

Results, January 1999

NAQP CW Contest

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Well, another FB contest has come and gone. Conditions were quite good with many stations breaking records and reporting personal best scores. The battle for the Top 10 was fierce with less than one QSO separating the winner, K5RC from second place K7RAT. I had to check, recheck and then recheck again to ensure that the scores were accurate. This was the closest finish I can recall in the five years that I've managed this contest. The entire Top 10 was tightly grouped as compared to the typical score spread. N2NC just barely edged out N6RO for third place as well. The award for highest Single Op Combined CW/SSB Score goes to Dave, K6LL adding to his already sizable collection. The highest score submitted by a QRP station was K3WWP, and VE4VV posted the top score out of Canada again. Nice job, everyone.

The Multi-Two category had some surprises this time with Single-Op stalwarts, N5TJ and W4AN jumping categories. In the end N5TJ teamed with NM5M to win it with K7UP and W4AN close behind in second and third place respectively. A total of ten Multi-Two entries were received indicating this category continues to gain popularity. I may have to give it a shot myself in August! Team contesting is also going strong with 35 teams registered for the event. The winner this time was "Team Handkey" (*yeah right!*) with the Tennessee Contest Group and Florida Crackers close behind. The Tennessee Contest Group and the South East Contest Group were notable in their ability to submit 11 teams! The result was a flurry of activity out of 4-Land and

Team Scores

<i>Team Handkey</i>		<i>Florida Crackers #1</i>	
K7RAT (N6TR)	250,318	K1TO	200,772
N2NC	244,062	K4OJ	153,450
W1KM	125,334	N4BP	145,470
N5RZ	118,932	N4TO	133,590
N6ZZ	88,312	WC4E	126,000
Total	826,958	Total	759,282

TCG #1

K4WX	188,600
W4PA	182,596
K4RO	153,224
K1KY	137,550
W9WI	128,896
Total	790,866

TCG #2

K0EJ	181,973
K1AO	144,746
K4LTA	138,112
WO4O	127,500
N4IR	112,117
Total	704,448

5. Northern California Contest Club (N6RO, K6AW, N6NF, W6CT, N6EE)	698,202
6. Texas DX Society Gold (K5RC, K5NA, W5ASP, K5KG)	652,284
7. Society Of Midwest Contesters #1 (K9MA, K9BG, N9CO, KA9FOX, W9RE)	637,803
8. Southern California Contest Club #1 (K6LL, WN6K, KY7M, XE2L, KQ6ES)	575,961
9. South East Contest Club #1 (W4OC, AA4GA, K4OGG, K9AY, K4EA)	551,072
10. Taco Uno (K5OT, W5ER, K5PN, N5NJ)	529,535
11. South East Contest Club #2 (K4AB, K4IQJ, K4NO, N4YO, WA4TT)	494,777
12. Arkansas Contest Group (KM5G, N5DX, K5OY, K5LG, W5YM)	489,751
13. Minnesota Wireless Association (K0SR, K0AD, NA0N, KT0R)	489,321
14. Rush Drake Orchestra North (N0AX, K7ED, KK7GW, WL7KY)	424,359
15. Society Of Midwest Contesters #2 (N9FH, KJ9C, WT9U, K9MMS)	413,016
16. Weekend Warriors (AA3B, N3XR, WA3HAE, WA3SES)	412,600
17. PVRC Tarheels (N4AF, WJ9B, K4QPL, NT4D, K4HA)	375,244
18. Rush Drake Orchestra South (N7OU, KI7Y, K5ZM)	371,769
19. Texas DX Society #1 (KG5U, N5RP, N5DU, K5DX)	370,618
20. Tennessee Contest Group #3 (N4DD, NA4K, N4VI, K4AMC)	370,325
21. Team PVRC (K3MM, N4CW)	335,664
22. Kentucky Contest Group (K4FXN, AA2GS, K4FU)	259,673
23. Last Minute Team (K0OU, W8CAR)	229,143
24. Society Of Midwest Contesters #3 (N9JF, KI9A, K9YO, K9GY)	213,115
25. Taco Dos (AD5Q, K5WO)	199,012
26. Team Mississippi (W5XX, KB5IXI, KC5TVI)	168,367
27. South East Contest Club #3 (K2UFT, WA4ILO, K4NA, W4DD)	27,320
28. Willamette ARC (K7EW, N7ATM)	99,828
29. Tennessee Contest Group Interstate (K3WU, W4TYU, N9GG)	96,343
30. South East Contest Club Bedsprings (N1CC, K4TW, AA4LR, KD3GC)	83,100
31. Texas DX Society #2 (N5LZ, K5GQ/M)	54,267
32. Tennessee Contest Group QRS #1 (NY4T, KE4OAR, K4BEV, AC4ZD)	45,627
33. Tennessee Contest Group QRS #2 (N4KN, W4TDB)	19,626
34. Southern California Contest Club #2 (K6ZZ/M, K6RO)	10,640
35. Tennessee Contest Group QRS #3 (KF4GNV, AC4UU, KU4LL)	5,061

Top Score Breakdowns

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	160M	80M	40M	20M	15M	10M
Single Op Breakdowns									
K5RC	250498	998	251	49/23	109/36	264/49	220/53	165/45	191/45
K7RAT (N6TR)	250318	974	257	41/15	111/39	212/50	207/53	233/50	170/50
N2NC	244062	894	273	68/32	179/49	211/54	241/51	122/50	73/37
N6RO	242064	984	246	60/28	68/34	223/48	239/47	236/48	158/41
K6LL	236844	918	258	20/14	62/35	193/49	241/55	200/53	202/52
K3MM	224280	840	267	93/34	136/38	241/50	161/50	121/48	88/47
K0RF	221496	839	264	94/44	132/49	189/52	166/45	163/43	95/31
K1TO	200772	858	234	0/0	160/38	240/51	237/55	156/50	65/40
K5OT	195294	807	242	67/30	161/45	199/53	215/48	116/44	49/22
K4WX	188600	820	230	64/30	189/37	208/49	206/52	105/39	48/23
Multi-Two Breakdowns									
N5TJ (+NM5M)	482142	1502	321	142/43	235/50	357/59	347/58	279/58	142/53
K7UP (+AA5B, KN5H)	418111	1427	293	89/34	216/49	346/54	359/57	264/52	153/47
W4AN (+K4BAI)	413595	1365	303	141/41	278/53	342/56	321/55	163/53	120/45

nobody should have missed those states for multipliers. Keep up the good work guys.

A total of 277 entries were received—although the log checking database indicates approximately 900 stations were somewhat active in the contest. Nearly half of the entries were from either 4 or 5-land. A total of 118,000 QSOs were logged by these entrants for an average of 426 QSOs per operator. Tennessee operators were the most prolific submitting 26 logs. There were also a number of “claimed scores” posted for folks who never bothered to submit a log. Some of those were decent scores indicating a fair amount of effort was put into the contest. Please remember to submit your logs. Your team members need your score. Error rates among top operators were good as expected and ranged between 0.5% and 3%. Many errors seem to stem from the use of call sign databases and also violations of the 10-minute rule for Multi-Two’s. If you would like to know what QSOs were removed from your log and why, send me an e-mail. That’s the wrap-up for this contest. Hope to CU in August for the last NAQP of the millenium!

CW Soapbox

The 150 W limit gives little pistols a chance to run like the big guns, and run I did on 80 meters. Adding radials to my multi-band vertical made all the difference in the world for me on 80... —AF8A. I apologize for my miserable little 160-meter signal. There are 11 guys out there with great ears!—K0SR. After 4 power outages during the afternoon and having guests for dinner, I didn’t have much time left. I pieced together a little over an hour of fun toward the end of the contest.—K1HT. Lots of QRN on low bands, but it’s nice that 10 meters is back.—K4OGG. It’s amazing what a difference there is between 5 and 25 W. I had some really nice CQ runs and rates. Fun!—KG5U. Conditions did not seem to be very good. Late in the contest, 80 CW was full of Russian stations in a different contest, thereby creating some confusion on the band. All in all, a good contest!—K5KG. OK, so sending the name SPEED probably wasn’t a good idea. Most ops caught on after the first QSO, but I think it caused more trouble than fun. This was also my very first exposure to two radio contesting. It was really neat. Once I get a handle on it, I think it’ll be even more fun.—K5ZM. January NAQP CW, the most fun contest of all!—K6LL. NAQP continues to grow every year as it becomes more and more popular. We sure picked the wrong time to try to set a new record, hats off to N5TJ crew. Special thanks to AA5B and KN5H for making very long drives for a 12-hour contest—K7UP. Just fooling around in this one...had a hard time sitting at a desk when I’ve got a desk job during the week... the lazy boy chair pulled me away a couple of times. Nice to see that 10 and 15 meters was productive. Met my goal of 225 Qs and 80 mults, so I was happy with that. Nice to know all the stuff still works after the boatload of snow we got last weekend, hi. Catch ya in the CW Sprint!—K9GY. This was a cool contest. I actually exceeded the goals I set for myself! I never imagined running 53 an hour on 80,

Top 5 Single Operator Combined Scores

Call	CW Points	SSB Points	Total Points
K6LL	473	500	973
N6RO	483	450	933
K5RC	500	366	866
K4WX	377	384	761
W8MJ	353	332	685

nevertheless working more than 20 people on 80. Just in December, I could hardly work a guy in Indiana on 80 and I was just amazed at how well I did on 80. Look forward to the phone contest and also to this contest in 2000!—K9YO. My first serious effort from the new home station. No 160 antenna.—KA9FOX. My first NAQP, I had fun. Thanks!—KE0FT. Amazing activity. Beat my old NJ record from the contest when single operators were allowed to operate the entire 12 hour period.—N2NC. First time in NAQP, enjoyed it I think. Have a lot to learn and see that two radios is the way to go in this test. Now I have to learn how to use two radios. Not sure this guy isn’t too old to learn new tricks.—N4TO. Everything that could go wrong during this test, went wrong, not the least of which was my stabbing myself in the foot about 10 minutes before the contest start while stripping coax with my knife.—N5RP. Great contest!—N5TJ. First NAQP. Tough going since I max out at about 20-25 WPM and these guys are all FAST! Loved it. Hope to be back in August.—N6EE. No shortage of Cheeseheads this time around—was only asked to QSY for the mult once or twice. Swapping in a new motherboard fixed my random CW lockups and bizarre speed changes. Any errors this time were just my sloppy fist! Real nice to hit enter and have the computer start sending without a 0.5 sec delay. My major tactical error in the last NAQP was neglecting 10 and 15. This time I tried to concentrate on those bands but couldn’t seem to get much going. Would have been better off to move down before I did. I took my two hours during 40-meter prime time (family dinner, etc) which may also have been an error. Tried to catch up on 80 after 0100Z and had a couple of good

hours there. Seemed like a whole lot of people are running two radios these days. As soon as I learn to work the one I’ve got I may try that. I didn’t try to move any mults—but I probably should have. Great to work so many SMCers!—N9FH. Sorry to all of you who wondered what happened to me at times. Upgraded my computer and created a monster! Should have left my old 386/25 alone!—WA3HAE. My first time in NAQP. The SECC made me do it!—W4DD. Always fun—thanks for the Qs.—W6TK. Not having an antenna for 160 cost me a chance to beat my all-time best score. I found out a week later I could short out the window and load it with an external tuner on “top” band. Live and learn—WA3SES. “Carlos” Murphy was on overtime for this Mexico mini-expedition. The antenna rotator failed but luckily it stuck NE. Antenna SWR had the rig down to 35 W at times. I drove 30 miles to XE2MX’s QTH to borrow a tuner.—XE2L. Another fun filled contest! Biggest dumb thing of the year was when I was on 20 meters I started getting some line noise. I switched to 40 meters to see if the noise was as high there—it was. I went back to 20 meters. Oops, I forgot to switch antennas back! I worked about 30 stations on 20 using my 160-meter doublet with very high SWR!!! That is a good reason for me to install automatic antenna switching!!! Second biggest dumb thing of the year was when I worked W4AN on 40 meters. He asked me to move to 35070 or something like that. I thought “we don’t have a frequency at 35 MHz”! I asked Bill to say again, then panic set in and I just tuned away! God, I felt like a rookie! Sorry Bill—it won’t happen again. I’ll at least say no thanks next time!—WA8YRS.

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Single Operator Scores

Call	QSOs	Mults	Score	Section	Team	Call	QSOs	Mults	Score	Section	Team
K1VUT	649	206	133,694	MA		K4EA	420	167	70,140	GA	SECC #1
W1KM	594	211	125,334	MA	TH	WA4TT	341	174	59,334	GA	SECC #2
WA1LNP	629	198	124,542	NH		AA2GS	399	139	55,461	KY	KCG
AA1SU	447	149	66,603	VT		N4RG	374	140	52,360	TN	
W1FJ	368	127	46,736	MA		N4DW	310	149	46,190	TN	
KZ1M	111	79	8,769	MA		K4AMC	334	119	39,746	TN	TCG #3
K5ZD	100	56	5,600	MA		K4FU	262	148	38,776	KY	KCG
K1HT	85	51	4,335	MA		N1CC	292	121	35,332	SC	SECC
						Bed Springs					
N2NC	894	273	244,062	NJ	TH	WA4ILO	310	109	33,790	GA	SECC #3
K5KG	629	205	128,945	NJ	TDXS Gold	NT4D	275	122	33,550	NC	PVRC
W5KI	403	159	64,077	NJ		Tarheels					
K2UA	228	113	25,764	NY		N4ROA	273	117	31,941	VA	
KG2BI	230	104	23,920	NY		K4HA	246	119	29,274	NC	PVRC
W2HCA	175	92	16,100	NJ		Tarheels					
W2KTF	130	82	10,660	NY		AJ4Y	252	108	27,216	FL	
WZ2T *	130	70	9,100	NY		K4TW	245	108	26,460	GA	SECC
W2EZ	100	49	4,900	NY		Bed Springs					
WB2ART	33	26	858	NY		N4GN	225	104	23,400	KY	
WA2VQV	22	14	308	NJ		KN4Y	231	99	22,869	FL	
						K4BAM	205	107	21,935	VA	
						AA4LR	217	98	21,266	GA	SECC
K3MM	840	267	224,280	MD	Team PVRC	Bed Springs					
AA3B	730	210	153,300	PA	WW	NY4T	205	103	21,115	TN	TCG QRS #1
N3IXR	549	174	95,526	PA	WW	N4KN	212	83	17,596	TN	TCG QRS #2
WA3HAE	515	176	90,640	PA	WW	K4NA	177	88	15,576	AL	SECC #3
K3WU	531	149	79,119	PA	TCG Interstate	W4TYU	176	88	15,488	TN	TCG
WA3SES	478	153	73,134	PA	WW	Interstate					
N8NA	366	164	60,024	DE		W4AUI	135	78	10,530	TN	
NY3M	351	145	50,895	MD		KE4OAR	130	74	9,620	TN	TCG QRS #1
WF3M	356	132	46,992	PA		K4BEV	122	66	8,052	TN	TCG QRS #1
K3WWP *	242	96	23,232	PA		AC4ZD	114	60	6,840	TN	TCG QRS #1
N3RM	200	98	19,600	PA		W4DD	103	62	6,386	GA	SECC #3
W3CP	179	98	17,542	MD		N4TL	100	57	5,700	NC	
K3SV	208	81	16,848	PA		W1WEF	128	44	5,632	FL	
NA3V	164	86	14,104	PA		K4GEL *	143	38	5,434	VA	
W3LJ	93	60	5,580	MD		KF4GNV	61	42	2,562	TN	TCG QRS #3
K3VAR	105	48	5,040	PA		AC4UU	81	29	2,349	TN	TCG QRS #3
W3MWY *	84	28	2,352	MD		W4TDB	58	35	2,030	TN	TCG QRS #2
N9GG *	56	31	1,736	DE	TCG Interstate	W4OGG	40	29	1,160	TN	
W3KM	31	22	682	PA		WB4HUX	21	16	336	AL	
K3JHT	7	5	35	PA		KU4LL	15	10	150	TN	TCG QRS #3
						KD3GC	7	6	42	GA	SECC
						Bed Springs					
K1TO	858	234	200,772	FL	FC #1	K5OT	807	242	195,294	TX	TU
K4WX	820	230	188,600	TN	TCG #1	K5TQ	831	215	178,665	NM	
W4PA	764	239	182,596	TN	TCG #1	N5NU	739	218	161,102	TX	
K0EJ	781	233	181,973	TN	TCG #2	NA5B (W5AO)	720	212	152,640	OK	
K4FXN	701	236	165,436	KY	KCG	W5ER	702	215	150,930	TX	TU
N4AF	706	233	164,498	NC	PVRC Tarheels	KM5G	669	215	143,835	AR	ACG
K4OJ	682	225	153,450	FL	FC #1	N5DX	601	237	142,437	AR	ACG
K4RO	716	214	153,224	TN	TCG #1	N5UL	655	214	140,170	NM	
W4OC	690	221	152,490	SC	SECC #1	K5NA	639	215	137,385	TX	TDXS Gold
N4BP	746	195	145,470	FL	FC #1	W5ASP	664	204	135,456	TX	TDXS Gold
K1AO	686	211	144,746	KY	TCG #2	W5XX	599	215	128,785	MS	TM
K4AB	683	205	140,015	AL	SECC #2	W0UO	701	173	121,273	TX	
K4LTA	664	208	138,112	TN	TCG #2	KG5U	602	200	120,400	TX	TDXS #1
K1KY	655	210	137,550	TN	TCG #1	N5RZ	583	204	118,932	TX	TH
N4TO	610	219	133,590	FL	FC #1	K5PN	608	187	113,696	TX	TU
W9WI	608	212	128,896	TN	TCG #1	N5RP (K2MRZ)	606	186	112,716	TX	TDXS #1
WQ4O	625	204	127,500	TN	TCG #2	AD5Q	658	166	109,228	TX	TD
WC4E	630	200	126,000	FL	FC #1	K5WO	522	172	89,784	TX	TD
K4IQJ	570	214	121,980	AL	SECC #2	N6ZZ	532	166	88,312	NM	TH
N4DD	611	197	120,367	TN	TCG #3	K5OY	517	154	79,618	AR	ACG
AA4GA	607	196	118,972	GA	SECC #1	WA5JWU	448	171	76,608	LA	
K4OGG	625	190	118,750	GA	SECC #1	K5LG	446	161	71,806	AR	ACG
N4IR	587	191	112,117	TN	TCG #2	N5DU	501	141	70,641	TX	TDXS #1
N4CW	612	182	111,384	NC	Team PVRC	N5NJ	455	153	69,615	TX	TU
NA4K	569	188	106,972	TN	TCG #3	K5DX	391	171	66,861	TX	TDXS #1
W4AU	547	178	97,366	VA		N5LZ	370	146	54,020	TX	TDXS #2
K9AY	504	180	90,720	GA	SECC #1	W5YM (AC5RR)	359	145	52,055	AR	ACG
K4NO	450	195	87,750	AL	SECC #2	K5KA	302	157	47,414	OK	
N4YO	529	162	85,698	AL	SECC #2	W5XD	289	150	43,350	TX	
K4LQ	424	194	82,256	FL		KJ5WX	267	118	31,506	AR	
WJ9B	454	163	74,002	NC	PVRC Tarheels						
K4QPL	480	154	73,920	NC	PVRC Tarheels						
K2UFT	426	168	71,568	GA	SECC #3						

