



# Winsome Losesome



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## INTRODUCTION

WINSOME LOSESOME is a gaming publication dedicated to the play of Postal DIPLOMACY. DIPLOMACY is a multi-player political conflict game invented by Allan Calhamer and currently owned by the Avalon Hill Game Co. This 'zine is currently devoted exclusively to Postal DIPLOMACY in either its "pure" or many variant forms and the gossip and general brouhaha that accompanies it. WINSOME-LOSESOME is published by me, Judy Winsome, at 749 21st Ave., Apt #3, San Francisco, CA 94121. Subscriptions are 40 cents an issue. I suggest you send a check for \$5.00 and I will credit your account accordingly. There are no game fees, you can play as long as you maintain a subscription. I plan to publish with a four week deadline.

## NOTABLE QUOTES

Jim Finley of Oceanside CA submitted the following three quotes from The Art of War by Sun Tzu (no that is not a Dipzine, it was written about 500 BC).

"All warfare is based on deception. Hence, when able to attack, we must seem unable; when using our forces, we must seem inactive; when we are near, we must make the enemy believe that we are away; when far away, we must make him believe that we are near. Hold out baits to entice the enemy. Feign disorder, and crush him."

"In all fighting, the direct method may be used for joining battle, but indirect methods will be needed in order to secure victory."

"He will conquer who has learnt the artifice of deviation."

Mr. Sun would have made a great Diplomacy player. Thanks Jim and \$1.50 credit for your research. I may use your other quotes in a later issue.

Remember, quotes submitted and used will be worth 50 cents in subscription credit, but must include the author of the quote if it is not original. No, Vince Lombardi is not a subscriber.

## CONTEST

My last contest, the logo contest, which won a lifetime subscription for Steve Langley and \$2.00 credit for Mark Keller appealed to your creative nature. This has a different appeal. I don't claim the question is original. I found it in my reading. Here it is:

"Why is Halloween exactly equal to Christmas?"

The first correct answer gets a \$2.00 credit to WL. In the case more than one correct answer arrives on the same day, I'll fairly divide the prize.

WE'VE GOT A GAME !!!!!!!

Seven subscribers have signed up for the first game in WINSOME-LOSESOME. I will call it WL-1 until we can get a Boardman Number. This will be regular Diplomacy and copies of the revised Houserules (printed in issue 2 and revised in 3) are being enclosed for the seven players. The seven players are listed below with their addresses, and, we have a woman in the game. (Don't worry fellows, I'll GM it straight.)

GAME NO. WL-1

AUSTRIA	- - -	Windy Windblad, Box B 43816, Florence, AZ	85232
ENGLAND	- - -	Mark Duarte, 4738 E. McKenzie, Fresno, CA	93702
FRANCE	- - -	David Perlmutter, 3820 Locust Walk, Box 294, Philadelphia, PA, 19104	
GERMANY	- - -	Robyn Finley, 3020 Oceanside Bl #124, Oceanside, CA, 92054	
ITALY	- - -	John Michalski, RT 10 Box 526 Q, Moore, OK,	73165
RUSSIA	- - -	Larry McCloud, 520 Geary, San Francisco, CA,	94102
TURKEY	- - -	Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA,	95662

Only Windy didn't submit a preference list. Everyone else got at least their second choice. Deadline for Spring '01 moves is FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1982.

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PLUGS AND OPENINGS

Just read EUROPA EXPRESS #12 pubbed by Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN, 38118, and I must confess I was thoroughly charmed by the issue. Gary devoted the issue to an examination of the participation of women in the Diplomacy hobby. Although I began reading with all my senses alert for sexist snubs, and although I found some, (you just can't avoid it guys), I came away with my defenses down. Gary made a forthright attempt and I praise him for the effort. Unfortunately, if you want to read the issue you'll have to borrow it from a friend because Gary only prints as many as he has subscribers. His zine focuses on the European scene and if all his issues are as well done it's worth the 10 issues for \$6 price (8 for \$5). (Thanks Gary for believing I'm real). I also noticed in SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS #10 (Dave Carter, 118 Horsham Ave, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2N 1Z9) that Gary won the 1981 Diplomacy Players Poll as Best Writer. I agree with the award; you deserved it Gary. I think what I like best about his zine is he is willing to put forth the effort to teach you a little about history. I appreciate that generosity.

As to openings, I have three players for my Terrorism Variant (and one nibble). Are there any other takers? Submit preference lists with your request to play.

Willing Terrorists: Mark Keller, Tim Winger and (Damn, I'm angry with myself. I've been searching all over for the name of the third player. Sorry, I lost it. Please resubmit whoever it is).

And three on my standby list. By the way, I don't think I've mentioned it. Standbys get free subscriptions for as long as they are playing a standby position.

Standbys: Larry McCloud, Mike Barno, Jim Finley

MORE WINSOME - FAKESOME

And the game goes on. Is Judy Winsome real or isn't she? I'm beginning to enjoy being a fake. Am I Black Jack Masters in drag? Who am I really? I didn't go to the Stantinople-Con at Berkeley although a friend of mine did. Tim Winger wrote a report on the event which already has appeared in Ron Brown's MURD'RING MINISTERS Issue #44. He says that "...I happened by the Kingmaker game where I was immediately accused of being Judy Winsome. That's fairly absurd. It seems however, that she has not been seen by that many of the hobby, so her authenticity is in question. Well, I've seen her and played FTF with her and lost to her but, since she wasn't at the CON, some doubted her. All I can add is that I can't be she as she is much more attractive than I, and has a much more appealing shape. (but that's not too hard to do)". Thanks for believing in me Tim (you'd better or you've been playing with yourself all this time) and thanks for the left-handed compliment.

Here are some others who believe in me. In EUROPA EXPRESS (see PLUGS AND OPENINGS), Gary Coughlan includes me in his list of "Females" (as in dog) in the hobby:

"31. Judy Winsome: pubber of WINSOME LOSESOME Judy appeared out of nowhere a full-fledged pubber of this zine which many considered a fake. After 3 issues and some convincing answers, I believe her to be real for whatever that's worth."

Jim Finley of Oceanside CA writes "You're right. As long as you put out a good zine, who cares whether you exist or not? But you probably do"

Mark Keller of Orangevale CA said "I agree with WINSOME-FAKESOME. It doesn't matter who you are, as long as WINSOME-LOSESOME continues. Warning, there is going to be another "Fakesome" article appearing soon." (How will I recognize a real "Fakesome" article?)

Well, the tide continues in the non-believing direction too. I loved the card I got from Mark Lew: "Dear Judy, Apparently people are aware of what I've been saying about you in VoD and elsewhere and Dave Perlmutter tells me that I should apologize to you. I think he's right so: I'm sorry you're a fake. Love and Kisses, Markie"

In WHITESONIA #44, John Caruso quoted a portion of my epilogue in WL #2 (the why can't I find a honest man thing). Yet he printed the credit line implying I might be Rod Walker.

In THE VOICE OF DOOM, Bruce Linsey printed a picture entitled, The Postal Diplomacy Library of VERY THIN Books, which included the very thin tome "The True Autobiography of Judy Winsome"

However, the cream of the crop was an article written by Steve Langley in THE MAGUS a subzine of COAT OF ARMS in which he entertained "Propositions in Search of a Conclusion" of whether or not I'm a fake. He is the first to suggest that I may be a fake on purpose. How do you do that? How can I fake being me? I must agree, however, that all this fake talk (?) has been fortuitous in that WL has received more notoriety than perhaps it deserves. At least Steve perceived a "... distinctive feminine flow to its (my writing's) style" which relieves my father who has suspected otherwise from my Tomboy-ish behaviour. At least Steve doesn't doubt I'm a woman - he just doubts I'm real. I wonder which is worse?

### INQUIRIES

This is a forum for general inquiries or the solicitation of opinion on hobby related topics. These may be attributed to the "asker" or, like, Dear Abby, with names like "Unsure". In my last three issues I've played with the question:

"What's wrong with Coastal Creep (also called Coastal Crawl)?"

and decided not to allow it in regular DIP games so they won't be considered variants. However, I am surprised that I haven't received any challenges to my boundary or corridor method of interpretation. But on to the next question.

Mark Keller of Orangevale, CA suggested we examine the 3 situations of the article "Still More About Convoys" published in Diplomacy World #29, (Rod Walker, "alcala", 1237 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA, 92024 \$6.00 per year for 4 issues). In this article, Mark Berch describes 3 situations which create contradictions in the rules.

Situation A is called "The Unwanted, Unnecessary Convoy"

ENGLAND: F Nrg C FRENCH A Cly - Edi  
FRANCE: A Cly - Edi  
RUSSIA: F Bar - Nrg S F Nwy

France believes his army should move from Clyde to Edinburgh because they are adjacent provinces and the move is unopposed. England retorts that the convoy is disrupted because her fleet in the Norwegian Sea was dislodged. So by Rule XII.3 the army cannot move. Now England is free to retreat to Edinburgh which would not have been possible if she had merely moved there.

Mark Berch called Situation B "The Finessed Cut"

ENGLAND: F Nth C FRENCH A Bel - Hol  
FRANCE: A Bel - Hol  
RUSSIA: F Den - Nth S by F Hol

Here France thinks she cuts the Russian support. But by Rule XII.5, a convoyed army's attack does not cut support given to an attack upon the convoying fleet. The English fleet, therefore, is dislodged. The rules conflict is between X and XII.5. Mark suggested that the crafty finesse be allowed and the English fleet dislodged.

Situation C is called "The Chicken & Egg Convoys"

ENGLAND: A Yor - Hol C by F Nth and S by A Kie  
FRANCE: F Eng - Nth S by F Lon  
RUSSIA: F Den - Nth S by F Hol

In this case, the English F Nth is a Beleaguered Garrison (Rule IX.5). Since the French and Russian attacks are of equal strength, neither succeeds and the fleet is not dislodged. By not being dislodged, the convoy is still valid (XII.3). The convoyed attack on Holland does not cut the support given by F Hol for F Den - Nth (XII.5). But F Hol has no support and the convoyed army's attack is supported from Kiel, so the F Hol is dislodged. Now Rule X says that a dislodged unit cannot give support in any circumstance. The F Hol can't be dislodged unless the convoy succeeds and the convoy can't succeed if the F Hol is dislodged. An insoluble problem.

INQUIRIES CONTINUED

IN APPALLING GREED #23, Mark Larzelere printed a letter from Allan Calhamer in which Allan proposed some rule changes.

"First, to change X. CUTTING SUPPORT by adding at the end of the first paragraph, just after "... then does not receive it", the expression,

"(Except for the infrequent situation of Rule XII.5.)"

Rule XII.4 would be changed in its entirety to:

4. AMBIGUOUS CONVOY ROUTES. The orders as written may permit more than one route by which a convoyed army could proceed from its source to its destination.

Example 12. A Con-Bul, F Bla C A Con-Bul, F Aeg C A Con-Bul. Furthermore, the fleets may or may not belong to the same country as the army or each other. There may be multiple sea routes but no land route. In these cases:

- a) If the order to the army specifies just one route, that route only is considered.
- b) Subject to the foregoing, if at least one fleet of the same country as the army is ordered to convoy it, the overland route is not considered.
- c) Subject to the foregoing, if the army could make its move, if unopposed, overland; no route employing a foreign fleet is considered.
- d) Subject to the foregoing, the army's move takes effect if any route remaining survives disruption.

Rule XII.5 would be changed in its entirety to:

5. A CONVOYED ATTACK DOES NOT CUT A SUPPORT GIVEN INTO A BODY OF WATER. If a convoyed army attacks a fleet which is supporting another fleet, while that other fleet is ordered to move to or remain in a body of water, this attack by the army does not cut that support.

Example 13. FRANCE: A Spa-Nap, F Lyo C A Spa-Nap, F Tyr C A Spa-Nap, A Apu S A Spa-Nap; ITALY: F Ion-Tyr, F Nap S F Ion-Tyr. Since the support is not cut, in this case the chain of fleets is disrupted, hence the convoy fails, even though it was supported at Naples.

Such a support will not be cut by a convoyed army, even in cases in which the convoy succeeds and the army dislodges the fleet.

Obviously, these suggestions contain my naive hope that the paradoxes will be gotten rid of."

These seem good to me, any comments?

SOME CHEAP ANSWERS

- Jim Finley - Yes, I'll accept silly jokes - stupid ones too as you can see from my Epilogue. I hope to run a Terrorist variant game next and after that another regular DIP game.
- Mark Keller - Here you go, guy - your game starts with this issue. Get that pen going and good luck. About the computerized Diplomacy question, the only person I've heard of so far who has an interest in both Diplomacy and computers is Doug Beyerlein (although I'm sure there are many others) who publishes California Reports. Subscriptions are by self-addressed stamped envelopes. His address is 640 College, Menlo Park, CA, 94025.
- Windy Windblad - Red hair? Do I have red hair? Not on my head. Have you ever asked Fred Davis if he has red hair? No offense taken Windy, but my hair is a light brown. Nothing special.
- Steve Langley - No, I'm neither Black Jack Masters nor Tim Winger.
- Robyn Finley - You are so welcome to play. Only one subscription required per household. I've lived in the Bay Area all my life. I grew up in Hayward but have lived in San Francisco since college. We share an interest in travel and exercise. I'm not much of a cook, however.

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MORE OPENINGS

Mark Larzelere, 23 Akin Ave, Capitol Heights, MD, 20743, has openings for limited press games in APPALLING GREED. Each player may submit no more than 3 lines of press per issue (about 225 characters). The sub rate is 35 cents per issue. Send (1) your name, address, and, if you wish, your phone number, (2) \$8.50 for the game fee of which \$3.50 will be refunded if you do not drop your position; paid in either money or subscription credit to AG, (3) a preference list of the 7 countries, (4) any password you want to use, and (5) a list of any players that you do not want to be in a game with (confidential). These games have DIAS (what's that?), 3 week deadlines (6 weeks for Spring '01 with Winter 1900 press), no neutral orders for Spring '01 if anyone NMRs.

He also has openings for a \$100 prize fund game. \$15 entry fee, countries assigned randomly, no standbys, 3 week deadlines (except S 01), and DIAS (there it is again). If you are interested, don't send Mark any money yet, just ask to add your name to the list which has 3 players as of March 10.

THE MARK BERCH DEPARTMENT

Rain again. This is getting monotonous. This is the third time in a row that it has rained as I've written this section. I wonder if it rains where Mark Berch lives? We're even getting lightning and thunder. Maybe that's not unusual for most of you, but it certainly commands attention around here. It's going to be a fireplace night. I bought some Green Rooster beer (green beer made in Denmark) to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and I'm going to lounge in front of a friend's fireplace and let the fire warm my outside and the beer warm my inside. Maybe this stormy weather isn't so bad after all.

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EPILOGUE

Well, another special day, St. Patrick's Day, is here. The day everyone becomes Irish. No, I'm not Irish most of the year, just today. Which brings to mind my favorite Irish joke.

Pat and Mike were the best of chums. Though very poor, they lived a rich life in each other's company. The day Pat got married, Mike's wedding gift was an expensive bottle of whiskey. It was much too much for Mike to afford. When Pat saw it he was so overwhelmed that he promised to save the bottle for "a special occasion". Being good Catholics, it wasn't long before Pat and his wife gave birth to a beautiful daughter. Thinking this was a proper time, Mike asked if they might be celebrating with that bottle of whiskey. But no, Pat would have none of it, because that gift was very dear to him and he was saving it for a very special occasion. Well, time went by and Pat's daughter got married. Although Mike persevered, Pat felt the time was not right for opening the bottle. Soon Pat became a grandfather, yet the bottle remained sealed. Then came Pat's silver and golden wedding anniversaries, and still the bottle remained untouched.

Finally, Pat became ill and Mike went to see him on his deathbed. Pat's breathing was labored as he said, "Mike, we've been best of friends for many years. Sure we've had many good times." He paused. "Do ye remember that bottle of whiskey ye gave to me back on the day I was wed?"

Mike allowed as to how he rememberd the bottle.

Pat said, "Mike, would you do me a favor?"

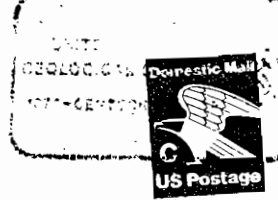
Mike: "Aye, and what might that be?"

Pat: "When I die and they lay me down in my grave, would you fetch the bottle and pour it on me grave?"

Mike thought a moment and asked, "Would you be mindin' if I passed it through me kidneys first?"

How's that for an ethnic joke after saying in my last issue that I hated them? I hope it didn't offend anyone. This is the last issue that I'll be timing to coincide with a special day since I'll be publishing on four or five week cycles for the games.

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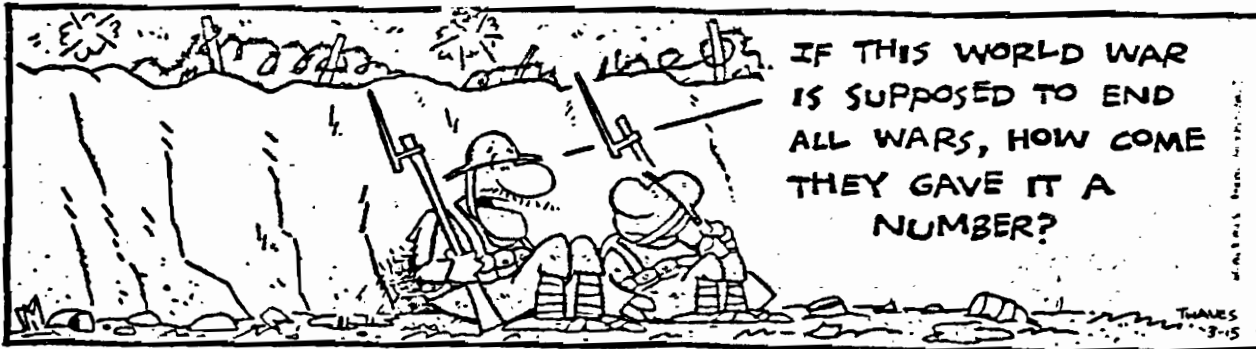
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