

THE TANGERINE TERROR

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The "Rick Astley pie and Linda McCartney sausages" Edition

Idiotorial

Like a running back leaping over the line of scrimmage into a wall of bodies in front of the end zone, we nearly didn't make it. Lots of the 'zine has been sacrificed just to get something out.

Here's my list of things to blame (and the corresponding reading on the "stretch-the-truth-o-meter"):

Work (3.4)

Helping kids with homework (6.5)

The Olympics (1.1)

Gardening (0.6)

DIY (0.3)

Going out/Enjoying myself (0.9)

Late orders (4.6)

Ineptitude (7.9)

Apathy (9.7)

Not sure what this says about my life, but it's clear that them good old days when I had buckets of time and enthusiasm seem to have gone. Having to kick people's backsides to get orders and then still not getting them isn't helping, but I need to lower your expectations (even further) about content and turnaround times. The overall mood isn't exactly improved by the crapawful weather, but we had a great weekend at the WOMAD festival and a good (if extremely damp) week in Cornwall. No pasties, but plenty of Sharp's Doombars and lots of excellent bike rides.

The Olympics have been good, although it is strange that lots of folks have said they are embarrassed by the gulf in class between our cycling team and everyone else. Perhaps it's a British thing; we don't handle superiority very well. It is also about time we thinned out some of the more ridiculous sports at the games. It'll also mean we won't need such a big athletes' village in 2012, so we can keep it cheap!

Howard's rules for excluding events:

No animals

No subjective scoring

No weight, height or gender categories

No contrived methods of race completion (e.g. butterfly stroke, 20km walk, etc.)

No shooting/archery without being chased through dense woodland pursued by similarly armed competitors

No team events

No national anthems

No drugs

No sensible shoes, suits or funny hats

No expensive equipment

and absolutely No pipes! (David Bryant you have been warned!)

I think that leaves us with 6 Olympic sports:

Running

Swimming

Jumping

Throwing something heavy

Lifting something really heavy (combine with Throwing if 6 events are too many)

and Fighting (to the death of course)

We should hold the Olympics in a dogshit ridden playground in an inner city housing estate with a sign saying "no ball games allowed" to keep the posh athletes away. Opening ceremony consists of the teams milling around drinking ludicrously strong cider out of 3 Litre plastic bottles. I have spoken to Lord Coe, but he still needs convincing.

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ATTENTION SHOPPERS

Yeah I know it's late. It's not even very good either. For some reason, the fewer games I have running, the longer the whole thing seems to take. The number of NMRs has gone up again. I have press ganged Joe into providing orders for some of the games where we have long-term dropouts. This probably counts as child cruelty and will get me in trouble with social services.

In : None

Out : Bruce Edwards, Joakim Spangberg

Shake It All About : Stamps from Arthur

Two more subbers bite the dust as the Tangerine readership continues to thin out. Quality over quantity I always say. To be fair, Bruce sent a nice note, explaining the whittling down of his PBM activities. I haven't heard from Joakim for a long time now, despite sending several emails. I can only assume that he's moved onto better things.

We're also down to 20 pages for this issue while I take stock of the situation. Once the games with the biggest NMR problems are finished, the enthusiasm should return. I hope the Air Force game gets on track soon. Please make sure you get orders in using the proper format. Drop me an email if you're not sure.

We have the last round of Spread Predicto with a ludicrously short deadline. See you next time for another shambolic issue.

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DEAD LETTER OFFICE

Let's get this sorted before people realize that there are letters here from as long ago as Euro 2008.

Brendan Whyte (on the central theme of TTT being several months late)

I still await the arrival of TTT.

Auntie Tangerine

I still await the ability of TTT to write itself, especially the game reports.

Richard Smith (on robotic game reports)

Reading your game reports, the RoboRally one struck a chord with me as I've been in exactly the same situation. When placing the flags little horns sprout and they end up in the most ultrabastard positions possible, resulting in an overlong game. The last couple of game of Robo I've played have been time limited to 2 hours and have used the following variant: The first three boards, each with one flag on are placed at one end of the table in a straight line. As soon as robot sets foot on board 3, board 4 is "discovered" - drawn randomly and placed directly in front of board 3 (discovering player chooses orientation). There are no more flags but the discovery process continues as necessary to extend the "race track". Victory criteria is most flags then furthest down the track. A player could tactically choose to miss out one of the flags to get further down the track, gambling that no other player will score the full 3.

Auntie Tangerine

The variant sounds like a good one. The distance between flags always looks really small, but the game seems to go on forever. I really like it and the kids enjoy it too, but I just need to make the scenarios a bit less ambitious. I've been out of the gaming loop for a bit. Any new ones I should know about?

Bet you were as overjoyed to see Pompey win the Mickey Mouse Cup as I was to see Man Utd win the double and Leeds spend another season in Division 3 with us!

Richard Smith (on foody woes and new games)

I wouldn't call the FA Cup "Mickey Mouse" - anyway the Skates were spoggy in every round and didn't deserve to win. They played very little decent football and just relied on having lots of big blokes, an experienced back four and an in-form goalie.

The new games on my group's table include the ones you mention - Brass has been a hit, and the English version of Agricola is coming soon. Other newbies are Power Grid new plants, Carcassonne: Abbey and Mayor and Through The Ages (we loved the basic game but had a hard time with the advanced version).

Auntie Tangerine

That's the danger of advanced games. I dug out the rules for Three Days Of Gettysburg to see whether I could muster the enthusiasm to set it up as a solitaire exercise. Took me about 7 seconds to realize it was a pipe dream, and since I don't smoke a pipe, packed it all away again.

Alex Richardson (on advanced futile solitaire games)

I used to have a solitaire wargame called RAF (West End Games produced it, I think) that allowed you to play through the whole of the battle. It was a bit mechanical, as you'd expect, and the level of detail at the advanced level could be terrifying - the rulebook suggested playing a turn a day, using that day's weather to set the game's conditions. I've never "had a life", exactly, but even I balked at trying that...

I'm looking forward to playing in Air Force - does the gamestart pack include a CD of the theme from the 'Battle of Britain' film, I wonder, just to get us all in the right frame of mind?

Auntie Tangerine

No CD, but there is an aircraft coolant scratch 'n' sniff cut out and keep card for those authentic riddled fuselage smells. Just bear with me while we get the rules sorted.

Alex Richardson (on bearings with me)

Oh cobbles, what does a bearing of 285 degrees look like? I last had anything to do with bearings at the age of 12, when forced to in a school maths lesson, about a million years ago. Sorry to have gone past the "drop dead" line. I'll be sure to eat a few cans of oily sardines in time for next issue!

Auntie Tangerine

You're a long way from being the last, so no need to panic.

Allan Stagg (on finding the need to panic)

I had a slight panic when I mis-read the Spread Predicto deadline as being the deadline for the whole zine. Fortunately panic over now that I have located the correct pair of glasses.

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DEAD LETTER OFFICE (contd)

I am not doing very well in this game, am I? In fact, I am doing spectacularly badly. At least Derby County will give me some points - and why not, as they did the same for all the other teams in the Premiership.

Auntie Tangerine

Wonder whose turn it will be to be the dog crap on the Premiership slippers this season

Pete Munro (on this season's Premiership)

Something I forgot to mention there was a rather unfortunate combination listed on the Bolton subs bench last week Mustapha, Shittu,.....

Auntie Tangerine

No wonder Megson spends so much time in the technical area, rather than in the dugout. He Mustapha the Trotters. Wonder whether Bolton will spawn their way to safety again this season. Just like the Germans making the final of 2008. Why are we never that lucky? For a few brief minutes during the Turkey game we had the good fortune to lose Motty and Lawro and were replaced by John Murray and wor Chrissy.

Slight aside :

Is it me or does Joachim Low look like he should be Paul Merton's wryly amusing sidekick on Have I Got News For You instead of managing the Teutonic footballing machine?

Pete Munro (on spotting something strange about Joachim Low)

I'm glad someone else has spotted there is something wrong with Joachim Low. I think that white shirt is really a blouse and he's secretly a cross-dresser, I reckon he was Jurgen's 'bitch'.

Germany were rubbish and for much of the game didn't even look like they were trying. They won because they scored 2 excellent goals and were as always spawny beyond belief. Lahm prior to scoring looked like he'd been replaced by his useless twin brother. Colin-Colin (as he shall be known from now on) gave them all sorts of trouble but to be honest I still wouldn't want us to sign him, it's just 'cos Germany were that bad. I was sort of pleased that the coverage dropped for a while, not 'cos we lost Motty et al, but just 'cos it reminded me of when I was a kid and this always used to happen on live coverage of anything further from home than Glamorgan v Hants in the John Player League.

Auntie Tangerine

Alhh. The John Player League on BBC2, Colin-Colin Dredge the human stick insect, Peter West out of his box after 50 double gins, Flat Jack fielding like a gazelle gazebo.

Neil Roskell (on cricket as it has been before and other observations)

- Why has Pietersen got all the attention for the switch hitting when it's been done countless times before?
- Aston Villa can go shove it if they want 18 mill plus two arms and one leg for Barry. Agreed he's broken into the England side and has appeared to do well - however he's also part of the side that failed to qualify. I'd rather we kept Alonso than pay way over the odds for Barry
- Why are commentators so rubbish? Motty and Lawro completely failed to acknowledge Van Nistelrooys skill in the build up to one of the goals versus France, and last night the ITV loons didn't see Ballacks push on Ferriera (who was the proverbial chocolate teapot last night)
- Ronaldo - just go please
- Why oh why oh why do bands think it's good to put "hidden" tracks on albums? What is the point?

Auntie Tangerine

RE: Hidden tracks. Yet another reason why vinyl is superior. Back in the day ... Hidden tracks were free bonus 7" singles. The good thing was, you could choose to play them or not. Usually not.

RE: Barry. Either they really do want to keep him, or believe that Liverpool will care in.

RE: Commentators. Motty and Tyledesley, both annoying, but for different reasons. Give me John Murray and Chris Waddle any day. Listening to Waddle on the radio, you just wonder why he was never able to cut it as a coach or manager. And someone silence David Plat for ever. His inept pronunciation of players' names used to be funny, now it's just bloody annoying. When he referred to Bosingwa as Bo-swinga, it was the final strafe.

Other observations

- Why do all the pretty girls get off the train at Gerrards Cross and the biffers at High Wycombe?
- If psychics are so good, why do they need posters advertising the time and location of psychic fairs?

As usual, there are lots of questions, but no answers

DEAD LETTER OFFICE (contd)

Mike Dommett (on finding the solutions to tricky questions)

My Independent today has a pull out about how to solve cryptic crosswords. Would I be right in assuming that Richard Smith's crossword may be oggish and not rely on double entendre? And are you sure he knows the answers? He could just have filled in rude words at random. So Jim Reader recognises the Shots. Where did he live? I am from Fleet originally and now down the way at Alton where we have our own steam trains. More reliable than the local sloth west trains, I tell you. Our local replacement Tory has sent out a freepost survey asking what bothers us locally. To my lack of surprise we are asked if we want a referendum on Europe – does this mean the latest treaty or the EU as a whole, and does anyone actually know what the treaty says?. We are asked if we feel threatened by immigration – well its been poles here, and a lot are going back. Having a free open market like the EU has means labour can also move freely. Or do we not really want the free market except for rich Russians and the like to move here – hang on they aren't in the EU. I'm always amazed that the employers are happy to use eastern Europeans to work for low wages and keep down labourers wages, for instance, but we never get an influx of east European executives and directors willing to work for something less than the pay packets the directors award themselves. I could go on but why bother.

Auntie Tangerine

I know how you feel. I was slightly miffed by someone who got a free sample TT then told me where I could stick it.

Jim Reader (on places where the magazine should go)

As I'm not sure where we will be next time TTT comes out, please drop me an e-mail so I can let you know where to post it to. We are now living in a small flat in the Minatomirai area until we finally leave Japan.

Auntie Tangerine

Hope I manage to send it to the right place. These things don't always work out, especially between here and Asia.

Gina Teh (on things getting lost between here and Asia)

Hello, here are the orders. By the way, I got my orders in last turn but apparently they must have sunk into a deep hole somewhere. I was having trouble with a lot of mail at that time.

Auntie Tangerine

You're not the only one. I'm still missing the latest Damn The Consequences coming from Thailand

Brendan Whyte (on the missing 'zine from Thailan)

A couple of people have commented that they don't seem to have received DTC 143, which I posted out about 3 weeks ago. Has ANYONE received it? It had the "Rick Astley" pie chart on the cover.

Auntie Tangerine

Yikes. I didn't know he was even dead, let alone made into pies. You can get Linda McCartney sausages too. You might as well eat dogs. Wonder what they got in the Olympic village canteen?

Pete Munro (on strange Chinese Olympic practices)

1. There aren't enough cycling events. Chris Hoy could be up there with Phelps if they had the same number of variations as the swimming, I'm sure Hoy would be the fastest cycling backwards, cycling while waving your arms around in an unnatural way etc.....

2. Beach volleyball? If that counts then I definitely want playground football, and crazy-golf in the next Olympics. If they really want a perve let's be upfront about it and introduce Pole-vault dancing as a sport.

3. Apparently the female gymnasts are supposed to be at least 16. 16 my ar5! The age testing clearly isn't working so I think they need to introduce a few new tests 1) Chinese burn - if they cry they're out, 2) Be forced to watch High School Musical and if they start singing along they're out, 3) be asked to select a number of items of clothing from a random sample, anyone picking anything glittery, fluffy in pink and lilac are out. Oh and hold all the finals after 9pm at night so well past their bed-time!

Auntie Tangerine

Even worse than beach volleyball is the bloody dressage. If you have the horses dancing to music, why not go the full nine yards and have them doing karaoke too. Here's Pippa "Never Done A Day's Work" Forbes-Smythe on her horse Ponsonby who will sing House of the Rising Sun while Pippa drinks a glass of water.

And if we're having playground footy and BMX, we want British Bulldogs (using real bulldogs), marbles (using the real Elgin Marbles), hopscotch (using real hops and real Scotch) and conkers (using real ... errr conkers).

2012. Bring it on. 2112. Attention all planets of the solar Federation. We have assumed control.

6-2-1 - GAMESTART - On your marks Allan, Ian, Gina, Arthur, Tony & Howard.

I never did come up with a better name for this, so it looks like we are stuck with it until we are all old and grey. As you know the plan is to run five games, with the last player being eliminated after each game. Let's start the marathon off with a sprint. i.e. World Record 9.874. Here are the rules :

The game is split into three parts

1. START - On the first turn each player chooses a number between 0-10. If a player picks a number 2 higher than everybody else, they false start. Two false starts means disqualification. NMR's play 4. When the race starts any player who selects a number less than the highest starts 25 thousandths of a second (0.025) behind for each number less than the highest selected.

2. PICK UP - The next round each player must choose a number between 25 and 35 (NMR= 25). This number is known as the P.U. Positions run from lowest to highest e.g if 25, 26 & 35 were chosen the player choosing the 25 PU would be first. The first placed PU will have the slowest 30 metre time. The second placed PU will have the quickest i.e 3.2 seconds. Time for 30 metres is calculated as per the following table:

PU POSITION	TIME FOR 30 METRES
2nd	3.2
3rd	3.23
4th etc.	3.26+
1st	3.29+

Any penalties for a slow start are added to this time

The 10 metre time is calculated thus: $0.9 + (99 - P.U.) / 1000$

The 40 metre time is then calculated by adding the 10 and 30 metre times.

3. RUN IN - The last turn consists of picking one of the following options

a. RELAX - 10 metre time reduces by 1 hundredth of a second for the rest of the race.

b. BURST AT x METRES - 10 metre time is reduced by 1 second/metres left. This calculation will continue every 10 metres so long as someone is overtaken in every 10-metre block. If not 10 metre time is increased by 3 hundredths (0.03) every 10 metres. (x must divide by 10)

c. RESPOND - 10 metre time is increased by 15 thousandths (0.015). If overtaken you change to BURST with no requirement to overtake every 10 metres.

d. RESERVE UNTIL x METRES - 10 metre time increases by 2 hundredths (0.02), until you reach x metres when it reduces 3 hundredths (0.03) for each 10 metre block held in reserve. E.g Reserve until 70 metres. (x must divide by 10)

NMR's are treated as option a.

Other tactics may be suggested but must be ratified by the W.P.W.R.O. (Me).

Every time someone is overtaken their 10 metre time is increased by 1 hundredth of a second (0.01).

The current world record (9.874) is added to the title of this game i.e. World Record 9.874

Can all players now inform me of their starting number (1 to 10).

Connections

A couple more players dip their toes in the murky connection pool, along with Howard whose orders went missing in action. Allan takes a slender lead ahead of the top scoring Ian. Richard is in third place after another hit. Howard mirrors Richard. Gina and Brendon both do well. Tony is so close to category 7 he might just kick himself when he gets the answer. Arthur is waiting for the water to clear before diving back in. The more observant may have noticed category 8 has been amended. Without giving too much away the earlier version was correct at time of printing and is also correct now. The third pairs have now been added.

1	Reload	Attire	Orpine	Echo	Enquires	Hoopla
2	Attire	Reload	Adder	Error	Ordane	Nerve
3	!	"	£	\$	%	^
4	41	12	82	53	24	94
5	WHO	NON	ON	MOW	MON	NOIZ
6	Dice	Card	Elf	Man	Start	Fighting
7	Table	Block	Serve	Smash	Chop	Loop
8	0	0	1	5	1	12

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
Allan Stagg	7	7	8	X	7	X	X	X	29
Ian Winstanley		7	7	X	7	X	X	7	28
Richard Smith			8		X	X	7	X	15
Howard Bishop	X	X	8		X	X	7	X	15
Brendan Whyte			7		X	X	7		14
Gina Teh	X	X	7	X	X	X	7	X	14
Tony Critchley			8				C		8
Arthur Owen			8						8

C = Close x = Vaguely along the right lines X = Way Off

Tactical Sumo

Game 3 - Standard - Tony pulls off a specialist move, which was all the more impressive due to the effort Arthur put in.

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
											TC (Kento)	x	AO (5)			

Tide Stops Play

Jolly Good Fellowes - Team manager Kev Lee decides to keep up an attacking policy

Control	3	1	2	4	6	5
Over 6 Wainright	A	D	A	A	A	D
Shot	A	D	D	A	A	D
Result/Batsman	4 RC	Dot	Dot	6 RC	6 RC	Dot

Wicketkeeper Norton whispers in Corbett's ear "Wainwright has a ball with your name on it", Ronnie turns around after hitting the first ball for four and asks "Was it that one?" Whatever Wainwright tries Corbett seems to have the answer, a couple of bouncers late on were misjudged both being despatched for sixes. A good over for The Fellowes.

Over 7 John	D	A	D	D	D	A
Shot	D	A	A	D	A	D
Result/Batsman	Dot SF	Caught SF	1 RB	Dot RC	Dot	Dot

The captain decides it is time to stem the runs and asks Elton for a tight end. Not only does he perform as asked, but also gets the bonus wicket of the well set Fry. This brings Ronnie Barker to the crease, who takes the first opportunity to give the strike to Corbett who sees out the over.

Over 8 Wainright	A	D	A	A	A	D
Shot	A	D	A	D	D	A
Result/Batsman	4 RB	Dot	Run Out RB	Dot EW	Bye	3 EW

The over starts well for the two Ronnies, but it is soon goodnight for him as Barker does not quite have the pace to make his ground going for a quick single. Ernie Wise is next in and gets off to a confident start. He keeps the strike after a well timed three off the last ball of the over.

Over 9 John	D	A	D	D	D	A
Shot	D	A	D	A	D	A
Result/Batsman	Dot EW	Caught EW	Dot EM	1 EM	Dot RC	4 RC

He soon wishes he hadn't as he follows a wide ball and is caught by the keeper. Morecambe consoles Wise as they pass "there's no answer to that, little Ern"

Over 10 Wainright	A	D	A	A	A	D
Shot	D	A	D	A	A	D
Result/Batsman	Dot EM	Dot	Dot	4 EM	6 EM	Dot

The Jolly Good fellows need a good over and lucky for them Morecambe's attacking prowess not only prevents a stumping but he manages to plunder 10 runs.

The Gay Team - Richard adopts a more aggressive batting strategy, will it pay off?

Over 6 Ball	D	D	A	A	D	A
Shot	A	D	D	A	A	D
Result/Batsman	3 BG	Dot DW	Dot	4 DW	2 DW	1 DW

Boy George picks his spot and runs a comfortable 3. Winton negotiates a couple of classy deliveries before scoring well at the end of the over. The Gay Team are 45 for 1, The Jolly Good Fellowes were 72 for 3

Over 7 Morecambe	A	D	A	A	D	A
Shot	D	A	A	A	A	A
Result/Batsman	Dot DW	Stumped DW	Run Out RH	4 GM	2 GM	4 GM

Winton is unable to connect with Morecambe's initial short pitched delivery, to combat this he decides to advance down the pitch. It is all over for him when he misses again and Corbett whips off the bails. A nervous Halford is next to face a fired up Morecambe. He has no idea where the ball is, but seeing George half way down the pitch is panicked into taking on an impossible run, with the inevitable consequence. Michael has the misfortune of facing Morecambe's hat-trick ball. His attempted Yorker is slightly over pitched which Michael Chinese cuts to the boundary, but follows this with more orthodox shots for a 2 and a 4. Despite the runs a jolly good over for the Fellowes. The Gay team are 55 for 3. Jolly Good Fellowes 73 for 4.

Over 8 Ball	D	A	D	D	A	A
Shot	A	D	A	D	A	D
Result/Batsman	3 BG	LBW GM	3 GN	0 BG	6 BG	0 BG

George seems to have worked out Ball and effortlessly strokes another 3 off his first ball. Michael however is not as comfortable and is out plumb LBW next ball. This brings Graham Norton to the crease. Ball is shocked to see a classy drive go for 3. This brings back his nemesis George who hooks Ball's short fifth delivery for a 6. Leaving The Gay team at 67 for 4. The Jolly Good Fellowes were 81 for 5.

Over 9 Wise	A	D	A	D	A	D
Shot	A	A	A	D	A	D
Result/Batsman	4 GN	Dot GN	1 GN	Dot BG	6 BG	Dot BG

With the runs flowing The Jolly Good Fellowes decide to mix things up a bit and bring on the steady Wise. The plan almost works, but Norton survives a stumping, after this scare he and George keep the scorer occupied. The Gay Team are now 66 for 3 closing in on The Jolly Good Fellowes who were 86 for 6

Over 10 Cannon	D	D	D	A	A	D
Shot	A	A	A	A	D	D
Result/Batsman	2 GN	Dot GN	2 GN	6 GN	Bye	Dot GN

Cannon is brought on to shore up an end, but with Norton now in confident mood remains on top. An impromptu drinks break is taken with The Gay Team standing at 77 for 4. The JGS were up on runs but more importantly down on wickets at 96 for 6.

Waiting List

Connections: All reader game more welcome

Sumo: Ian Winstanley, 1 needed.

Orders may be sent by e-mail to hbdragons@btinternet.com or by post to 1 Rose Gardens, Minster, Ramsgate, Kent. CT12 4AQ

FA-FA-FA-FAH-FAH-FAH-FAH-FAH

RAILWAY RIVALS — RR 2097 NYS Round 1 — GM : DGW

Not Your Normal Yankee: *Brendan Whyte; black.*

1a: (Albany) Schenectady Z39 Z38.

1b: (Z38) Z36 A86 A85.

1c: (A85) Utica A81. $20 + 4 = 24.$

Bishop's Railways Offer Nice Xcursions: *Howard Bishop; red.*

1a: As NYNY.

1b: (Z38) Z34.

1c: (Z34) A84 Utica B81. $20 + 4 = 24.$

Bush Replaced; Another Idiot Next: *Tony Critchley; orange.*

1a and 1b: As BRONX.

1c: (Z34) A84 Utica A81. $20 + 4 = 24.$

Dunkirk Expressways Are Rampant: *Kevin Lee; green.*

1a: (Albany) X40 X37.

1b: (X37) W37 W36 V35 V34.

1c: (V34) U34 Oneonta T32 T31. $20 + 4 = 24.$

Kevin has a good start, with all the south open to him while the others struggle together west of Utica. There are various ways for them to get to Buffalo without actually duplicating each others tracks, but they didn't!

RAILWAY RIVALS — RR 2097 NYS Round 2 — GM : DGW

Not Your Normal Yankee: *Brendan Whyte; black.*

2a: (A81) Rome B77.

2b: (B77) B73.

2c: (B73) B69. $24 + 3 = 27.$

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2a: (B81) Rome B77.

2b: (B77) B73.

2c: (B73) B69. $24 + 3 = 27.$

Bush Replaced; Another Idiot Next: *Tony Critchley; orange.*

2a: (Albany) T42 S42.

2b: (S42) Q41 P41 O41.

2c: (O41) N40 Poughkeepsie L41 K41. $24 + 4 = 28.$

Dunkirk Expressways Are Rampant: *Kevin Lee; green.*

2a: (T31) T30 R29 R28.

2b: (R28) R27 Binghamton Q25.

2c: (Q25) Elmira. $24 + 12 = 36.$

As BRONX and NYNY continue to slaughter each other [reproducing the actual NYC and West Shore lines], BRAIN makes a dash for freedom, and DEAR strengthens his grip on the vital central area.

I'm offering a new Bus Boss game: Devon, the first new map I've designed for over 5 years; 4 or 5 players.

I have all four of the player squads. They are listed below along with the existing NPC squads.

Black County Wulfrunians - David Midha

New Caernarvon Cougars - Arthur Owen

Westfield Hawks - Jim Dapkus

Springfield Giants - Ellis Simpson

NPC teams start with a disadvantage. Although they are played reasonably sensibly by the GM, each player is unavailable on one day of the week and the pitchers will generally have to be fully recovered before they can pitch again.

	Wulfrunians			Cougars			Cubs			Giants		
	Name	R	A	Name	R	A	Name	R	A	Name	R	A
1P	Stevie Bull	5	12	Mac O'Hara	4	12	Benny Heckendora	1	9	Sal Maglie	9	3
2P	Carlos Santana	2	12	Jimmy Baines	3	11	Wall Price	1	10	Jim Hearn	10	3
3P	Boris Johnson	2	11	Len Meyerson	2	10	Rickie Schaeffer	2	11	Larry Jansen	11	3
4P	Pedro Martinez	1	11	Fred Wienkowski	1	9	Oliver Siegrist	4	12	Sheldon Jones	11	3
5P	Andy Mutch	1	10	Larry Biggs	1	9	Byron McCrady	4	12	Monte Kennedy	12	3
6R	Robbie Keane	3	12	Harry Hulsteadler	3	12	Bret Beals	1	9	Al Gettel	12	1
7R	Derek Dougan	2	12	Ross Finkler	2	11	Otis Kepplinger	2	10	George Bamberger	12	1
8R	John Richards	1	10	Ken McNaught	2	10	Stefan Hahn	2	11	Roger Bowman	12	1
9	Ken Livingstone	4	11	Wil Treacy	3	12	Fabio Feniella	1	9	Eddie Stanky	9	1
10	Pedro Delgado	3	11	Joe Salinger	3	12	Luke Cutts	2	10	Alvin Dark	9	1
11	Mickey Mantle	3	10	Moses McKenzie	3	11	Douglass Buck	3	11	Don Mueller	9	1
12	Lou Gehrig	3	10	Malc Young	3	11	Hassan Jackson	2	12	Monte Irvin	10	3
13	Derek Randall	3	9	Dogie Hammond	2	10	Irving Cattley	4	11	Whitey Lockman	10	3
14	Alvin Kallicharran	2	9	Gordon Blumenthal	2	10	Lloyd Faqua	1	9	Bobby Thomson	10	3
15	Dave Wright	1	9	Ash Bentley	1	9	Chuck Mercer	1	10	Willie Mays	11	3
16	Sally Strawberry	1	9	Mike Rolis	1	9	Woody Bennett	1	12	Wes Westrum	11	3

	Hawks			Ridgebacks			Rockies			Vikings		
	Name	R	A	Name	R	A	Name	R	A	Name	R	A
1P	Mark Jones	5	12	Carlton Dahrmann	1	9	Bobby Radovich	1	9	Albie Kristensen	1	9
2P	Bud Willis	3	10	Eric Carr	2	10	Herbert Welch	1	10	Will Thomasson	2	11
3P	Luke Marsh	4	11	Murray McGee	2	11	Wesley Donnelly	2	11	Henning Nielsen	4	12
4P	Rachel Cauley	1	9	Harper O'Neill	5	12	Andrei Black	1	9	Nik Ahlsted	1	10
5P	Sara Tucker	1	9	Blake Sneddon	3	11	Gil Tucker	1	11	Heikki Keskitalo	1	9
6R	Willie Simmons	5	12	Morgan Campbell	1	9	Kevin DuFeu	1	9	Jakob Lentz	1	9
7R	Ernest Parris	3	11	Joe Kowalski	3	11	Wim Scheeres	5	12	Jarvi Lenkkeri	5	12
8R	Carey Wright	1	10	Mark Hilton	5	12	Tobias Porter	2	12	Pat Bergson	3	11
9	John Russell	1	9	Ted Kowalski	1	9	Clayton Jeffries	1	9	Axel Jagerskiold	1	9
10	Sally Earl	2	12	Becky Stafford	2	10	Tan Kuo Ling	1	10	Gunnar Helland	2	10
11	Arthur Whitehead	2	11	Geoff Tate	1	11	Fred Linke	1	11	Mikey Vaskola	2	11
12	Billy Haldemann	2	12	Billy Kiefer	1	12	Gary Washington	5	12	Hendrik Graham	2	11
13	Jess Dover	1	11	Pedro Moreno	1	9	Felix Ray	3	11	Karl Madetoja	4	12
14	David Mooney	1	10	Alberto Salazar	2	10	Shaun Ritchie	1	10	Colin Sorenson	1	10
15	Jane Warther	1	9	Alex Kavina	1	10	Doug Malone	1	10	Pete Duffrey	1	10
16	Ginny Parton	1	10	Gus Petrovitch	3	12	Hector Zimmerman	5	12	Nils Macefield	3	12

Fixture list is on the next page. Each series consists of three games on consecutive days. To kick off, we're going to play the **first two games from series 1 only**. This is as much for my benefit as for yours, so any problems with orders and execution are ironed out early.

For each game I need your **starting pitcher, reliever order, batting line-up from 1-8 and your limit score**. Note the injuries and illnesses on the following page.

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<p>Series 1 : Days 1-3 Cubs at Cougars Giants at Ridgebacks Hawks at Wulfrunians Vikings at Rockies</p> <p>Series 2 : Days 4-6 Ridgebacks at Cubs Wulfrunians at Cougars Rockies at Giants Vikings at Hawks</p> <p>Rest Day : Day 7</p> <p>Series 3 : Days 8-10 Cubs at Wulfrunians Ridgebacks at Rockies Cougars at Vikings Giants at Hawks</p> <p>Series 4 : Days 11-13 Rockies at Cubs Vikings at Wulfrunians Hawks at Ridgebacks Giants at Cougars</p> <p>Rest Day : Day 14</p> <p>Series 5 : Days 15-17 Cubs at Vikings Rockies at Hawks Wulfrunians at Giants Ridgebacks at Cougars</p> <p>Series 6 : Days 18-20 Hawks at Cubs Giants at Vikings Cougars at Rockies Ridgebacks at Wulfrunians</p> <p>Rest Day : Day 21</p> <p>Series 7 : Days 22-24 Cubs at Giants Hawks at Cougars Vikings at Ridgebacks Rockies at Wulfrunians</p>	<p>Series 8 : Days 25-27 Cougars at Cubs Ridgebacks at Giants Wulfrunians at Hawks Rockies at Vikings</p> <p>Rest Day : Day 28</p> <p>Series 9 : Days 29-31 Cubs at Ridgebacks Cougars at Wulfrunians Giants at Rockies Hawks at Vikings</p> <p>Series 10 : Days 32-34 Wulfrunians at Cubs Rockies at Ridgebacks Vikings at Cougars Hawks at Giants</p> <p>Rest Day : Day 35</p> <p>Series 11 : Days 36-38 Cubs at Rockies Wulfrunians at Vikings Ridgebacks at Hawks Cougars at Giants</p> <p>Series 12 : Days 39-41 Vikings at Cubs Hawks at Rockies Giants at Wulfrunians Cougars at Ridgebacks</p> <p>Rest Day : Day 42</p> <p>Series 13 : Days 43-45 Cubs at Hawks Vikings at Giants Rockies at Cougars Wulfrunians at Ridgebacks</p> <p>Series 14 : Days 46-48 Giants at Cubs Cougars at Hawks Ridgebacks at Vikings Wulfrunians at Rockies</p>
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Injury/Illness (FPs)

These are players injured/ill during the first week. The day indicates the first day of injury/illness and the number in brackets is the number of Fatigue/Illness points. These are recovered at the rate of one per day.

Len Meyerson (Cougars) <i>Cough</i> Friday (1)	Harry Hulsteadler (Cougars) <i>Headache</i> Monday (1)
Walt Price (Cubs) <i>Broken Finger</i> Thursday (16)	Bobby Thomson (Giants) <i>Sore Foot</i> Friday (2)
Felix Ray (Ridgebacks) <i>Sore Eye</i> Thursday (2)	Albie Kristensen (Vikings) <i>Sick</i> Friday (3)
Stevie Bull (Wulfrunians) <i>Concussion</i> Thursday (4)	Lou Gehrig (Wulfrunians) <i>Infected Splinter</i> Wednesday (4)

Agent Name	Where Am I?	Looking For
Teh	Belgrade	Jonny Lee Miller
Munro	Cairo	James Blunt
Reader	Niagara Falls	Burt Lancaster
Stagg	Stockholm	Tim Henman
Walker	Hamburg	Dawn French
Brian	Melbourne	Charlton Heston
Owen	Washington	George Bush
Smith	Damascus	Steve Finnan
Dommett	Paris	David Cameron

ROUND	Teh	Munro	Reader	Stagg	Walker	Brian	Owen	Smith	Dommett
3	Michael Jordan <i>Berlin</i>	Bill Bryson <i>Athens</i>	Zinedine Zidane <i>Beirut</i>	Johnny Walker <i>Darfur</i>	Bobby Fischer <i>Birmingham</i>	Shaquille O'Neal <i>Frankfurt</i>	Kirk Douglas <i>New York</i>	Andy Cole <i>Jerusalem</i>	Halle Berry <i>Santiago</i>
2	Michael Jordan <i>Berlin</i>	Gwyneth Paltrow <i>Istanbul</i>	Angelina Jolie <i>Christmas Isle</i>	David Beckham <i>Berlin</i>	Russell Crowe <i>Mecca</i>	Johnny Wilkinson <i>Addis Ababa</i>	Michael Douglas <i>Hollywood</i>	Osama bin Laden <i>Tehran</i>	Cliff Richard <i>Washington</i>
1	Brad Pitt <i>Copenhagen</i>	Paula Radcliffe <i>Caracas</i>	John Howard <i>Mogadishu</i>	Gordon Brown <i>Harare</i>	Sue Barker <i>Timbuktu</i>	Johnny Wilkinson <i>Addis Ababa</i>	Lewis Hamilton <i>Monaco</i>	Christine Ohurougu <i>Beijing</i>	Gordon Brown <i>Baghdad</i>

ROUND 4

Kendo : "You have two more children than me. Our professions are not dissimilar."

ROUND 3

Kendo : "You're older than me, but my biggest accolade came a year before yours"

ROUND 2

Kendo : "One of the bad things that happened to you, happened to me three years later."

ROUND 1

Kendo : " You're a bit older than me, but our 'better halves' come from the same part of the same country"

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ROUND 2

After last issue's piranha savaging, John's now trying and failing to beat off the attentions of a giant squid with a toothbrush. Nobody else has even wandered down to the beach as yet. Perhaps I should scrap this game altogether.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Round	Previous	Total
John Walker	-1	-1		-1	3	-1	-1	-2	0	-2

STARTING GRID

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Barclay James Harvest	Henry Rollins	Benny Andersson	U2	Booker T & The MGs	The Human League	Moloko

Row #2 : Miles Davis, Green Day, Genesis, Pet Shop Boys, Rolling Stones, Thin Lizzy, Black Flag

Row #3 : Billie Piper, Anton Karas, Big Country, The Eagles, Mike Rutherford, Carl Cox, The Go! Team

Row #4 : Joanna Newsom, The Damned, Gomez, Joss Stone, Bonnie Prince Billy, Mike & The Mechanics, Dr Hook

AF - Owen

AIRFORCE

HELD OVER

Not a very auspicious start, I'm afraid. I really need orders in the format set out in the Air Force rules. If you're not quite sure, check against the introductory game in the rules.

McINTYRE, TREADMORE & DAVITT

I forgot to ask folks for their end of term reports for the 2007/08 season, but Colin had the good sense to send in his anyway. For Latic's it was a rebuilding year. We were always going to struggle with Chris "Judas" Porter and Will Haining moving over the border to Scotland and our only decent midfielder Wellens disappearing over the pennines to Doncaster. No coincidence that they got promoted.

Aberdeen - Colin Bruce

Aberdeen's 2007-08 season can be summed up by one photograph. Pittodrie, 9 March 2008. Aberdeen manager Jimmy Calderwood is in the foreground, doubled up as if in pain, both hands covering his eyes, while behind him players and coaches in Celtic green celebrate the late equaliser they have just scored against his team.

Too many draws. Too many leads thrown away. Too many goals conceded by a defence fatally weakened by the loss of influential skipper Russell Anderson to the English Premiership.

On the plus side we had a good run in the UEFA Cup, including an atmospheric 1-1 draw against Lokomotiv Moscow in a snowstorm, and a terrific 4-0 thrashing of FC Copenhagen which must rank as one of our best performances in years.

Back at home, though, our domestic league form for much of the season was woeful, and Calderwood is now busily engaged in rebuilding the side. Word is that he may offload up to ten players - which tells you all you need to know, really. Oh well, maybe things will be better next year.

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ROME IMPERIUM

TURN 13

My son takes over from Keith to keep the game alive. The Spencerus clan take advantage of the relatively stable situation in Hispania and get to place the proconsul, but it's looking desperate for those scoring Macedonia next time!

Simon Ives - (Titus) Cecsicus [Red] ... **OUT** Hispania, Macedonia, Aegyptus

John Walker - (Francesco) Spencerus [Green] ... Hispania, Syria, B&C

Arthur Owen - (Fabulo) Fabricious [Blue] ... Hispania, Macedonia, B&C

Joe Bishop - A Bit SE Of Hadrian's Wall [Red/White] ... Aegyptus, Hispania, B&C

	Scoring	Unrest	A little bit South East of Hadrian's Wall	Fabricious	Spencerus	Cecsicus	
Africa	1-1-1	6	1	0	0	P	
Syria	2-2-1	4	3	1+P	2	0	
Illyricum	3-2-1	4	1	1	0	P	
Gallia	4-3-2-1	5	0	0	0	P	
Asia	5-4-2-1	5	1	4	5	3	
Hispania	6-5-3-2	2	4	4+P	7P	3	
Macedonia	7-5-3-2	6	1	3+P	0	2	
Aegyptus	8-6-4-2	4	3+P	0	0	1	
Scoring next turn			Previous VP	18	16	24	5
Scoring next turn			Turn VP	3	5	7	2
Scoring next turn			Total VP	21	21	31	7

Mike has a rush of blood to the head and selects some optimistic numbers for his two horses. Unfortunately the rest of the runners play it safe, so Little Secret falls at Valentine's and Ferox comes a cropper at the next fence. Another of the NPC horses, Aquarius, also falls. Escargot and Tortue now lead.

NUMBER	HORSE	Valentine's TN=7,21	Fence #10 - Plain TN=10	JPs LOST	JUMPING POINTS LEFT
7	Escargot	14	12		368
8	Tortue	13	13		368
16	The Brno Bullet	14	17		365
18	Slick Stick Wally	15	16	10	358
4	Dragon Inn	16	18		356
17	Red Hot Beveridge	16	13	30	352
9	Cadran Vers La Haute	15	14	10	352
22	Uncle Tone	14	17		350
32	Black Brandy	14	16		349
26	Next Stop Abattoir	14	15		349
19	Weetbix	14	14		348
31	Brown Bourbon	15	17		347
25	Three-legged Friend	13	14	10	345
33	Blue Beer	16	18		342
6	Alan's Tribute	17	16		342
21	Weetabix	15	15		342
34	Mister Consistent	16	16		340
41	Chaos Theory	11	12	10	340
24	Hilary	16	18	-30	339
23	Maggie	15	19		338
1	Royal Edition	16	18		335
20	Vitabrits	16	16	10	334
40	Middle Man	16	16	10	333
2	Le God	17	17	10	330
5	Sumo King	18	17		327
39	Metro Gnome	19	14	10	325
36	Lounge Lizard	16	15	30	320
29	Keane As Mustard	18	18		317
28	Premiership Bound	19	19		313
30	Fall At The First	20 (Stumbles -10)	20	30	293
42	Aquarius	21 (Falls)			Faller
13	Little Secret	7 (Falls)		40	Faller
14	Ferox	9	10 (Falls)	10	Faller
35	Mediator				Faller
38	Slow Riser				Faller
3	Moon Landing				Faller
37	Fade Away				Faller
10	Gift Horse				Faller
12	Carthorse				Faller
11	Trojan Horse				Faller
27	Nag Nag Nag				Faller
15	Pertinax				Faller

Next fences :

#11 Open Ditch (2 TNs=D8 and D12)

#12 Plain (TN=Lowest JP played)

The latest scores from our Tangerine Banana republic :

Writers/Pundits	Votes	Sport	Votes
Simon Cowell	1	Rachel Whiteread	
John Logie Baird		Andy Warhol	1
Trinny & Susannah	2	Newsnight Review	3
Noël Edmonds	4	Melvyn Bragg	
Jeremy Clarkson		Boris Johnson	3

Gina	3
Mike D	1
Mike H	4
Erendan	5
Allan	3
Richard	4
Tony	2
Ian	2

Alcatraz Inmates :

Tom Cruise, Columbus, Crazy Frog, Paris Hilton,
JK Rowling, Germaine Greer, Rio & Anton Ferdinand
Noel Edmonds, Newsnight Review, Boris Johnson

Please provide votes for categories (8) and (9) and your suggestions for "enemies of the state" in the categories (10) Obscenely rich, (11) Famous for being famous.
Remember that individuals nominated twice or more are released on a technicality.

8. Fictional Characters

Ebenezer Scrooge : Let three feeble apparitions get in the way of his better judgment to set up an unbelievable cheesy finale.

Santa Claus : For not giving me a present.

God : Always moving mysteriously and smiting people, and it turns out she was Alanis Morissette all along.

Humpty Dumpty : Ignored all the obvious health and safety warnings, then tied up the entire armed forces to clean up after him. Ungrateful bastard.

Roy Race (Roy of the Rovers) : Did he ever do anything wrong? An apparently perfect character in the world of top level football - yeah, right.....

Madam Bovary : Good job she took the arsenic... I had a bag of it ready to stir into her soup myself!

Mr Bean : Aaargh! Stupid smirks, looks and noises do not make for comedy on its own and the so called slapstick is embarrassing! This character is just NOT funny!

9. Politics

George Bush : Is there anything to say? Definitely first against the wall!

Tony Blair : Like the Cheshire Cat, all smile and no substance. Useless twat!

Alex Salmond : As trustworthy as a double-glazing salesman

John Winston Howard : What a little sh*t he is! Racist arse licking poodle supreme to George W. Bush. He perfected the 'Reverse Robin Hood' (Robbing from the poor to give to the rich) in Australia during more than ten years of self serving misrule.

David Cameron. This man is the most odious, vacuous, snivelling little knobjockey ever to be elected to parliament. Guess he's a cert for next PM then.

Thatcher's cabinet. For letting her get away with it.

Vladimir Putin. Get him before he gets.... <thump><thud><splash>.

Lord Goldsmith. Apparently he didn't tell Tony Blair the Iraq War was illegal.... and Hull City are going to win the Premiership next season.

Bilbo Baggins avoids selection because he received three different nominations.

No sign of Joakim, so young Joe steps in to take over. His first decision is to concede the first frame to go 2-0 down, but makes an impact in frames 2 & 4. If Joakim doesn't make an appearance next time, then Joe will carry on.

Frames 2, 4 and 5 are up for next time.

	FRAME 1		FRAME 2		FRAME 3		FRAME 4		FRAME 5		FRAME 6		FRAME 7		FRAME 8		FRAME 9		FRAMES
	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	FOULS	TOTAL	
Joakim	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin	4	111	4	45	8	139	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	OPS	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs	BREAK	CPs
Joakim	26	0	84	59	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	523
Kevin	166	0	91	0	83	94	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	313
	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	BALL	DIFF	
Red #1	Kevin	Red #1	Joakim	Green	Kevin	Black	SAFE	Black	15	Black		Black		Pink		Black			
Red #2	Kevin	Red #2	Joakim	Red #2	Kevin	Red #2	Joakim	Red #2	4	Red #2		Red #2		Red #2		Red #2		Red #2	
Black	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	Kevin	Pink	Joakim	Black	4	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #3	Kevin	Red #3	Joakim	Red #3	Kevin	Red #3	Joakim	Red #3	4	Red #3		Red #3		Red #3		Red #3		Red #3	
Pink	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	4	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #4	Kevin	Red #4	Joakim	Red #4	Kevin	Red #4	Joakim	Red #4	1	Red #4		Red #4		Red #4		Red #4		Red #4	
Black	Kevin	Pink	MISS	Black	Kevin	Blue	Joakim	Black	4	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #5	Kevin	Red #5	Kevin	Red #5	Kevin	Red #5	Joakim	Red #5	1	Red #5		Red #5		Red #5		Red #5		Red #5	
Black	SAFE	Black	Kevin	Black	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Pink	13	Black		Pink		Black		Black		Black	
Red #6	Kevin	Red #6	Kevin	Red #6	Kevin	Red #6	Joakim	Red #6	3	Red #6		Red #6		Red #6		Red #6		Red #6	
Black	Kevin	Black	Kevin	Black	SAFE	Blue	Joakim	Black	3	Black		Pink		Pink		Black		Black	
Red #7	Kevin	Red #7	Kevin	Red #7	Kevin	Red #7	Joakim	Red #7	7	Red #7		Red #7		Red #7		Red #7		Red #7	
Black	Kevin	Black	SAFE	Blue	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	3	Brown		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #8	Kevin	Red #8	Kevin	Red #8	Kevin	Red #8	Joakim	Red #8	1	Red #8		Red #8		Red #8		Red #8		Red #8	
Black	Kevin	Black	Kevin	Black	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	3	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #9	Kevin	Red #9	Kevin	Red #9	Kevin	Red #9	Joakim	Red #9	8	Red #9		Red #9		Red #9		Red #9		Red #9	
Pink	MISS	Black	Kevin	Blue	Kevin	Pink	Joakim	Black	4	Black		Black		Pink		Blue		Blue	
Red #10	Kevin	Red #10	Kevin	Red #10	Kevin	Red #10	1	Red #10	9	Red #10		Red #10		Red #10		Red #10		Red #10	
Black	Kevin	Black	Kevin	Black	Kevin	Black	7	Black	3	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #11	Kevin	Red #11	Joakim	Red #11	Kevin	Red #11	1	Red #11	7	Red #11		Red #11		Red #11		Red #11		Red #11	
Black	Kevin	Pink	Joakim	Black	Kevin	Black	16	Black	3	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #12	Kevin	Red #12	Joakim	Red #12	Kevin	Red #12	1	Red #12	2	Red #12		Red #12		Red #12		Red #12		Red #12	
Black	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	Kevin	Pink	3	Pink	12	Black		Pink		Black		Black		Black	
Red #13	Kevin	Red #13	Joakim	Red #13	Kevin	Red #13	2	Red #13	13	Red #13		Red #13		Red #13		Red #13		Red #13	
Black	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	Kevin	Black	12	Black	27	Pink		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #14	Kevin	Red #14	Joakim	Red #14	Kevin	Red #14	18	Red #14	18	Red #14		Red #14		Red #14		Red #14		Red #14	
Blue	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Pink	Kevin	Brown	15	Black	12	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	
Red #15	Kevin	Red #15	Joakim	Red #15	Kevin	Red #15	11	Red #15	12	Red #15		Red #15		Red #15		Red #15		Red #15	
Pink	Kevin	Black	Joakim	Black	Kevin	Black	7	Black	5	Black		Brown		Black		Black		Black	
Yellow	Kevin	Yellow	Joakim	Yellow	Kevin	Yellow	7	Yellow	5	Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Yellow		Yellow	
Green	Kevin	Green	Joakim	Green	Kevin	Green	4	Green	4	Green		Green		Green		Green		Green	
Brown	-	Brown	Joakim	Brown	Kevin	Brown	1	Brown	2	Brown		Brown		Brown		Brown		Brown	
Blue	-	Blue	Joakim	Blue	Kevin	Blue	3	Blue	4	Blue		Blue		Blue		Blue		Blue	
Pink	-	Pink	Joakim	Pink	Kevin	Pink	3	Pink	1	Pink		Pink		Pink		Pink		Pink	
Black	-	Black	2	Black	Kevin	Black	4	Black	2	Black		Black		Black		Black		Black	

SPREAD PREDICTO

It's Richard's turn to make a move and with some premier league spreading, takes up a position behind long time yellow jersey Mike B. Round 8 will be the last one, so give it your best shot for the dash to the line.

- 6.2 Hamilton wins with a load of traffic close behind. David sprays the champagne.
- 6.3 Derby manage to do even worse than everyone thought. apart from Allan.
- 6.5 Warne's poker and IPL duties count him out for Hampshire. Spotted by Mike B, Mike D and Richard.
- 7.1 14 goals in Group C. Loads got it, but only Richard and Neil with narrower spreads took any points.
- 7.2 Euro 2008 is low on dullness and the small draw count means only Allan bags points.
- 7.3 Superb guess from Richard, but he needed Murray's win against Gasquet to sneak in his spread.
- 7.4 More points for Richard on the back of Sastre's win in 87h 52' 52"
- 7.5 Graham Napier's astounding 152 in 58 balls with 16x6's and 10x4's is predicted by David.

Categories for Round 8. LAST ROUND!!!!

1. Highest total number of home runs for any batter during 2008 regular season MLB games
2. Points for Europe in 2008 Ryder Cup (halves rounded down)
3. Points scored by Lancashire in 2008 cricket county championship
4. Points conceded by Miami Dolphins during September (3 games)
5. Total Premiership goals scored by Hull City, Stoke City and WBA to the end of September

ACTUAL RESULT	Mick Haydock	Roger Small	Keith Kapley	Richard Smith	Neil Rosell	Mick Schofield	David Milha	Mike Brian	Rob Whetter	Allan Stagg	Joakim Spangberg	Brendan Whyte	Mike Donnett
1.1					12	2	1						
1.2					12								
1.3								13		0			
1.4							13				12		
1.5											7		
2.1				0	9		7	2					
2.2	4			0			3						
2.3				8						0	8	8	
2.4				9				3				3	
2.5				0	8								
3.1							8						
3.2								2		0			
3.3								7		0		1	
3.4			1					5			9		
3.5													
4.1			0							2			
4.2								6					
4.3				5				5		2			
4.4								6				1	
4.5			1	6				1		3			
5.1													
5.2								6					
5.3										1			
5.4				7	7						7		
5.5								1					
6.1					6								
6.2	8			5-7	3-5		6-9	2-5		4-7	4-5	2-3	
6.3	11			15-15	16-19		14-18	12-15		10-15	13-14	40-50	
6.5	0			0	30-40		0-10	0		25-40	100-200	50-60	0
7.1	14			12-16	12-14	12-15	12-16	12-15		12-16		7-10	
7.2	5			0	6	4	0	0		0			
7.3	22			8-11	7-9	7-8	11-16	8-10		4-8		3	
7.4	22			40-45	32-38	50-60	110-150	15-40		6		40-60	15-20
7.5	5272			6	5100-	5000-	5150-	5375-		1		10000-	12000-
				5390	5500		5760	5775		5120		12000	
				6			1						
				100-115	101-110	110-130	150-175	105-135		250-310		160-200	
							6						
TOTAL	4	0	2	60	58	2	48	68	0	23	43	13	7

WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?

Name	Theatre of Operations	TCs	Battle Honours
Alan Parr		0	♠ ♠
Alex Richardson	AF (O)	0	♠
Allan Stagg	SP (H), KN (N), FW (M), AF (O)	5	♠ \ ♠ ♠ \ \ ⊕
Arthur Owen	RI (C), BK (G), SP (H), GN (L), KN (N), AF (O), DD (O)	5	♠ \ \ \ \ \ ♠ \ \
Brendan Whyte	SP (H), GN (L), FW (M)	4	♠
Colin Bruce		1	≡
David Midha	SP (H), DD (O)	0	≡ \
David Oya		0	♠
David Watts		2	♠ ♠ ♠
Don Shailer	AF (O)	0	
Ellis Simpson	DD (O)	4	♠
Gina Teh	KN (N), FW (M)	1	
Ian Harris		0	♠
Ian Owen		3	
Ian Winstanley	GN (L)	4	
Jim Dapkus	DD (O)	0	♠ ♠ \
Jim Reader	KN (N)	3	♠ ♠ ♠ \ ⊕
Joe Bishop	BK (I), SP (H), RI (C)	0	
John Colledge		0	♠ ♠
John Walker	RI (C), SP (H), GN (L), KN (N)	5	≡ ♠ \ ♠ ⊕ ♠ ♠ \
Keith Thomasson		0	♠
Keith Rapley	SP (H), GN (L)	1	\ ♠
Kevin Lee	BK (G), GN (L)	4	\ ⊕ ♠ ♠ \
Martin Burroughs		0	
Mick Haytack	SP (H)	0	♠
Mick Schofield	SP (H)	0	⊕ ♠ ♠ \ \
Mike Brian	SP (H), KN (N)	2	♠ ♠ ♠
Mike Dommett	GN (L), KN (N), FW (M)	4	♠ \ \ ≡ ♠ ♠ ⊕ ≡
Mike Head	GN (L), FW (M)	5	♠
Pete Munro	KN (N)	1	♠ ⊕ ♠ ♠
Richard Smith	SP (H), GN (L), KN (N), FW (M)	10*	♠ \ \ \ ♠ ♠ ≡ ♠ \ ♠ ♠
Rob Thomasson	GN (L)	4	♠
Stephen Agar		0	♠
Stuart Eves		0	♠
Tony Critchley	GN (L), FW (M)	2	\ ⊕ ⊕

* Including 5 bonus points for a nearly correct solution to the prize Puzzle

Heroic writer (articles or rules)	≡
Game GM	♠ (per game)
Old timer (received issue 5 or earlier)	♠
Prolific player	\ (per 5 games)
Game winner	♠ (per win)
Game runner-up (4 or more players)	⊕ (per game)
Editor trade	♠

FUTURE SHOCK

Kevin, Ian, Arthur and Ellis all throw their hats into the ring for a new **Euroliga**, and Jim adds his name to the **Boom Town** list.

I think we're ready to roll with the **Winter Olympics**. Richard is the 9th person to sign up, but the more the merrier. We can get the ball rolling with your preferences of country. If you don't send in any choices, I'll select one at random for you.

I have made a bit more progress with **Iron Cross** too. Annoyingly I left my notes on the train, so I'm a little bit further behind than I'd hoped. The trick here is to avoid making it too complicated. Expect the rules for this to appear sometime around 2012.

WAITING FOR BONAPARTE

Game	Description	GM	Waiting List	Still Needed	Comments
Boom Town	Town planning board game conversion	H	A Owen, J Reader	3	
Euroliga	Homegrown foody game	H	K Lee, A Owen, I Owen, E Simpson	4	
Deadwood	Cheapass game conversion.	H	A Owen, K Lee, R Smith, D Shailer, A Stagg	Full	Gamestart when a couple of current games are finished
The Far Seas	SPI game of WW1 commerce raiders.	H	M Dommett, J Dapkus, B Whyte	Full	Rules not published. Gamestart on hold.
Manager	Hexagames business management game	H	J Walker, M Haytack, K Rapley, G Teh	1-2	Rules in issue 27
The County Game	County cricket from Howard's head	H	D Shailer, J Walker, A Owen, R Smith, K Rapley, I Owen	Full	New game. Rules coming eventually
Tactical Sumo	Big guys shoving by post	John	I Winstanley	Full	RULES IN 'HERE BE DRAGONS #'
Bus Boss	Classic Postal game run by the designer	David	H	3-4	Devon map
Africa 1880	Scramble for Africa	H	J Spångberg, G Teh, B Whyte	4	Rules in issue 28
Le Tour	Cycling, drugs and a Peppone	H	J Walker, T Critchley, A Owen, G Teh, R Smith	2+ more	Rules in issue 28
Backpacks & Blisters	More rambling (from the GM)	H	A Owen, J Reader, J Walker, K Lee, B Whyte	1	Gamestart next time (maybe)
Postal Tennis 2	Tennis by post	H	A Owen, J Walker	Full	
Winter Olympics	Snow, snow, quick, quick, snow	H	J Dapkus, A Owen, J Walker, T Critchley, K Lee, I Winstanley, I Owen, G Teh, R Smith	Enough to start, but a few more would be good	Rules pending (see Future Shock and table below for details)

Event	Rules	Turns
Ice Hockey	Phantoms Of The Ice (rejigged)	7 or 8
Bobsleigh	Advanced Postal Bobsleigh	4
Men's Downhill Skiing	NEW GAME	2
Men's Slalom	NEW GAME	2
Curling	NEW GAME	8
20 km Biathlon	NEW GAME	5
Ice Speedway	Speedway Challenge	4 or 5
Men's Figure Skating	NEW GAME	1 or 2
Speed Skating, 90m Ski Jump, Luge, Giant Slalom, Ice Dance	Olympia 2000	8

AN END HAS A START

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