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*As editor of T.F. 144, I would like to recognize those brave men and women who lost their lives trying to come to the aid of others on September 11, as well as the many victims and their families. This has not torn a great city apart—it has united a powerful nation!*

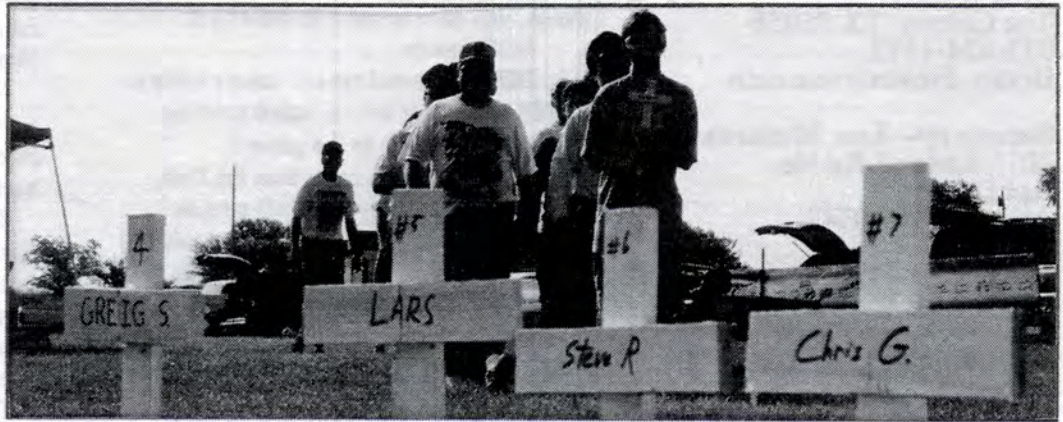


## War Trivia: Can they do that?!?

The first battleship sunk in combat by dive bombers was the Russian Marat, which was sunk on September 23, 1941, while at anchor in Kronstadt, by German Stukas led by Hans Ulrich Rudel.

From World War II, Strange and Fascinating Facts by McCombs and Worth

## AXIS FLEET LAID TO REST ALLIED BOATS SAIL TO VICTORY AT NATS 2001



Proud Axis honor guards escort the funeral procession of Randy Stiponovich.

## THE ALL-ENCOMPASSING LARS CHRONICALS OR “ABRIDGED TOO FAR”

by Lars “Carpul Tunnel” Dahl

Monday

### Fleet Battle #1 Allied A vs. Axis A, Sortie 1

The Allied A fleet was composed of: Chris Grossaint (*Washington*), Dana Graham (*Prince of Wales*), Patrick Clarke (*Houston*), Bart Purvis (*Macon*), Tim Beckett (*North Carolina*), John Whitsell (*Invincible*), Chris Pearce (*North Carolina*), Steve Reichenbach (*Portland*), Jim Coler (*Savannah*), Don Cole (*Alabama*), and Alan Oster (*North Carolina*). Eleven captains, six with 6-unit battleships, one 4-unit battlecruiser, and four 3- or 3.5-unit cruisers, for a total of 52.5 units.

The Axis A fleet was composed of: David Asman (*Nassau*), Jamie Foster (*Mogami*), Fluegel (*Baden*), Andy Ray (*Nagato*), Lee McKinzie (*Viribus Unitas*), Dave Lawrence (*Viribus Unitas*), Gary White (*Bismarck*), Mark Roe (*Scharnhorst*), Dave Au (*Nagato*), and Wade Koehn (*Bismarck*). That's ten Axis captains, four with 6- or 6.5-unit battleships, two with 5- or 5.5-unit ships, three with 4-unit 28 second ships, and one 3-unit cruiser, for a total of 50.5 units.

**WAR!!** About thirty seconds into the battle, Bart's throttle servo, a HiTec micro servo, failed. The throttle jammed in fast forward and the *Macon* promptly ran its bow aground at full speed and the stern went awash. To make matters worse, the sink would have been scored as an unseaworthy sink if Bart had patched the three holes in his ship from the drop test on Sunday.

The fleets deployed on the water with the Axis holding the west or left side of the pond, which also happened to be the narrow end. The Allies were to the right out in the open water.

When war was declared the *Nagatos* of Andy Ray and Dave Au sortied out in what seemed to be a suicide run as they attacked the Allied fleet all by themselves.

Chris reports that he found the picture of the two *Nagatos* slugging it out with four *North Carolinas*, a *South Dakota*, and the *Prince of Wales* to be extremely strange, especially when the rest of the Axis fleet was just peacefully waiting in the narrow west end. (cont. Page102)

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## From The Bridge

Brian Eliassen

Well, NATS has come and gone. What a week! If you missed out, try to make it next year as a grand time was had by all. Even the Axis enjoyed the week and they lost (for the first time since 1998!)

Speaking of next year, the 2002 Nationals will be held in Houston, TX during the week of July 14th. It'll be hot but the battling facility is first rate. If you've never battled in Houston at the H&H ranch, you have to see it to believe it.

### BOD Issues

The BOD addressed several issues while at NATS during our annual board meeting. Despite being open to the general membership, no one other than the Dahl boys (who kept an eye on dad) attended.

A full report on the BOD minutes should be in the fall issue but I'll just mention the things that were changed in the bylaws:

A new bylaw was added. It reads:  
All rules, laws, ordinances, and regulations of any federal, state, county, and/or municipality shall be observed at all times.

Bylaw's XVI.5 and XVI.7 were in conflict so XVI.7 was modified to read:  
All rule proposals must be signed by five eligible voting members.

### Elections

Also in this issue should be a section on what rules passed the Nats voting and made it on the ballot. Unfortunately, due to a clerical error, one proposal that was reported as having passed, did not. By a single vote, the proposal regarding defining certain minimum standards for penetrable area did not pass. The Secretary and I apologize for the error. All of the proposals are on-line at [www.mwci.org/services/proposals/2001.html](http://www.mwci.org/services/proposals/2001.html) for your review.

As always, if you have any questions, you can reach me at [president@mwci.org](mailto:president@mwci.org).

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"It was as if they were on a Sunday stroll in the park," said Chris about the silent Axis ships. Then someone yelled out, "Return to the fold!" The *Nagatos* fled towards the safety of the Axis Arc. Chris suspects that the Axis were expecting the Allies to follow the *Nagatos* into the arc and effectively impale themselves on the short Axis turning boats. It didn't happen.

The Allies reformed their lines with their multiple stern guns. Dave Au's *Nagato* sank from what Chris guesses was a mechanical failure. Dave Au recovered his sunken *Nagato* and returned to the motel.

For the next ten minutes the line of *North Carolinas*, the *South Dakota*, and the *Price Of Wales* sat and waved their sterns back and forth at the Axis.

The Axis *Baden*, *Von der Tann*, and *Nassau* darted back and forth, being forced further back into the narrow western sections of the pond. "It was one of the strangest things I've ever seen in the hobby," writes Chris.

Gary White's *Bismarck* squirted out and the battle broke up into several chases.

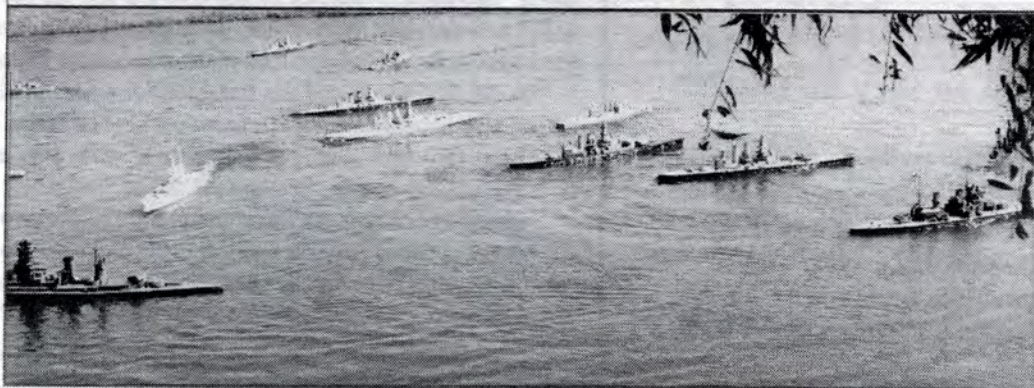
When Dave Asman called FIVE on his *Nassau*, which was already pumping hard, it became an obvious target.

A *Washington* managed to work itself alongside the *Nassau* where it "commenced unrestricted sidemounting of the *Nassau*."

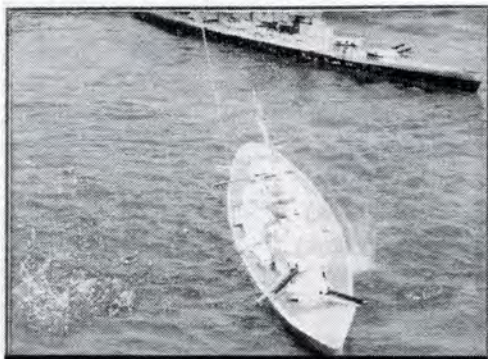
Asman managed to survive his five. During this pummeling, Fluegel's *Baden* rolled over and sank. In addition, the *Viribus Unitas* was sunk.

### Allied B vs. Axis B, First Sortie

The Allied B fleet was composed of eleven captains: Rick Whitsell (*North Carolina*), Frank Whitsell (*North Carolina*), Brian Eliassen (*South Dakota*), Ted Brogden (*Indiana*), Chris Au (*Malaya*), Ron Horbul (*Arizona*), Austin Keels (*Invincible*), Greig Stephens (*Invincible*), Mike Maxwell (*Nashville*) for the first sortie, and myself



A powerful wall of Allied triple stern guns back the Axis fleet into a corner



## Bismarck is a listing, pumping target

(Lars, *Bellerophon*) and son (Grant Dahl, *Indomitable*) joined the fleet in the second sortie. That's four 6-unit battleships, two 5.5-unit battleships, three I-boats and one *Bellerophon* (4 units each), and one 3-unit heavy cruiser, for a total of 54 units.

The Axis B fleet was composed of eleven captains: Curly Barrett (*Posen*), Bryan Finster (*Yamato*), Kevin Hovis (*Bismarck*), Randy Stiponovich (*von der Tann*), Kevin Bray (*Moltke*), Lou Meszaros (*Vittorio Veneto*), Lief Goodson (*von der Tann*), James Foster (*D. Victoria*), Charley Stephens (*von der Tann*), David Haynes (*Mutsu*), and Jeff Lide (*Kirishima*). That's one 8-unit monster, three 6- or 6.5-unit battleships, six 4- or 4.5-unit battleships and battlecruisers, and one 3.5-unit Swedish Ship, for a total of 55 units.

Kevin Hovis was having speed problems in his *Bismarck*--he fought most battles at about 25.5 seconds.

On this morning he was surprised that the Axis admiralty stuck with the same plan of sticking in the narrows after watching the carnage of the Axis A fleet first sortie.

The idea was to lead the Allies into the narrows where the slow ships could attack.

Unfortunately, ships like Kevin's *Bismarck* don't maneuver well in the tight confines and the Allies took advantage.

The first part of the first sortie was rather boring, both fleets were waiting for something to break.

Finally, Chris Au and Brian Eliassen came in to attack Kevin. "They spanked me real good, but I didn't sink," reports Kevin.

### Allies A vs. Axis A, Second Sortie

The Allied fleet suffered no more sinks, while the Axis lost David Asman's *Nassau*. Chris Grossaint reports that the *Nassau* suffered from operator error when Dave forgot to turn on his pump.

Chris further reports that all he can remember of this sortie is a pell-mell pursuit of the fast Axis battleships. Mark Roe's *Scharnhorst* got pummeled before

she went down.

"All-in-all, things are not going well for the Axis cause," said Curly to me and the boys as we set up.

Allied A beat the Axis A fleet by a score of 18,695 to 6,750.

### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Chris Pearce	95-13-21	2325
Chris Grossaint	24- 3-13	965
Alan Oster	46- 3- 8	935

Mark Roe (sunk)	174-30-39	5340
Fluegel (sunk)	93- 7-47	4355
Dave Au (sunk)	84- 4- 4	2140

### Allied B vs. Axis B, Second Sortie

The Axis fleet clustered down in the narrow part of the lake, and waited for the Allies to wade in and take them on.

The sortie started by having Chris Au and Brian Eliassen immediately attack Hovis, again. Due to orders to stay in the narrows, Kevin didn't make a run for it like he wanted. He called FIVE about five minutes into the sortie when it looked like he was getting a strong stream from his pump. The *Bismarck* lasted about 2 1/2 minutes and sank right in the middle of the narrows.

Allied B beat the Axis B fleet by a score of 13,695 to 9,135.

### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Chris Au	45-15-23	1985
Brian Eliassen	79- 6-17	1790
Austin Keels	42- 7-11	1145

Kevin Hovis (sunk)	236-24-17	4810
Bryan Finster (sunk)	78- 6- 2	2230
Lief Goodson	41-12-25	1960

### Battle #2 Allied A vs. Axis B, Sortie 1

Lief Goodson and Curly switched to Axis A while David Asman switched to Axis B fleet.

Chris Grossaint reports that it was his impression that the Axis B fleet managed to frustrate the battlers of the Allied A fleet more than Axis A fleet had been able to do.

The Allied fleet had decided to paint the bulk of their *North Carolina* fleet with identical paint schemes. The plan backfired this afternoon as, for at least eight minutes, Chris tried to control Tim Beckett's boat.

Kevin Hovis reports that the Axis kept with the same strategy from the morning, which was "another mistake." The *North Carolinas* were Kevin's main antagonists.

The *Bismarck* came under heavy attack the ship headed to more open water.

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## Notable Quotables



"Speed is the essential requisite for a first-class ship of war - but essential only to go into action, not out of it."

R.Adm. John Dahlgren

"It takes the navy three years to build a ship. It would take three hundred to rebuild a tradition."

Adm. Cunningham.

"Paperwork will ruin any military force."

Lt. Gen. "Chesty" Puller

"Four hostile newspapers were more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

Napoleon

"I have used the word 'flexibility' for the last time. It seems that it is a large general purpose tent under which chaos, confusion, and incompetency are kept well hidden from the public."

Gen. Abrams

"Only pursuit destroys a running enemy."

Field Marshall Suvorov

"Desperado! Why don't you come to your senses? You've been out riding.... Hey! Am I going deaf? My microphone isn't working."

Captain Karaoke

Jeff "The Velvet Fog" Lide

"War is a perpetual struggle with embarrassments."

Field Marshall von der Goltz

"I cannot command winds and weather."

Adm. Nelson, 1796

"It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations."

Winston Churchill

# Sunny Sunday at NATS

by Steve Reichenbach

The 2001 MWC Nationals event commenced Sunday, July 15th, with most captains arriving at the hotel either Saturday night or Sunday morning at Warrensburg, Missouri. Kevin Bray and I woke up at 4 a.m., to drive in from Arkansas, arriving at the hotel about 8:30 a.m.

We were welcomed by a grateful veteran, Andy Ray (glad to have a low-mileage and reliable rental van this year), and an exuberant rookie, Patrick Clarke (who lifted this 300 pound author off the parking lot surface)!

Board members shuffled over to the country buffet for breakfast, while otherstweaked their ships, got an early glimpse of the pond, or generally hung around.

Charley Stephens treated us to a preview of his I-400 submersible.

Breakfast with friends, and then off to the 1st Baptist church for a sermon on not overworking your leaders (next Sunday was about spiritual warfare which gave us something to chuckle about).

The captain's meeting was wonderfully short, and I even snagged an extra shirt! Then, loading the boats up, and off the lake for speed trials.

To my amazement, the *USS Portland* was right on speed, but the *Yorktown* somehow went from 34 seconds to 25 seconds with the addition of drag props!

Some newgears eventually slowed the big white carrier, which was to get quite a few comments and glances.

By 7 p.m., my ships were finally on-speed, I was scheming to give Grant Dahl a turn at the helm of the big carrier (which happened on Tuesday), and I had collected a new *South Dakota* hull, an *Arizona* hull, and ribs for a new *North Carolina*!

So, before a shot was fired, this allied captain already had a wonderfully successful 2001 Nationals!

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The Allies were able to take long range triple shots that the *Bismarck* couldn't counter and that continued all week. Kevin sank in with less than a minute left on his timer.

## Allied B vs. Axis A, First Sortie

As the battle started, the Axis had once again clustered back into the narrow portion of the lake, under the trees and such.

The Axis stood there taunting the Allies, and trying to get someone to break the line. The Allies stood firm, trying to draw out the Axis. Curly's *Posen*, the ship that can turn on a dime, started to boldly head out.

"Curly, you get back where you belong," hollered Fluegel. The *Posen* reversed course reluctantly.

Finally, Chris Au couldn't stand it any longer, and darted in to attack. Brian E's *South Dakota* and Ted Brogden's *Indiana* tried to support as much as they could.

Out on the fringes of the battle, Jamie Foster's *Mogami* made a run for the open sea. A lone Axis target was too tempting for my lads to ignore, but Jamie played a good game and kept out of range, plunking away with her stern gun.

The Axis started cheering as a heavily pumping *Malaya* rolled to the side and sank.

## Allied A vs. Axis B, Second Sortie

Once again the Allied A fleet came out on top, putting down Dirty Dave Haynes' *Mutsu* while the other big Axis boats took a pounding. The smaller ships on the Axis Fleet took some hits but seem to have gotten off better as a whole.

Chris Pearce once again took a good amount of hits, along with Don Cole.

Allied A beat the Axis B fleet by a score of 14,310 to 6,905.

## Top Three High-Point ships

	Score	Total
Chris Pearce	63- 8-14	1530
Chris Grossaint	40- 4-11	1050
Don Cole	70- 0- 6	1000

K. Hovis (sunk)	175-21-23	4425
D.Haynes (sunk)	110- 7-24	3475
Bryan Finster	109-11-21	2415

## Allied B vs. Axis A, Second Sortie

The sortie started and Ron Horbul's *Arizona* went dead in the water. The Axis came out of their line and attacked freely. After the *Arizona* went down, the rest of the battle deteriorated into the Axis thrashing the disorganized Allied fleet.

Greig Stephens' *Invincible* went down as well, and it seemed like the other Allied slow ships all had two or three Axis pounding on them.

At some point Andy's *Inflexible* lost a gear and he was running on one prop.

When Lief Goodson decided that he was now a tasty target.

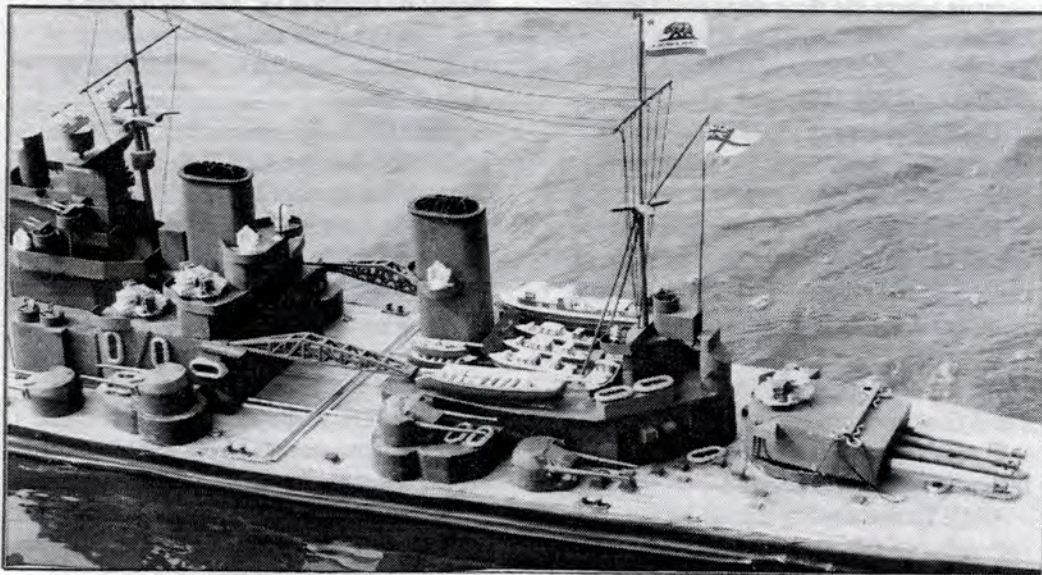
Austin Keels' *Invincible* was fighting doggedly nearby, and we were amazed at the number of shots he seemed to be taking.

At some point Andy Ray's *Nagato* and Fluegel's *Baden* had started chasing Grant, who called five. He survived his five and happily came off the water.

Axis A beat the Allied B fleet by a score of 13,240 to 6,590

## Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Chris Au (sunk)	47- 7-19	2495
Ron Horbul (sunk)	71- 6- 6	2060
Austin Keels	67-13-17	1845



Dana's "Best of Scale" Prince of Wales was the subject of many photographs

Mark Roe 63-10-6 118  
 Wade Koehn 46-3-11 1085  
 Rick King 54-1-8 965

**Tuesday**

**Battle #3 Allied A vs. Axis A, Sortie 1**

Lee McKinzie ventured over to the far side of the pond. As he returned, he bumped his throttle and lost track of the ship. When he sighted his ship again, it was "attacking" several *North Carolinas*. The *Viribus U.* took a beating and went under.

Steve Reichenbach's beautiful white *Portland* had been ram sunk by Gary White's *Bismarck*. It was out in the deep part, and Leroy had problems locating the ship.

The long wait caused things to go wrong for Chris Grossaint. While waiting, he turned off his pump. After the battle resumed, Chris hit the pump switch, but it was already too late. The ship went down.

The *Washington's* nose came up quickly and she slid under in a blink of an eye.

Rick King's *Scharnhorst* had been pumping some but not excessively. Now she was settling fast and going down in a flash thanks to two 2" ram holes.

**Allied B vs. Axis B, First Sortie**

The battle started, and I tried to stick with Grant again. Then Lief and another *Von der Tann* came in to play.

I thought things were going along okay when suddenly the *Bellerophon* slowed and sank. There was an Axis cheer and after Leroy brought in the ship the battle resumed.

After the *Bell* had sunk, Austin Keels' *Invincible* seemed to be the center of attention.

Kevin Hovis's report on this sortie has Ted Brogden as his main attacker.

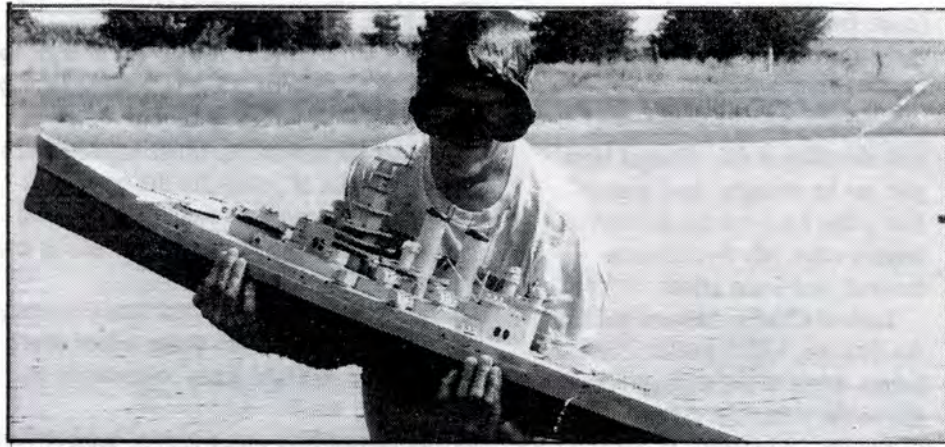
Kevin called FIVE and made a run for open water out near the dam. He had less than a minute left when Ted, Don Cole, and Chris Au showed up. He ran the *Bismarck* back up towards the main Axis fleet and lasted out his five.

The fighting was hot, but it seemed pretty even, with no more sinks as the sortie came to an end.

**Allied A vs. Axis A, Second Sortie**

Gary White, the fellow responsible for this grand battling site, began to feel the heat of the Allied attack. His *Bismarck* held up to the beating. With a total of 260 holes in his ship at the end of the battle, it was amazing that he stayed afloat. Another German, the *Scharnhorst* of Mark Roe, took a similar shelling-- 203 hits and staying afloat.

A third German big boat didn't fare so well. Wade Koehn's *Bismarck* was pinned



**"Me, Tarzan! You, sunk!" Leroy hauls out yet another Allied victim**

down and sunk, which is a rare event.

The Allies were not without damage. Chris Pearce and Tim Beckett took a fair share of damage.

Allied A beat the Axis A fleet by a score of 13,365 to 6,175.

**Top Three High-Point Ships**

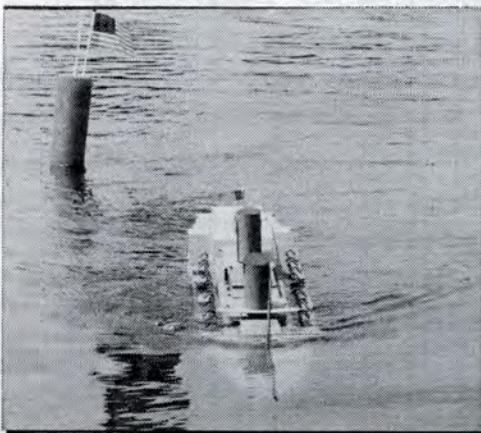
	Score	Total
Chris Grossaint (sunk)	41-7-3	1735
Chris Pearce	50-14-14	1550
Frank Whitsell	33-5-11	1005
Gary White	211-20-29	4060
Mark Roe	168-16-19	3030
Wade Koehn (sunk)	66-3-7	2085

**Allied B vs. Axis B, Second Sortie**

As the battle started, Andy waded in to fight in his usual style. Grant was nervous, and for a time wanted to call five early. I tried to encourage him to go fight first.

When the *Inflexible* and *Indomitable* managed to get a *Von der Tann* in a sandwich for fifteen to twenty seconds with their Dad started cheering and saying, "That's how you work together!"

Andy, continued to fight on by himself, until Curly's *Posen* came over to play. Andy had difficulty breaking off as Curly used the shore and other ships to pin him in and get



**DKM Bremen on "final approach"**

in a few shots. Andy plunked back when he got a chance.

Out in big ship country, the *Yamato* was the main target for the Allies, while the Allies took a shelling on several of their big ships.

Kevin Hovis was distracted by his family arriving just as battle was called. His ship ended up sailing through the main Allied fleet. When he finally returned his attention to the pond he turned on the pump and immediately called five. Triple shots from Ted and Don settled the issue. It sank 15 seconds later. After putting the ship on the bench he found a nice sized ram hole that had sunk him. He never saw the ram.

Bart Purvis wrote: "I started this sortie in a normal fashion. The ship is launched and war is declared. The Axis pull back in their defensive huddle at the end of the pond and I try to maneuver for position. After only a couple of minutes, I note that my ship's speed is suddenly down to a very slow crawl. I quietly, very quietly, declare five out-of-control and try to sneak off unobserved. I sidle up next to Brian Eliassen and whisper in his ear, "Hey Brian, I've lost all power. I need some help."

Brian turns and asks, in a thunderous voice, "WHY ARE YOU OUT OF POWER, BART?"

Of course, these words were instantly picked up by my Axis arch-enemy from Florida with the Norwegoenglish name, Lief Goodson, and the feeding frenzy commenced. I counted five Axis dreadnoughts

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pumping BBs into my hapless vessel at the same time.

Suddenly all of the bad guys quit shooting at me. Fluegel later told me he thought I had gone off five when I moved the ship to the water's edge. My five minutes expired and I was afloat.

I asked Charley Stevens to count the damage, which totaled 3195 points. Most of the damage was above the waterline, although there were over 30 belows.

Axis B beat the Allied B fleet by a score of 15,400 to 10,125.

#### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Bart Purvis	132- 9-33	3195
Lars (sunk)	17- 7-15	1895
Chris Au	25- 9-24	1675

K. Hovis (sunk) 77- 2- 3 2970  
Bryan Finster 123-14-12 2180  
C. Stephens 14- 2-18 1090  
Fluegel took Curly aside on Tuesday morning and said, "Curly, for years we've been listening to Lars talk about how tough you are to battle, but we've never seen an ounce of truth in his stories. Now I can almost see what Lars is talking about." Curly laughed about this all week.

The sun was taking its toll. I wasn't the only one with sunburn. Jeff Lide's face was quite red, and Bart decided to rest easy for the remainder of the week.

#### Axis B vs. Allied A, Campaign 1

The campaign started with the bulk of the warships on the water. Chris Pearce quickly took his little *LST* out for a run.

Under the new rules, small convoy ships don't get a lot of points for the run, but it did count as a required run. The little ship darted back and forth and Chris had a grand time.

Looking around, I noticed Jamie Foster's *Mogami* plunking away at the Allied shore targets, and so I told Andy to go down and pester her.

While this little game played out between Andy and Jamie, a commotion arose further down the shore. Pearce's *LST* had sailed into port, but unfortunately, it had sailed into the Axis home port, not seeing the Allied home port set up right next to the Allied shore targets.

Andy sailed down to check out the Axis targets. Curly's *Posen* was there, and he came out to attack the *Inflexible*. This was a bit odd for campaign. Fluegel thought so too, scolding Curly for wasting ammo, but Curly mumbled something in return and Fluegel him to continue.

Later we learned that Curly had been having problems with his servos, and lost four of them during the week, so he was dumping his ammo.

The twin monsters *Yorktown* and *Olympic* launched and were both surrounded by ships. The *Yorktown's* flight deck seemed to catch the breeze and the ship would list from one side to the other. The *Olympic* wasn't having much better luck.

Immediately after launch the *Olympic* began to experience control problems with the motors intermittently cutting out.

*Yorktown* pulled into port, followed thirty seconds later by the *Olympic*.

As the two big ships headed out on the run home, the Axis ships closed in to take them on. Then an Axis ship rammed the *Yorktown* with a loud 'thwack'. The *Yorktown* came back in, and ram damage was found, and so a completed run was awarded.

The Axis ships turned to the *Olympic*. The big ship once again had control problems and ended up going dead in the water. The Axis were loving it, and stopped shooting as the ship was clearly going to go down. Everyone waited as the big ship got low in the water. The bow went down first and the big ship slid under the waves.

The Axis launched the *Bremen* and it sank just as it was running into port.

Not long after the *Bremen* sink, the *Yorktown* launched again. Dirty Dave's *Mutsu* was out of control on the far shore.

About this time, Randy Stiponovich had come out on the water with his Japanese destroyer, the *Akizuki*. Jeff Lide's *Kongo* was also on target protection patrol, and in the course of maneuvering the two Jap ship ended up alongside each other. Randy thought this was cool, but what Jeff was thinking is up for debate -- the big ship opened up on the friendly destroyer. Stunned, the *Akizuki* lost the floatation struggle with thirty seconds to go.

Fluegel called for Curly to run an Axis convoy ship--the *Kormoran*. As the ship passed in alongside the sidemounts of a *North Carolina*, Fluegel yelled at Curly, "Curly, turn the OTHER way!"

"I don't have any rudder," replied Curly.

As the campaign wound down into its last minutes, the Axis launched the *Kormoran* again in an attempt for more points.

Fluegel discovered what Curly had been talking about and declared the *Kormoran* sunk.

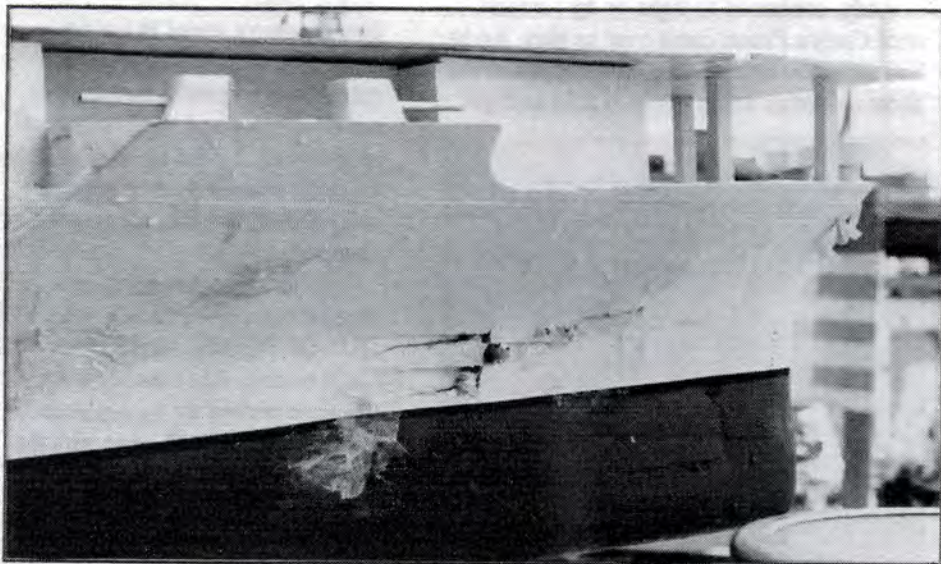
The Allies won this campaign, 12,000 points to 3,150.

#### Axis A vs. Allied B, First Campaign

The fast little *LST* took off on a convoy run almost immediately for the Allies.

The Axis started by running the *Bremen*. The Allies launched the *Yorktown* and *Olympic*. Ted Brogden and Don Cole attacked the convoy, but Kevin's escort did an excellent job and the *Altmarck* reached the forward base with little damage.

As the second twenty minute period started, the *Yorktown* was ready to go, and had decided the launch the *Bellerophon* and



Reichenbach's U.S.S. Yorktown shows how well carriers take damage

run her as escort for the lone big ship. The two big ships launched and the Axis attacked as soon as the required thirty seconds of sea room had been obtained.

The *Olympic* headed out for the deep, wide part of the pond. The *Bellerophon* followed along, trying to run interference and drive off attacking ships with a little sidemount action of her own.

As the timers for the two ships expired, the *Olympic* came sailing in past the struggling carrier.

The *Olympic*, run in this battle by Brian Eliassen, made port easily.

The struggles of the carrier continued as the Axis sensed blood. A cheer went up from the Axis, and Steve walked out and pulled the ship towards shore.

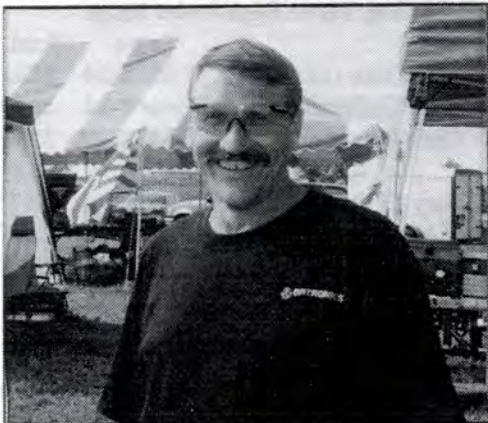
I noticed the *Altmarck* of Kevin Hovis and her escort of Dave Lawrence's *Viribus Unitas* and Mark Roe's *Scharnhorst*, and the *Bismarck*. Fortunately, Curly was snapping several pictures of this Axis convoy run and so I was able to confirm the identities of most of the ships.

I thought a bit of convoy harassment might be a bit of fun.

The *Altmarck* was leading as her 'ducklings' protectively guarded her rear, and I got a quick shot or two in the direction of her bow before the *Viribus Unitas* accelerated into a blocking position and the other Axis ships closed up their formation. I wasn't sure if my shots had struck home.

I was prepared to admit defeat, but the five minute timer had not quite expired and the *Altmarck* sailed past the port and then made a big circle to come around and enter the port.

The *Nagato* successfully frustrated the *Bellerophon* but in so doing ended up blocking the *Altmarck's* attempted final run. The *Altmarck* rammed *Nagato* amidships



**Claiming International salvage rights, Leroy owns the Axis fleet!**



**Wade and Dirty haul the Bremen out as Charley dreams of his I-400**

with a thunk. It then stopped in the water. Kevin lost rudder control and was trying to get his escort to 'tugboat the boat in.'

Then the bow dipped and we all knew it was either over or else going to be an extremely close thing. The *Bellerophon* worked in to fire a few more sidemounts at the stricken ship. As the *Bellerophon* floated out of range, the *Altmarck* finally slid under.

The Allied jeep carrier came out for a convoy run. She was quickly surrounded by ships, mostly Allied but several Axis as well. Grant and I joined the run.

After the battling was over, people packed up and headed back to the motel.

#### Wednesday

Out at the lake, we found Ron Horbul battling away happily with Lief. Ron had continued to have radio problems all day

Tuesday, and despite trying several people's transmitters and combinations and special positioning, had been unable to nail down the problem. Today with the limited crowd the radio was working fine, and even though he sank soon after we arrived, he was still happy.

When Dana Graham, Kevin Bray, Dave Asman, Lee McKinzie, and Dave Lawrence showed up, a class 4 death match was called for. Randy Stiponovich also showed up and was involved as well.

Basic Rules were this:

1. 2 minutes would be called instead of 5.
2. CO2 and bb's could be reloaded each sortie.
3. Batteries would have to remain in the ship throughout the battle.
4. Last ship afloat wins.

Each ship lasted the first sortie without much difficulty. The second sortie, Dana Graham forgot to turn his pump.

The forth and fifth sorties were slugfests.

By the fifth sortie, Lee's ship succumbed to the waves.

In the sixth sortie Lee re-entered. Both Lee and Dave Asman sunk in that sortie. David went down from pump forgetfulness as well. Batteries were getting low and it looked like the guy with the most amps would win.

In the seventh sortie, David Asman came back. Bray and Stiponovich concentrated fire on David and he quickly sank again.

The eighth sortie saw a lot of "give and take" going on. Bray's ship had developed a list.

The ninth sortie, the *Moltke* released several rounds of bb's. Some of them were finding their target and some hitting his casement area.

In the end, Randy sank. It was a very hard fought battle that lasted for 4 hours!

#### Night Battle

The Allies on the water were: the *North Carolinas* of Chris Pearce, Tim Beckett, and Frank Whitsell. Brian Eliassen had his *South Dakota*, Chris Au had the *Malaya*, and Patrick Clarke was running the *Houston*. Then there was Lars with his 28 second *Bellerophon*.

The Axis lineup included Fluegel's *Baden*, the *Nagatos* of Dirty Dave Haynes and Andy Ray, Wade Koehn's *Bismarck*, Jeff Lide's *Kirishima*, Kevin Bray's *Moltke*, Lief Goodson's *Von der Tann*, James Foster's *D. Victoria*, and Randy Stiponovich's 1.5- unit destroyer, *Akizuki*.

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"Night Battle begins!"

As the battle began, both fleets juked about nervously, waiting for someone to move. Then the rudder malfunctioned on Kevin's *Moltke*, and he called five out of control. Other ships broke formation, and the attacks started.

I watched as the little *Akizuki* dart back and forth, looking for a target.

When Kevin's five minutes expired, battle paused as Leroy went in to recover the ship. Standing there waiting, I found that Andy and I were standing next to Lief and Fluegel.

"Where are you, Lars?" asked Lief.

"Out there somewhere," I said. Darkness was my friend this year.

Every so often, when the action drifted off, I flicked on the lights to find my ship. This was happening all over. It was like the lake was covered by large, bright, fireflies.

The action continued, and now it seemed like we were surrounded by Axis. James Foster's *D. Victoria* was especially interesting, with a row of small blinking LED's on top of the fore and aft turrets.

Then "Man in the water" was called again. "Why?" people called out, as the action stopped.

"Lief sank," came the answer. Later Lief said that his *von der Tann* had run ashore, and "when it kicked off the bank, it rolled and sank."

There were no more sinks. We carried the ship back to the pit area

Allied fleet beat the Axis fleet by a score of 5,110 to 1,985.

### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Chris Pearce	18- 5- 5	555
Chris Au	17- 2- 5	470 Brian
Eliassen	16- 1- 3	335

Lief Goodson (sunk) 14- 5- 6 1365

Dirty Dave Haynes 79- 3- 6 1165

Andy Ray 61- 6- 2 860

### Thursday

#### Battle #4 Allied A vs. Axis B, Sortie 1

The Axis changed their strategy. Instead of maintaining a compact formation, they stretched out the Allies and they had a better time of it.

Kevin Hovis reports that he was glad for the change in Axis strategy. They ran out into the open water to attack the Allied heavy hitters. Tim Beckett and Chris Pearce were the main attackers, but Dirty and Jeff Lide and Meszaros hit them pretty hard.

Suddenly, Alan Oster's *North Carolina* went down.

Alan had been cut off by Andy Ray and Jeff, both of them raked the *North Carolina* terribly. Kevin Bray and Lief and others who also were getting some good shots. His return fire was weak and ineffective.

#### Allied B vs. Axis A, First Sortie

For the first time all week, the three Dahl ships were on the water at the same time. We had previously decided to call our ships 'the Lego Squadron': the "Lars' Eagar Gunner Offshoot Squadron."

Andy started fighting Lief and got so engrossed in battling Lief that he sailed into the shore line and got caught in the grass.

Lief, Charley and Foster all swarmed in on Andy's ship. Andy broke the *Inflexible* away from the beach, pumping hard.

Everyone could see a dime-sized hole about a quarter inch above the *Inflexible's*



"Handsome barely covers it..." Fluegel

waterline.

The *Inflexible* fought clear and came to shore after her five was over, and Andy gave her a quick tap.

In the middle of a furball the *Bellerophon* rammed Lief's *Von der Tann* with a good thump. "I'm going to check that one, Lars," hollered Lief.

I saw a big crack right on the ship's side, stretching from the deck rim to well below the waterline. "I see damage," I said. "Right there under your wing turret."

Lief studied the section and announced, "I'm going to forego patching."

I was shocked. I would have patched that ram. "You are the manliest battler I have ever met," I told Lief, as the *Von der Tann* resumed battle, pumping hard.

On the score sheet Lee McKinzie is reported as sinking in the first sortie.

#### Allied A vs. Axis B, Second Sortie

Kevin Hovis had only taken light damage in the first sortie, though he had taken several triple stern shots which had left several large holes just above the waterline.

Kevin sank two minutes after calling five about fifteen minutes into the sortie. "Running pumped too much water into the ship!" writes Kevin.

Axis A beat the Allied B fleet by a score of 14,075 to 10,035.

### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Alan Oster (sunk)	46- 3-24	2735
Dana Graham	42- 8-34	2320
Chris Pearce	54-12-28	2240

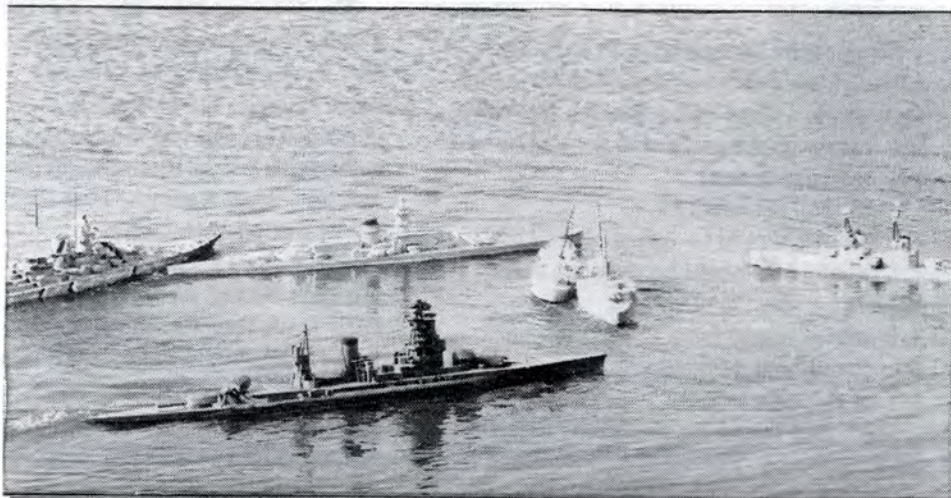
Gary White 285-13-20 4175

Kevin Hovis (sunk) 120-20-25 3950

Bryan Finster 79-10-39 2990

#### Allied B vs. Axis A, Second Sortie

Lief came over with a big grin on his face. "Lars, I know you told me about it," he started, "but if I'd seen the hole you were talking about there is NO WAY I would have gone back out on that lake without patching. I don't know how I missed it."



Bellerophon (top right) negotiates four escorts to sink an Axis convoy



When the sortie started, Lief and Co. came after the *Inflexible*. *Bellerophon* waded in to help. The action was thick. Charley Stephens' *Von der Tann* broke in and started chasing the *Bellerophon*.

Soon others joined in, including the big *Vittorio Veneto*. Then the call came, "Man in the water!"

"Who sank?" I asked Andy.

"I did," said Andy, matter of factly.

According to Lee McKinzie's report, the *Inflexible* was sunk by his *Viribus Unitas* and the *Posen*. Seeing the I-boat in trouble, Lee fired his triple bow guns into the *Inflexible*'s bow for 12-15 shots before the *Indiana* drove him away

The *Bellerophon* was pumping hard. "Look at that pump stream, that's a good pump," I heard Lou murmur. Then the *Bellerophon* rolled to port and sank.

As we worked at the bench, a big cheer came from the shore line. Word filtered up that Lou Meszaros' *Vittorio Veneto* had been sunk--his main power switch had failed.

Lee McKinzie's *Viribus Unitas* finally annoyed Ted Brogden enough that Ted decided to teach him a lesson. Lee did his best to shake off the pursuit but Ted held on until Lee's ship went down pumping hard.

Also going down for the Axis in this sortie was Dave Lawrence's *Viribus Unitas*.

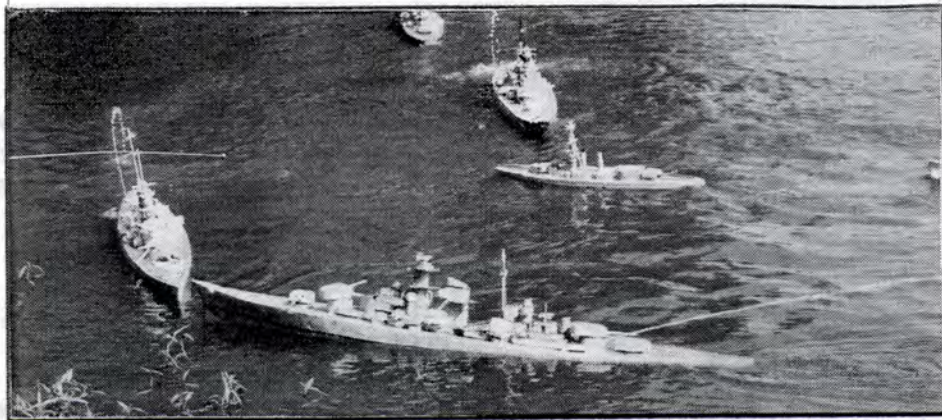
The Allied B beat the Axis A fleet by a score of 13,810 to 13,540.

#### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Lars! (sunk)	76-13-25	3135
Andy Dahl! (sunk)	114- 4-15	2790
Ted Brogden	78- 6-17	1780

Lou Meszaros (sunk)	235-12-20	4650
Wade Koehn	65- 8-18	1750
Lee McKinzie (sunk)	26- 3- 8	1535

During the stand-down for lunch, the



#### Bismarck settles by the stern in the shallows of the "Axis Graveyard"

Axis held a funeral procession as they solemnly walked to the Allied 'graveyard' to plant a cross for their friendly fire victim, Randy Stiponovich. Jeff Lide himself planted the cross just outside of the Allied graveyard rope boundary. Curly told me later that the mastermind for the "service" and the graveyard was Jeff Lide, who gave a touching eulogy for his fellow Jap captain.

#### Allied A vs. Axis B, Second Campaign

The Allies started off with running the convoy ships. Chris Pearce's *LST* made a run and the zippy little ship had the Axis captains shaking their heads. Questions on its speed were heard but no challenge was made. No more runs were made with the little ship.

The Allies had a different strategy on this day. "Run 'em early and run 'em often," came the word from the admiral.

The order came down from the admiral, "Launch *Olympic*! Then Grossaint, go get your *Washington* and block!"

*Olympic* was just coming off her 30-second grace period when *Washington* arrived on station. Chris remembers Foster beating up the *Washington* while trying to shoot the *Olympic*.

Between runs, the *Washington* even got in a few strafing runs on the Axis targets.

John Whitsell, using his I-boat, managed to knock down the majority of the Axis shore targets, with the *Houston* of the Clarke family cleaning up the rest.

The Axis convoy runs failed to score as well, with the big *Bremen* going down on her first run just short of port.

Not only were the convoy runs all sunk, but the Axis lost a few warships, too. Wade's *Lutzow* went down. David Asman's *Z-35* was also sunk. The last to go was Fluegel's *Baden*. Fluegel had taken a bit of damage, and called five late in the battle. A pair of *North Carolinas* came along and started to prop wash the German dreadnought. The ship sank with less than thirty seconds to go.

The Allied A fleet beat the Axis B fleet 13,600 to zero.

#### Allied B vs Axis A, Second Campaign

Kevin Hovis reports that this campaign battle was the highlight of his NATS. He started out on the water with his *Bismarck*, and got to attack the *Olympic* on her first run. He called five to get his big ship off the water so that he could make a convoy run.

He had to rush the prep of the *Altmarck* so the Axis didn't take a penalty for not running a convoy in the first 20 minutes. His escorts were Gary White and Mark Roe.

Their plan was to go out and sit for three minutes and then run to base and sit just outside until time was up.

They almost completed the return trip, but the Allies sank the *Altmarck* just outside of the home port.

Kevin quickly patched the ship and started another forward run. The battery lost power with a minute left. The tug crew came through this time and the *Altmarck* completed the run.

We watched from a distance as the *Olympic* launched and headed towards the Allied home port. As expected, a flock of Axis ships chased after her. We went down to the Allied home port and launched ourselves.

Our launching did not go unnoticed by the Axis.

Instead of setting off together, the boys were too anxious to wait for the old man to launch, and the two I-boats zipped off. Andy's *Inflexible* reported control



Lief sports the latest Axis headware

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problems.

I decided to see if at least one Dahl could down a shore target. As soon as I fired a few shots, the *Scharnhorst* moved in and blocked. When the *Bellerophon* began to get low in the water, I reached for the pump switch, but no pump stream. I'd knocked the pump outlet loose and the pump was cycling the water inside the hull.

I swung *Bellerophon* around and the ship went down stern first near shore.

The Axis A fleet won this battle 7,550 points to the Allied B fleet's 1,500 points.

### Friday

#### Battle #5, Allied A vs Axis A, Sortie 1

Kevin Hovis records that this was his best of the fleet battles. The Axis had decided to repeat the plan from Thursday and attack the heavy hitters. They went after Tim Beckett. Kevin's *Bismarck* took substantial triple damage. Kevin survived his five and brought his ship off the water, his inspection showed some really big holes near the waterline, but not much below.

Alan Oster kept his ship near shore. The *Yamato* showed up and the *North Carolina* ran pumping very hard with Jeff in pursuit. Jeff and *Yamato* ran Alan until his ship went down about 25 yards out.

#### Allied B vs Axis B, First Sortie

The Allies waded into the furball and seemed to concentrate on Randy Stiponovich's *Von der Tann*.

Randy's *Von der Tann* went down in the second sortie. Curly's *Posen* also got some attention, as he lost his rudder servo when his ship was rammed by Brian Eliassen's ship. The *Posen*, however, did not come back

out for the second sortie, because Curly couldn't repair the ram damage.

#### Allied A vs. Axis A, Second Sortie

Kevin Hovis would launch but call five immediately. One of the Axis noticed Tim Beckett's *North Carolina* was in trouble on the other side of the lake.

Tim Beckett was a major target, and was heavily pursued. His *North Carolina* was low in the water by the far shore, and as the timer hit zero the ship slid under.

The Axis onslaught continued in the second sortie as Axis ships tried to reverse a week of defeats to the Allied A fleet.

Axis A beat the Allied A fleet by a score of 12,965 to 8,825.

#### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Dana Graham	58-15-60	3955
Tim Beckett (sunk)	41-15-31	3335
Alan Oster (sunk)	28- 1-20	2305
Kevin Hovis	179-18-24	3440
Bryan Finster	108- 4-10	1680
Rick King (sunk)	11- 1- 0	1035

#### Allied B vs. Axis B, Second Sortie

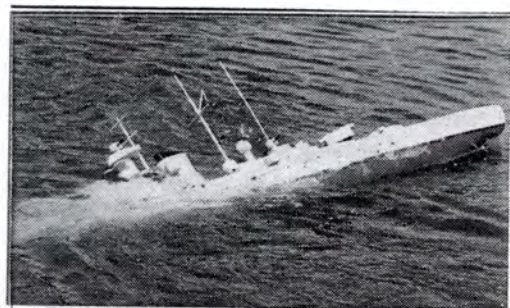
When the battle started, I brought the *Bellerophon* in for a few passes on Lief. He went down.

The battling broke up into pockets around the remaining three Axis ships, Charley, Fluegel, and Foster. Foster had a tough time of it, as Brogden's *Indiana* had ram sunk her early in the sortie. After returning to the water, the *D. Victoria* started experiencing control problems. The Swede kept pumping hard, but went under.

Curly, talking into his recorder, was walking up the shoreline to get a look at who had sunk. As he passed Fluegel, he said softly, "Fluegel, if your pump still works...might be a good idea to turn it on."

The pump of the *Baden* lit off. The *Baden* dipped close to going under but the pump got the ship out of danger.

Fluegel and Charley Stephens were the



#### Bismarck at School of Hard Knocks

only two Axis remaining. The *Bellerophon* and *Malaya* moved up on the *Baden*. Fluegel started to swing the *Baden's* haymaker towards the *Bellerophon's* bow.

The *Baden*, spinning on its bow kept up its spin and as the ship swung around about 180 degrees the *Baden's* haymaker came up snug and firm against the *Malaya's* side.

"Oh man, was that sweet Fluegel!" said an Axis behind me, and I had to agree.

"It was, wasn't it," giggled Fluegel.

Fluegel called five. Towards the end he was so close to sinking that when his timer expired he actually jumped in the water to tap his ship just before it sank.

Allied B beat the Axis B fleet by a score of 11,020 to 8,570.

#### Top Three High-Point Ships

	Score	Total
Frank Whitsell	39- 5-21	1565
Ted Brogden	44- 3-20	1515
Lars!	46- 7-15	1385
Lief Goodson (sunk)	67-16-36	3670
Fluegel	93-16-25	2580
Randy Stiponovich (sunk)	69- 3- 9	2015

#### The Awards!

Class 2 -- Randy Stiponovich

Class 3 -- Jim Coler

Class 4 -- John Whitsell

Class 5 -- Chris Au

Class 6 -- Chris Pearce

\* **Founder's Trophy --winner for overall points -- Chris Grossaint!**

\* **Most Feared Axis--Fluegel**

\* **Most Feared Allied--Chris Pearce (Jeff Lide did get a few votes).**

\*\***Rookie of the Year--Gary White\*\***

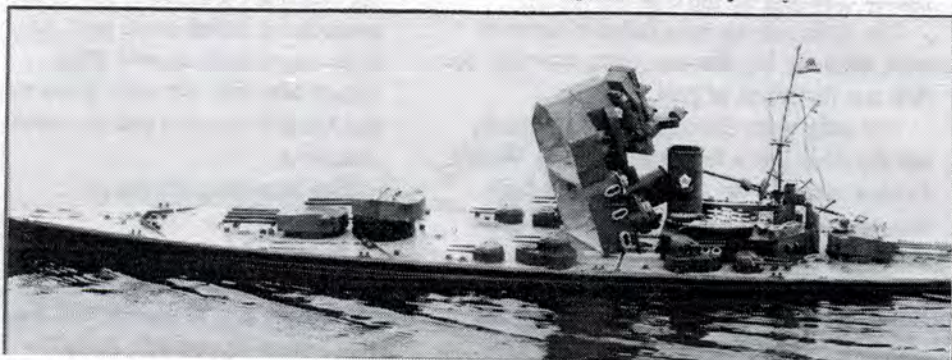
\* **The Clarke family was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy.**

\* **Best of Scale--Dana Graham**

\* **Best Dressed--Rick King**

After this, we nominated captains and voted. Ted Brogden was selected, and Kevin Bray was selected as a vice admiral, along with Tim Beckett.

The Axis selected Charley Stephens to be their Admiral, and then gave one final "banzai" cheer. NATS was over!



It's a jungle out there! Prince of Wales after hitting a low tree branch!

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## A Rookie's View

by Lee McKinzie

I guess I could start with "WOW!"

Understatement? Yes!

As all rookies have, I had this grand scheme of my the *Viribus Unitis* being able to pounce on any ship that presented itself.

OOPS! The whole Allied team had excellent teamwork and I quickly found myself up against a wall of *North Carolinas* and *South Dakotas*.

I want to thank everyone for their help and especially their friendship. I felt very at ease and found several new friends.

My thoughts and feelings of the best and worst times at NATS.

**Best Off-the-Water** Meeting the friendly folks from the Chat Room in person and feeling welcome. By far the best time I have had in a long time.

**Worst Off-the-Water** This sunburn thing, I lost several layers of skin.

**Best On-the-Water** Has to be the sinking of the I-boat. Even though the *Posen* had a few good shots also, I got a blast out of being a part of that sink.

**Worst On-the-Water** I wandered over to the forbidden zone across the pond. But everyone started yelping. I was going to have to cross back over. When I jumped back over the creek I pushed the throttle stick and began charging into the midst of the four NCs at full speed! When I got control again, I ran for safety, but it was too late! I saw my red hull as it rolled!

Overall, I had a great time, and learned more about my boat than I could have ever learned just battling during the regular season.

Thanks everyone--I'll see ya' all around.

# Sacred Society of Silk Span Specialists

Here's how the final standings came out...lots of patching and pumping! Our featured author finished in the top ten for damage points. In addition to the copious note taking, the Dahl family combined to patch 562-67-152 holes..for 18,095 points.

Rank	Captain	Damage	Sink Pts	Total
1	Kevin Hovis	787-85-92	5,000	19,595
2	Bryan Finster	497-45-84	1,200	11,495
3	Mark Roe	456-63-73	900	10,685
4	D.W. Fluegel	285-30-96	1,800	10,200
5	Gary White	636-40-55	-	10,110
6	Chris Pearce	308-57-92	-	9,105
7	Chris Au	206-48-97	900	9,010
8	Lief Goodson	185-39-81	1,600	8,475
9	Alan Oster	220-16-77	2,000	8,450
10	<b>Lars!</b>	<b>175-33-68</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>8,375</b>
11	Lou Meszaros	435-23-44	1,000	8,125
12	Dana Graham	147-27-107	-	7,495
13	Brian Eliassen	287-36-65	-	7,020
14	Wade Koehn ( <i>Bismarck</i> )	307-21-47	1,000	6,945
15	David Haynes	319-15-42	1,000	6,665
16	<b>Andy Dahl</b>	<b>271-18-51</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>6,510</b>
17	Tim Beckett	151-36-57	1,000	6,260
18	Ted Brodgen	218-18-55	-	5,380
19	Don Cole	319-16-35	-	5,340
20	Chris Grossaint	134-21-49	1,000	5,315
21	Austin Keels	218-28-47	-	5,230
22	Charley Stephens ( <i>Vdt</i> )	181-31-52	-	5,185
23	Frank Whitsell	133-23-61	-	4,955
24	Rick King ( <i>Scharnhorst</i> )	160- 9-17	1,800	4,475
25	Bart Purvis	145-10-39	700	4,350
26	Lee McKinzie	99-17-16	1,600	3,815
27	Dave Lawrence	148- 3-10	1,600	3,655
28	David Asman ( <i>Nassau</i> )	97- 8-33	800	3,620
29	Dave Au	138-11-14	1,000	3,355
30	<b>Grant Dahl</b>	<b>116-16-33</b>	-	<b>3,210</b>
31	Andy Ray	210-16-11	-	3,050
32	Randy Stiponovich ( <i>Vdt</i> )	94- 8-14	800	2,640
33	James Foster	89-10-13	700	2,490
34	Curly Barrett	96-11-25	-	2,485
35	Ron Horbul	90- 9- 6	900	2,325
36	Jeff Lide	169- 6- 9	-	2,290
37	Kevin Bray	33-13-28	-	2,055
38	Grieg Stephens	49-10- 6	800	1,840
39	John Whitsell	55-11-20	-	1,825
40	Rick Whitsell	75- 5-18	-	1,775
41	Steve Reichenbach	41- 5-10	-	1,035
42	Jamie Foster	35- 6-10	-	1,000
43	Matthew Clarke	47- 4- 3	-	720
44	Wade Koehn ( <i>Lutzow</i> )	0- 0- 0	700	700
45	R. Stiponovich ( <i>Akizuki</i> )	6- 0- 3	400	610
46	David Asman ( <i>Z-35</i> )	0- 0- 0	600	600
47	James Clarke	19- 3- 2	-	365
48	Patrick Clarke	10- 0- 4	-	300
49	Jim Coler	13- 0- 3	-	280
50	Mike Maxwell	13- 0- 0	-	130
51	Rick King ( <i>Graf Spee</i> )	0- 0- 0	-	0
52	C. Stephens ( <i>Scharn.</i> )	0- 0- 0	-	0

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## Nats 2001 by the Numbers

By Brian Eliassen

Here is the quick run-down of NATS 2001. For comparison purposes (as well as fun), I've included previous years' results within parentheses...

Total score for both fleets: 277,345 (229,455) (187,150)  
Difference between the final totals: 39,695 (13,175) (148,950)  
Number of MWC captains nicknamed "Tarzan": 1 [Leroy]  
Total number of battles: 15  
Number of battles the Axis won: 5  
Total number of sorties (both A/B): 25 (25) (14)  
Total number of sorties the Allies outnumbered the Axis: 4 (24)  
Total number of sorties the Axis outnumbered the Allies: 10 (0)  
Total number of sinks (including declares): 39 (44) (51)  
Total number of Axis sinks (including declares): 27 (18) (4)  
Total number of times someone could sink : 8 (excludes speed trials)  
Total number of times the *Bellerophon* sank or declared: 3 (2) (7)  
Number of ships that sank during speed testing on Sunday: 0 (1) (1)  
Total number of ships participating in Night battle: 15 (17) (14)  
Total number of Allied ships participating in Night battle: 7 (6) (4)  
Total number of ships that sank during Night battle: 1 (1) (3)  
Total number of Allied ships that sank during Night battle: 0 (1)  
Most recent two years in which Allies won Night Battle: 2001 & 1994

Number of Axis captains partying on Thursday night: 4 (8) (7)  
Number of Axis too hung over to battle on Friday: 3 (0) (0)  
Number of captains who made it on the water: 47 (46) (37)  
Number of different ship/captain combinations: 51 (51) (38)  
Most popular ship class: 6 (4) (4)  
Number of class six: 17  
Number of Japanese Destroyers sunk by "Friendly Gunfire": 1  
Number of class six ships on Allied fleet: 10  
Total number of "2001 Rookie-of-the-Year" winners: 4 (1) (1)  
Least favorite ship class: 2 (2) (3)  
Number of class two ships: 0 (1) (5)  
Total number of *North Carolinas*: 6 (6) (6)  
Total number of *Nagatos*: 3 (2) (3)  
Total number of different ship classes used by the Allies: 12  
Total number of different ship classes used by the Axis: 16  
Number of people using multiple ships during the week: 5 (5)  
Number of people wanting to be the Allied admiral: 1 (2)  
Percentage increase in total number of captains attending from California: 0% (0%) (200%)  
Number of spinning wheels being used at lakeside: 1 (0)  
Number of parent/child battling combinations: 5  
Number of captains that didn't enjoy themselves at Nats: 0