

Ron SNAFU Brown: Love this new typewriter. I use a mylar ribbon and "lift-off" correction tape for SNAFU, and a cloth ribbon for everything else. That mylar sure looks good. Can you do the same? Ribbons and correction tape are so expensive though I really have to use the cheaper stuff for non-publishing material (I never considered how much it would cost when I bought the typewriter). ((I used to use mylar but I only managed to make 3 or 4 runs of the ribbon before it became unreadable. With the cloth ribbon I can pound the piss out of it and really get my money's worth. At \$6 a ribbon it ain't chicken feed. I usually keep a good ribbon for SK and then use it for other stuff when I finish an issue.)) GARY COUGHLAN (Postcard from Gander International Airport): Back in North America and we've been directed to Gander - so now I've been to Canada too! ((Did you touch the ground?)) Q: What do you call a Mexican with a vasectomy? A: Dry Martinez.



821R PRIZE GAME The 2 way E/F draw passes.

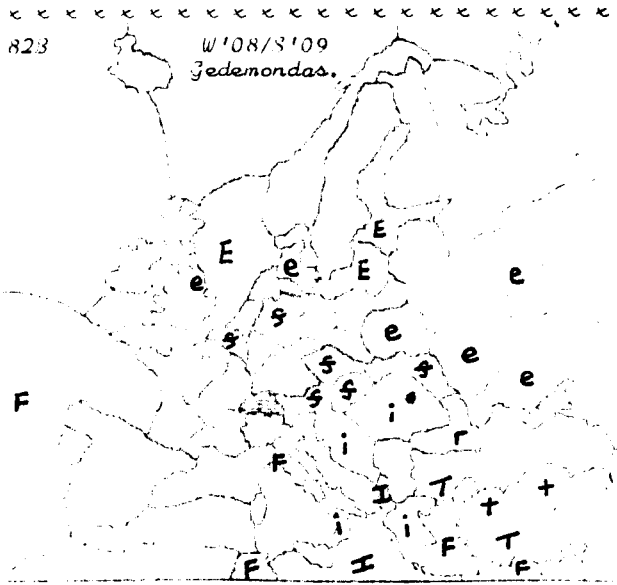
ZINE: Passchendaele (François Cuerrier) - S'02, Sleepless Knights (Dave Carter).

A: Steve Hutton, E: Paul Rauterberg (DRAW), F: Hugh Polley (DRAW), G: Robert Acheson (Out W'04), I: Steve Bergstrom (Out W'04), R: DS Palter (Out W'06), T: Al Hoffman.

Scoreboard table with columns 01-06 and rows A, E, F, G, I, R, T.

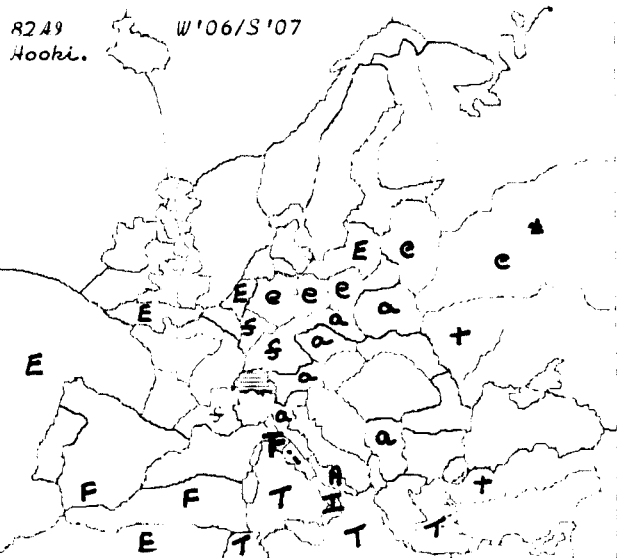
As I mentioned in SK#27, Francois has resumed publication of his zine -PASSCHENDAELE. I have not received any other correspondence from him other than his initial flyer.

Should any of you want to get in touch with Francois his new address is: 12 Corkstown rd, Apt 206, Nepean, Ontario, Canada, K2A 2B2 (613) 596-6598.



England-Turkey: So the French-man has Greek Tendencies? That's OK. I'll insist he use my special lubed prophylactics, the ones greased with vaseline on the outside and tobasco on the inside. That'd teach him to be a back door man, no?

Game Notes: Draw failed. Fall 1909n due Friday Jan 6th. Paul, that was an entertaining proposal you made to me but probably against 1/2 dozen of my house rules. Send much more money next time !!



- AUS Doug Karnes (1) a bud - tri d/r (ser, otb).
ENG Rob Winslow (10): Build a edi, a lpl. a lpl - yor, a edi - den, f nth c a edi - den, f bal s a edi - den, f bot h, a sev - arm, a mos - sev, a ukr s a mos - sev, a war s'a ukr, a liv - mos.
JRA Blair Cusack (11): f aeg - bul sc, f syr - eas, a gal - rum, a boh s a tyr - vie, a tyr- vie, a mun - tyr, a kie - hol, a bel - hol, f mao h, f tyr - tus, f tun h.
JJA Fred Wiedemeyer (6): Build a rom. a rom - nap, a vie -bud, a tri s a vie - bud, a ser - gre, f ion s a ser - gre, f adr - alb.
RUS Paul Watson (1) NRR. GM Removes a orm (Farthest, fleet before army, alphabetical) A Rum s a arm - sev NSO.
JUR Bob Acheson (5): a ank s f smy, f smy h, a con s f bul sc, f bul sc s a gre, a gre s f bul sc d/a.

Press: Russia-Turkey: My favorite event is broad-jumping. Know any? England-GM: I'm "settling down" in 829S? Ha, look again. It's hard to get any fun press going in 828, however, as Blair Cusack is the only player that's acknowledged my existence. No future Chaucers in this group! (Maybe that'll get 'em going, eh Dave) How's ths for a start:

- AUS Steve Annawoodian (9): NBR. Plays 1 short. f adr - apu, a pru - liv NSU as it was d/a last season, a mos s a pru - liv, a gal - war, a tri - tyr, a ven s a tri - tyr, a sil s french a mun, a boh s a sil. a ser UNO h. \*\*A mos d/r (sev, otb).
ENG Blair Cusack (10): a kie s french a ruh - mun NSO, a liv s a stp-mos, a stp - mos, f bal s a ber, f nth - eng, f hol s a kie, f mao - naf, f nat - mao, a pru + A ber s french a mun - sil NSO.
JJA Rob Lowes (2): Remove a pie. a rom s f nap, f nap:6 A rom,
JUR Tom Swider (6): Build a ank. f tyr - nap, f ion s f tyr - nap, f tun - tyr, a ank - con, f con -aeg, a rum - ukr.
JRA Robert Jewett (7): NNR! a ruh h, a mun h, a mar h, f tus h, f spa sc h, f wes h. A hol ret otb and plays 1 short.

Press: None Game Notes: Draw(s) failed. Standby for France is: Eric Kane, 109 Hicks lane, Great Neck, NY, USA, 11024. He has your addresses. Deadline is: Friday JAN 6th for F'07. Mail Early!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Q: Why don't bunnies make noise when they sprew? A: They have cotton balls.

