

# Results, January 1996 SSB North American QSO Party

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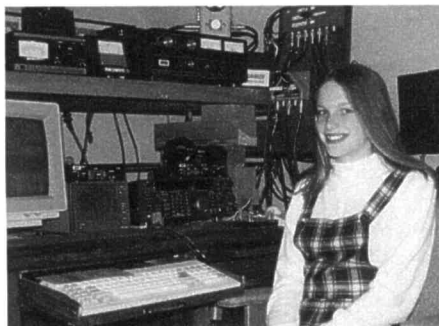
The January '96 SSB NAQP came roaring back after a somewhat dismal August showing. The score of August's winner (W0UA) would not even have made the top ten in the January test. This time the 4-land group was out in large numbers, well ahead of the Texas and Midwest crowds. Conditions were good, perhaps better than for the CW test, and people took advantage of them. There were many remarks about how tough it is to contest on 75 meters during low sunspot cycles, though.

Dave Hachadorian, K6LL, won the contest this time—and he led his team, SCCC #1, to a tremendous victory as well. They scored over 800k points and set a new team record for NAQP SSB.

In the multiop category, WB5VZL smashed their August score by nearly 170k points. Big scores were produced by N5NMX and AB4RU as well, and the remaining ten team entries did a fine job. WA5DWX again had a big crowd of new operators, as did N2IC. This is beginning to develop into a fine training category for new contesters.

We received 17 team entries this time. SCCC took first and fourth places, SMC #1 second, and the Florida Contest Group took third. Once again the Florida gang scored very high with only two logs (in August it was one). W9NQ disclosed that the SCCC teams were out to set a new record and it looks like team #1 did just that.

Thanks to all the participants for observing the rules, and for protecting the DX windows on 75 and 160 meters. Log submission this time was almost equally divided between e-mail over the Internet and various forms of snail mail. For those of you who watch the claimed scores postings on the Internet (thanks, WB5VZL) you may notice that not every claimed score shows up here in the of-



Laura, AD4PU, is 12 years old and in 6th grade. She likes NAQPs and Sprints because of her weekend curfew.

ficial write-up because not everyone submits logs. If you know someone in this category, please encourage them to submit their log. It makes everyone's log cleaner and helps us log checkers.

## Soapbox

The sad part is that we really were trying...W0HSC (KB0IHM). This was my first time to operate NAQP SSB. Wasn't able to operate the full 10 hours, but a very enjoyable effort for me anyway. Conditions seemed better than last weekend. Many thanks to Steve, N2IC, for letting me use his station. Thanks to everyone who worked me...AA5WQ. About 50 Qs up from last year for me. The 80-meter dipole again proved WAY better than the vertical. The dipole doesn't like to tune on 160 meters down around 1865. It tuned okay at 1940 or so, but weren't nobody hearin' me way up thar. Not that I was heard well anyway (just ask AB4RU and K7SV)! Things seemed to go pretty smoothly. I lost the computer at one point, but no lost Qs or time. I paper logged the two incoming QSOs while OS/2 came back...N1PBT. Gettin' better, gettin' better. Good thing I went to 40 meters for a few quick local QSOs around 2100Z; I never would have got them after 0000Z or thereabouts. Thanks to all who picked my 80M sigs out of the mud...N3BGV. High points: some propagation on 15! I worked four South Dakota stations and moved three of them to 10 meters, in an effort to fill up my 5BWAS. It

didn't work, but special thanks to WD0T, WB0VBW, and N0BOH for the try! Maybe next time. Low points: no propagation on 80. Fooling around with computer logging with the wrong kind of program. When will CT include NAQP?...AB6YL. QXQ: The HOA has our proposal for Field Day style operations in future under consideration now and must respond. Counsel from attorney suggested we wait for a response before erecting any outdoor antennas. Back to the Attic Dipole and too bad for the nice folks who share our duplex. Hope that they had no RFI and heard no complaints. It's a good thing NAQP is a low power event...AE0M. Just casual entry this time. Working on my SSB contesting skills and experimenting with ways to efficiently get both calls in the exchange. Twenty was "very, very good to me" and 160 was a very pleasant surprise...N0AX. Good turn out. Guess the bad weather helped this time. Nice to see 15 actually open for a while. 20 just didn't sound right. Signals weak, watery. Why oh why do we still use 75 for contests. It's a vast wasteland... Couldn't hang around for the 160 excitement...W5ASP. I found conditions on 10 and 15 to be much better for SSB than for CW. Conditions on 80 and 160 were somewhat worse. Looks like W6 was the place to be this time. It's nice to be back in the action again! Thanks to KN6DV for the use of his station...W9NQ. Activity was up this year. Glad to hear 15 open up. 10 was dead but managed to catch a freak opening and work KH6—sometimes it pays to CQ on a "dead" band. First time I've heard such a thing. Thanks to the stations that pulled me out of the noise...KB4NT. Just spent a few minutes, but like to give guys a chance to beat me from time to time...K3WW. Propagation on 15 was much better than for the CW weekend, but 40 was not in such good shape—I worked WE9V on 10, 15, 20, and 80, but he couldn't hear me on 40! It was fun to hear younger ops such as Jenny, KD6KKP, and Laura, AD4PU, doing such a good job...K8JLF. My first full time SSB NAQP and first w/160; the short opening on 10 to the west coast and Hawaii was a pleasant surprise! I was met w/some disbelief when asking West Coast mults to move from 15 to 10...WA6KUI. Enjoyed the contest. Disappointed due to the conditions, which were terrible here on the East Coast...CF1RJ. Thanks to Will, AA4NC, for

## Top Ten Breakdown

Call	Score	Qs	Mlts	10	15	20	40	80	160	Team
K6LL	239,397	1203	199	42/11	320/42	464/53	250/46	99/32	28/15	SCCC #1
WZ4F	219,844	1037	212	2/1	80/20	178/40	201/52	430/56	146/43	Alabama #1
WE9V	213,675	925	231	19/13	127/35	175/41	233/49	240/53	131/40	SMC #1
XE2DV	211,312	1124	188	2/1	316/36	423/52	220/42	120/38	43/19	
AA5WQ	195,775	1025	191	1/1	78/29	595/51	112/40	156/39	83/31	
AI7B	180,455	965	187	3/3	274/41	272/43	166/42	211/42	39/16	
AC10/4	163,710	963	170	6/3	69/26	405/53	363/48	112/33	8/7	FL Group
WA7FOE	154,660	836	185	3/1	118/32	354/49	202/46	124/40	35/17	
KJ6HO	153,120	870	176	10/2	204/35	337/56	180/46	109/28	30/9	SCCC #1
KW8N	149,940	735	204	35/13	73/24	148/33	160/48	172/48	147/38	

the use of his station. Had problems with the 80/160 inverted Vs. I was getting S9 + 30 dB noise intermittently. Apparently caused by recent antenna work that had gone bad in the even more recent high winds... KI4HN at AA4NC. Only a limited effort here, as family obligations kept me out of the first eight hours. Starting late, my opportunities for multipliers were limited, so I stuck with 40 the first hour. I figured I worked nearly all of Texas on 40! 80 gave a very good rate, and I was surprised I could run stations with low power and low antenna. I tried calling the very loudest stations on 160, but to no avail. They just couldn't hear me with my mismatched antenna. Ended up trying to maximize my Qs on 80...AA4LR. Please note that all operation was done by five Technician/Tech Plus operators, ages 13-16, with very minimal coaching from N2IC and AA5WQ...N2IC. Started the contest with a great three hour run on 15 meters. Had rates of 113/hr and 120/hr the first two hours and was called by a 9Q and a ZS6. After seeing everyone's low Qs on 15 in the CW contest, I didn't expect much during the SSB contest...WA7BNM. The only phone contest I consider to be fun. My software didn't know what to do with VE9KM in New Brunswick. Big thanks for sponsoring this one...K7SV. Good fun...15 and 75 produced better than expected. 75-meter ragchewer behavior and language straight from 11 meters!...A17B. Reaction to the name (Goofy) was the best part of the contest...WD9GGY. Spent too much effort on the high bands. There certainly wasn't much there to be had. I just wonder if more scatter type contacts, etc, could have been possible if we had our amplifiers fired up. Oh well, lots of fun anyway...KW8N. Spent part of Friday afternoon putting in 20 radials for my 160-meter sloper. Didn't realize until Saturday evening that this would raise the resonant frequency of my 80-meter dipole and the sloper by 50 kHz...WA8YRS. Improved my score over last Fall's event with some surprising contacts on 160, but 10 was still a wasteland...AD4NM. Multi-two is like operating a Field Day from home, you get to chat with old and new friends comparing missing body parts since last NAQP!...W3GH. This contest RULES! Too bad there aren't more of them. Next time I hope to put in a full 10 hours...KB3AFT. Guest operator at my station was KE4WUT. His first contest, he enjoyed the experience...KO4EW. *PacketCluster* use should be permitted except for self-spotting. If that necessitates another category, so be it...AA0CY. 100 watts to a wire antenna...N4TL. I had a great time, especially since I did better than last August. I definitely need to get set up on 160 though. I really

## Team Scores

### Southern California Contest Club #1

K6LL	239,397
KJ6HO	153,120
W9NQ	144,455
N6HC	135,884
WA7BNM	129,244
Total	802,100

### Society of Midwest Contesters #1

WE9V	213,675
WD0T	145,329
KM0L	26,322
W9RE	2450
Total	387,776

### Florida Contest Group

AC1O/4	163,710
K4VUD	132,770
Total	296,480

### SCCC #2

KM6YX	97,308
AB6FO	77,274
W6UQF	65,536
KK6XN	20,559
Total	260,677

5. TACO (WB5B,NA5Q)	239869
6. Team Alabama #1 (WZ4F,KC4ZV)	229888
7. TDXS #1 (W5ASP,N5RP)	207221
8. Big Blue Contesters (N1PBT,WQ5G,WA1PRY)	148095
9. Tenn Contest Group Team #1 (WA6KUI,KQ4HC,K4AMC)	145494
10. KY Contest Group (AA4RX,N4UL,AD4NM,KR4KL,KI4DC)	138650
11. Revenge Of The Newbies (AC5CT,KI5JC)	136814
12. Weekend Warriors (N3IXR,N3BGV,WA3HAE,KB3AFT)	105865
13. Tenn Contest Group Team #2 (K0EJ,KC4URW)	72147
14. North Coast Contesters (WW3S)	30368
15. SMC&Co. (N9ISN,CF4VV)	22779
16. SMC #3 (WX3N,WD9GGY,K9MMS)	9286
17. SMC #2 (AA9AX)	560

appreciate the time taken by the seasoned ops to pass on a friendly comment to us newer types—it adds to the enjoyment of working the contest. Thanks guys!...KE4OAR. Antenna problems knocked me out of the box!...WT8P. I would like to thank K8AQM for letting me operate at his QTH so I would have 160 capabilities. I enjoy this contest because it is a good one to practice for other contests. Thanks to all who worked me...KG8PE. Second time in and it was fun doing a full-time effort. Looking forward to the next one...XE2DV. This is the first contest I have ever submitted logs for, so please bear with my possible mistakes. Conditions on the bands were poor but I had fun doing this contest...N3BUO. Stayed awake for the whole contest!...WB5B. 10-year-old Jenny, KD6KKP, was doing a great job!...N0IZZ. Always fun—my best effort over the past several years. Couldn't believe how good 40 was with only a sloper...W6TKF. Thanks for a great contest. Casual operating with extra friendly ops. Absolutely one of my favorite contests. Keep up the good work...AB5SE. Bands seemed better than CW weekend. Got skunked again on 10 meters!...N6KI. No big runs to NE on 10-40 meters really hurt the score. Skip was too long on the high

bands...AB4RU. Just playing this weekend in my spare time. Those play minutes sure add up to hours fast! I had some great minutes on 15, but my signal just doesn't have much punch due to antenna limitations to keep pulling 'em in. My A3 sits in a box in the closet...One of these days!...XE1/AA6RX. Conditions were good on 160, but didn't hear anything above 20 meters...AA4RX. Couldn't get serious until very late. Managed to run for the last hour of the contest and more than double my score, a major thrill for this newbie and little pistol. High point was pulling an Oregon QSO out on 80 before other stations crowding raised the noise level. Chuckle of the day was getting multiple "big signal" reports on 80 from Quebec...KS4XG. A big improvement over last year's effort, despite a free-spinning antenna due to a busted rotor. Thank you God of Wind for keeping everything pointed generally west...N5OKR/3. This was just my 3rd NAQP and, like the others, was BIG FUN! I got a late start so didn't get much operating done on 20 meters and that hurt the score. But was still surprised to see that I actually did better on 160 meters than on 20!...KD1NG. My 1st phone QSO Party. 40 is a major headache producer!...AA3HM.

## Scores

Call	QSOs	Mits	Score	QTH	Team	Call	QSOs	Mits	Score	QTH	Team
KD1NG	539	134	72226	RI	Big Blue	N2LSK	73	32	2336	NY	
N1PBT	395	112	44240	VT		N5OKR/3	519	141	73179	MD	
K8JLF	191	82	15662	MA		WA3HAE	359	103	36977	PA	Wknd Warr
K5ZD	125	55	6875	MA		KB3AFT	360	91	32760	PA	Wknd Warr
W1FJ	104	60	6240	MA		WW3S	292	104	30368	PA	North Coast
N1PVT	55	21	1155	MA		N3BGV	320	94	30080	PA	Wknd Warr
K5KG	413	121	49973	NJ		KE3GA	321	92	29532	PA	
KE2VB	407	118	48026	NY		AA3HM	133	69	9177	MD	
K2PS	245	94	23030	NJ		N3IXR	112	54	6048	PA	Wknd Warr
AA2GS	196	80	15680	NY		N3BDA	97	61	5917	PA	
WA2SRQ	128	48	6144	NJ		W3CPB	75	46	3450	MD	
KS2G	87	41	3567	NY		K3WW	29	16	464	PA	
N2LQQ	78	41	3198	NY							

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WZ4F	1037	212	219844	AL	Alabama #1
AC1O/4	963	170	163710	FL	Fia Grp
K4VUD	781	170	132770	FL	Fia Grp
K7SV	613	194	118922	VA	
AA4NC (K14HN)	563	152	85576	NC	
KQ4HC	525	161	84525	GA	TN Grp #1
K0EJ	521	137	71377	TN	TN Grp #2
K14DC	462	137	63294	KY	KY Grp
WA6KUI	410	141	57810	TN	TN Grp #1
KC4WQ	350	113	39550	KY	
K4ZGB	345	104	35880	AL	
W4NTI	272	116	31552	AL	
AD4PU	314	86	27004	NC	
AE4EY	310	85	26350	KY	
KB4NT	274	94	25756	VA	
N4UL	260	94	24440	KY	KY Group
AD4NM	234	101	23634	KY	KY Group
AA4RX	214	84	17976	KY	KY Group
AC4ZO	177	87	15399	NC	
K4OGG	186	81	15066	GA	
KE4OAR	183	76	13908	TN	
KS4XG	191	63	12033	NC	
N4VHK	173	67	11591	NC	
KC4ZV	162	62	10044	AL	Alabama #1
KR4KL	141	66	9306	KY	KY Group
N4TL	123	61	7503	NC	
KO4EW	130	57	7410	TN	
AA4LR	193	38	7334	GA	
KE4MOB	104	53	5512	VA	
K4BAI	91	36	3276	GA	
K4AMC	81	39	3159	TN	TN Grp #1
KE4KMG	70	26	1820	TN	
W4OGG	48	30	1440	TN	
AA4GA	46	29	1334	GA	
W4YDD	46	22	1012	SC	
AD4VH	32	25	800	FL	
KC4URW	35	22	770	TN	TN Grp #2
KX5U	23	18	414	FL	
WB4IUX	34	10	340	SC	
NA5Q	847	163	138061	TX	TACO
KI5JC	746	175	130550	TX	Newbies
W5ASP	805	161	129605	TX	TDXS #1
AB5SE	665	154	102410	AR	
WB5B	606	168	101808	TX	TACO
NA4M	556	161	89516	TX	
N5RP	539	144	77616	TX	TDXS #1
WQ5G	449	135	60615	TX	Big Blue
N5YZM	851	62	52762	AR	
WA1PRY	376	115	43240	TX	Big Blue
AC5BR	270	105	28350	AR	
W5UW (N5UOC)	254	94	23876	TX	
KB5IXI	180	77	13860	MS	
W5TZN	181	68	12308	OK	
N3BUO	197	43	8471	TX	
AC5CT	108	58	6264	TX	Newbies
W5NR	80	48	3840	TX	
WQ5L	70	38	2660	MS	
KJ6HO	870	176	153120	CA	SCCC #1
W9NQ	835	173	144455	CA	SCCC #1
N6HC	844	161	135884	CA	SCCC #1
WA7BNM	818	158	129244	CA	SCCC #1
N6NF	749	146	109354	CA	
KM6YX	636	153	97308	CA	SCCC #2
AA6KX	657	147	96579	CA	
W6TKF	677	141	95457	CA	
NW6S	633	148	93684	CA	
AB6FO	486	159	77274	CA	SCCC #2
W6UQF	512	128	65536	CA	SCCC #2
KD6KKP	398	106	42188	CA	
AB6YL	301	115	34615	CA	
KK6XN	231	89	20559	CA	SCCC #2
WB6NFO	247	83	20501	CA	
AD6DQ	223	85	18955	CA	
KE6QNJ	193	36	6948	CA	
K6CZL	86	50	4300	CA	
AE0M	83	38	3154	CA	
K6NA	14	11	154	CA	
K6LL	1203	199	239397	AZ	SCCC #1
A17B	965	187	180455	OR	
WA7FOE	836	185	154660	WA	
N0AX	372	121	45012	WA	
KB7M	251	102	25602	WY	

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NV7F	160	67	10720	OR	
KJ7OZ	170	58	9860	WA	
KI7Y	135	70	9450	OR	
AB7CZ	106	55	5830	ID	
KK7A	80	32	2560	ID	
WB4UIC	62	25	1550	NV	
AA0CY	16	11	176	NV	
KW8N	735	204	149940	OH	
AA8AV	524	128	67072	MI	
KG8PE	418	124	51832	MI	
WA8YRS	385	121	46585	OH	
KG8CW	348	124	43152	MI	
KB8IBS	279	65	18135	MI	
K8MR	149	70	10430	OH	
N8YYS	140	64	8960	WV	
KU8E	137	59	8083	OH	
WT8P	117	40	4680	OH	
WB8BUQ	60	32	1920	MI	
K8CV	32	25	800	MI	
WE9V	925	231	213675	IL	SMC #1
NE9U	386	125	48250	WI	
WA1UJU	363	122	44286	WI	
N9ISN	207	97	20079	WI	SMC&Co.
WA9C	125	80	10000	IN	
K9OSH	125	55	6875	WI	
N9WHG	101	58	5858	IN	
KF9YH	91	53	4823	IN	
WD9GGY	94	42	3948	IL	SMC #3
K9MMS	79	40	3160	IL	SMC #3
K9UQN	85	32	2720	IL	
W9RE	70	35	2450	IN	SMC #1
WX3N/9	66	33	2178	IL	SMC #3
AA9AX	28	20	560	IN	SMC #2
KF9PL	11	6	66	IL	
AA5WQ	1025	191	195775	CO	
WD0T	753	193	145329	SD	SMC #1
WA8SWM	778	169	131482	CO	
W0OSK	630	134	84420	CO	
K9WIE	470	136	63920	MN	
K0GAS	417	129	53793	CO	
KM0L	246	107	26322	MO	SMC #1
WI0R	120	73	8760	KS	
N0IZZ	62	30	1860	MO	
XE2DV	1124	188	211312	XE	
VE7CFD	450	99	44550	BC	
VE5SF	353	98	34594	SK	
VE6BMX	208	80	16640	AB	
CF1RJ	209	68	14212	NS	
XE1/AA6RX	197	70	13790	XE	
VE3WIB	153	55	8415	ON	
VE7RBL	100	53	5300	BC	
CF4VV	100	27	2700	MB	SMC&Co.
VE2AWR	87	30	2610	PQ	
VE2SAI	80	24	1920	PQ	
VE3STT	42	15	630	ON	
<b>Multioperator</b>					
WB5VZL	1908	247	471276	TX	(+AA5RB)
N5NMX	1522	235	357670	TX	
(+KB5ZFO,N5NMY)					
AB4RU	1409	246	346614	GA	(+N9HZQ)
W5NN	1249	217	271033	TX	
(KB5YVT,KK5GJ,WA5POK,KC5AMA)					
KZ8E	1078	205	220990	TX	(+AB5TV,WB5N)
WA5DWX	1077	188	202476	TX	
(+K5ZTY,N5KEW,WA5SAJ,KK5LO,K5LD,KC5NRR,KB5JPZ,WD5DXL,KC5OFE,KJ5IP,WA1YIA)					
W3GH	1052	184	193568	PA	(+W9XR)
N6KI	888	169	150072	CA	
(+N6XJM, N6UZH, KC2MB, N6UWW)					
KI7WX	927	155	143685	UT	(+K6XO, N5CT)
CF6JY	720	148	106560	AB	
(VE6LCB,VE6BMR,VE6LDX,VE6JY)					
N2IC	279	106	29574	CO	
(KB0LNM,N0ZTQ,KB0UQS,KB0UDZ,KB0UDX, ages 13-16)					
KZ1O	75	43	3225	MA	(+N1TMZ)
W0HSC	56	31	1736	ND	(KB0IHM, N0DXI)

Checklogs: N4NFI, K5YAA