

LORD OF HOSTS

LORD OF HOSTS is the Miller Number Custodial Zine. It carries assignments of Miller Numbers, variant game statistics and material related to the Miller Numbers and the variant Diplomacy hobby in general. Copies will be mailed to all people whom I know to be GMing variant games or to have variant openings; other persons may receive copies by sending a stamped, addressed envelope. I am willing to trade URF DURVAL for any zine running variant games or having openings in variant games. Those who do not wish to trade are urgently requested to send me the names of players, GM, zine and variant at game start, and a complete supply-center breakdown by year as well as player records (i.e., who dropped out when) at the conclusion of the game for publication in LoH.

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1. No new Miller Numbers have been assigned since 1 January 1981. The Miller Numbers assigned here will be a surprise to the gamesmasters of the various games. However, I have not dropped out without a trace; there has been a hiatus of four months, but here they are. There are a variety of reasons for this, and I could bore you with a list of things I've done in those four months and things I've yet to do, but none of that would justify my nonfeasance in any case, so I shall refrain.

It has become clear to me that without other duties in the hobby (vide, publication of a zine) the hobby does not hold sufficient interest for me to continue operating a post like the Miller Numbers. Consequently, I am currently looking for a successor to my position. I'll be writing a number of people, but suggestions and volunteers are welcome. To my mind, the new MNC must a) have several years of experience in the hobby, b) have an interest in variants, and c) must have a general reputation for reliability.

2. At the same time I've been lax in my MN duties, I've stopped publication of my zine, URF DURVAL GRANDSON OF POUCH. One game has been transferred to Fred Hyatt's THE HOME OFFICE (and Mr. Hyatt will find enclosed with this issue a check for gamefees and subscription monies and a complete game record), and another to Glenn Overby's JIHAD. However, I still have several games, variant and regular, which need homes. Anyone interested in volunteering should write me. Be warned, however, that there has been a hiatus of about eight months, so it may be difficult getting these games going again. GMs who take over such games will get any gamefees and subscription monies from the players.

Miller Number Designators Assigned Since 1 October 1980:

- jj--Gusher
- jk--Jupiter
- jl--North America 2020
- jm--Youngstown XII
- jn--Woolworth Diplomacy

GAME WRAP-UPS SINCE LAST ISSUE

- 78Chb (Gesta Danorum)
- Zine: RUNESTONE
- GM: John Leeder
- Danes: Dave Pengelly (out W867)
- East Angles: Bob Bawtinhimer (dro S870), Robert Paquin (dro F870), Trevor Baillie (dro F874), Fred Winter (out W875).
- Mercians: Fred Weidemeyer (res S869), Hugh Polley (out W870).
- Norse: Blair Cusack
- Northumbrians: John Johnson (dro F867), Robert Fisher (out W871).
- Picts: Ken Wilkie (won W875).
- Welsh: Alan Laucke (dro F871), Bill LaPosse (dro S875), Raynald Provost (res F875), Steve Cartier
- West Saxons: Doug Hayward (dro S871), Raynald Provost (out W871).

(Note: victory criterion was majority of units on board).

	865	866	867	868	869	870	871	872	873	874	875	
Danes	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E. Angles	4	5	5	6	6	6	5	4	1	1	-	
Mercians	5	4	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Norse	4	5	6	6	5	5	9	9	10	10	12	
Northumbrians	4	5	4	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Picts	4	4	4	6	8	8	9	10	11	13	17	wins
Welsh	3	3	4	5	6	9	9*	9	10	9	3	
Wessex	4	5	4	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	

78Tid (5-Player Madman)

- GM: John Leeder to F03; John Michalski
 - Zine: RUNESTONE to F03; BRUTUS BULLETIN
 - A: Steve Carter (out F08)
 - England: Fred Weidemeyer (res F01), Peter Reese (drew S11).
 - France: Steve Columbo (drew S11)
 - Germany: madman (out F04).
 - Italy: Madman (out F05).
 - Russia: Trevor Baillie, (dro S06), C.D. (out F07).
 - Turkey: Hugh Polley (dro S05), Arturo Guajardo (drew S11)
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|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|
| Austria | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | |
| England | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 14 | drew S11 |
| France | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 | drew S11 |
| Germany | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Italy | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Russia | 6 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | - | - | - | - | |
| Turkey | 4 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 14 | drew S11 |

79Dfh (Colonia IV)

GM: Phil Cooper (to W1751), Gene Prosnitz (to W1754), John Zipper

Zine: THE HOME OFFICE

Austria: Fred Hyatt (drew)

China: Dale Kemper (drew)

England: Charles Price (dro W1753), Phil Cooper

France: Steve D Alessandro (dro F1752), Konrad Baumeister

Netherlands: Gene Paulson

Ottomans: Bill Doelling

Portugal: Jerry Muto (F1753), Art Schleinkofer

Russia: Glenn Ledder

Spain: Dan Mathias (S1751), Walter Blank (drew)

	1750	51	52	53	54	55	
Austria	10	16	19	22	26	28	drew
China	7	9	10	13	17	21	drew
England	10	13	14	13	16	14	
France	9	8	6	4	1	0	
Nether.	10	14	14	15	10	8	
Ottoman	10	12	14	15	13	9	
Portugal	9	15	17	11	5	4	
Russia	13	14	14	15	15	13	
Spain	8	11	13	17	22	28	drew

79Lfh (Gunboat Colonia V)

GM: Fred Hyatt

Zine: THE HOME OFFICE

Austria: Phil Cooper (drew)

China: Bert Leighton (drew)

England: Walter Blank (drew)

France: Conrad Struckman

Netherlands: Robert Cheek

Ottomans: Karl Schuetz

Portugal: Eugene Paulson

Russia: Bob Kluge

Spain: John Zipper

	1750	51	52	53	
Austria	10	13	17	19	drew
China	8	10	13	16	drew
England	10	15	22	26	drew
France	8	12	15	15	
Netherlands	9	11	11	11	
Ottomans	10	13	12	13	
Portugal	9	13	10	9	
Russia	13	16	14	9	
Spain	9	9	9	9	

79Mdl (Scotic Scripti III)

GM: Fred Hyatt

Zine: THE HOME OFFICE

Connacht: Lee Kendter, Sr.

England: Phil Cooper (drew)

Kymru: Mike McGranaghan (dro W1017), Mark Burden (out W1020)

Leinster: Joe Grailey (drew)

Munster: Art Schleinkofer (dro W1015), Chris Ward (dro W1017), Vern Schaller

Orkney: Marc Hess (dro W1015), Margaret Gemignani

Scotland: Victor Ricci

Ulster: Karl Schuetz

5	1015	16	17	18	19	20
Connacht	4	3	4	3	1	-
England	4	5	5	6	8	10
Kymru	4	4	4	4	2	-
Leinster	5	6	7	8	9	9
Munster	4	5	4	5	6	7
Orkney	3	4	4	4	3	4
Scotland	4	5	5	4	4	4
Ulster	4	4	3	2	3	2

80Ffh (Gunboat Colonia V)

GM: Phil Cooper

Zine: THE HOME OFFICE

Austria: Karl Schuetz

China: Eugene Paulson

England: Vernon Schaller (drew)

France: Walter Blank (to S55), Alfred Rodriguez

Netherlands: Paul Hess (out W54)

Ottomans: Fred Hyatt (drew)

Portugal: x Dennis Sulsberger

Russia: Konrad Baumeister

Spain: B. Leighton (out W54)

	1750	51	52	53	54	55
Austria	10	13	15	15	13	14
China	8*	10	11	14	15	16
England	10	14	19	22	29	30
France	9	13	13	13	15	13
Netherlands	10	13	11	6	1	-
Ottomans	10	13	16	18	22	23
Portugal	8	10	11	14	13	16
Russia	14	19	17	16	17	16
Spain	10	13	10	6	3	-

MILLER NUMBERS ASSIGNED SINCE LAST ISSUE

80Mjj GUSHER DIPLOMACY Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Fred Davis. A: Ralph Baty. E: Chip Charnley. F: Dan Wilson. G: Scott Hanson. I: Rick Young. R: Ed Bapple. T: Joe Marshall.

80Nfh COLONIA V GM: Eugene Paulson. Zine: The Home Office. Austria: Ben Zablocki. China: Wayne Norton. England: Jack McPherrren. France: Chip Charnley. Netherlands: Phil Cooper. Ottomans: Robert Cheek. Portugal: David Arnott. Russia: Fred Hyatt. Spain: Mike Doelling.

80Ojk JUPITER GM: Bruce Linsey. Zine: The Voice of Doom ((Bruce---could you forward me a list of the initial players and positions?))

81Aja SMALL WORLD II-R GM: Fred Davis. Zine: Bushwacker. Africa: Frank Kennesson. China: Robert Cheek. Islam: Greg Costikyan. North America: Ronald J. Brown. Russia: Kerry Blant. South America: Ralph Baty. Western Europe: Chip Charnley. Pacific Empire: Glenn Overby

81Bjb MACHIAVELLI (1513 scenario) GM: Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. Austria: Bill Osmanson. France: Larry Boudon. Milan: Steve D Alessandro. Papacy: Clark Reynolds. Turks: Don Del Grande. Venice: Mike Scott.

81Cjl NORTH AMERICA 2020 GM: Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. Canada: Steven Davies-Morriss. C.S.A.: Marion Bates. Deseret: Mike Scott. Mexico: David Anderson. Quebec: Debbie Osborne. Texas: Don Schwartz. U.S.A: Greg Stewart.

81Djm YOUNGSTOWN XII GM: Glen Taylor. Zine: none (carbon copy).
Austria: Worth Buruss. China: Kerry Yon. England: Mark Costello. France:
David McCrumb. Germany: Chris Mattern. India: Pamela Gereau. Italy: Tim
Bertness. Japan: Bil Wulff. Russia: Dave Lowman. Transvaal: Beki Belcher.
Turkey: Bob O Harrow. U.S.A.: Dave & Bongard

81Ejn WOOLWORTH DIPLOMACY GM: Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. England: David
Anderson. France: Fred Davis. Italy: Dan Palter. Scandinavia: Mark Laadi.
Spain: Steven Davies-Morris.

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JIM BUMPAS: You requested a Miller Number for your *radio* game, but
neglected to tell me what year it was started. I can't assign a number
until I know when it started.

This is interesting, actually; apparently, Kendter refused to give the game
a BN simply because all communication must be published in the zine. Now,
nowhere in the Diplomacy rules does it say that the player must be allowed
to negotiate privately. If players wish to enter into a private agreement
only to permit negotiation over the game-board, they are free to do so.
Consequently, a game in which all communication is printed changes or
violates the original rules of Diplomacy in no way. Consequently, Bumpas
RADIO game is NOT A VARIANT in any sense of the word. However, I will, of
course, be glad to give it a Miller Number if Kendter is too much of an
anal retentive to give it a Boardman Number.

On the other hand, Kendter issues BN's with reliability, while my handling
of the MN's has been notably lax. You take what you can get.

It has also come to my attention that Kendter isn't giving BN's to phone
games. Is this correct? This strikes me as peculiar, if so. Phone games
are entirely legitimate within the purview of the Diplomacy rules. Further-
more, I recall that when I first got into the hobby (72? 73?) there were a
number of phone games in New York, all with Boardman numbers. In fact, when
I started a Diplomacy game at my school in which the players gave their moves
to the GM once per week and diplomacy could be conducted at any time face-to-
face, the Boardman Number Custodian was glad to give that game a BN. What
gives? (Any phone game which has been refused a BN may get a MN.)
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