# Results, 1992 Novice Roundup

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

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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 vou clues on how to improve other contestoperating 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, KAINRR, easily distanced herself from the closest competition for a win in

Top Ten			
Novice			
Call	Score	Call	Score
KC6CNV/N KB2NFU/N KA8JBK/N KD4DIO/N KB5MSN/N WL7CBT/N	158,600 127,980 110,760 109,408 88,095 73,346	KA1NRR/T N3HBX/T KB5PGJ/T KA1SSU/T NL7TB/T K3KFD/T	236,115 156,845 123,119 105,168 100,188 83,145
KB2NUP/N KA1YKW/N KA1WWI/N KBØJSA/N	65,704 60,840 50,080 37,914	N5XIQ/T KB5NFN/T N1FOJ/T N1GPY/T	82,215 76,800 72,105 67,624

## **Division Leaders**

Novice	Division	Technician
KA3ZJZ/N	Atlantic	N3HBX/T
KA9UZH/N	Central	KA9DZR/T
KBØJAG/N	Dakota	NØCZX/T
KB5MSN/N	Delta	N5XIQ/T
KB2NFU/N	Hudson	N2LDU/T
KBØJSA/N	Midwest	NØNQP/T
KA1YKW/N	New England	KA1NRR/T
WL7CBT/N	Northwestern	NL7TB/T
KD6DNY/N	Pacific	KA3TOP/T
KB5KCG/N	Rocky Mountain	NØKOE/T
KAØLXJ/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.

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

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!

### **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 of 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 (KBØEOK). 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 (NØNGD). A lot of Novices and Techs are missing out on a lot of fun (NØGGE). I enjoyed my first contest, although all the different Sections were a bit puzzling at first



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



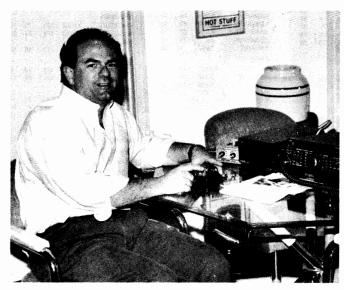
Brian, KB8LCO, had fun multioperating with Clem, KB8QFK.



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.

(KBØHYF). I appreciate all the General, Advanced and Extra Class operators who came in and worked us (KAØITA). 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 (KBØIXC). 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 though 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 (N3JZU). 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.

1					Eastern Pe	nnsvivar	nia			KAØLXJ/4/N	14.522	132	53	16	7				Wisconsin				
Connecticu					K3KFD/T	83,145	723	115	29	KD4GRM/T	11,990	217	55	30	Alaska				KB9GIZ/N	1,378	37	26	12
KA1VMG/T	9.790	109	55	13	KA3ZJZ/N	29,478	289	51	30	KC4YLX/T	5,940	103	45	30					N9HUA/T	1,113	53	21	22
N1IBQ/T	6,664	119	56	18	KA3TLE/T	16,260	271	60	24	KC4TTM/T	3,024	56	27	12	NL7TB/T 100,186 WL7CBT/N (+ WL78 B	8 1086	92	37	KB9HKB/T	630	28	21	9
KA1SZP/T	1,560	60	26	10	N3III/T	14,344	163	44	28	KC4PHX/N	2,130	69	30	8	CBR,CBS,CBU,CBV,	CRWA	CAA,		N9KQQ/T	25	5	5	3
KA1QVK/T	204	17	12	3	KA3YTN/T KA3TRU/T	7,304	166	44	25	KD4CUJ/T N2KRN/T	1,952 392	61 14	32 14	23 6	73.34		91	29	_				
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ZOJ,ZOM,ZO				71.1	KA3VTQ/T	420	29	14	20	KD4CNX/T (+ K					KB7IPU/N (+ KB7s IP)		30	•	NØMWY/T	1,885	65	29	8
KWJ,ops)	32,364		58	14	N3KLJ/T	391	23	17	3		80	15	5	2	3,21		30	30	KBØDWI/T	1,386	41	22	7
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ops)	36	9	4	5	Maryland-D	C									KB7MLY/N 8,49		48	20	KBØJSH/N	27,500	250	55	18
Eastern Ma	ssachus	etts			N3HBX/T	156,845	1221	127	30	Arkansas					KB7HUW/N 7,25		41	13	KBØHYF/N	3,264	51	32	19
KA1UOJ/T	19,437	341	57	23	N3KNX/T	12,495	119	49	29	KB5MSN/N	88,095	620	105	30	Idaho				KAØMSN/T	2,336	73	32	12
N1HTS/T	3,822	98	39	23	KB4MED/N WA3NAN/T (V	2,520	. 70	36	9	N5UXX/T N3JRN/5/T	23,400 90	360 10	65 9	30 7	KB7NWT/T 35,46	9 563	63	30	KBØJEM/T KBØJQO/T	897 748	39 22	23 17	13 2
KA1WZO/T	1,632	51	32	15	WASHAMI (V	774DLX,05	e) 65	34	11		•	10	•	•	KB7LCB/T 1,03		23	13	KAØWOW/T	459	27	17	12
KA1ZPL/T	1,596	57	28	25	N3JZU/T	65	7	5	21	Louisiana					•				NØOKI/T	425	25	17	7
KA1ZBO/T	1,160	58	20	8	Western Po		-1-	-		N5XIQ/T	82,215	590	105	30	Nevada				KB2JEN/N	12	4	3	2
Maine					KA3WYS/N	26,499		73	19	KB5OVI/T N5VND/T	7,632 5,440	159 160	48 34	7 16	N7VOI/T 4,410 N7MNA/T 1,68		42 29	15 16	Kansas				
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KA1WWI/N	50,080	313	80	30	N3KEJ/T	2.640	88	30	20	Mississippi					Oregon				NØNDG/T	20,406	303	57	22
New Hamp	shire				WBØIWG/T	48	8	6	-6	N5KBQ/T N5XLR/T	11,350	227	50	9	KA7OAJ/T 42,98		70	24	KBØJKW/T	4,270	122	35	10
N1FOJ/T	72,105	627	115	30	_						5,490	106	45	16	N7LTM/T 78: KB7MFO/T (+ KB7s M		23	9	KBØJRW/T	1,700	34	25	19
KA1ZMZ/N	14,896	196	76	30	4					New Mexico					15,30		60	15	WØLB/T (KBØs		,IDB,Ne	)s	
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KA1YKW/N	60,840	780	78	25	KC4SOC/T	5,452	78	47	12	North Texas	1				N7VEA/T 2,92		37	22		12,000	244	٠,	
KA1WIU/T	16,936	146	58	20	KD4DIY/T	4,940	65	38	18	N5ECM/T	798	32	19	11	N7VMV/T 59		17	20	Minnesota				
Vermont					KB4CAY/T	1,537	32	29	23	Oklahoma					N7QMT/T 6		6	2	NØCZX/T KBØIXC/T	28,630 22,043	409 329	70	28 29
KA1NRR/T	236,115	1749	135	28	Georgia					N5USH/T	13,224	228	58	30			-	-	KBØJAG/N	1.952	50	67 32	16
N1GPY/T	67,624	578	107	30	KD4FNA/T	38,325	365	105	29			220	30	30	8				NØNUW/T	1,104	41	23	5
KA1SMC/T	260	19	13	7	KD4BDE/T	8,370	93	45	18	South Texas					Michigan				NØEKM/T	888	37	24	8
KA1RRX/N	40	5	4	7	KD4ECW/N KB4DNQ/T	6,424 6.327	73	44 57	16	KB5PGJ/T KB5NFN/T	123,119 76,800	952 683	101	30 29	KA8JBK/N 110,76	0 719	104	30	NØGNY/T	286	16	13	8
Western Ma	assachu	setts			N4TMW/T	5,170	111 94	57 55	19 8	N5URI/T	19.980	382	54	22	KA8EBE/N 29,39	4 208	69	25	KBØJVX/N	128	8	8	2
KA1YHW/T	17,516	151	58	13	KC4ROW/T	3,990	57	35	6	N5XUS/T	6,116	85	44	25	KB8MXW/N 9,30		47	15	Missouri				
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2					KC4ZLU/N	1,512	54	28	8	N5SAT/T	2,808	78	36	22	KB8HTM/T 4,91- KB8NFW/N 4,47:		39 43	19 12	NØNQP/T	21,712	179	59	25
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KB2NFU/N	127,980	679	158	30	KD4GLC/N	32,982	239	69	22	6					Ohio						112	40	17
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KB2NUP/N	65,704	383	86	27	KC4ULX/T	980	26	20	11	KB6VVX/N	900	50	18	2	KA8VPL/T 79	2 30	22	4	Nebraska				
WB2VBV/T	62,868	338	93	20	North Card					Los Angeles		•••		-	KA8HQJ/T (+N8EWJ,				KBØJSA/N	37,914	454	71	18
KA2JAK/T	2,520	42	30	26	KD4BEZ/T	3,978	102	39	16	KD6BRX/T	10.638	148	54	O.E.	43,12		88	28	KBØEBJ/T KBØEOR/T	8,272 1,250	176 50	47 25	24 15
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N2LDU/T	65,953	653	101	25			′	3	9	KC6ACI/T	2,080	65	32	5	KB8LNP/T (+ KB8LNC				NØOFR/T	425	25	17	3
KB2LWV/N	16,120	138	62	24	Northern F					KD6ETS/T	1,300	52	25	21	1,22		24	17	NØNGD/T	81	9	9	10
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WB2YEH/T	1,700	34	25	6	KC4VMB/T	432	24	18	6	Santa Clara					•				KA1UEH 833;				
N2EEF/T	666	37	18	9	Southern F	lorida				KD6EIC/T	1,904	43	34	15	Illinois				760; KA1PU 6				
Western No	ew York				KD4DIO/N	109,408	801	104	30	San Diego					KA9UZH/N 26,66		62	29	561; K9LA 460				
KB2LIF/T	36,720	261	80	19	KC4SGO/T	34,398	270	78	29	KC8VWI/N	23,383	264	67	30	KA9DZR/T 23,32 N9IHW/T 2,57		72 33		252; N6TV 23 K9UQN 200; H				
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