

2013 Results

♣ Tom Good, NC
 ♠ Patrick Shea, VA
 ♢ Aran Warszawski, IL
 ♣ Dan Haigh, PA
 ♣ Craig Moffitt, NJ
 ♣ Eric Freeman, PA
 ♣ *Craig Moffitt, NJ*
 † 43 📖 1999-2013



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♣ Mark Guttag, VA
 ♠ Jason Arvey, VA
 ♢ Richard Irving, CA
 ♣ Rich Meyer, MA
 ♣ Roderick Lee, CA
 ♣ Jim Eliason, IA
 ♣ *John Corrado, VA*
 † 75 📖 1993-2013



Top Laurelists

Jeff Cornett, FL	114
Craig Moffitt, NJ	78
Eric Freeman, PA	70
Aaron Fuegi, MA	70
John Kilbride, PA	42
Ananda Gupta, MD	42
Chetan Radia, UK	40
Aran Warszawski, IL	38
Rob Kilroy, PA	36
Patrick Shea, VA	34



Top Laurelists

Richard Meyer, MA	85
Paul Bean, MA	72
Richard Irving, CA	68
Aaron Silverman, FL	44
Mark Guttag, VA	42
Doug Hoylman, MD	42
Eric Brosius, MA	40
Ted Drozd, IL	32
Randy Cox, SC	31
Winton LeMoine, CA	28

Euphrat & Tigris (E&T)

 Ten preliminary winners plus the best two runners-up filled three semifinals. In the first match, alternate Dan Haigh (9-10-10-12) as the fourth dynasty defeated two-time champion Eric Freeman (6-7-9-13). In the second, 14th ranked laurelist Patrick Shea (8-8-9-10) defeated 2005 champion Matt Calkins (7-8-10-11) and Tom Good (7-10-12-13). In the last semifinal, three former champions, Aran Warszawski (7-8-10-13), Craig Moffitt (7-8-8-10) and Aaron Fuegi (6-7-7-8), battled to the end. Aran earned his winning margin on the last turn that began with an empty tile bag after the previous player used zero tiles. Craig's deficit was also one hypothetical point, but extending the tiebreaker, Tom's result was better.

Seating for the Final had Patrick 1st (Archer), Tom 2nd (Bull), Dan 3rd (Lion), and Aran 4th (Potter). Patrick placed his King in the river delta, and was immediately joined by Aran's priest, foreshadowing much conflict to come. Aran continued to place his temples and leaders while Patrick placed his other leaders directly to the south. This erupted into the game's first conflict when Aran initiated and won a green external conflict with three extra tiles from his hand.

In the last and decisive merger, Tom fought an external conflict with Traders against Patrick who did not have the two green tiles to tie, and Tom received three green cubes. This proved sufficient, and Tom won with a score of 9/9/10/16 (eight green plus one treasure).

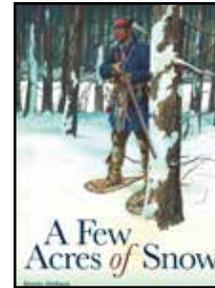


Facts in Five (FI5)

 The expanded two-hour schedule worked, allowing us to review answers and make the presentation more entertaining with illustrated answers researched in advance while maintaining the burgeoning attendance that is threatening to outgrow the Hopewell room. As usual, the categories generated both mirth and angst. Hearing Winton Lemoine groan "My employer!" when we read out the answers for Fortune 500 companies generated lots of smiles. But having an attentive crowd that alternately laughed or groaned at the right points was the ultimate payoff!

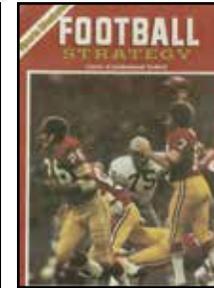
Round 1 was taken by Jason Arvey whose 20 correct answers doubled the average of ten for the field. Sarah Beach had the second highest score for any round with 19. Round 2 proved harder as the field could only average six correct as Jason increased his lead with 15. Round 3 and 4 were also tough with an average score of 7. Two-time champ Richard Meyer and Roderick Lee each doubled that in Round 3, while Mark Guttag and Joseph Marriott did so in Round 4. The last round averaged nine correct. Richard Irving managed to double that but it was a case of too little, too late for the previous GM. Mark Guttag added 17 in the runner-up slot which won the day.

Despite lots of ties within each round, the end totals needed no tiebreakers: Mark Guttag won with 71 correct. Following were Jason Arvey 69, Richard Irving 68, Richard Meyer 67, Roderick Lee 65 and Jim Eliason 64.

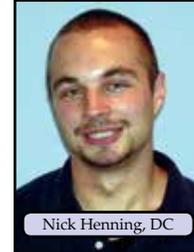
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♣ Nick Henning, DC
 ♠ Kevin Lewis, DC
 ♢ Nick Page, ON
 ♣ Jacob Hebner, CO
 ♣ Robert Buccheri, MD
 ♣ Marc Beaugregard, QC
 ♣ *Nick Page, ON*
 † 23 📖 2012-2013



2013 Results

♣ Bruce Reiff, OH
 ♠ Kevin Keller, MD
 ♢ Joe Powell, VA
 ♣ Wes Coates, MD
 ♣ Ken Whitesell, PA
 ♣ Ray Stakenas II, CA
 ♣ *Bert Schoose, IL*
 † 26 📖 1991-2013



Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, DC	38
Nick Page, ON	38
Kevin Lewis, DC	24
Patrick Mirk, FL	9
Jacob Hebner, CO	6
Alexandra Henning, NC	6
Robert Buccheri, MD	4
Claire Brosius, MA	3
Marc Beaugregard, QC	2
NA	



Top Laurelists

Bruce Reiff, OH	282
Bill Cleary, MD	99
Ken Whitesell, MD	75
Joe Powell, VA	70
Ray Stakenas II, CA	68
David Rynkowski, NY	57
Bert Schoose, IL	56
Kevin Keller, MD	51
Paul O'Neil, MD	33
Dan Dolan, Jr, NJ	24

A Few Acres of Snow (FAS)

 Attendance dropped 30%, but it was games—not players—that were missing. Many of those without games were turned away. Otherwise, the main drawback of the game is the asymmetric board positions that yield a "solved" strategy for a British military victory. The tournament compensates by bidding the number of times the opponent is allowed to freely draw and discard a card. This allows the French to speed their draws to end the game in another manner before the British can implement their military victory.

Despite this, the French won 14 of 25 games this year, including three of the seven that ended in a military victory. However, the top three finalists from 2012 who were practitioners of the "solution" were again left standing at the end. The bids in those 2012 British military victories were 5 and 6. The 2013 bids rose to 6 and 7 with the same results, but were incredibly close. The French reached an end game condition (all disks in play) with a victory point lead in both. The British had one more turn to either outscore the French or start a siege. In both games the British had one card in their deck that would allow them to lay siege and had drawn half of their cards since their last

shuffle. It doesn't get much closer than that, and implies a bid in the 6-7 range probably hit the sweet spot for players with this level of experience.



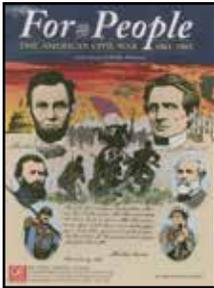
Football Strategy (FBS)

 Monday Night Football came to WBC for the first time with movement of the first heat to Monday with no major impact on attendance. Lopsided scores were commonplace as the event got underway with newcomer Wes Coates' 20-13 win over Sean McCulloch in his first game in 20 years the closest of the night. Jim Vroom outlasted Bruno Sinigaglio 44-35 in the highest scoring game of the round in a duel of AHFSL veterans. The second round saw the lopsided beatings continue as Vroom upset Bruce Reiff 27-18 in the closest match. Meanwhile, Kevin Keller breezed 42-0. In the heat semifinals Coates ended Vroom's celebrations 31-21 while Keller downed defending champion Joe Powell 16-6 in another pair of AHFSL reunion games. Keller then won the heat outright 18-14 over Wes—ending a four game run in which Kevin allowed only 27 points.

The second heat games were both fewer and closer as epitomized by three-time champ Paul O'Neil needing a field goal on the last play to down Ray Stakenas 23-20 and then losing to Joe Powell 27-25 by another last second kick. Reiff avoided another upset by knocking off Ken Whitesell 35-28 after trailing by 17 and then ended Powell's two-year reign to win the heat.

The Super Bowl proved anti-climactic as the nine-time champ earned his coveted Black Belt—only the third ever achieved with an easy 24-10 win to end Keller's streak. Now if he could only play *For the People*...





2013 Results

- ♣ James Pei, VA
 - ♠ Michael Mitchell, GA
 - ♣ Tim Miller, GA
 - ♠ Nicholas Pei, CA
 - ♠ Jeff Donald, VA
 - ♠ Zach Lawrence, NJ
 - ♣ Mark Herman, MD
- † 26 📖 1999-2013



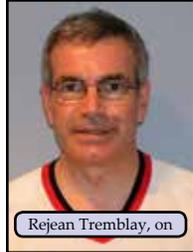
2013 Results

- ♣ Rejean Tremblay, on
 - ♠ Nick Henning, DC
 - ♠ Roderick Lee, CA
 - ♠ Barry Smith, NY
 - ♠ Scott Siriana, NY
 - ♠ Curt Collins II, PA
 - ♣ Joshua Githens, SC
- † 82 📖 2000-2013



Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	722
David Dockter, MN	228
Mark Giddings, NY	151
Mike Mitchell, GA	93
Nicholas Pei, CA	72
Riku Reikkinen, fi	68
Tim Miller, GA	68
Trevor Bender, CA	62
Sean Dolbee, CA	60
Stefan Mecay, TX	60



Top Laurelists

Jason Levine, NY	160
Barry Smith, NY	125
Lance Fogel, PA	78
Roderick Lee, CA	61
Rejean Tremblay, on	52
Robert Kircher, MA	38
John Schoose, IL	34
Nick Henning, DC	33
Matt Kucic, PA	30
Mario Veillette, qc	30

For The People (FTP)

As fate dictated, Michael Mitchell and James Pei met in the Final thus completing a circle that started in 1989 when they met in the original FTP Final. This year's version started well for Pei as he received nine SP reinforcements in the first three turns and pulled back to Richmond in a defensive posture. Michael leveraged his own strong cards by taking KY and WV early. Anticipating Lee's arrival on Turn 4, he fortified DC with the *Washington Defenses* card.

Pei built the AONV as Lee went on the offensive. With plentiful SP, AONV engaged AOP generating both SW gains and favorable attrition. Turn 5 brought a failed AOP interception into Frederick. Lee's AONV broke through to cut the DC rail line but managed only one raid. Timely Union defense prevented more raids and trapped Jackson's Army. Turn 6 was spent destroying Jackson's army. Lee's assaults on DC were repulsed and the *Locomotive Shortage* forced him to retreat. But *Mud March* trapped Lee in Harpers Ferry. Pei was in big trouble. If he ever needed a Campaign card, this was it. Asked and answered. Turn 7 saw Lee's AONV barely escaping through Shenandoah Valley while Stonewall mustered another large force in Richmond. The Union downfall came when *Forward to Richmond* forced AOP to charge into Richmond. In the ensuing counterattack, Grant lost another 10 SW. This doubled the SW of USA and forced a concession. The Master had done it again.

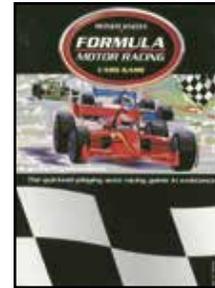


Formula De (FDE)

The three heats had enough entrants to run boards of seven to nine drivers. Players were allowed to sit at any table of their choosing, eliminating lengthy randomization while also allowing players to sit with their friends and have fun at 200 MPH. The qualifying tracks were chosen at each table. Many chose the action of Monaco where a missed turn can take you from near victory to the back of the pack in a hurry. Another race seeing considerable love was Portugal; a fast track that rewards the quick-paced and allowing ground to be easily recovered if you have a miscue.

The Final was not played on the large scale track of years past. 2013 saw the use of the Night Race Street track from the Asmodee Games edition of *Formula De*. Moving forward this will be the official version as they have become a great sponsor for the event - providing multiple prizes.

The starting grid was filled with ten unique qualifiers—heat winners all. After the first corner, the racers left six debris spots behind in the "Chemical Plant". This would prove hazardous for the next two laps, cutting off clean lanes and making driving difficult. In the end Rejean Tremblay emerged victorious by overtaking Nick Henning. Nick enjoyed a big lead but suffered damage to his car and made the decision to ease it around to a second place finish. Better second than out was the decision.



2013 Results

- ♣ John Speck, MD
 - ♠ Dave Welden, PA
 - ♠ Dan Leader, MA
 - ♠ Brandon Bernard, PA
 - ♠ Bob Laird, PA
 - ♠ Arthur Wines, PA
 - ♣ Chris LeFevre, AZ
- † 105 📖 2001-2013



2013 Results

- ♣ Doug Galullo, MD
 - ♠ John Pack, CO
 - ♠ Jonathan Barnes, CA
 - ♠ Robert Buccheri, MD
 - ♠ A. Gumkowski, PA
 - ♠ Ben Gardner, VA
 - ♣ John Pack, CO
- † 59 📖 1992-2013



Top Laurelists

Lisa Gutermuth, NC	78
Sarah Vasilakos, VA	61
John Speck, MD	46
Brandon Bernard, PA	42
Chris LeFevre, AZ	33
Jordan Flawd, PA	33
Stefany Speck, MD	30
Forrest Speck, MD	30
Dan Lewis, DE	30
Matt Evinger, PA	30



Top Laurelists

Nick Henning, DC	206
John Pack, CO	138
Pitt Crandlemire, MA	132
Nick Smith, uk	130
Andy Gardner, VA	77
Bob Hamel, CT	75
Ben Gardner, VA	72
Doug Galullo, MD	64
Thomas Richardson, VA	64
Jim Castonguay, PA	54

Formula Motor Racing (FMR)

It was a record year as we topped triple digits for the first time. The Demo drew eight attendees including Adina Weiss who learned the game very fast. She won her table by coming from behind after four races with only eight points to finish with 32 points by winning and placing in the last two races. FMR is a great game for beginners.

As usual, fate had its favorites. Joshua Coyle made five rolls to move from 8th to 3rd. Brandon Bernard charged to first four times. One of those attempts tempted Yoel Weiss to duplicate his success, only to fail on the first roll. Harry Flawd ran his traditional zany Crash Table requiring the Crash card to be played—costing Chris Kizer and Chris Greenfield five cars each.

22 of 27 qualifiers appeared for the semifinals, giving two runner-ups, John Faella and John Speck, a second life. The four winners were: Bob Laird, Dan Leader, Arthur Wines, and David Weldon. Runner-up Brandon Bernard secured the fifth seat with 33 points, but John Shaheen and John Speck tied for the sixth seat. The tiebreakers favored Speck a second time so he again advanced without winning. Any bets on how this will end? Sure enough, John got off to a strong start in the Final. He was unable to score in the late races, but by keeping his closest pursuers from scoring at the end he was able to hold on to win the only game that counted—the last one.



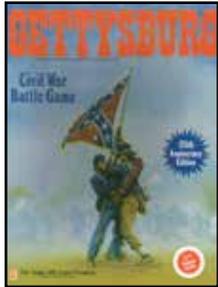
Gangsters (GSR)

Most games run 6-16 turns, with the median at 10-11, but this Final went 14 because the initial payouts were small, the Cops were effective, and there was a high (35) body count. I have seen only one game end before Turn 6 (a 4-turn win that earned Moneybags his name) or later than 16 (an email tussle that went 18 turns). Long games favor joint collectors (Barnes) and sneak-up-the-cash players (Galullo).

In this case, Barnes attracted the countermeasures very early. He wasn't able to purchase joints on his last two turns or he'd have had nine and at least threatened to win. His Racketeer ended in a heavily purchased part of town that made his low rolls at the end decisive. Buccheri made it quietly to seven joints, but he assumed the role of the bulwark keeping Barnes from winning with his eight Thugs. His game-high 12 losses as the others relied on him to stop Barnes left him in a bad position.

Pack threatened a cash win, finishing at \$8,600. But, he recruited his Thug three times and a very expensive Vamp to set him back \$2,400. Galullo saved cash throughout, not drawing attention to himself, and making only small, necessary purchases. His failed attack on the Chop-house permanently deflected attention away from him and onto the victorious Barnes who won the battle and thus lost the war. Doug's gang at the end (2/1/1) was enough to win—but not strong enough to be called upon to stop Barnes.

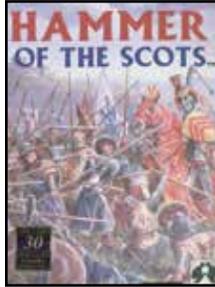




2013 Results

🏆 Richard Beyma, VA
 🥈 Ed Menzel, CA
 🥉 Jim Tracy II, OH
 🏅 Gregory D. Smith, FL
 🏅 Vincent Meconi, DE
 🏅 Mark Gutfreund, KY

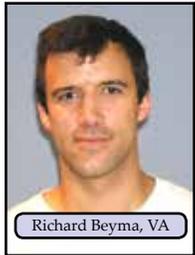
🏆 Vince Meconi, DE
 † 34 📖 1992-2013



2013 Results

🏆 Malcolm Smith, VA
 🥈 Ron Draker, VA
 🥉 Lyman Moquin, DC
 🏅 Steve Koleszar, VA
 🏅 Phil Rennert, MD
 🏅 Fred Bauer, VA

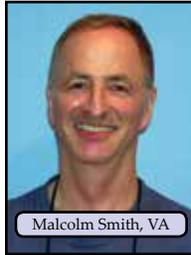
🏆 Randall MacInnis, NJ
 † 16 📖 2003-2013



Richard Beyma, VA

Top Laurelists

Ed Menzel, CA	255
Vincent Meconi, DE	182
Richard Beyma, VA	136
Ted Drozd, IL	102
Allen Kaplan, NJ	91
Dave Zimmerman, PA	81
Jim Tracy, OH	66
Barry Shoults, MI	56
Mike Pacheco, CA	54
Gregory D. Smith, FL	51



Malcolm Smith, VA

Top Laurelists

George Seary, NY	219
Lyman Moquin, DC	199
Rick Young, NC	108
Hank Burkhalter, GA	87
Malcolm Smith, VA	78
Ric Manns, IN	68
Phil Barcafer, PA	53
Bruce Reiff, OH	51
Fred Bauer, VA	48
Ron Draker, VA	33

Gettysburg (GBG)



Richard Beyma defeated defending champion Ed Menzel to take his second title. Richard, 10-1 for the week, has reached the Final each of the last five years. Ten players logged the required three games to continue, with the top four advancing to the single-elimination rounds. The qualifiers were, in order, Beyma (8-1, 64 points), Jim Tracy (6-1, 57), Menzel (5-2-1, 48), and Greg Smith (4-3, 39).

In the semifinals, Beyma faced Smith and Tracy played Menzel. Greg's Union, bidding 8.0, hung in until Turn 20. Meanwhile, Ed's Federals, with a bid of 13.0—the week's highest bid, forced Jim into a Turn 13 concession.

The Final reprised the 2012 title game. Richard again took the Gray for a bid of 11.5. By Turn 12, all Rebel artillery save the horse guns had been eliminated, but no CSA infantry had been hit. Union losses were heavier. Turn 13 and 14 attacks resulted in steady losses for the Federals and only one hit on Rebel infantry. In the evening of July 2nd, Union forces launched another counterattack that was repulsed. With the CSA infantry almost intact, rebel counterattacks broke US morale at the close of the day. Overall, the South went 31-16-1 despite a Revised Order of Appearance that virtually eliminated July 1st CSA automatic victories. 44 games used the Campaign scenario, with the Confederates taking 30 of 43. The average Confederate bid was 3.82 for all games and 5.73 for those in which there was a bid.

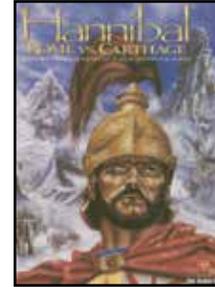


Hammer of the Scots (HOS)

Round 1 revealed an English bias (5-3). Round 2, matching the winners, proved even more pronounced for England (5-1), but the third round swung balance back to the Scots (4-2) to end the swiss rounds at 12-8. The most notable feature of the swiss rounds was a vast preponderance of automatic victories, regardless of side, with the winner claiming allegiance of all the clans.

Border raids by the Scots were common, in at least one case causing Edward to disband in Scotland to hurry home to deal with the incursion. The eventual champion won once because Edward never made it into Scotland. Wallace also had some difficulty staying on the board, in one case having to disband twice to clear overpopulation in Scottish castles, and in another dying when the English managed to roll eight hits in ten shots to end the battle before his reserves could deploy.

The 2012 Final was replayed in the 2013 semifinals as Malcolm's Scots dethroned sitting champion Lyman Moquin as the Hobelars were cut off and destroyed in the Highlands, and the Scots maintained a line across the center of the country for one of the closer games of the tournament, an 8 - 6 Scottish win. In the other semifinal, Ron Draker overcame Edward's absence for a year to take an automatic victory over Steve Koleszar's Scots. Malcolm then reprised his semifinal victory to down Draker's English by the same 8-6 margin he used to dispatch Moquin.



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🏆 Keith Wixson, NJ
 🥈 Henry Rice, TX
 🥉 Chris Byrd, CT
 🏅 James Pei, VA
 🏅 Randy Pippus, on
 🏅 Grant LaDue, NY

🏆 Stuart Tucker, MD
 † 43 📖 1996-2013



2013 Results

🏆 Justin Rice, VA
 🥈 Kirk Harris, NJ
 🥉 David Kieft, ns
 🏅 M. Pare-Pacquin, qc
 🏅 Andrew Kieft, ns
 🏅 Dennis Mishler, GA

🏆 Jeff Burdett, NY
 † 49 📖 2006-2013



Keith Wixson, NJ

Top Laurelists

James Pei, VA	440
Keith Wixson, NJ	385
Jim Heenehan, PA	254
Chris Byrd, CT	247
Lyman Moquin, DC	102
Randall MacInnis, NJ	97
Steve Worrel, VA	96
Peter Reese, VA	94
Stuart Tucker, MD	76
Henry Rice, TX	72



Justin Rice, VA

Top Laurelists

Jeff Burdett, NY	125
Justin Rice, VA	102
Alan Sudy, VA	91
Kirk Harris, NJ	78
Mathieu Pare-Pacquin, qc	72
Dave Cross, VA	72
Dennis Mishler, GA	70
Bryan Collars, SC	68
Larry Mull, NV	60
Dan Gallagher, MD	60

Hannibal (HRC)



Rome prevailed in 37 of 66 games. Rome was sacked twice, Carthage thrice—once while Rome was under siege. Carthage won 9-9 ties eight times and forced early resignations on ten occasions, while Rome forced such concessions 11 times. Ten games ended before the arrival of Africanus. Hannibal died 18 times, with Carthage recovering to win four games. Africanus died in seven games, all Roman losses. Syracuse joined Carthage 34 times, and was subsequently sacked 13 times. Philip joined Carthage 29 times, only to make peace on ten occasions.

The card gods blessed the top eight seeds with initial victories, but looked with disfavor upon three of them in Round 2, including ninth-ranked Stuart Tucker, two-time champ Jim Heenehan and 2011 champ Lyman Moquin. Keith Wixson barely survived against Michael Usery when his Carthage drew Syracuse late and survived a *Messenger Intercepted* for a 9-9 win with a Turn 9 *Truce*.

Reigning champ Steve Worrel fell in Round 3 to James Pei as nine unbeaten became four. Wixson sacked Pei's Carthage in Round 4 as Chris Byrd's Carthage exacted revenge over Henry Rice. That left the title in the hands of the two former champs still standing. The result was anticlimactic as Wixson's Hannibal crossed the Alps on Turn 1, won



three battles on Turn 2, and another on Turn 3. The next turn brought Syracuse over to Carthage while Corsica rose in revolt. Byrd retired early to Capua to dream of what might have been.

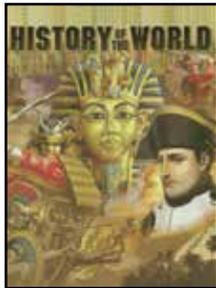
Here I Stand (HIS)

Play was again dominated by the Big Four - the Ottomans won three games, and the Hapsburgs, Papacy, and Protestants four each—with nary a win for the hapless English and French. The natural enemies rule kept Turk and German at each other's throats, with Vienna falling often. There were three semifinals, with one ending in a four-way tie for second place. Because one of the winners couldn't play further, all four were admitted to the Final.

Power selection was attended by the usual metagaming since they knew the seeding going in. However, using the longer 1532 scenario meant players had to consider the long game - maybe Luther and Charles weren't going to walk away with it? Tradition (and superstition) won out in the end, and England and France were the last powers chosen.

After the usual host of machinations, the game seemed destined for a fifth turn. However, Justin and Les Bleus had a final trick up their sleeves. He played *Diplomatic Marriage* to activate Venice. Since the Hapsburgs had accepted the French alliance, Mathieu's war with Venice was ended without a shot! Justin now stood at 25VP. Vive le France! This was an especially satisfying end for Justin who reached the Final by the thinnest of margins and with the last choice of powers, but won anyway with masterful alliances to record his second title in three years! The scores were: France 25, Pope 24, England 22, Hapsburg 21, Ottoman 21, Protestant 15.





2013 Results

🏆 Harald Henning, CT
 🏆 Virginia Harley, VA
 🏆 Ty Hansen, DC
 🏆 Jon Anderson, PA
 🏆 Jennifer Visocnik, IL
 🏆 Kevin Youells, PA

🏆 Craig Yope, MI

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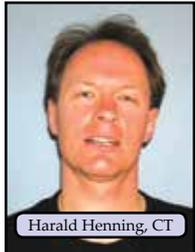


2013 Results

🏆 John Sutcliffe, uk
 🏆 Terry Coleman, CA
 🏆 David Metzger, NY
 🏆 Scott Sirianna, NY
 🏆 Larry Sisson, on
 🏆 Bryan Eshleman, NC

🏆 Terry Coleman, CA
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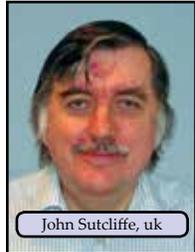
📖 1999-2003, 2010-13



Harald Henning, CT

Top Laurelists

Harald Henning, CT	196
Jeff King, OH	124
Joe Collinson, MD	108
Kevin Youells, PA	102
Rolinda Collinson, MD	90
Jonas Borra, NY	84
Henry Dove, MD	80
Gregory Kulp, NJ	74
Mike Backstrom, MN	68
Haim Hochboim, il	60



John Sutcliffe, uk

Top Laurelists

David Metzger, NY	158
Terry Coleman, CA	66
Phil Rennert, MD	63
John Sutcliffe, uk	50
Tom Cannon, NJ	30
Rick Young, CA	26
Chris Byrd, CT	17
Brad Raszewski, MD	16
Rob Mull, CO	15
Trevor Bender, CA	12

History of the World (HWD)

The first heat fully manned five games and yielded wins by Ty Hansen, Gregory Breza, Harald Henning, Mark Smith, and defending champ Joe Collinson. The second heat was a mixed bag of repeat offenders looking for redemption and new blood that again produced five games. The victors were: Nick Pei, Mark Smith (again!), Henry Dove, Jon Anderson, and John Stevens.

The semifinals found all nine winners in place along with nine alternates. Ty Hansen rose to the top in the first game behind the always powerful Arabs/Holy Roman Empire combo and scored enough with the Incas/Aztecs to edge Virginia Harley's finishing kick. Table 2 went to Jon Anderson whose Arabs scored 36 points aided by eight monuments to take the lead and held on to claim the last three pre-eminence markers. However, the game was close enough that both Jennifer Visocnik and Kevin Youells also advanced. 2001 champ Harald Henning coasted to a comfortable 20-point win with the last four pre-eminence markers to deny advancement to any of his tablemates.

Harald would emerge from the Final a victor again, but it would be a far closer contest with but three points denying Virginia her first title. Harald, was fortunate to draw Britain at the end, but still owed his victory to an 11-7 advantage in Pre-eminence Markers over Virginia who was saddled with the US. Harald thus became the first to win titles in both versions of the game with his 187-184-171-167-159-145 victory.



A House Divided (AHD)

Bids averaged 1 for the Union. This slight preference foretold a trend, as this year Union wins doubled Confederate victories; a tendency that held true even in the money rounds. Terry Coleman reached the Final by taking six points of VP cities on one turn from Bryan Eshelman. Meanwhile, the previous two champions met in the other semifinal in a rematch of their 2011 title clash. John Sutcliffe built a sizeable lead, only to watch as David Metzger continuously pared the margin. It all came down to battles on the last two turns. David won one, but not the second, and John returned to the Final.

John won Bull Run to open the Final and followed the Mississippi in an attempt to strangle the Confederacy on both flanks. Terry punched back in Kentucky to keep the game close. As the end loomed, Terry stripped Richmond to the bones, and moved into Indiana and southern Ohio. The climactic battle for Richmond came down to the last dice roll before the Southern capital fell. John confessed later that he would have conceded had the battle been lost.

It wasn't over, however, and Terry attacked three key cities on the last play of the game needing a trifecta to win. Two fell, but the third, Louisville, held. Both players were exhilarated by the exciting drama just experienced. John added his second title while Terry pondered his fourth runner-up finish and another year to contemplate what might have been.

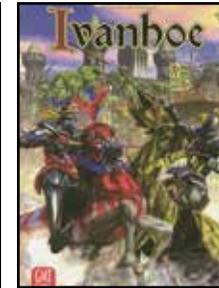


2013 Results

🏆 Jeff Mullet, OH
 🏆 Jamie Tang, MD
 🏆 Nick Avgtes, MA
 🏆 Ed Kendrick, uk
 🏆 David Metzger, NY
 🏆 Matt Charlap, NJ

🏆 Peter Stein, OH

† 133 📖 2007-2013



2013 Results

🏆 Jeff Senley, PA
 🏆 Natalie Beach, MD
 🏆 Lexi Shea, CT
 🏆 Alexander Lange, GA
 🏆 Joel Lytle, NY
 🏆 Laura Miller, PA

🏆 Brian Mongold, MD
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📖 2001-02, 05-06, 08-13



Jeff Mullet, OH

Top Laurelists

Steven LeWinter, NC	42
Joe Yauere, PA	38
Jeff Mullet, OH	30
Jamie Tang, MD	30
Marcy Morelli, PA	30
Brittany Bernard, PA	30
Andy Latto, MA	30
Meg. Friedmann, MA	27
Bruce Reiff, OH	25
Chris Johnson, CA	20



Jeff Senley, PA

Top Laurelists

Keith Levy, MD	60
Jeff Senley, PA	30
Richard Fetzter, NY	30
David Rohde, NC	30
Andy Latto, MA	20
Dave Buchholz, MI	20
Bob Titran, NY	20
Steve Scott, CA	19
Natalie Beach, MD	18
Laura DeWalt, MD	18

Ingenius (ING)

A decrease in players led to a reduced number of double winners. Or maybe the competition is just getting tougher, making two wins more elusive. Either way, the current format lives another year. After you've run an event for several years, you spot the regulars who make their schedule to play in as many heats as possible. Then there are those who jump in because they lost elsewhere. The more they lose, the more they play. This was the story with fellow Cabbie Jeff Mullet whose misfortunes elsewhere allowed him two wins to advance.

Going into Sunday, Jeff was the last attending CABS member without wood (even Stein had one). In the semifinals he managed to beat David Metzger, Greg Ziembra and Phil Yauere. Table 2 had Jamie Tang eliminate Meghan Friedmann, Lauren Bohaczuk and defending champ Joe Yauere. Table 3 saw Ed Kendrick outscore Daniel Speyer, Cary Morris and Bruce Reiff (at least he lost to an adult in this semifinal). The last table had Nick Avgtes getting a near perfect score to edge Matthew Charlap, Katie Breza and Elaine Pearson.

As usual, the Final was a defensive struggle with relatively low scores. Yellow was the low score for three players, but Jeff had the most of it and just enough purple to prevail 11-10-8/12-8/10 and thereby avoid being the only woodless Cabbie. And that's a label you don't want to wear for a year in Columbus ...someone always seems to remind you about it.



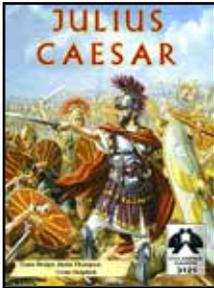
Ivanhoe (IVH)

An astounding first heat of 104 players allowed *Ivanhoe* to continue its unmatched record of greater attendance every year for a full decade. Changes for 2014 include enlarged semifinals. Due to the size of the field, the number of multiple winners increased despite cutting back from four heats to three. There were 16 double and one triple winners making it necessary to advance more than 16 to the semifinals. Next year's format will advance 25 to five 5-player games.

Our previous three champions were not among the semifinalists but there were three Lytle's. Dagny (14) advanced with two wins to her second semi. After a great purple tournament (27 on her first play) she lost her seat at the Final to Lexi Shea. Second-ranked Tessa (11) carved a clear path to the semifinals, but she too fell there, losing the Final seat to Natalie Beach. In the end, it was dad (Joel Lytle) who carried the family colors into Round 3. Joel, our only triple winner, was the #1 seed.

The Final began with a Yellow tournament started by Lexi only to have Alexander Lange change it to Green and draw first blood. The 5th, 6th and 7th rounds were taken in succession by Jeff Senley. Round 8 proved to be a masterful job of denying Jeff his last chip with Alexander finally winning the Blue chip. Round 9 saw an appearance by Ivanhoe but it took another five rounds before Jeff took his last chip and first WBC shield.





2013 Results

♣ Tom Drueding, MA
♣ Justin Thompson, VA
♣ Fred Bauer, VA
♣ Alex Kraska, MD
♣ Malcolm Smith, VA
♣ Charles Ward, MO

♣ Justin Thompson, VA

† 20 📖 2010-2013



2013 Results

♣ John Keating, IN
♣ Lee Rodrigues, VA
♣ Nick Smith, uk
♣ Ray Stakenas II, CA
♣ John Pack, CO
♣ Philip Yaure, PA

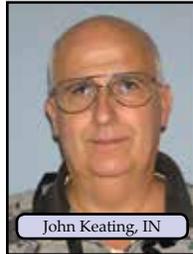
♣ Steve Cuccaro, MD

† 38 📖 1991-2013



Top Laurelists

Justin Thompson, VA	69
Tom Drueding, MA	66
William Austin, VA	39
Joe Harrison, KY	30
Malcolm Smith, VA	24
Fred Bauer, VA	21
Bill Powers, VA	12
Ron Draker, VA	12
Micah Hultgren, CA	12
Alex Kraska, MD	9



Top Laurelists

Steve Cuccaro, MD	163
Peter Stein, OH	116
Lee Rodrigues, VA	60
Nick Smith, uk	51
Tom McCorry, VA	46
John Keating, IN	42
Sean McCulloch, OH	40
Ewan McNay, CT	40
Llew Bardecki, on	40
Marc Houde, VA	35

Julius Caesar (JUC)

Two of the three prior champions were in attendance as the fourth tournament got under way so the title didn't come easily, even though the field was the smallest yet. However, it remained the largest of Columbia's three block games still contested at WBC as *Hammer of the Scots* is showing its age. Three rounds of Swiss play determined four semifinalists. All told, there were 22 preliminary games leading to single elimination play with Caesar gaining the upper hand in total number of victories over Pompey for the first time. Justin Thompson and Tom Drueding, the two top laurelists in the game, both went unbeaten in four games to reach the Final with Alex Kraska and Fred Bauer falling to them in the semifinals.

Tom and Justin each battled their way to the Final for the third time in four years. This time, Tom was not going to be denied as he cruised to a major victory over the game's designer and forced Justin to crown him Champion in the second year of the game. The critical battle came when Justin attacked six blocks to three in Narbo (Hispania). Tom not only survived the attack, but killed all of Justin's surviving units when their retreat was blocked. The only other attack came as Justin assaulted Rome itself in desperation and was handed a crushing defeat. With little to no chance, Justin surrendered to an undefeated Caesar who had bested five opponents.

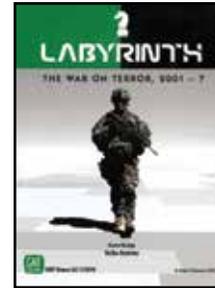


Kremlin (KRM)

We had two double winners during the 11 preliminary games. Ray Stakenas advanced with wins in his first two heats. Lee Rodrigues won his second in the fourth heat, and needed it to advance. He did so with a certain amount of panache. A healthy Strychnin was advanced to Party Chief on Turn 5 due to an empty Politburo, and Lee's 10 Influence gave him two waves and a cure before leaving office in Turn 8.

Turn 1 of the Final saw seven purged by a very effective KGB head. The second turn was relatively uneventful, as Nick's choice for the KGB head was only able to do one purge, and the health dice were kind. Turn 4 started ugly, with a first purge card played allowing the KGB head to be purged by the Ideology chief. Bungaloff began the Purge Phase of Turn 7 in the ordinary way starting with the Candidates, but then switched and purged Manjak on his fourth roll. At this point, Nick played a card to bust his own Foreign Minister to the people. The result of all this maneuvering was the election of Goferbok as Party Chief and a wave for Ray.

The first purge of Turn 8 was Nick's 10+. The next turn saw the game end for lack of politicians. Ludmilla ended as Party Chief. The game was held equally by Phil Yaure and John Keating. John won the tiebreaker, the game and his first *Kremlin* title.



2013 Results

♣ Jessica Brown, TX
♣ Philip Yaure, PA
♣ Michael Kieft, ns
♣ Daniel Hoffman, NC
♣ Evan Harris, MD
♣ Chris Yaure, PA

♣ Stephen Aslett, TX

† 22 📖 2011-2013



2013 Results

♣ Nick Page, on
♣ Nick Vayn, PA
♣ David Duncan, PA
♣ Jeff Senley, PA
♣ Daniel Speyer, NY
♣ Kenneth Horan, PA

♣ Kenneth Horan, PA

† 31 📖 2010-2013



Top Laurelists

Chris Yaure, PA	42
Patrick Neary, NY	40
Jessa Burdett, NY	24
Stefan Mecay, TX	24
Jessica Brown, TX	20
Jeff Burdett, NY	16
Jeromey Martin, GA	16
Phil Yaure, PA	12
Daniel Rauma, fi	12
Martin Sample, NH	12



Top Laurelists

Nick Page, on	72
Daniel Eppolito, NV	63
Kenneth Horan, PA	51
Nick Vayn, PA	30
Daniel Speyer, NY	21
Nick Henning, DC	18
Mike Kaltman, PA	15
David Duncan, PA	12
Chris Senhouse, NY	12
Jeff Senley, PA	9

Labyrinth (LBY)

The field shrank by a third in the wake of Bin Laden's demise and if "we" won you can't prove it by this year's results with the Jihadists taking 18 of 26 games. Unlike 2012 when the Jihadists and US battled to a standstill, 2013 was a year of Jihadist dominance. The Jihadists seem to be favored in a one-deck game due to the difficulty the US has in achieving twice as many resources by deck end. 39% of Jihadist wins came by that criteria. Indeed, so favored were the Jihadists that only one game saw a US bid.

However, there were memorable moments. The mulligan game between Stefan Mecay and Pat Richardson saw Pat winning by a major jihad in regime-changed Pakistan, with Pat's 11 cells overwhelming the US's six troops! In the semifinals, Jessica Brown defeated Michael Kieft's Jihadists on the last turn only after Michael failed five minor jihad rolls in a row, any one of which would have won the game.

After much back and forth conflict in the two-deck Final, Jessica was able to turn Pakistan to Islamist rule and grab its three WMDs. Despite losing Pakistan, the game remained close. Victory came halfway through the first deck when Jessica was able to move a single Philippines Jihadist cell to the US and place two plots (both WMDs) with Martyrdom Operation. Phil lacked sufficient ops to avert either plot, bringing the Final to a sudden—and dramatic—end.



Le Havre (LHV)

The first heat mustered five games with defending champion Ken Horan and 2012 laurelist Nick Vayn earning decisive victories. However, the largest margin of victory went to Ed Ericson at his first WBC with a record score of 332 and a 170-point spread in a 3-player game. Meanwhile, David Duncan scored 218 in a 4-player game; an impressive winning score ...except that he didn't win! He had to settle for runner-up, 14 points behind Rob Murray. Rich Meyer outscored returning laurelist Chris Senhouse by 35 points to claim the fifth game.

The second heat had four 4-player games. Ron Clement defeated 2012 runner-up Nick Page by six points. Marvin Birnbaum had the high score (204) for the heat thanks to 80 for boats to win by 37 points. In the third game David Duncan's attempt to avenge his earlier loss proved successful. Finally, in what has to be a WBC *Le Havre* first, Jeff Senley won his game despite being the only player stuck with loans at the end.

Only six of the nine winners appeared for Round 2 so three alternates advanced to fill three 3-player games. As so often happens, one of the alternates won not only his semifinal game but the entire tournament as well. This was the third straight year that Nick defeated the defending champion in Round 2, but the first time he was able to follow that with another win in Round 3 for the grand prize. The final score was 237-180-172-146.

