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The STANDARD RATING BASE

In LD 48 I promised to produce a print out of all games that had finished to that date under the title of TERMINAL SHORTHAND. I have decided to take either 2 or 3 issues of LD and print here the STANDARD RATING BASE games only in that shorthand method.

The material is laid out in the following manner; Game #, Winner, Total # of game years, Corrected games (if the 'winner' has not played the entire game), Center totals by country or year eliminated from play (If there is a minus sign before a center listing it shows the year in which the county was eliminated).

The games are in some order, believe it or not. The winner is paired with the country that came in second best (has 9 or more centers).

The Austrian Wins;

Game	Winner	Yrs.	C.G.	A.	E.	F.	G.	I.	R.	T.
68AV	E. Birsan	10		18	16	-10	-9	-8	-8	-10
69BC	A. Vagts	19	.36	19	15	-4	-10	-18	-11	-5
66BO	H. Naus	09	.33	18	12	3	1	-9	-4	-8
73IS	M. Sloan	05		19	10	3	-5	2	-4	-5
67Y	L. StCyr	13	.18	18	9	-9	7	-8	-7	-12
68R	E. Birsan	11		18	9	-11	-5	1	6	-5
68AG	J. Smythe	6		18	8	5	3	-6	-3	-4
67AB	D. Beyerlein	12	.82	19	8	-10	-8	7	-7	-9
69BE	L. Lakofka	10		20	8	-7	1	7	-10	-2
72CV	Hollshwander	07	.28	16	8	5	-6	3	-6	-5
68BB	J. Kuning	09		18	-9	16	-6	-5	-6	-8
73F	T. Tilson	07		18	-6	12	1	-4	3	-4
71AD	B. Kindig	08		19	5	10	-3	-7	-8	-4
67AL	D. Beyerlein	15	.67	19	-9	9	1	5	-7	-10
69CG	B. Verploeg	05		18	4	8	1	-3	2	1
72X	M. Grayn	10		22	-5	8	-10	-10	-9	4
67I	P. Rosanilla	08	.98	19	1	7	7	-8	-6	-8
66AT	D. Lebling	14	.92	20	1	-3	13	-6	-8	-10
66BL	A. Phillips	09	.33	17	-8	6	9	2	-8	-9
73BD	S. Doubleday	08		18	5	-3	9	2	-7	-8
69CL	P. Rosanilla	11		19	2	-11	8	-5	5	-4
72L	D. Beyerlein	14	.93	18	1	-13	8	-5	-3	7
68B	D. Beyerlein	15		17	1	-10	2	14	-10	-8
69AF	S. Bobker	10		18	-9	-6	2	14	-8	-5
73J	H. Bartnikowski	12		19	-7	-12	2	13	-12	-4
72AE	W. Osanson	07		18	5	-5	-7	11	-5	-7
71K	L. Pulsipher	13		19	5	-6	-7	10	-9	-10
70AD	R. Brooks	09		22	2	-9	-3	8	2	-5
64D	J. McCallum	16		19	3	1	-6	8	-4	3
70B	B. Verploeg	10		18	-6	-9	-8	-5	15	1
71R	R. Brooks	07	.71	18	2	1	-4	-5	13	-6
72DB	J. McKeon	10		18	1	3	-7	-6	12	-6
68CD	A. Phillips	12	.52	18	-4	7	-6	-5	9	-6
71W	J. Power	13	.92	19	1	1	-5	4	9	-7
66AK	M. Zelazny	13		18	3	-13	-4	-4	-7	13
71BZ	A. Phillips	11	.91	20	6	1	4	3	-6	-4
72AI	D. Lindstrom	10		19	6	2	-9	-4	-10	10
73BQ	C. McCuiston	09		18	-6	7	-9	-6	-4	9
72EC	G. Corker	10		18	5	4	-4	-5	7	-3
70BB	S. Niererberg	14		17	1	3	1	7	5	-4
64B	J. Smythe	09	.67	17	4	7	4	1	-3	1
72AP	M. Rosamora	05		18	4	2	1	3	6	-4
67AC	B. Tretlak	06		19	3	5	5	-6	-4	2

Australian Wins, concluded

Game Winner	Years	G.P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
67AS C. Turner	11	.28	18	1	7	3	5	-10	-7
72T J. VanDeGraaf	06		18	4	7	2	-5	3	-3

The English Wins

72DV S. Brooks	07		16	18	-7	-3	-4	-4	-7
730 S. Wrobel	09		16	17	-8	-7	1	-4	-7
71EB E. Bisan	12		11	18	3	-4	2	-10	-6
67AQ L. Peary	12	.82	11	18	2	-12	1	-5	2
72AZ D. Wiskow	12		10	18	5	-6	2	-4	7
70BQ J. Beshara	06		8	18	1	1	2	-4	4
67A A. Phillips	26	.38	9	17	-9	-16	8	-13	-5
70AK J. Turnbull	10		8	17	-10	-5	-9	9	-8
66 AC H. Peck	10		7	16	-9	-4	2?	9	-4
690 C. VonMetzke	16	.75	7	18	8	-4	-7	1	-6
72M R. Kelly	12	.25	-11	19	13	-8	-9	-6	2
67E M. Zelazny	09		4	12	12	-5	-8	-4	-9
65G D. Nelson	10		-6	19	11	-7	-6	4	-8
69H D. Johnston	09		4	18	12	-5	-7	-6	5
72E E. Abbott	13		4	20	7	-7	-9	-6	3
66C J. McCallum	23		-5	18	9	7	-6	-4	-23
68AN D. Beyerlein	10		-7	20	7		-5	-3	6
67BA J. Austin	10		-8	18	-7	15	-3	-10	1
69AZ L. Lakofka	08		-8	16	-6	12	-8	-6	6
68AJ M. Goldstein	09	1	1	17	-5	11	-9	5	-3
71AQ S. Marsland	10		-2	18	-6	-7	13	-6	3
72CK R. StJohns	10		8	18	-7	-9	10	-6	7
69CI B. Ward	05	.55	-4	19	-5	-8	10	-6	5
70J R. Miller	14	.96	-4	18	-12	2	10	-10	4
68CB R. Bytwerk	08		-5	19	-8	-4	-5	-6	15
68W M. Goldstein	14	.64	2	18	-7	-14	-10	-14	14
70AJ L. Lakofka	11		3	18	-8	-10	-8	-5	13
67P G. Proznitz	10		-9	19	-9	-10	1	1	13
66D A. Huff	07		2	18	1	-5	-4	-6	13
66BC G. Proznitz	07		-7	18	3	-3	1	-4	12
72DS T. Berendt	08	.25	3	18	-7	-5	1	-3	12
72C T. Tilson	09		2	18	-8	2	-6	-6	12
71EH W. Buchanan	11		6	18	-3	-7	4	-6	11
68CK G. Proznitz	10		97	15	-10	6	2?	-4	11
65E J. Smythe	11		17	16	7	-6	-5	-6	10
67W R. Walker	12	.25	-10	13	-8	1	5	-5	10
72CN A. Turnbull	10		-10	19	2	2	-5	2	9
69S L. Childs	10		2	18	3	-7	-10	2	9
69V B. VerFloeg	11		1	19	2	-4	2	2	8
72EL Oliver	09	.11	2	17	-4	5	2	-3	8
69CB B. VerFloeg	12		-11	18	-8	-6	-8	8	8
71BG E. Lipson	17	.88	-7	18	-10	1	7	-17	8
69Z T. Eller	13	.68	-6	16	2?	-11	4	12	-9
66AV G. Wells	10		-6	18	-4	-10	4	10	-4
72U J. Fish	10	.70	-10	11	-4	9?	4?	10?	-8
69U J. Power	10		5	18	-10	-4	3	8	-6
67AF J. Koning	15		4?	15	-9	-5	8?	7?	-3
71EK E. Birsan	08	.75	5	20	-6	-3	1	7	1
68J H. Anderson	09		7	18	-5	-7	3	-6	6
66M J. Dygert	10		6	17	-5	1	6	-4	4

The French Wins

Game #	Player	Years	C.G.	A.	E.	F.	G.	I.	R.	T.
69B	F. Davis	15		17	-15	17	-9	-10	-11	-13
65M	C. Wells	14		14	-3	18	-10	-5	2	-10
69R	W. Buchanan	11	.45	8	-10	18	2	-7	1	5
68BS	E. Birsan	07		8	-7	19	-4	-7	6	1
71AL	D. Horton	08	-	-5	14	18	-6	-7	-6	2
72CA	T. Tilson	08		3	12	18	-3	-7	-7	1
66BI	T. Eller	10		-3	12	18	-6	-6	-8	4
68X	J. Beshara	12	.42	3	10	18	-5	-11	-6	3
66N	D. Barrows	09		-8	10	19	-5	-5	4	1
69CK	G. Jones	-08		1	6	18	-7	1	8	4
65H	C. Reinsel	13		-6	-9	18	13	4	-3	3
66BJ	J. Dygert	10		-3	-4	18	13	-7	1	2
73RE	G. Lodge	11		-11	-5	20	13	-6	1	-11
66A	J. Pournelle	18		-2	-13	18	10	-7	-9	6
69AD	B. Tretick	12		-6	-9	17	10	-11	1	6
71BJ	G. Lowrance	06		6	-4	15	10	12	22	4
73FB	B. Smith	10		-4	2	18	-6	13	-7	1
70M	L. Pulsipher	08		1	-4	18	3	10	1	1
67AP	P. Rosamilia	11	.55	-8	-9	19	-6	-9	14	1
71BL	B. LeBelle	11		2	-6	19	-9	-11	13	-11
72FY	C. Spark	08		1	-4	18	1	2	12	-5
72AR	F. Winter	10		1	-4	18	2	-8	11	2
68AE	L. Pulsipher	08	.37	-3	-4	16	-4	6	11	4
70BP	D. Lowery	13		5	-5	16	17	-7	10	2
72CE	D. Pitsch	07		-4	-4	18	2	-6	9	5
72DW	H. Lindauer	07		2	-6	19	-3	4	10	3
70M	B. Strayer	10		-7	-8	19	1	3	9	2
66BG	D. Nelson	10		4	-7	16	-5	5	9	-6
66AZ	D. Lebling	10		-9	-9	18	-9	4	8	4
72DT	C. Berendt	08	.25	-5	-5	18	8	-5	8	-8
72AW	Materne	09		-2	-5	18	-7	-5	-5	16
72D	J. Biehl	13		-9	-4	18	-13	-5	-5	16
72CQ	T. Durston	09		-7	-9	19	-5	-8	-6	15
710	B. Coy	09		-4	1	18	-9	-8	-5	15
68I	J. Smythe	12		-4	1	18	-5	-6	-12	15
66BD	G. Proznitz	15		-3	-4	19	-15	-9	-11	15
71Q	M. Rocanora	10	.80	-4	-5	20	1	-10	-3	13
69BM	J. White	09		-5	5	18	1	-4	-9	10
67AZ	C. Welsh	14		-5	-6	19	-11	5	-13	10
69BG	C. Watson	10		2	-6	18	2	-7	3	9
71F	J. Holcombe	07		1	-5	18	6	-6	-5	9
68Z	T. Rosenbaum	07		5	-7	20	1	3	-5	5
71BC	E. Birsan	06		7	-3	15	22	6	4	-6
71BV	L. Elandon	09		-9	3	18	-5	1	6	6
72AK	J. Boyer	08		12	8	12	-6	6	7	-7
72AN	Bennett	08	.87	-7	12	15	-8	6	6	6
73BI	H. Rocanora	10		6	-5	18	7	-7	-7	3

The German Wins

66AA	J. Latimer	14		16	-13	-6	18	-9	-14	-14
71B	S. Cruse	13		15	-8	1	18	-4	-7	-9
73DH	A. Calhauer	08		12	-8	-6	18	1	-7	3
72FI	D. Hector	11		11	-8	2	18	-6	1	2
72BV	P. Jones	12		11	-11	-9	18	-5	-6	5
71AP	H. Rocanora	07		11	-7	-7	18	1	1	3
66AB	H. Thomson	10		7	4	1	19	-4	-8	3





\* For fear of the Italian side, Don has surprised himself in 1908, and who can blame him? Austria's choices are few and unless massive aid arrives from Turkey Austria is doomed to become an Italian protectorate. Of course, if Turkey does "help", then Austria will be a Turkish protectorate. Alas poor Eric!

\* England has played a conservative move designed to crush, by weight of numbers, his Russian opponent. A more aggressive move by he and Germany in concert would have sent Russia spinning. The Anglo-German alliance had to notice that A Sch was headed for Gal and in Gal more options are open to Russia. Yet the Russian demise will come, StP is en Prise in the north and Warsaw is in peril. The nut of Northern English pieces is growing larger and larger and unless a shift is made soon it will be impossible to make. Germany's back will rarely be this open to a killing stab. England must watch and wait for the moment of his Western attack--if there is to be one.

# France has anticipated his next build, I guess. He might have been better off placing A Gas in Spain for convoy duty and the only reason for holding it back is doubt over his neighbor's intentions. If France is stabbed A Gas will afford little protection as the blade will penetrate quite a few inches before he can thwart it. Yet France's position is not all that bad and if the west stays together the view from Paris is reasonable.

# Germany's attack was conservative in nature yet he has reason to fear of both slipping into Gal if he drops his guard. If England and Germany coordinate their fleets next season the Russian fleet will only have Fin to retreat to. Germany needs a couple of builds soon or his long term chances will be poor.

\* Edi continues to strive against two opponents! He Can't live long that way. F Alb-Adr, while kicking Pied out with F Tyr-Tus would have destroyed the piece. It would have been a bold move but there hasn't been much imagination shown in the west and it was worth the gamble that France would not advance. I'm sure Edi wonders why France did what he did when F Mos-Tyr (or Tus) seemed better tactical choices.

\* Russia's chances are getting worse. He is trying to maintain a few varied interests and that is impossible. The thread holding Russia together is about to snap? Austria may be crushed by the double attack on Bud and Tri but the attack will not save the Russian homeland. Russia can be bold in the fall as Turkey will likely be conservative and aid Austria very little.

\* Turkey's dramatic expansion is about to occur. Don can afford a support or two for Austria depending on whether he wishes to see a Russian in exile or not. Russia did stop the Black Sea move and thus has some chances to save Sev for at least another year. Don could pick up 1,2, 3 or 4 depending on coordination and stabs--what fun it must be to be the Turk in this game--everyone is just passing time in the west and turkey gets Bigger!

Odds on a win;	Austria,	England,	France,	Germany,	Italy,	Russia,	Turkey
Last Season;	55:1	2.4:1	7.2:1	8.0:1	14:1	12:1	2.4:1
This Season;	65:1	2.3:1	7.5:1	8.5:1	13:1	18:1	2.2:1

1973 FM the Spring of 1908 Crucial Austrian Move--will Russia try for a win?

- Austria, Osmanson/5/NMR! a tri + A bul/D-A/, F AEG, A SMY, A VEN
  - France, Fish/6/A MAR(S)a gas, a gas(p) A MAR/d.../F NAF(S)F WES-mao, A PIED(S)A MAR, f spa nc-PORT
  - Germany, Stevens/10 i short/ A BRE(S) A BURG(S)a par-GAS, A RURH(S)A BURG, A MUN(S) RUS A TYO/nso/, F IRI(S)F ECH-mao, f ber-KEIL, a kiel-DEN, f nth-BEL
  - Russia, R. Kelly/12/ A BUD(S)a vie-TRI, A SER(S)a rum-BUL, f sev-BLA, a mos-SEV, f ank-CON, A TYOven, f nwg-NAO, A NWY H, a gal-VIE, A ARM-sny
- deadline information on page 6



1974 FN, the Spring of 1904  
 Austria, Lagerson/7/ A TRI(S)ITA a ven-TYO, A UKR(S)a rum-SEV, A SIL(\$)a gal-WAR,  
 A BUL-con, F GRE-aeg  
 England, Hoffman/5/ A StP(S) f nwy, f nwy(\$)f lon-NTH, f nwy/d.../, a lvp-YORK, A EDINH  
 Germany, McLendon/9/ F SWE + F NWG()sf nth-NWY, a mun-BOH, A BER-sil, f den-SKAG,  
 a gas-BURG, a bre-PIC, A NUHR H  
 Italy, Keeping/7/ F PORT(S)a mar-SPA, F EMD(S)f nap-ION, a pied-MAR, a ven-TYO, f Spasc-  
 MAO  
 Russia, CD/2/ A LVN, A MOS  
 Turkey, Weeks/4/ a sev-mos/d.../, ASMY H, f CON-aeg, F AEG-icn  
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1972 BS, the Fall of 1913 GME A Alb not F  
 Austria, Greer/5,2 short/ NMR! owns; bud, ~~11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11~~ 1-2-1  
 A GAL, A UKR, a tyo/r/OTB, a rum + avie /D+A/  
 England, Keller/9/ owns; lvp,lon,edin,bel,nwy,hol,stp,mos,ber,WAR 10=9+1  
 A MOS(S)a lvn-WAR, F NTH(C)a hol-NWY, a ber-PRU, a kiel-BER, f bar-STPNC, f den  
 BAL, f ech-IRI  
 Germany, Osmanson/2-3 short/ NMR owns;swe, den,par,kiel,mun 5=2+3  
 A BURG, A MUN  
 Italy, Chin/13/ owns; port, bre, gre, rom,ven,nap,tun,ank,mar,smy,spa,tri, con,VIE,  
 SER, BUL,RUM, SEV 18=13+5 wins  
 F ADR(S) A TRI, A TRI(S)a tyo-VIE, A ALB(S)a gre-SER, F ION(C) a nap-GRE,PELA  
 + A SEV(S)f hale-RUM, f aeg-BULS, F LYON H, F SPASC H  

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	Players
Austria	5	7	8	8	11	13	13	14	13	10	11	7**	1	Greg Greer
England	4	5	6	6	8	7	6	6	7	8	7	9	10	Tom Keller
France	5	5	4	2	-									T. Phillips sonDr,Cd
Germany	4	5	5	7	5	4	4	3	3	3	4	5**	5**	Bill Osmanson
Italy	4	4	7	9	10	10	11	11	11	13	12	13	18**	Bruce Chin
Russia	6	5	4	4	-									F. Mc Conville
Turkey	4	3	-											Eric Johnson 803 Dr,W.Harrah

A well played game! Note that Aus tria was well ahead and was then systematically reduced. That is VERY rare in postal Diplomacy. Normally the position can only muster a draw. The roster, for the most part, showed no drop outs and there were very few missed moves. Had Austria made this last move the game would have lasted only one more year I think.

1975 S, the Spring of 1902  
 Austria, Allen/5/ COA eff June 1 1112 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60304  
 F GRE(S)a ser-BUL, a tri-SER, a vie-BUD, a bud-RUM  
 England, Tresco/5/ F NTH(C) + A BEL(S)a lon-HOL, F EDIN(S)F NTH, f nwy-SKAG  
 France, Labre/5/ f mar-LYON, f bre-MAO, f port-SPA SG, a spa-GAS, a pic-BURG  
 Germany, Ditter/5/ a ber-SIL, F KIEL-den, f hol h/d.../, A DEN-swe, a mun-RURH  
 Italy, Foster/4/ note GME Build should have been F ROM, NOT F NAP,  
 f nap-TYRR, f tun-WRS, A VEN(S)a tyo-PIED  
 Russia, Weeks/5/ F SWE(\$)ENG f nwy-SKAG, A UKR(S) F SEV, A GAL+F SEV(S)AUS a bud-  
 RUM  
 Turkey, Mc Carthy/5/ coa eff. June 12 to 15 W. Elizabeth St., Calumet City, Ill.  
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 F ANK(S)f buled-BLA, A CON\_bul, a rum h /D+A/, A ARM-sev  
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