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(Editorial - from centre column)

the two "free" sports channels (SkySports costs extra).

We get CNN and SkyNews for round the clock news, as well as other news based channels with a European, or World, bias.

UK Gold, an amalgamation of archive programs from the BBC and (I think) London Weekend, includes classic programmes such as HHGTTG (Hitch Hikers Guide...), The Goodies, Dr Who, Tenko, Bergerac, Eastenders (from the beginning) and Neighbours (from the beginning). Well, maybe not all classics.

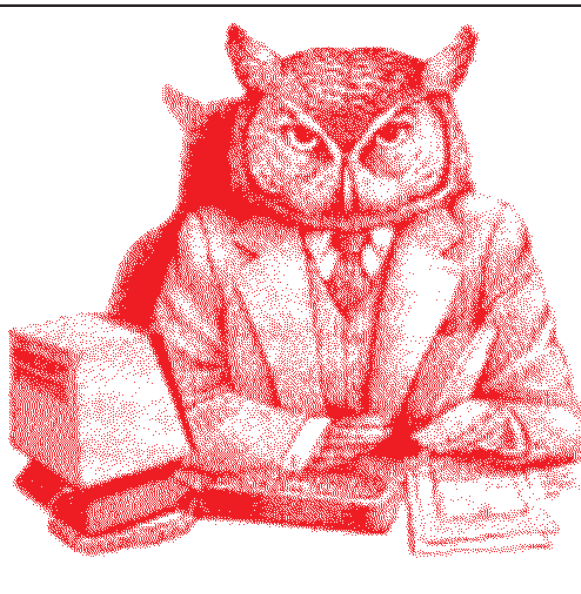
MTV Europe and CMT Europe provide music and videos, the latter being non-stop country and western music.

The Learning Channel and Discovery show documentaries, science programs (Equinox, Beyond 2000 - an Australian Tomorrow's World), art/literature and general interest programs, while the Performance Channel shows ballet, opera, classical music and jazz concerts in the evening only. There's about ten different foreign language stations - French, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Asian, Arabic - for those that need to brush up on foreign languages prior to going on holiday to Europe, or further afield. Or just watching the late night game shows, or adult movies.

Apart from Bravo, which shows mainly old films and is freely available, movie channels are available for an additional subscription fee. There are three regular movie channels showing a mixture of modern and older films, blockbusters and also-rans, and at least one channel for the older, more discerning, viewer.

It will be interesting to see how our viewing patterns change once we get used to having cable TV. For now it is still very much a novelty, and I can be found flicking through all the channels just to find if there's anything on even one channel that I might be interested in. It is sometimes difficult to remember to look at the extra columns in the Radio Times. However, I'm sure we'll miss it when we move out of here

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(Editorial - from left column)

in June.

Why did we get it installed? Well, it was free, and it gives us an idea of whether we would want to have it installed once we're established in our own home, and UA get round to digging up the streets in our new neighbourhood. Jill was used to cable when she was in the States - but at a much lower monthly rental. With having been out of the country for the last fourteen years, she also feels she's missed a lot of good British drama series, or caught them occasionally if they were shown on PBS (American Public Broadcasting Stations). These seem to be cropping up on UK Gold now. We opted for one movie channel (part of the free installation deal) and have yet to decide whether to keep with it or not. I suppose that watching two or three movies on it a month would pay for itself in either video film hire, or visits to the cinema. Current TV film premieres include "Thelma and Louise", "Robin Hood Prince of Thieves" and "The Pope Must Die".

Mentioning houses, we have started looking again. Most people we speak to think this is a buyers market, and that houses are not shifting very well. I tend to disagree. Certain properties seem to be very desirable and move like hot shit off a shovel, while many others seem to be difficult to sell. Several of the ones we looked at in the middle of last year are still available, even though we believe there's nothing inherently wrong with them. However, there seems to be little available that would suit our needs.

Had a Christmas card from Doug with a few notes in it.

"Most of Canberra is a riot of colour as all the spring flowers come into bloom. I will be trying to grow pumpkins this year. I'll need to get some compost in as the soil is fairly poor - clay - and after the rain, covered with water. Otherwise, life is as usual. Despite strenuous effort I have not grown accustomed to the beer. Cider is OK, and Coopers

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United Artists Communications are currently in the process of methodically digging up every pavement in Edinburgh and laying cables to provide a cable television and telephone service to every household in the city over the next five years. Some months ago, when our pavements were being dug over, a representative from the company left a promotional video nominally describing the benefits of cable TV, and connection to the Mercury phone system. When she called to collect it, and find out if we were interested in subscribing, we explained that since we were in rented accommodation we couldn't sanction workmen drilling through the walls to install the cable. We let it lie for a little while, but they persevered and indicated that for the month or two leading up to Christmas, installation (normally £50) would be free. Again we explained the situation, but indicated that we would arrange to have the solicitor ask the owner (currently in Australia). In due course he said that he was quite happy for the service to be installed.

Between Christmas and New Year we had the cable, and receiver box of tricks, installed. The service provides BBC, ITV and C4 as normal, and adds both satellite stations (such as Sky) and cable only stations (I assume, since I don't know what stations can be received with a satellite dish). There's about 30 extra channels available covering topics such as information, music, foreign, sport and general interest.

One program from the first four series of "Star Trek - The Next Generation" is being shown every day on Sky 1 (great for Jill, being a Star Trek fan), and Sky is re-running the Robin of Sherwood series. There's an extra American Football game each week (while the season runs) on one of

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BUS BOSS
P U C H - BB26ENG
ROUND 11

RACES

Races not possible: 6, 7, 14, 36.

No	Route	BOSS (264)	RNBL (185)	BBB (254)	WRECS (173)	EOR (200)
37	Heathrow - Derby	-	16	9-4	+7	5-3
38	Bath - Stoke	20-5	-	-	-	10+5
39	Wales - Lincoln	16-4+5	+11	5-7	9-5	-
40	Cambridge - Margate	-	20-6+4	-	-	10-4+6
41	Dover - Southampton	-	15-8+8	15-8	-	+8
42	Gloucester - Luton	-	-	+4	-	30-4
43	Oxford - Portsmouth	-	-	10+2	-	20-2
44	Liverpool - Birmingham	9+12 (317)	- (245)	16-8 (288)	5-4 (185)	- (281)

NOTES:

ROUTES PURCHASED

Pete Harbron - WRECS - Blue

York - Middlesbrough 185-7 = 178

Sandy Dewar- RNBL - Black

York - Scarborough 245-7 = 238

Eoin Rutter - EOR - Green

Bristol - Exeter 281-8 = 273

John Breakwell - BBB - Red

Stoke - Preston 288-9 = 279

David Watts - BOSS - Yellow

Preston - Kendal 317-6 = 311

GAME NOTES

None, other than to state the obvious that next turn is the last one. Obviously, no building can take place next turn. Can either Eoin or John catch David. Eoin is now just behind John - if neither can catch David, who will finish second? However, with Eoin's south west monopoly, can his two Exeter runs give him the edge. Meanwhile in the north, David links in to Kendal, but with both John and Pete in Preston, he can't guarantee he'll get competition free runs (though he will get running costs). And over on the north east coast, Middlesbrough and Scarborough are joined into the network for the first time giving possible lucrative runs for both Sandy and Pete.

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ROUND 12 RUNS

Players may enter up to five of the following races.

6	Scarborough - Middlesbrough
7	Gloucester - Exeter
14	Kendal - York
36	Kendal - Norwich
45	Sheffield - Middlesbrough
46	Peterborough - Leicester
47	Preston - York
48	Leeds - Bournemouth
49	Hull - Skegness
50	Exeter - Newcastle
51	Manchester - Birmingham
52	Scarborough - London

CITY
&
SUBURBAN

MOTO-MORINI

ROUND 0

GAME NOTES

I have five names so far. The game is best, I believe with six. I shall wait until next issue before distributing the map configuration for this game. I will send each of you a blank base map with all the towns and hills already marked, and have yet to decide whether I will print the map each time in the zine, or just include it every couple of issues.

Clive Davenhall, Ulf Jiretorn, David Watts, Bill Becker, Eoin Rutter have all indicated they are willing to play. Eoin will be out of the country during April and May, but may be



able to get someone to stand in for him while he's away, or else, I'm sure we could have a couple of normal turnaround turns to fit with his schedules. With both Bill and Ulf outside the UK there could be a problem, though we managed generally quite well, with the interim deadlines for Formula 1 in PoW! The game itself is not available from David. It's one of the games David would like to produce "proper" copies of, but due to the general slump in sales, has been put on hold until things show some sign of recovery



GAME OPENINGS

UNDER STARTERS ORDERS - Simon McInnes' horse racing game which is distributed with UTW to players only. Simon McInnes, 236 Sydenham Road, West Croydon, Surrey, CR0 2EB (081 689 6817)

CCTFL - TouchDown! American Football league run separately from UTW. Wallace Nicoll, 26 Carfrae Park, Blackhall, Edinburgh EH4 3SN (031 336 3328)

CITY & SUBURBAN - Rules last issue (#6). Have 5 names already, would like one more. Gamestart next issue. Contact Wallace Nicoll as above.

BUS BOSS
NEVAL – BB108USA

TURN 6a

ROUTES PURCHASED

Frank Burns - The Engines Cannae Tak It Cap'n - TECTIC - Lurid Orange		
Salt Lake City - Las Vegas - Los Angeles	51-12	= 39
Bill Becker - Dispatch Illusion Service - DIS - Blue		
Chicago - Milwaukee - Minneapolis - Duluth	42-12	= 30
John Breakwell - North American Folk Ferriers - NAFF - Green		
Reno - Portland - Seattle	47-11	= 36
David Watts - Buses On States Sevices - BOSS - Yellow		
Phoenix - Los Angeles; Charlotte - Richmond	40-11	= 29
Eoin Rutter - St Louis Indianapolis Cincinnati Knoxville - SLICK - Black		
Denver - Albuquerque - Phoenix	42-12	= 30

GAME NOTES

Next turn will be 6b. Bill goes first

PRESS

DIS - SLICK : You have taken Billings, the logical end point of my Denver run! Woe and ruination. Billings for Bill

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Stout fine. You can get Draught Guinness in cans. It is just about worth it. It is imported and hideously expensive at \$4 a can. The Harris is on the road again and running quite well which is more than I can say for the Honda right now."

Sounds as though nothing much has changed from being in Scotland, other than the interest in the garden! A work colleague of Jill's is an Aussie, and he has made some recommendations as regards beer, in particular if you should find yourself in Melbourne. The Station pub in Pahraan is, according to Colin, the best pub in the city. Like the Rose Street Brewery in Edinburgh, it brews its own, and they are known for putting on blues and jazz. The Loaded Dog in North Fitzroy is apparently also a good bet, and they too brew their own, Melbourn Real Ale.

I'm hoping to get the BMW back to Edinburgh and back on the road again this year. However, since it's been sitting at Damside these last two years, it may take a little while to get it running again. At least there's a garage here I can use for storage. All I need to do is to arrange a trailer to get it back, and a few free nights!

RAILWAY RIVALS

OSSA

TURN 10

RACES

	JIR	OUI	RRS	GOBLIN
22 12-42 Paris to Mulhouse	-	5+4	16-4	9
23 63-32 Marseille to Dunkerque	5-3+8	8-8	13-3+6	4-6+6
24 55-24 Bayonne to Nantes	-	30	-	-
25 53-14 Toulouse to Paris	20	-	10	-
26 25-62 Orleans to Montpellier	10+2	-	20-2	-
27 44-(3) Lyon to West Germany	-	-	-	30
28 34-(6) Reims to Spain	10+2	20-2	-	-

BUILDS

Bill Becker - RRS - Red
A58-Z18

Eoin Rutter - OUI - Blue
(P28)-P29-O30-O31-O32

John Breakwell - GOBLIN - Green
No builds ordered

Ulf Jiretorn - JIR - Purple
(G60)-H59-I59 [-1 OUI]
(Z10)-Y10-X9-Nantes
(Lille)-N61

FINANCES

	START	RACES	BUILDS	RIVALS	END
JIR	278	54	-6	-1	325
OUI	174	57	-8	+1	224
RRS	118	56	-1	-	173
GOBLIN	110	43	-	-	153

ROUND 11 RACES

29	56-33	Lourdes to Lille
30	26-65	La Rochelle to Toulon
31	16-45	Le Havre to Lyon
32	51-43	Clermont Ferrand to Dijon
33	11-35	Paris to Metz
34	61-(1)	Grenoble to England
35	23-(4)	Rennes to Switzerland

Players may enter upto four races.

ROUND 11 BUILDS

Upto 6 points may be spent on building, but this must include payments to rivals.

GAME NOTES

Ulf, thanks for pointing out my mistake last time. OUI built through D50 and not D51. Even spread of race winnings this time means that Ulf stays well in the lead. Can anyone catch him in the last two turns?

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