



# ARRL International DX Contest CW 2019 Preliminary Results

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At or near the bottom of Cycle 24, a lack of contacts on 10 meters should not be a shock to anyone. In 2018, there were 8,300 10-meter QSOs in the submitted logs. This year, only 1,600 QSOs... No surprise; there's always next year!

On the plus side, the bottom of this cycle did have one pleasant side-effect: To paraphrase one individual, the low-bands rocked. A sampling of comments from different sources.

- *The low bands were fantastic*
- *Both 80 and 160 were very good...good signal strength both nights*
- *Best 160 results we have ever had from this station in a major*
- *Nice low band weekend*
- *Low bands were especially in great shape*
- *Really good 80/160 signals.*
- *Low bands were excellent, particularly the second night when we had actual runs into EU on 160m.*

Even at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, the number of submitted logs was up more than four per cent from last year. However, entries from the DX side continue to outpace those of W/VE entrants. Overall, the largest increase comes in the single-operator categories, with high power gains outpacing those of low power by a factor of 2:1.

Once again rising to the top of the DX Single Operator, High Power stack is 8P5A operated by W2SC. Tom has an enviable record, having claimed this spot in three out of the last four years. Single Operator, Low Power has a similar situation with ZF9CW, operated by K5GO, claiming the top spot for the last three years in a row. Other stations and operators have similar records. I'll touch more on these high performers in the detailed results.

On the US/VE side, the single-operator categories have seen different winners from year to year. However, get down to the multi-op categories and the same stations show up each year.

As you might expect at the bottom of a sunspot cycle, there were no new records set in the major categories. Give it another year or two and a few new ones should appear. The new ones set this year were mostly at the local/regional levels.

Editors note: only the winners of the category are given in the preliminary results.

Category Winners, DX		
Single Operator, High Power		
	8P5A	6,301,680
Single Operator, Low Power		
	ZF9CW	4,096,863
Single Operator, QRP		
	IZ3NVR	258,390
Single Operator Unlimited, High Power		
	NP4Z	4,152,240
Single Operator Unlimited, Low Power		
	P4ØW (W2GD, op)	3,386,700
Single Operator Unlimited, QRP		
	OK2FD	194,313
Single Operator, Single Band, 160 Meters		
	NP2J (K8RF, op)	142,506
Single Operator, Single Band, 80 Meters		
	XE2X	213,300
Single Operator, Single Band, 40 Meters		
	KP2M (KT3Y, op)	359,460
Single Operator, Single Band, 20 Meters		
	V37DX (DH8BQA, op)	379,980
Single Operator, Single Band, 15 Meters		
	PX2A (PY2LSM, op)	254,340
Single Operator, Single Band, 10 Meters		
	CE2ML (CX1EK, op)	33,282
Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power		
	ZF1A	5,658,240
Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power		
	V3T	3,697,920
Multioperator, Two Transmitter		
	PJ4A	6,775,164
Multioperator, Multitransmitter		
	PJ2T	6,970,500

<b>Category Winners, W/VE</b>		
<i>Single Operator, High Power</i>		
N5DX (@N2QV)	6,632,334	
<i>Single Operator, Low Power</i>		
N9NB	1,955,184	
<i>Single Operator, QRP</i>		
K8CN	288,036	
<i>Single Operator Unlimited, High Power</i>		
KI1G	5,978,412	
<i>Single Operator Unlimited, Low Power</i>		
K5KU	1,679,736	
<i>Single Operator Unlimited, QRP</i>		
KR4AE	218,268	
<i>Single Operator, Single Band, 160 Meters</i>		
W4ZV	82,362	
<i>Single Operator, Single Band, 80 Meters</i>		
W3BGN	189,465	
<i>Single Operator, Single Band, 40 Meters</i>		
N8OO	501,285	
<i>Single Operator, Single Band, 20 Meters</i>		
K1LZ (E78WW, op)	655,962	
<i>Single Operator, Single Band, 15 Meters</i>		
K4OAQ	157,794	
<i>Single Operator, Single Band, 10 Meters</i>		
W4DD	900	
<i>Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power</i>		
W4KZ	5,085,300	
<i>Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power</i>		
VE9BK	2,001,159	
<i>Multioperator, Two Transmitter</i>		
W2FU	7,134,144	
<i>Multioperator, Multitransmitter</i>		
W3LPL	10,091,655	

### Affiliated Club Competition

Club competition is an aggregate of both CW and SSB contests. Watch for the initial data in the Preliminary SSB write up.



Operators at the M/S station VP5K. At the top is Pat, KØPC, with Bill, ACØW below. (Photos courtesy of Pat Cain, KØPC & Bill Lippert, ACØW)

Stay tuned for comprehensive results in *QST*, along with an expanded writeup in [contests.arrl.org](http://contests.arrl.org)!

All scores presented in this preliminary report are provisional, pending final review. Watch for the full contest results coming soon to this website. Top scores will be printed in the August issue of *QST*.