

# Magus

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Did you notice in 'House of Lords' that Mark Berch was lecturing me on how easy it would be to GM using the Berchian Automatic Pilot (BAP? that can't be right) rule. Isn't it amazing? The utter vastness of the man's intellect! He doesn't GM himself, yet he can tell someone who does how easy it would be. I truly stand in awe of the man. Sadly, I am not in his league. I think the rule would be just too damn much work. Of course, it might serve as an incentive for the players not to NMR, knowing how much extra effort they would be putting me to. There may be some merit here, after all. On the other hand, if it slowed down the adjudication, or created needless errors, it might cause the players undue hardship. Since I am obviously not a Mark Berch, I guess I had better just stick to what I know. Getting the games out as quickly and as accurately as I can.

Who knows, maybe Berch will GM a game using the rule, just to show us all how easy it really is. I know I'm waiting eagerly for the triple issue of 'DD' he'll dedicate to just how wonderful it all was when the game is over. Since it was all my idea, knowing Berch's generosity, I'm sure he'll mention my name favorably, and send me a courtesy copy. Right?

The other night at a chinese restaurant we were seated at a table with a Lazy Susan in the middle. Megan had just said something to irk Lee Paul, and he responded: "If I had a box with a fist in it I'd put it on the table and spin it around to you, and when you opened the box and the fist hit you, I wouldn't laugh. I'd smirk."

Maybe you had to be there, or be me.

We are mostly moved in. There are still enough unpacked books to fill parts of two more bookcases. The bookcases are on order, so maybe we will have the books unpacked next month. Daf has her eye on a purple couch. It must be love, since she mentions it about every time I see her. The last time, I threatened her the way she threatens the kids when they won't stop asking when we are going to get something. It must be an effective threat, she hasn't mentioned the couch since. Now if I could just remeber what it was she says. I could use it in my Dip games.

Steve Courtemanche mentioned that we have achieved the American Dream. I hadn't thought of it that way, but we have, haven't we? It feels a bit strange being mainstream, but I sure do like this house. I'm not alone in that. Daf and the kids love it too.

The puppies are either dead stupid, or have minds of their own. We let them in for about two minutes this evening. That's how long it took one of them to take a dump in the living room. You'd think getting their noses rubbed in it would teach them to act differently, but no such luck. Maybe they are related to Tattletale, or something.

This is the list of those who are getting MAGUS. To be on this list, you have to play, standby, or have some other quality that makes me want to send this to you. What that quality might be, I leave to your imagination.

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Standby list: Mark Keller, Dick Martin, Melinda Ann Holley, Jim Burgess, Tom Hurst, Bill Quinn, Don Williams, Mike Pustilnik, Larry Botimer, Andy Lischett, Richard Hurley, Rick Kohman, and Glenn E. L. Petroski.

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ZAT for the games will be November 25, 1988.

Please send all mail to the above address. The post office box will expire sooner or later. Not that I use it any more. The post office has been asked to forward all mail.

1982 CH The Aliens' Game Winter 1928 and Spring 1929

The Boob correctly takes me to task for suggesting that this game is past its prime. It is only I who am past it. Seasons are separated due to player request. No concensus on any proposal, but both AEIR and IRE are proposed for next time.

AUS (Steve Dorneman 2) A Gal R OTB, A Ukr R OTB; no builds, plays one short; has A SER  
 ENG (Jeff Martin 17) even; has A BEL, A RUH, A SIL, A MUN, A KIE, F ENG, F NTH, A PRU, A BER, F BAL, F SWE, A BUR, A MAR, F NAF, F SPA(sc), F MID, F WES  
 ITA (Jim Burgess 11) builds A VEN; also has A GAL, A VIE, F AEG, F RUM, F TUN, F TYH, F ION, F GOL, F PIE, A TRI  
 RUS (Andy Lischett 4) builds A SEV; also has A WAR, A MOS, A UKR

Press is being held until Spring as per my continued usage.

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Summer and Fall 1904

AUS (Gary Behnen 7) A TYA S A BOH-Mun, A BOH-Mun(fails), A Gal-WAR(fails), A PIE S F A BUR-Mar(nso), A MUN-Bur(fails), A VEN S F ROM, F ROM S TUR F Ion-TYH  
 ENG (Mike Pustilnik 6) F NTH C A Yor-DEN, A Yor-DEN, A STP H, A SWE S A Yor-DEN, F SKA S A Yor-DEN, F BAR H  
 FRA (Richard Hurley 6) F Mid-NAF, F Gol-MAR, A BEL S A HOL, A BUR-Mun(fails), A HOL S GER A KIE, F WES S ITA A TUN  
 GER (Mark Weseman 4) A Boh R OTB; A PRU-War(fails), A BER S FRE A BUR-Mun(cut), A KIE S FRE A BUR-Mun(cut)  
 ITA (Steve Emmert 1) A TUN H  
 RUS (Larry Botimer 1) F Den-Kie(fails; dislodged)  
 TUR (Kathy Caruso 9) F Eas-ION, A Arm-SEV, F Ion-TYH, A Mos-LVN, A Ukr-MOS, A SIL-Ber(fails), F AEG H, F Tyh-TUS

Winter 1904 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Bud Tri Vie Gre Ser Ven Rom MUN	+1; builds 1
ENG	Edi Lon Lpl Nwy Stp Swe DEN	+1; builds 1
FRA	Bre Mar Par Bel Por Spa HOL	+0; even
GER	Ber Kie Hol(lost) Mun(lost)	-1; removes 1
ITA	Tun	+0; even
RUS	Den(lost)	-1; out
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Sev Rum Mos War Nap	+0; builds 1

1987 HX Slimy Dogs Press:

TURKEY to AUSTRIA: Of course you didn't promise a rose garden - more like a barefoot walk in a cactus patch!  
 KK to LARRY: What excuse? You should thank me for taking your centers, that way it takes you less time to write your moves and leaves you more time to pursue the finer things in life - like chasing cats up a tree!  
 TURKEY to FRANCE: Gee, aren't you a sweetheart trying to give Germany more studying time. I guess that means you can understand Greedy wanting to give you more time to twiddle your thumbs!  
 KK to MOOSEMAN: I was just following your lead, lawyers do like to eat people alive, don't they?  
 BROOKLYN to BROOKLYN: Things could be a lot worse - I could be from Olathe, KS.

TURKEY to GERMANY: With Greedy around, no one's back is safe!  
 KK to COCHISE: Good thing you didn't get in this game - your press would've been enough to get you killed.  
 GERMANY to TURKEY: Why would I want to be a Mutts fan?  
 REDMAN to AUSTRIA: It wasn't me, just a figment of your imagination.  
 COCHISE to GM: Yes, he's in but for how long?  
 COCHISE to RIN TIN TIN: See you on the sidelines. Care for a Titan game?  
 PARIS to VIENNA: My attitude concerning Munich and Marseilles is best summed up in my moves. It's so disappointing and predictable to see Kathy get other folks to do her dirty work while she piles up centers in your rear. As for her suiciding out against you, she'll have to get in line.  
 CALIFORNIA to ISTANBUL: Suggest the Sultanness geld the Mets for their performance in recent National League playoffs.  
 AUSTRIA to TURKEY: Wow, did the Mets crack under pressure or what? Hernandez gets cement feet, Jeffries all thumbs and Backman is uncoordinated. At best you're spared being beaten by the A's!  
 AUSTRIA to GERMANY: If you believe France, you'll believe the Mets won the Series.  
 AUSTRIA to FRANCE: Marseilles or Burgundy, which is better in the Fall?  
 AUSTRIA to ENGLAND: If you sit on the fence much longer, the thorny rose will stick you.  
 AUS to RUS: Farewell, (I think) fair Bo(t), at least you tried...  
 AUS to TUNIS: I see you're sticking around, how's the sand?

1986 A Slowtime Winter 1910 and Spring 1911

Was it something I said? Will Kathy Caruso please stand by for Don Williams again, and will Dick Martin please send in stand by orders for the French units? I fear a mail foul-up. Flash's backup card is the only thing that made it through from him this season, and I know Flash well enough to know he sent more. Oh well, there is an R/T draw proposed

ENG (Tom Hurst 5) removes A Wal, F Nth, F Lon; F BRE S F MID, F MID S F BRE, F IRI S F MID, F NAT S F MID, F ENG S F MID  
 FRA (NMR 4) NRR plays one short; A SPA H(u), A PAR H(u), F POR H(u)  
 ITA (Larry Botimer 1) A Rom R APU; removes F Nap; A APU-Ven(fails)  
 RUS (NMR Williams 14) NRR plays three short; A BER H(u), A NWY H(u), F BAR H(u), A SWE H(u), A HOL H(u), A RUM H(u), F DEN H(u), A MUN H(u), A VEN H(u), A RUH H(u), A KIE H(u)  
 TUR (Flash Fassio 10) builds A CON, plays one short; A Gre-SER, A Smy-NAP, F AEG C A Smy-NAP, F ION C A Smy-NAP, A ROM S A Smy-NAP, A TRI-Ven(fails), F WES-Mid(fails), F NAF S F WES-Mid, A Con-BUL

LARRY-BOARD: If I did expand on it, it'd turn into an article for some Dipdom publication and I avoid that sort of idiocy.

GM-BOARD: This is entirely too strange. The FAZ and DON Show without either of the principles. It's sort of like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich without the bread.

APU-RUSSIA: Yeah, well Fassio sits in St. Peter's Basilica and fulfills his dreams. I'd rather keep Venice. Its a prettier city.

BO(T)-FAZWHAN: Oh yeah, I'm still here. Steve L. didn't send me any silly ultimatums, so as promised I'll still be here when the Gnome bites it.

GM to BO(T): Is Flash in on this plan?

1987 AL Euro Style Fall 1908

The F/G/R draw failed to pass, but is repropose, as is an A/T drwa.

AUS (Kathy Caruso 4) A Vie-GAL, A Rom-Ven(d; r OTB),  
A TRI-Tya(fails)  
FRA (Rick Kohman 7) F Tyh-ROM, A GAS S GER F NAT-Ice(imp),  
F TUN S F Gol-TYH, F Gol-TYH, F Mar-GOL, A PIE S GER A Tya-VEN,  
F WES S F Gol-TYH  
GER (Bob Slossar 8) A KIE H, F HEL H, F BAL H, F NAT H,  
A BOH-Tya(fails), A SIL-Boh(fails), A TUS S FRE F TYH-ROM,  
A Tya-VEN  
ITA (Mark Keller 1) no units  
RUS (Richard Hurley 5) A MOS-Sev(fails), A UKR-Rum(fails), A NWY H,  
A Gal S A UKR-Rum(d;r OTB), A Lvn-WAR  
TUR Larry Botimer 9) F NAP-Rom(fails), F Ion-ADR,  
A ARM-Sev(fails), A RUM S AUS A Vie-GAL(cut), A Ser-ALB,  
A SEV-Ukr(fails), F BLA S A ARM-Sev, A BUD S AUS A Vie-GAL,  
F Smy-EAS, F Aeg-ION

Winter 1907 Supply Center Chart

AUS	Tri Ven(lost) Vie	-1; even
FRA	Bre Mar Par Por Spa Lon Tun ROM	+1; builds A MAR
GER	Ber Kie Mun Den Bel Hol Edi Lpl VEN	+1; builds A MUN
ITA	Rom(lost)	-1; out
RUS	Mos Stp War Swe Nwy	+0; builds A STP
TUR	Ank Con Smy Bul Sev Bud Gre Ser Rum Nap	+0; even

1987 AL Euro Style Press:

TURKEY to F/G/R: Get real, boyos! 20 centers to 14 ain't cause for a 3-way draw.

RIN TIN to KATIE: These yo-yos are so inept we have to kill off the Italian for them.

BIG MOUTH A'S BOOSTER to BIG MOUTH METS BOOSTER: So, who WAS that Masked Man? Orel who?

FRANCE to ITALY: Well, at least this time you got a valid reason for not writing...

FRANCE to A/T: Has it occurred to you that it might be a little easier to talk Russia onto your side AFTER you've given him back Sev and Rum? Naw, I didn't think so. Keep on trying to bully him...

RIKKO to GAME: Man, has our Press gone to hell-inna-handbasket. I can't even get a rise out of Steve or Daf, or even Williams! I'm sorry I chased Lindy away...

RIKKO to BOB: By the way, what's the status on the "Say Something Nice About Don Williams" contest? I've already eaten half the Clark Bar....

GM to RIKKO: Don NMR'd, is that nice enough?

MOSCOW to WORLD: Can't we call this one a day? Vote Yes on F/G/R, no on Bush.

MOSCOW to WORLD: No Italy! I can't believe it! How am I going to fill that void in my life?

ST.PETE to WORLD: Just listened to the vice-presidential debate. Quayle (sp?) is not simply a hypocritical plutocratic twit. He's actually a stupid hypocritical plutocratic twit. 250 million or so people in this crazy scene, and we have to put the village idiot a breath away from the BigTime. God help us.

KATIE to RIN TIN: I have to admit it, these are the stupidest moves you've ever requested!

KATIE to RIKKO: I think Lasorda was the model for the Cabbage Patch kids.

AUSTRIA to GERMANY: If I didn't know better, I'd swear Bo(t) was allied with you. His moves sure as hell point in that direction.  
AUSTRIA to ITALY: You should thank me and my sidekick for taking you out of this torture. If we left it for F & G to do, you'd outlive George Burns. Those two are about as swift as Laurel & Hardy.  
KK to BO(T): Chill out fool! Go drink some Gatorade and get off the GM's case - if you hurt his feelings, we might get Mushbrain and then you have to get out the crying towel, not to mention the ASPRIN!!  
TRIESTE to ST. PETE: Glad to see that you're showing your daughter the value of string (i.e. stringing blocks across her crib) at an early age. This way she'll understand why her wooden headed father always ahs someone pulling his strings.  
AUSTRIA to GERMANY: The only thing worse than toadying to Bo(t) is toadying to a \*\*\*\*\* clone like you!

1987 CV New Kids Autumn and Winter 1905

Both the E/R/F/A draw and the vote count publishing proposals have failed to pass. There ia an A/F draw and an Austrian concession proposed for next time. Seasons are separated by player request. Will Bob Olsen please send in standby orders for England?

AUS (Russ Rusnak 12) builds F TRI; also has A GAL, A BUD, A VEN,  
A UKR, A BER, A BUL, F AEG, A BOH, A RUM, F TYH, F ION  
ENG (NMR 4) F Kie R OTB(NRR); still has F NWY, A DEN,  
F WAL, F IRI  
FRA (Steve Emmert 10) builds F BRE, A PAR; also has F MID, A BUR,  
A SPA, A MUN, A KIE, A HOL, F EDI, F BEL  
ITA (Bob Slossar 1) F Eas R OTB  
RUS (Ron Cameron 5) A Ber R OTB; removes F Bal; still has A MOS,  
A SEV, F BLA, A WAR, A LVN  
TUR (Mark Weseman 3) builds F CON; also has F ANK, A SMY

For consistency, I am holding back the press.

Actually, Daf does the press. I am on that asymptotic slide into the never never land of burnout. By the way, I didn't even get to this until late Saturday, and only just got a start when something came up that took me away from it until much later. The reason that it was much later is that I forgot all about it. How much closer to burnout can you get before you are there? Still, we haven't reached issue 100 yet. I plan to do it without double issues, or other such hoaxy methods of getting into the high numbers (how about a few pages every week with a distinct number to up the count quickly?). Then, I will put out issue #101, chock full of all the stuff I've saved up over the past several years. Right now it looks to weigh in at just under 300 pages, but I may get a few more squeezed in by then. After all, it won't be happening until 1990.

About six lines into the printout, the ribbon ran out. There is another ribbon about here, somewhere, but I sure don't know where. So, sorry about that. I will have to hunt one down and print out tomorrow. That will make the mailing day Thursday...just like the old days.