

RESULTS
FEBRUARY, 1980, NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT

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Significant shifts in the concentration of activity were the hallmarks of the February Sprint. It was encouraging to see large increases in the number of stations from W3 and W9 land, but disheartening to note the relative lack of participation from the west coast, W0 and VE. Scores are down a bit compared to last September, but they're bunched a whole lot closer. The point spread between first and tenth places last fall was 2,852; it was only 1,761 in February. Fifty-one QSOs separated the top ten contact producers in September; there's a difference of only 38 this time. Sixty-four stations logged more than 200 QSOs, twenty-seven exceeded 250, and four cracked 300. Only eight stations topped the 10,000 point mark, and just six had 37 or more multipliers.

Competition for a spot in the top ten was keen. John, K1AR, bested the bunch this time after just missing TT altogether last fall. K3LR was nipping at John's heels only two QSOs behind, thus establishing an impressive record for Tim of one first and two second place finishes in his last three Sprints. In addition to K1AR, other newcomers to the TT were Jim, K1MEM, who nailed down third, and Phil (alias PA!), K4AF, who checked in at #8. TT regular N2NT was back for his astounding sixth appearance in as many tries, K1KI repeated for the fifth time, N6RO was back his fourth time, W2GD for #3, and K5ZD and N6TR each returned for their second appearances.

Logs for all entries were scrutinized closer this time than ever before. Everybody had at least a sampling of QSOs cross-checked and verified against other logs; anyone claiming a top ten spot got the full treatment of complete re-duping, an independent count of multipliers claimed, and verification of every QSO for which we had the counterpart log. There were a few dupes, but most stations losing QSOs did so because they were not in the other log. Better be sure you're working who you think you are before you QSY! See the chart "Claimed vs. Final Scores" for the full nitty-gritty.

Team competition grew by 30% with the number of pre-registered entries climbing to an all-time high of 17. Of the 110 stations who submitted logs, 91 of them (82%) were team members. And talk about competition! WA6VEF's Paper Club inched past W2GD's Independent Contesters to finally break IC's impressive string of five consecutive victories. As we predicted, the PVRC troops returned with a strong showing, but still not quite good enough to nail down numero dos. My grapevine tells me that anybody wanting to be on PVRC #1 has to first participate with PVRC #2 and make a score high enough to bump the low man from PVRC #1. Now that's local competition which really keeps the pressure on! Fourth team spot goes to the Ill-Wind Contesters #1 who account for most of the big increase in activity from the midwest. A hearty welcome to the new groups: TNCVA Mob (from Tenn., N.C. and Va.), PROS (Point Radio Operating Society), the Pirahanas and PA & B (for K3PA and AA3B).

We have debated extensively the question of whether or not to eliminate multipliers for almost a year. Your on-the-air comments, log notations and letters have been extremely valuable in pointing out all sides of the issue. Without rehashing all the arguments, let me just say that opinion has been fairly evenly divided, and based upon the fact that no clear consensus for elimination emerged, the NCJ's Board of Directors voted to retain the multiplier. However, we are instituting a listing of the top ten QSO producers regardless of their multipliers or final scores.

Another new introduction with this write-up is the listing of Sprint records. This tabulation spans the three Sprints conducted under our present scoring rules. Hopefully it will give you another goal to shoot for this September, and maybe it will coax out activity from some of those areas from which we've had no previous entries.

Although we've received a couple of generous offers of logchecking assistance, enthusiasm for an SSB sprint has been lukewarm at best. The NCJ's Board of Directors, therefore, has voted to put this potential contest on the back burner for a while. You can pack away your mike until at least 1981 at which time we'll revive the issue and test the waters again.

Printed elsewhere in this NCJ is a letter from Eric, K3NA. Please give particular consideration to his suggestions regarding enforcement of Sprint rules. My inclination is to test Eric's proposals in the September Sprint and I would appreciate your comments pro or con.

Please note that the previously-announced date of the September Sprint has been changed to September 7th GMT to avoid conflict with the annual W9DXCC dinner. Finally, tell your friends about the Sprint -- the more folks we get on, the hotter this contest will be.

TOP TEN

SCORES

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>MUL</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
K1AR	John	MA	11,661	299	39	92	139	68	Force #1
K3LR	Tim	PA	11,583	297	39	55	130	112	IC #1
K1MEM	Jim	MA	11,232	288	39	111	104	73	Force #1
N2NT	Andy	NY	10,846	319	34	84	137	98	IC #1
N6RO	Ken	CA	10,716	282	38	112	107	63	Paper
K1KI	Tom	CT	10,710	306	35	78	127	101	IC #1
K5ZD	Randy	TX	10,570	302	35	121	108	73	Paper
K4AF	PA	VA	10,296	264	39	52	121	91	PVRC #1
N6TR	Tree	CA	9,966	302	33	101	121	80	IC #1
W2GD	John	NJ	9,900	275	36	76	88	111	IC #1

<u>The Paper Club</u>		<u>Independent Contesters #1</u>		<u>PVRC #1</u>		<u>Ill-Wind Contesters #1</u>	
N6RO	10,716	K3LR	11,583	K4AF	10,296	K9GL	9,100
K5ZD	10,570	N2NT	10,846	W3LPL	9,405	W9TG	8,262
K6LL/7	9,828	K1KI	10,710	K4PQL	8,995	W9RE	7,945
N6AA	9,554	N6TR	9,966	N3CW	8,316	K9BG	7,326
K5GO	9,044	W2GD	9,900	N4RV	8,224	K9ZO	7,310
AA6UO	9,009	K1TO	9,800	K3TW	7,560	K9DX	6,960
N6TV	8,877	K3UA	9,486	K1VTM	7,557	K9KM	6,510
W6TI	8,085	W0ZZ	8,811	W4BVV	7,360	K9RS	6,496
N6ZZ	7,788	K2NO	4,440	K3SA	7,004	K9NO	6,060
AA6G	7,104		85,542	W3FA	5,735		65,969
	90,575				80,452		

<u>The Force #1</u>		<u>TNCVA Mob</u>		<u>Mad River Radio Club</u>		<u>PVRC #2</u>	
K1AR	11,661	N4DW	8,715	K6XO	8,330	W3GG	7,062
K1MEM	11,232	N4AA	7,656	K8MR	8,856	K3HPG	6,603
N2IC	8,778	N4IR	5,404	WB8JBM	6,633	W3XE	5,096
K1RX	8,505	KB4N	5,096	K8LX	5,211	K3IU	4,901
W2SQ	8,500	AB4H	4,557	WD8ALG	2,139	N3GB	3,930
W2IB	8,250	W4SQQ	2,782		31,169	K3TM	2,997
K2TR	7,161	WB4PNY	836				30,589
	64,087		35,046				

<u>The Force #2</u>		<u>PROS</u>		<u>Pirahanas</u>		<u>WWDXC</u>	
W1FJ	8,325	K3CR	7,491	N6SF	6,913	N7AM	5,611
N1EE	7,223	AF3B	4,472	AJ6V	3,058	K7LXC	5,070
K1BU	4,788	K3VX	4,321	N7AGI	2,806	WA7RKJ	3,926
W1GG	2,028	K3MD	2,912	N6AUV	2,500		14,607
	22,364		19,196	VE3BGA	850		
				WB8RMS	666		
					16,793		

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K1AR	John	92	139	68	299	39	11,661	Force #1	MA	
K1MEM	Jim	111	104	73	288	39	11,232	Force #1	MA	
K1KI	Tom	78	127	101	306	35	10,710	IC #1	CT	
K1TO	Dan	70	116	94	280	35	9,800	IC #1	CT	
K1RX	Mark	32	137	74	243	35	8,505	Force #1	NH	
W1FJ	Al	79	80	66	225	37	8,325	Force #2	MA	
K1VTM	Ron	64	100	66	229	33	7,557	PVRC #1	CT	K3KU
N1EE	Scott	61	91	81	233	31	7,223	Force #2	MA	
K1BU	Matt	48	84	39	171	28	4,788	Force #2	MA	WB1ANT
W1GG	Gary	38	27	13	78	26	2,028	Force #2	MA	
KA1FJ	Greg	30	1	0	31	15	465	Force #3	VT	
N2NT	Andy	84	137	98	319	34	10,846	IC #1	NY	
W2GD	John	76	88	111	275	36	9,900	IC #1	NJ	
N2IC	Steve	80	98	88	266	33	8,778	Force #1	NJ	
W2SQ	Phil	51	104	95	250	34	8,500	Force #1	NJ	
W2IB	Art	72	90	88	250	33	8,250	Force #1	NY	
K2PH	Bob	64	103	69	236	31	7,316	Force #3	NJ	
K2TR	Joe	77	97	57	231	31	7,161	Force #1	NY	WA2SPL
K2NJ	Bill	71	78	61	210	34	7,140		NJ	
K2NO	Doug	85	59	4	148	30	4,440	IC #1	NY	
K9CW/2	Drew	24	47	60	131	29	3,799	IllWind#2	NJ	
WB2TOM	Geo	0	50	50	100	28	2,800		NJ	
K3LR	Tim	55	130	112	297	39	11,583	IC #1	PA	
K3UA	Phil	44	127	108	279	34	9,486	IC #1	PA	
W3LPL	Frank	63	122	100	285	33	9,405	PVRC #1	MD	
N3CW	Ed	41	118	72	231	36	8,316	PVRC #1	MD	
K3TW	Tom	48	112	92	252	30	7,560	PVRC #1	MD	
K3CR	Doug	30	123	74	227	33	7,491	PROS	PA	W3AS
W3GG	Burt	35	96	83	214	33	7,062	PVRC #2	MD	
K3SA	Steve	47	85	74	206	34	7,004	PVRC #1	MD	
K3HPG	Mike	57	62	94	213	31	6,603	PVRC #2	MD	
K3PA	Drew	41	75	89	205	28	5,740	PA & B	PA	
W3FA	Paul	13	81	91	185	31	5,735	PVRC #1	MD	WA3ZAS
W3XE	Tom	25	96	61	182	28	5,096	PVRC #2	MD	N8RC
K3IU	Ken	46	48	75	169	29	4,901	PVRC #2	MD	
AF3B	John	25	67	80	172	26	4,472	PROS	PA	
K3VX	Larry	25	71	53	149	29	4,321	PROS	PA	
N3GB	Ty	21	66	44	131	30	3,930	PVRC #2	MD	WA3UXU
K3TM	Roger	2	62	47	111	27	2,997	PVRC #2	MD	
K3MD	John	11	45	56	112	26	2,912	PROS	PA	
K4AF	PA	52	121	91	264	39	10,296	PVRC #1	VA	WB4SGV
K4PQL	Al	55	127	75	257	36	8,995	PVRC #1	VA	
N4DW	Dave	39	112	98	249	35	8,715	TNCVA	VA	
N4RV	Bob	61	93	103	257	32	8,224	PVRC #1	VA	
N4AA	Carl	50	100	82	232	33	7,656	TNCVA	NC	
W4BVV	Eric	61	98	71	230	32	7,360	PVRC #1	VA	K3NA
N4IR	Jim	26	81	86	193	28	5,404	TNCVA	TN	
KB4N	Rich	6	99	77	182	28	5,096	TNCVA	VA	
AB4H	Fritz	44	47	56	147	31	4,557	TNCVA	TN	
W4SQQ	Gil	6	65	36	107	26	2,782	TNCVA	VA	
WB4PNY	Joyce	0	4	40	44	19	836	TNCVA	VA	
K5ZD	Randy	121	108	73	302	35	10,570	Paper	TX	
K5GO	Stan	48	140	78	266	34	9,044	Paper	AR	
N5JB	John	73	102	66	241	32	7,712	NTCC	TX	
K5NW	John	76	88	53	217	30	6,510	NTCC	TX	
K5KG	Geo	57	102	55	214	30	6,420	TDXS	TX	
WA3OVC/5	Steve	78	71	44	193	28	5,404		TX	
K5RC	Tom	39	0	59	98	25	2,450	TDXS	TX	
K5NA	Rich	41	0	0	41	15	615	TDXS	TX	

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N6RO	Ken	112	107	63	282	38	10,716	Paper	CA	
N6TR	Tree	101	121	80	302	33	9,966	IC #1	CA	
N6AA	Dick	84	116	81	281	34	9,554	Paper	CA	
AA6UO	Paul	130	116	27	273	33	9,009	Paper	CA	
N6TV	Bob	97	118	54	269	33	8,877	Paper	CA	
W6RTT	Pete	102	88	48	238	36	8,568		CA	
K6XO	Al	122	84	32	238	35	8,330	MMRC	CA	
W6TI	Gary	108	94	43	245	33	8,085	Paper	CA	WA6VEF
N6ZZ	Phil	99	110	27	236	33	7,788	Paper	CA	
AA6G	Bob	96	78	48	222	32	7,104	Paper	CA	W1ARR
N6SF	Rusty	84	80	59	223	31	6,913	Pirahanas	CA	
W6SX	Hank	44	78	45	167	25	4,175		CA	
AJ6V	Ed	71	58	10	139	22	3,058	Pirahanas	CA	
N6AUV	Ron	23	71	6	100	25	2,500	Pirahanas	CA	
N6XI	Rick	33	39	0	72	21	1,512		CA	
K6NA	Glen	0	28	0	28	14	392		CA	
K6LL/7	Dave	132	106	35	273	36	9,828	Paper	AZ	
N4EA/7	Don	85	97	24	206	29	5,974		WA	
N7AM	Jack	87	73	21	181	31	5,611	WWDXC	WA	
K7LXC	Jim	97	56	16	169	30	5,070	WWDXC	WA	K7WA
WA7RKJ	Paul	65	86	0	151	26	3,926	WWDXC	WA	
N7AGI	Ray	56	66	0	122	23	2,806	Pirahanas	WA	
KA1EA/7	Gene	25	0	0	25	14	350		MT	
K8MR	Jim	42	124	80	246	36	8,856	MRRC	OH	
WB8JBM	Bob	35	79	87	201	33	6,633	MRRC	OH	WB8DQP
K8LX	Steve	11	90	92	193	27	5,211	MRRC	MI	
W8SH	Karl	25	101	65	191	27	5,157		MI	K8NA
WD8ALG	Jeff	18	51	24	93	23	2,139	MRRC	OH	
WB8RMS	Chuck	0	37	0	37	18	666	Pirahanas	MI	
K9GL	Bob	61	106	93	260	35	9,100	IllWind#1	IL	
W9TG	Dave	46	130	67	243	34	8,262	IllWind#1	IN	
W9RE	Mike	40	101	86	227	35	7,945	IllWind#1	IN	
W9YH	Fred	34	106	64	204	36	7,344		IL	K9VV
K9BG	Jerry	45	81	96	222	33	7,326	IllWind#1	IL	
K9ZO	Ralph	38	81	96	215	34	7,310	IllWind#1	IL	
K9DX	John	34	113	85	232	30	6,960	IllWind#1	IL	
K9KM	Howie	49	99	69	217	30	6,510	IllWind#1	IL	
K9RS	Ray	34	101	68	203	32	6,496	IllWind#1	IL	
K9NO	Paul	48	94	60	202	30	6,060	IllWind#1	IL	
N9CR	Clay	20	8	35	63	23	1,449	IllWind#2	IN	
KB9EW	Rick	11	46	0	57	21	1,197		IL	
W9REC	Bill	10	29	0	39	21	819		IL	
K9UQN	Don	0	8	27	35	16	560		IL	
W0ZZ	John	73	116	78	267	33	8,811	IC #1	MN	
W0YK	Ed	68	70	53	191	30	5,730		CO	
K0JW	Steve	81	91	0	172	32	5,504		CO	
N0NO	Steve	30	76	45	151	26	3,926		MN	
VE5AAD	Chas	44	19	0	63	23	1,449		SK	
VE3BGA	Gord	0	50	0	50	17	850	Pirahanas	ON	
KH6NO	Wil	62	51	0	113	28	3,164		HI	

North Texas		Texas		The Force #3		QSO LEADERS	
Contest Club		DX Society					
N5JB	7,712	K5KG	6,420	K2PH	7,316	<u>CALL</u>	<u>QSOs</u>
K5NW	<u>6,510</u>	K5RC	2,450	KA1FJ	<u>465</u>	N2NT	319
	14,222	K5NA	<u>615</u>		7,781	K1KI	306
			9,485			K5ZD	302
<u>PA & B</u>		Ill-Wind				N6TR	302
		<u>Contesters #2</u>				K1AR	299
K3PA	<u>5,740</u>	K9CW/2	3,799			K3LR	297
	5,740	N9CR	<u>1,449</u>			K1MEM	288
			5,248			W3LPL	285
						N6RO	282
						N6AA	281

CLAIMED VS. FINAL SCORES
FOR TOP TEN

		<u>20 m</u>	<u>40 m</u>	<u>80 m</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>K1AR</u>	(59%) ¹						
	Claimed	92	139	68	299	39	11,661
	Final	92	139	68	299	39	11,661
<u>K3LR</u>	(55%)						
	Claimed	57	132	112	301	39	11,739
	Final	55	130	112	297	39	11,583
<u>K1MEM</u>	(56%)						
	Claimed	111	104	73	288	39	11,232
	Final	111	104	73	288	39	11,232
<u>N2NT</u>	(54%)						
	Claimed	84	137	98	319	34	10,846
	Final	84	137	98	319	34	10,846
<u>N6RO</u>	(57%)						
	Claimed	114	108	63	285	38	10,830
	Final	112	107	63	282	38	10,716
<u>K1KI</u>	(58%)						
	Claimed	78	128	101	307	35	10,745
	Final	78	127	101	306	35	10,710
<u>K5ZD</u>	(62%)						
	Claimed	122	109	73	304	37 ²	11,248
	Final	121	108	73	302	35	10,570
<u>K4AF</u>	(61%)						
	Claimed	54	123	91	268	39	10,452
	Final	52	121	91	264	39	10,296
<u>N6TR</u>	(60%)						
	Claimed	101	122	82	305	33	10,065
	Final	101	121	80	302	33	9,966
<u>W2GD</u>	(58%)						
	Claimed	111	90	76	277	36	9,972
	Final	111	88	76	275	36	9,900

NOTES:

¹ Percentage of QSOs actually verified from other logs.

² K5ZD's multipliers correctly identified but misnumbered. Score recalculated with no penalty assessed.