

# Results, 1992 Novice Roundup

I worked a lot of good operators and had a blast.  
—Ed, KC4SGO/T

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**T**he Novice Roundup is one of the most fun contests the League has to offer beginning hams. This activity spans a nine-day period, giving operators the choice of times and modes to operate. You can be on the air for a maximum of 30 hours during the contest, so you want these hours to be as productive as possible. This is where experience and knowledge of band conditions and propagation come into play. If *winning* is on your mind, it's of the utmost importance to choose bands and time periods that produce lots of contacts in as many ARRL/CRRL Sections and DXCC countries as possible. For instance, you wouldn't want to be on 10 meters at night when 40 and 80 meters are wide open to the opposite coast. Take time to learn about propagation. The *ARRL Operating Manual* can help you in this aspect and give you clues on how to improve other contest-operating skills. There's a complete chapter on contesting waiting for you.

NR can be a learning experience, along with being just plain fun. Besides learning propagation, NR is good for improving and enhancing your Morse code ability. If your weakness is in phone operation, NR can help cure a case of "mike fright" and give you practice in copying SSB through interference and difficult band conditions. With the right frame of mind, NR can be the most formative and fun time you have in Amateur Radio on your way to becoming an old hand at contesting.

Scott, KB9GIZ, shares with us, "I didn't get a chance to work as many hours as I'd have liked, but it gave me the opportunity to learn new things and get introduced to contesting." Rusty, KD4GLC, says, "The Novice Roundup was great! It's never been so easy to make a QSO. It introduced me to contesting and was a lot of fun." Lew, N2KNV, claims, "My code speed rose dramatically as I learned to copy just above the noise floor. I enjoyed the relaxed pace of the contest."

Last year, participation in NR was down sharply. We made a plea to our friends and Members to spread the word and get people as excited as they were about NR. It certainly worked! Participation is back up for 1992. We received 272 entries: 59 Novices, 170 Technicians, 28 others and 15 check-

logs. This represents a 33.3% increase in entries for 1992. Spread the word and let your friends know about the fun and excitement you had in the Novice Roundup. Invite them to give it a try next year.

## Superstars

Last year's third-place Technician, Ronni, KA1NRR, easily distanced herself from the closest competition for a win in

the 1992 Novice Roundup (see her article on page 38 of January 1992 *QST*). Ronni shares her station with her husband, Mitch, WB2JSJ, a veteran contester who helped her learn the ropes. Ronni has a game plan for the Novice Roundup: She operated the entire NR on 10-meter SSB. A good portion of her operation was running as many Europeans as possible, and the rest of the time she was looking for ARRL/CRRL Section multipliers. She has this down to a science.

Last year's Novice champ, Daniel, KC6CNV (see photo), increased his score by about 24k points, claiming the top 1992 Novice spot. Eleven-year-old Daniel divided his operating time between phone and CW, bouncing between 10-meter SSB and 15-meter CW, with limited operation on 80, 40 and 10-meter CW. He completed 764 SSB contacts and 411 CW contacts while working 100 multipliers. Daniel, unlike Ronni, concentrated on working as many W/VEs as possible, and picked up a few DX contacts anywhere he could. Daniel has finished first for three years in a row using this strategy.

It isn't just one set of parameters that works for the Novice Roundup: Ronni and Daniel tried different techniques and each produced a winning score. Find a mix that works for you and give it your best.

Thanks to all who participated in NR and sent logs to HQ. Even if you upgrade before next year, don't forget about NR and the fun you had. Invite a friend to give it a try. See you then!

## Top Ten

Novice		Technician	
Call	Score	Call	Score
KC6CNV/N	158,600	KA1NRR/T	236,115
KB2NFU/N	127,980	N3HBX/T	156,845
KA8JBK/N	110,760	KB5PGJ/T	123,119
KD4DIO/N	109,408	KA1SSU/T	105,168
KB5MSN/N	88,095	NL7TB/T	100,188
WL7CBT/N	73,346	K3KFD/T	83,145
KB2NUP/N	65,704	N5XIQ/T	82,215
KA1YKW/N	60,840	KB5NFN/T	76,800
KA1WWW/N	50,080	N1FOJ/T	72,105
KB0JSA/N	37,914	N1GPY/T	67,624

## Division Leaders

Novice	Division	Technician
KA3ZJZ/N	Atlantic	N3HBX/T
KA9UZH/N	Central	KA9DZR/T
KB0JAG/N	Dakota	N0CZX/T
KB5MSN/N	Delta	N5XIQ/T
KA8JBK/N	Great Lakes	KA8HQJ/T
KB2NFU/N	Hudson	N2LDU/T
KB0JSA/N	Midwest	N0NQP/T
KA1YKW/N	New England	KA1NRR/T
WL7CBT/N	Northwestern	NL7TB/T
KD6DNY/N	Pacific	KA3TOP/T
KB5KCG/N	Rocky Mountain	N0KOE/T
KA0LXJ/4/N	Roanoke	N4XML/T
KD4DIO/N	Southeastern	KD4FNA/T
KC6CNV/N	Southwestern	N7RQA/T
KB5PLA/N	West Gulf	KB5PGJ/T



Daniel, KC6CNV, finished atop the Novice Roundup for the third straight year.

## SOAPBOX

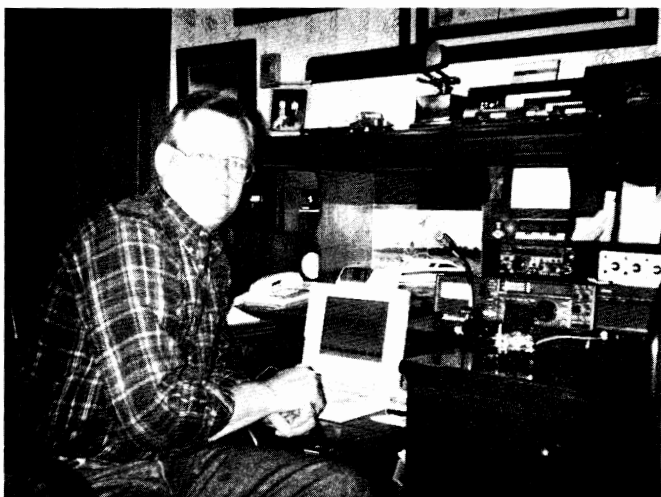
I had fun making contacts, even though band conditions weren't so great. My score wasn't as high as I wanted it to be, but there's always next year to look forward to (N5SAT). The contest gave me the opportunity to knock a few more states off my list for WAS. It was great to call "CQ NR" and get attention from the old-timers (KD4DIO). My first contact in the NR was only my second as a ham, so I have a lot to learn. I was impressed by the amount of higher-class hams who helped by making contacts with us (KD6DNN). If my CW had been better, I probably could have made more contacts (KB0EOK). I enjoyed getting on the air and helping out, and wish I could do it more often (WB7EIK). I'm glad we have this contest, as it got me more active in ham radio (N0NGD). A lot of Novices and Techs are missing out on a lot of fun (N0GGE). I enjoyed my first contest, although all the different Sections were a bit puzzling at first



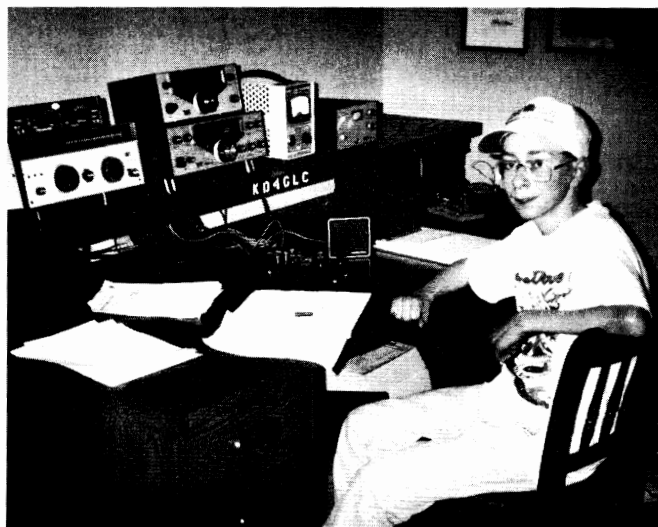
Jason, N1JIV (l), and Mark, KA1ZPA, put W1AW on the air to the tune of 550 QSOs.



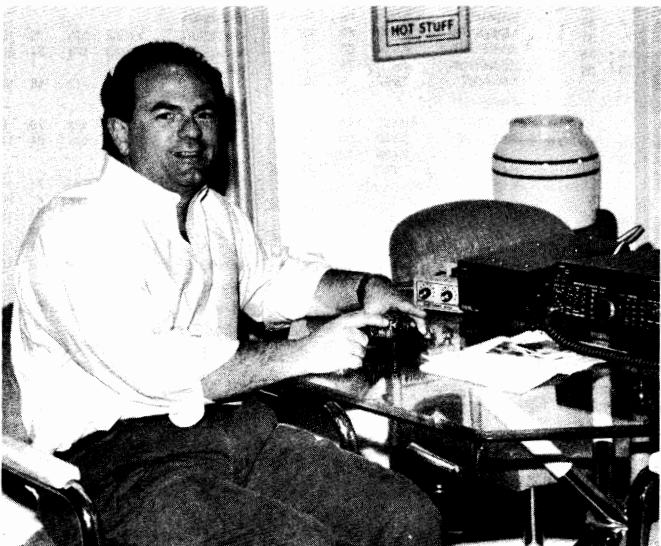
Brian, KB8LCO, had fun multioperating with Clem, KB8QFK.



Von, N8HGN, looks poised while making one of his 344 QSOs to finish first in Ohio.



Rusty, KD4GLC, made 239 CW contacts to lead Kentucky.



Billy, N5XIQ, got back on for the Novice Roundup for the first time in 30 years. He finished first in his Section and seventh overall among Technicians.



Bob, N4XML, entered his fourth NR since becoming a ham and was pleased with how much fun it's been.

(KB0HYF). I appreciate all the General, Advanced and Extra Class operators who came in and worked us (KA0ITA). I had a great time working the pileups. Next year I'll be sure to have a computer for online logging. It would be a lot easier that way (KB0IXC). Between transmitter problems, antenna problems and Murphy, I didn't do so well, but I'll work more contests in the future (WP4JQY/T). I used an old Hallicrafters SX-140 and HT-40 putting out about 40 watts to a low loop. With crystal control, I couldn't move around the band, but I did get close enough for a few people to work me (KB5KCG). I had a good time—it was interesting being at the receiving end of a pileup! (N7IKQ). This was my second year, and I made more QSOs and multipliers, and had more fun (KB7MFO). At first, I was hesitant to jump in and call CQ, but after I did, I had a ball (KB8MPQ). I had more fun than I did the previous two years (KA1NRR). I enjoyed the NR immensely. I especially enjoyed working two

Novices as their first contacts (KB2NFU). I knew it would be a good contest when my first contact was with Japan. Every operator I made contact with, and heard on the air, operated in a courteous manner and was friendly (KB2NBK). I was pleased with the propagation this year (KB5NFN). I thought the contest was great fun (KB7NWT). It was cold in my cellar, but 10 meters was hot (N1FOJ). I learned a lot by working QRP! Propagation was great! The higher-class licenses helped a lot (KC4PHX). It was hard to find new stations to work after the first two or three days. It was good to see so many stations signing /T on CW, showing that they aren't afraid to venture off VHF or SSB (WT3P). I enjoyed working the Novices and Technicians, I wish there'd been more of them (WW1P). My score may not be among the highest, but my effort was (KA8QFK). I'm 14 years old and this was my third NR. I thought people were more

polite than the past two years. Also, conditions were better this year than last (KA1SSU). This year I decided to work mostly CW, and it was busy and fast. I worked a lot of good operators and had a blast (KC4SGO). I had a lot of fun (KA3TLE). I worked 21 new states, nine new countries and almost swept Canada (KC4TZY). I'm 51, and have been a Novice for a year. I found myself outside in the snow at 3:30 AM untangling my 40-meter dipole from my 80-meter dipole so I could get on 40 meters (KA1WWI). This was the first contest I've ever participated in during my first year as a ham. It brought a lot of fun, excitement, confidence building and experience. I enjoyed the contest and thought it was a good way to build up my operating skills (KA1YHW). I enjoyed the challenge and the excitement of the Novice Roundup. I wish there had been more Novices and Techs out there to pounce on (N3JZLU). This was my first NR, it was great! (KC4ZLU).

## Scores

Score listings indicate call sign, score, number of QSOs, multipliers (number of ARRL Sections + DXCC countries) and total hours.

<b>1</b>					<b>Eastern Pennsylvania</b>					<b>KA8LXJ4/N</b>					14,522	132	53	16	<b>7</b>					<b>Wisconsin</b>																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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