

# Results of the February 1996 NCJ CW Sprint

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You no doubt remember the confusion created in the September Sprint by all the Dare-Rick mutations. During that contest, VE4VV and AA5BT stood by and watched their names mutilated beyond recognition. They had to wait five months to get their revenge.

Who would expect these two quiet gentlemen — Derrick and Derek — to deviously swap their names? Justice was served as the ring leader of the September madness lost two QSOs and one of his partners in crime missed out on the VE4 multiplier by miscopying "Derek's" name.

The 38th running of the NCJ CW Sprint was held on the second weekend of February. Low sunspots meant 20 meters was tough going and stations were showing up in droves on 40 meters well before the end of the first hour. As a result, the activity moved down to 80 meters much earlier than normal. Fourteen people exceeded 100 QSOs on 80 meters — surely a record number.

Even though 20 was tough going, it really didn't close down until the second hour. Some stations even found better signals there during the second hour than in the first. There were a handful of stations still on the band at 0200Z.

Low sunspot numbers during February seem to be a recipe for success from the northwest, and this Sprint was no exception. Both the low- and high-power winners are located above the 45th parallel, and within 100 miles of the Pacific Ocean.

In the high-power category Tree, N6TR/7, ran away with top honors with 339 QSOs. This is the second consecutive February victory for Tree where conditions are more friendly to the West Coast stations. Those of you with long memories might remember back-to-back February victories for N6TR/7 during the last sunspot minimum.

The top low-power score was submitted by Ward Silver, N0AX/7, who broke that tough 10k low-power barrier. Ward has us all wondering (and worrying) what he could do with a pair of 3-500Zs.

After Tree's QSO total of 339, N2IC/0 and WN4KKN/6 each had 315 QSOs, but some stations in Texas posted better multipliers to come in slightly ahead of them in total score. Congrats to Dave, K5GN, the newest member of the "I beat Jeff" club. Dave combined his 309 QSOs with 49 mults to push KR0Y/5 down into third place by less than one QSO.

September's winner, K5GA, came in

fifth place, just behind Trey, WN4KKN/6. The rule of thumb seems to be that if your call doesn't start with K5, you need to operate in a call area different than your call sign. This held true down to ninth place where N6TV breaks the trend. Perhaps N6TV and K1KI should think about operating portable somewhere (Texas, for example).

In the stereo headphone department, there were 19 stations making 10 or more band changes. Three stations in the top ten made more than 100 band changes! All of the top-ten stations made at least 13 band changes, except for that N6TV trend-breaking guy, who had only four. Maybe Bob should change his call to N6TB?

In the unbelievable statistic department, would you believe that the guys who made the top ten this time have hogged over a third of all the available top ten positions over the years? They have accumulated 147 of the top ten scores in 38 CW Sprints.

In the team competition, things have returned to normal and the Southern California Contest Club posted its 12th victory. Their long-time rivals, the Northern California Contest Club, came in second place. The NCCC has often come in second place (behind the SCCC), but has yet to win the team competition.

If you had to guess how many of the logs received were submitted in elec-

## Top Ten

Scores	QSOs	Mults
N6TR/7 15933	N6TR/7 339	KR0Y/5 50
K5GN 15141	WN4KKN/6 315	K1KI 49
KR0Y/5 15100	N2IC/0 315	K5GN 49
WN4KKN/6 14805	K5GN 309	N2NT 48
K5GA 14496	N6TV 303	K5GA 48
N2IC/0 14490	KR0Y/5 302	K6LL/7 48
K6LL/7 14448	K5GA 302	K4VX/0 48
K4VX/0 14256	K6LL/7 301	Many 47
N6TV 13938	K4VX/0 297	
K1KI 13328	K6NA 293	

## Team Scores

Southern Cal. Contest Club #1	Northern Cal. Contest Club #1	Texas Assoc of Contest Ops	SMC-Dead Lizards Can't Send CW
N6TR 15933	WN4KKN 14805	KR0Y 15100	K4VX 14256
K6LL 14448	N6TV 13938	K5GA 14496	W9RE 12314
K6NA 13185	N6RO 12870	K5MR 13095	AA5WQ 10904
N6ND 13156	N6XI 12012	N6ZZ 12240	WB0O 10845
N8SR 12831	W6RGG 11475	AD5Q 12236	K9ZO 9630
AB6FO 12052	W6XX 9348	WB5B 10710	KM0L 9384
AC6T 12040	N4TQO 8955	NA5Q 8733	WX9E 9020
N6AA 11792	NV6O 8651	Total 86610	VE4VV 8774
N6VR 11572	WM2C 5016		Total 85127
KC6CNV 9366	AE0M 630		
Total 126375	Total 97700		

5. Frankford Radio Club (N2NT, KZ2S, K3WW, WA2SRQ, AA3B, KE2PF, WN3K) .....	66068
6. Mad River Radio Club (KW8N, KE3Q, K3MD, KP4XS, K3JT, K8MR) .....	44109
7. SCCC #2 (W6UQF, NC6U, N6HC, W6MVW, K6VNX, W6TKF, KK6XN, WA7BNM, KJ6HO) .....	42294
8. Watt Me Worry #1 (N0AX, K6XO, KK9W, K8JLF, NX1H, KW1K) .....	37919
9. Yankee Clipper Contest Club #73 (K1KI, W1WEF, K1DG) .....	37678
10. Watt Me Worry #2 (KB8N, N7LOX, AA5BT, N4ZR, VP2E/KI4HN) .....	30474
11. Tennessee Contest Group (K4AMC, WR3O, WA6KUI, W9WI) .....	27311
12. SMC - Lizards 'R' Us (WQ5L, K9MMS, AA9AX, WB0OLA) .....	21809
13. NCCC #2 (W6OAT) .....	9366
14. Weekend Warriors (WA3HAE, N3BGV, KB3AFT) .....	5919
15. Knights Who Say NNY (N4TW, N2TNW) .....	652

**Band Changes**

N6TR	130
K5GN	107
K5GA	102
K4VX	80
KR0Y	47
K4PQL	40
K6LL	28
K1KI	20
AB6FO	20
KW8N	16
N2IC	14
N2NT	14
WN4KKN	13
KZ8E	12
W9WI	12
WA6KUI	12
K3WW	10
N6ND	10
WN3K	10

**Golden Logs**

N2IC	315
W6RGG	255
K7GM	154
K8JLF	141
AA9AX	136
AD4VH	63
G4BUO	46
WB9ZPK	25
N2TNW	1

**Low-Power Scores**

NQAX	10406
N8EA	6765
KE2PF	6570
K7GM	6314
K9MMS	6080
KN4QV	6006

**AA7VB Visits V4 for the Sprint**

Busted my butt to get there in time (St. Nevis), pleaded for a never before issued prefix to use in the Sprint...for what? 62 QSOs? I don't think so! But that is all the propagation Gods offered me. I got all hyped up for the contest, rushing back from visiting with local tester Karl, V40NK, to find the 20-meter band dead. It is dark at 0000Z on V4... and I call myself an experienced tester? Could only hear a few 6s and some alligators who missed a choice multiplier because of the 20-over-S9 pileups they probably had going.

Forty was a little better, but G4BUO and CT1BOH were 50% louder than any USA station, so the band was way too long from Nevis Island.

Finally the gang moved to 80 and I knocked off a few QSOs by CQing at the high and low ends of the QRM. Answering CQs usually got me a "?" resulting in less patient types missing the V4 multiplier when they hit the F1 key instead of digging in the noise a bit. Some folks need to review the rules regarding non-USA multipliers.

I took my TR logging program with me, but ended up using a crayon and Big Chief pad — a direct reflection on my computer skills plus the fact that the guy who wrote the instruction book didn't write it for *know-nots*!

I am sure that operating the Sprint from the Caribbean again will be a blast... around the year 2001! — *Dennis, AA7VB*

tronic format, what would you estimate? Half? Two-thirds? Three-fourths? Keep going! A total of 87% of the logs received were submitted in electronic format. This is another amazing statistic, and the log-checking staff would like to thank you for making this happen. Only 2094 QSOs from 17 logs had to be entered by hand to create a complete database for cross checking. For an average log, two-thirds of the log entries were cross checked. For all of the submitted logs, over 99% of all call signs, names, and QTHs were verified.

Because we have a complete database, it is a simple process for the computer to check every log fully. For all logs, I have chosen to remove any QSO that is invalid, regardless of how low the score is. This is different than most other contests where the lower scores do not receive much attention. I hope people find this to be valuable feedback on their operating and logging accuracy. As always, a computer-generated report is available showing the QSOs that were removed from your log. Send an SASE with your next log to get a copy.

Despite the best efforts of the log-checking software, there were nine logs that came through the checking process unscathed. They are listed as Golden Logs in the score listing. Congratulations to Steve London, N2IC, who had 315 QSOs without any errors! Bob, W6RGG, also did very well with 255 QSOs and no errors. We also got a perfect log from G4BUO, our first European in the Golden Log list with 46 QSOs. Please note that the Golden Log box is open to everyone, regardless of how many QSOs you make.

Please note the new e-mail address for logs: [cwsprint@contesting.com](mailto:cwsprint@contesting.com). This address should be super stable, staying the same even when it is time to change editors. Many thanks to Bill, KM9P, for providing this service.

If you do e-mail your log, you should receive an acknowledgment message shortly after mailing it. If you can't e-mail your log, just send in your disk and summary sheet. Any format created by the popular logging programs will do.

Hope to see you in the next CW Sprint on September 8 UTC (Saturday the 7th local time in North America).

**Soapbox**

The record will show that I have operated this contest since nearly its beginning. I still enjoy it as much today, despite my disagreement over what I consider to be excessively close log checking, which leads to cheating in the form of taping, data bases, and log sharing. — *K3MD*. It seems to me that there is a growing trend for ops who must QSY after the QSO without giving an acknowledgment of the message they have received — not even a "dit." Those guys are not in the log this time! The two hours and seven minutes missing in the middle were to take the XYL to a movie! —

*K4BAI*. My first Sprint. I couldn't get into the rhythm. I hope to do much better next time. — *KB3AFT*. Lots of fun as usual. Need to improve my 20-meter signal though. — *KB4GID*. By far my best multiplier total ever in a CW Sprint, and I missed DE, ME, RI, and VA! Not so good on the Qs though. See you in September. — *KM0L*. One knock down, drag out affair! — *KN4QV*. Four hours of leisure operating. — *N6HC*. QRP (15 watts), a straight key, an awkward call sign, and a fading band made it fun! — *VE4YU/XE1*. One of these days, I'll get the hang of this! — *W6TKF*. West Coast was dominant (super loud) on all bands! Still a great contest. — *W9RE*. Twenty meters was absolutely the pits. Thanks to KM5H for the use of his station. — *WA6OTU*. Had to quit my RTTY contest 20-meter JA run in order to Sprint! — *WB5B*. As usual, I spent too much time on the wrong bands — 20 and 40 this time. Trying to do this paperless. My learning curve is steep, although I had a 53 last hour, so apparently I'm making progress. Apologies to those I slowed down. — *WB9HRO*.

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# Scores

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mul	Score	Team
K1KI	Tom	CT	56	102	114	272	49	13328	YCCC #73
W1WEF	Jack	CT	46	113	102	261	47	12267	YCCC #73
N2AZS	Larry	CT	2	46	95	143	40	5720	
K8JLF	Dave	MA	6	90	45	141	38	5358	WattWorry #1
NX1H	Paul	NH	6	51	74	131	36	4716	WattWorry #1
WR1P	Nate	MA	3	36	46	85	35	2975	
N2NT	Andy	NJ	59	98	119	276	48	13248	FRC
KZ2S	John	NJ	70	114	100	284	46	13064	FRC
WA2SRQ	Ed	NJ	17	86	88	191	44	8404	FRC
KE2PF	* Dave	NJ	12	45	89	146	45	6570	FRC
WN3K	Bob	NJ	31	49	68	148	39	5772	FRC
N4TW	Benny	NY	4	19	8	31	21	651	Knights NNY
N2MBM	Bob	NY	0	4	0	4	4	16	
N2TNW	Lenny	NY	0	1	0	1	1	1	Knights NNY
K3WW	Chas	PA	38	85	107	230	47	10810	FRC
KE3Q	Rich	MD	59	80	91	230	44	10120	MRRC
K3MD	John	PA	48	62	83	193	45	8685	MRRC
AA3B	Bud	PA	36	59	105	200	41	8200	FRC
AA3HM	Craig	MD	5	59	61	125	42	5250	
WA3HAE	Keith	PA	20	16	79	115	35	4025	Warriors
N3BGV	Ed	PA	31	7	33	71	26	1846	Warriors
KB3AFT	* Jim	PA	7	1	0	8	6	48	Warriors
K4PQL	Al	NC	55	95	105	255	44	11220	
KB4GID	John	GA	28	59	112	199	47	9353	
K4AMC	Jim	TN	33	81	96	210	40	8400	TCG
KC4ZV	Greg	AL	43	64	87	194	43	8342	
AB4RX	Dan	KY	31	77	75	183	43	7869	
KP4XS	Ken	SC	34	72	74	180	42	7560	MRRC
WR3O	Kirk	TN	52	54	69	175	39	6825	TCG
K7GM	* Rick	NC	22	44	88	154	41	6314	
WA6KUI	Ric	TN	29	53	74	156	40	6240	TCG
KN4QV	* Jim	GA	28	73	53	154	39	6006	
W9WI	Doug	TN	23	51	84	158	37	5846	TCG
K4BAI	* John	GA	8	35	73	116	38	4408	
WC4E	Jeff	FL	0	66	0	66	29	1914	
AD4VH	Mike	FL	0	0	63	63	27	1701	
K5GN	Dave	TX	95	126	88	309	49	15141	
KR0Y	Jeff	TX	80	122	100	302	50	15100	TACO
K5GA	Bill	TX	76	141	85	302	48	14496	TACO
K5MR	Steve	TX	73	110	108	291	45	13095	TACO
N6ZZ	Phil	TX	88	93	91	272	45	12240	TACO
AD5Q	Roy	TX	59	109	98	266	46	12236	TACO
WB5B	Bob	TX	65	107	83	255	42	10710	TACO
WA6OTU	Mark	OK	50	113	95	258	41	10578	
K7UP	Jose	NM	32	116	89	237	44	10428	
NA5Q	Larry	TX	76	74	63	213	41	8733	TACO
WQ5L	Ray	MS	55	93	55	203	43	8729	SMC - LRU
KB8N	Paul	TX	31	96	77	204	40	8160	WattWorry #2
W5ASP	Joe	TX	70	86	51	207	39	8073	
KZ8E	Earl	TX	60	78	39	177	41	7257	
AA5BT	Derrick	TX	23	70	61	154	42	6468	WattWorry #2
KC5SPL	Ed	TX	37	44	40	121	35	4235	
W5NN	Mike	TX	0	77	0	77	32	2464	
W5NR	Art	TX	20	4	0	24	12	288	
WN4KKN	Trey	CA	93	132	90	315	47	14805	NCCC
N6TV	Bob	CA	62	142	99	303	46	13938	NCCC
K6NA	Glen	CA	84	113	96	293	45	13185	SCCC #1
N6ND	Terry	CA	82	111	93	286	46	13156	SCCC #1
N6RO	Ken	CA	91	115	80	286	45	12870	NCCC
N8SR	Steve	CA	62	128	83	273	47	12831	SCCC #1
K1DG	Doug	CA	86	114	81	281	43	12083	YCCC #73
AB6FO	Ken	CA	61	118	83	262	46	12052	SCCC #1
AC6T	Steve	CA	69	112	99	280	43	12040	SCCC #1
N6XI	Rick	CA	84	113	76	273	44	12012	NCCC

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mul	Score	Team
N6AA	Dick	CA	100	83	85	268	44	11792	SCCC #1
N6VR	Ray	CA	80	108	75	263	44	11572	SCCC #1
W6RGG	Bob	CA	66	109	80	255	45	11475	NCCC
KC6CNV	Dan	CA	67	88	68	223	42	9366	SCCC #1
W6OAT	Rusty	CA	59	98	66	223	42	9366	NCCC #2
W6XX	Pete	CA	96	75	57	228	41	9348	NCCC
N4TQO	Steve	CA	73	66	60	199	45	8955	NCCC
NV6O	Bo	CA	54	91	66	211	41	8651	NCCC
W6UQF	Chas	CA	76	54	51	181	44	7964	SCCC #2
NC6U	Kevin	CA	67	48	56	171	40	6840	SCCC #2
N6HC	Arnie	CA	75	58	34	167	40	6680	SCCC #2
W6MVW	Dick	CA	36	70	56	162	39	6318	SCCC #2
K6VNX	Arlen	CA	60	58	29	147	37	5439	SCCC #2
W6M2C	Ken	CA	49	64	19	132	38	5016	NCCC
W6TKF	Dick	CA	52	40	0	92	33	3036	SCCC #2
KK6XN	* Art	CA	22	48	31	101	30	3030	SCCC #2
WA7BNM	Bruce	CA	33	31	24	88	29	2552	SCCC #2
AE0M	Tony	CA	13	22	0	35	18	630	NCCC
KJ6HO	Larry	CA	7	17	5	29	15	435	SCCC #2
N6TR	Tree	OR	93	143	103	339	47	15933	SCCC #1
K6LL	Dave	AZ	93	123	85	301	48	14448	SCCC #1
N0AX	* Ed	WA	54	123	65	242	43	10406	WattWorry #1
K6XO	Al	UT	32	102	80	214	45	9630	WattWorry #1
AA7BG	Matt	MT	50	100	88	238	40	9520	
N7LOX	Brian	WA	66	87	52	205	39	7995	WattWorry #2
KI7Y	Jim	OR	61	72	42	175	39	6825	
AA0CY	Bob	NV	26	39	4	69	29	2001	
KW1K	* Joe	WA	28	23	6	57	27	1539	WattWorry #1
WB9ZPK	* Mark	WA	25	0	0	25	17	425	
KW8N	Bob	OH	70	89	97	256	44	11264	MRRC
N8EA	* Joe	MI	44	58	63	165	41	6765	
K3JT	Terry	WV	42	63	57	162	40	6480	MRRC
N4ZR	Pete	WV	14	51	84	149	39	5811	WattWorry #2
K8MR	Jim	OH	3	39	91	133	0	0	MRRC
W9RE	Mike	IN	72	81	109	262	47	12314	SMC - DLSC
K9BGL	Karl	IL	64	73	82	219	45	9855	
K9ZO	Ralph	IL	70	57	87	214	45	9630	SMC - DLSC
WX9E	Paul	IL	52	69	84	205	44	9020	SMC - DLSC
K9MMS	* Gary	IL	47	51	62	160	38	6080	SMC - LRU
WB9HRO	Jim	WI	57	39	53	149	34	5066	
AA9AX	Steve	IN	30	44	62	136	35	4760	SMC - LRU
WD9GGY	Qtpie	IL	33	22	43	98	32	3136	
WB0OLA	Jim	IN	22	13	45	80	28	2240	SMC - LRU
N2IC	Steve	CO	66	140	109	315	46	14490	
K4VX	Dave	MO	80	101	116	297	48	14256	SMC - DLSC
AA5WQ	Erik	CO	26	116	90	232	47	10904	SMC - DLSC
WB0O	Bill	ND	44	100	97	241	45	10845	SMC - DLSC
KM0L	Steve	MO	40	92	72	204	46	9384	SMC - DLSC
W0HSC	Pat	ND	18	71	86	175	40	7000	
KK9W	Dave	IA	22	55	88	165	38	6270	WattWorry #1
K9WIE	Jim	MN	28	49	77	154	37	5698	
N0AT	Ron	MN	22	49	57	128	37	4736	
W0UY	Tom	KS	19	47	33	99	31	3069	
KJ0G	Bob	CO	18	24	0	42	22	924	
VE4VV	Derek	MB	26	114	74	214	41	8774	SMC - DLSC
VE5SF	* Sam	SK	25	70	30	125	32	4000	
VP2E/KI4HN	Jim	VP2	2	66	0	68	30	2040	WattWorry #2
V40Z	Denny	V4	0	21	33	54	23	1242	
G4BUO	Dave	G	0	40	6	46	20	920	
8P9EN	Rob	8P	0	8	0	8	10	80	
VE4YU/XE1*	Ed	MX	8	0	0	8	8	64	

\* denotes low power

Check logs: WN2R, KB0MWV, W3DYA, K8CV.

**Don't forget the NCJ's North American Sprints!**  
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