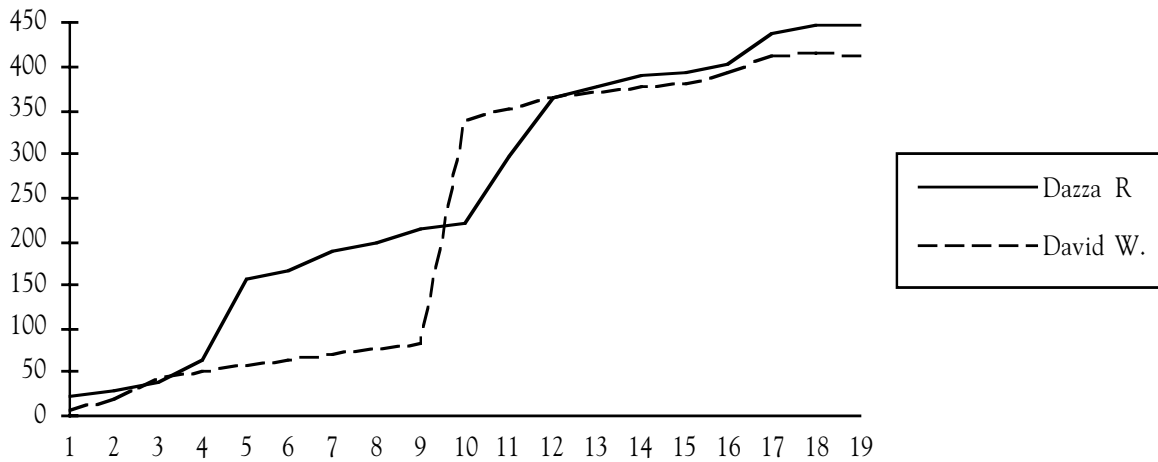


Nine Games Played During a Thirteen Day Period in July 1993

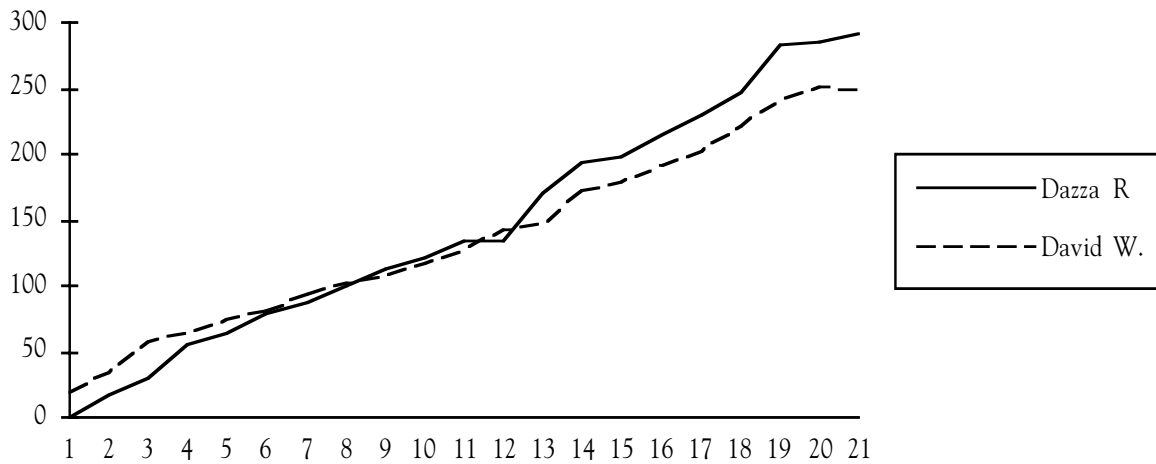
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DAZZA RINEHART vs. DAVID WILES, 3 JULY 1993

The game was highlighted by Rinehart's two 50-point bonuses. Unfortunately, the second bonus was a result of peeking at the letters, so Wiles was awarded 250 bonus points (*move 10*). The hard-fought game, which didn't conclude until after midnight, ended in a 448 to 412 victory for Rinehart. The 36 point winning margin resulted from Rinehart's refusal to accept a total of 41 preposterous word suggestions, e.g., ebe, goz, *et cetera*, suggested (albeit unconvincingly) by Wiles.

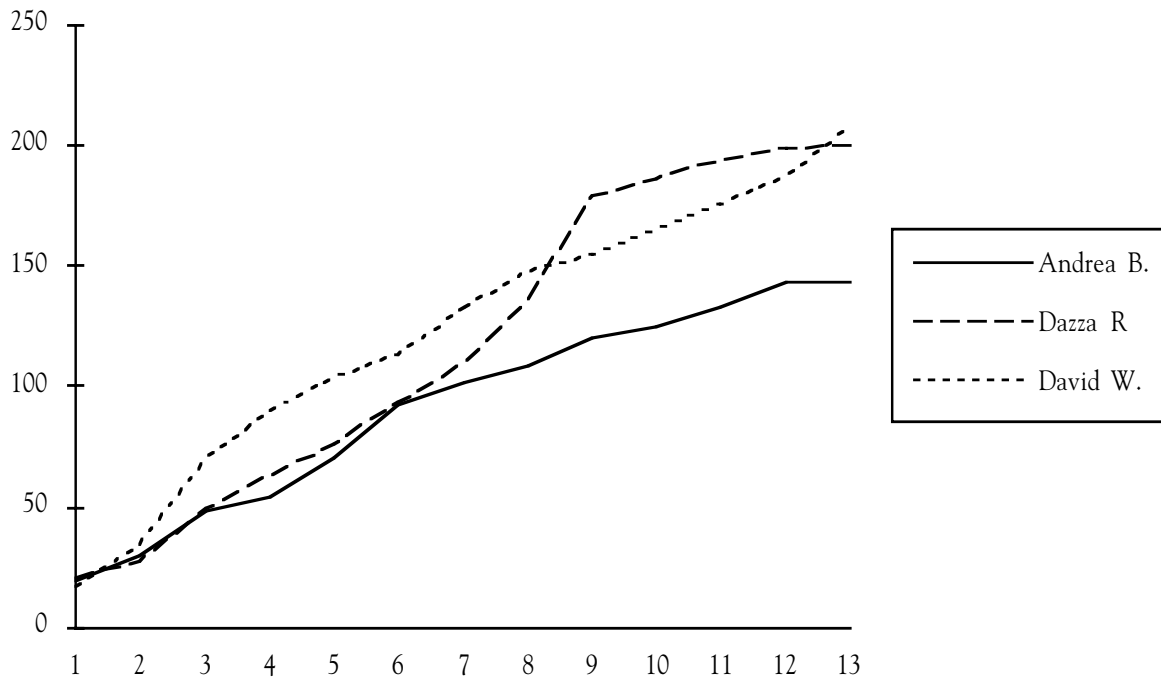
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DAZZA RINEHART vs. DAVID WILES, 4 JULY 1993

The game began with a rules challenge when Wiles refused to return the tile he'd drawn to determine which player would move first. The dispute was settled amicably after consulting the official documents, and play began on what proved to be an uninspired game. A careless error by Wiles on move 12 allowed Rinehart to earn 36 points by pluralizing *date* and scoring triple-word value *sex*. Wiles never recovered, and Rinehart went on to win by a score of 293 to 250. The lackluster performance of both players was due, in part, to the constant din of fireworks and small arms fire associated with American Independence Day festivities.

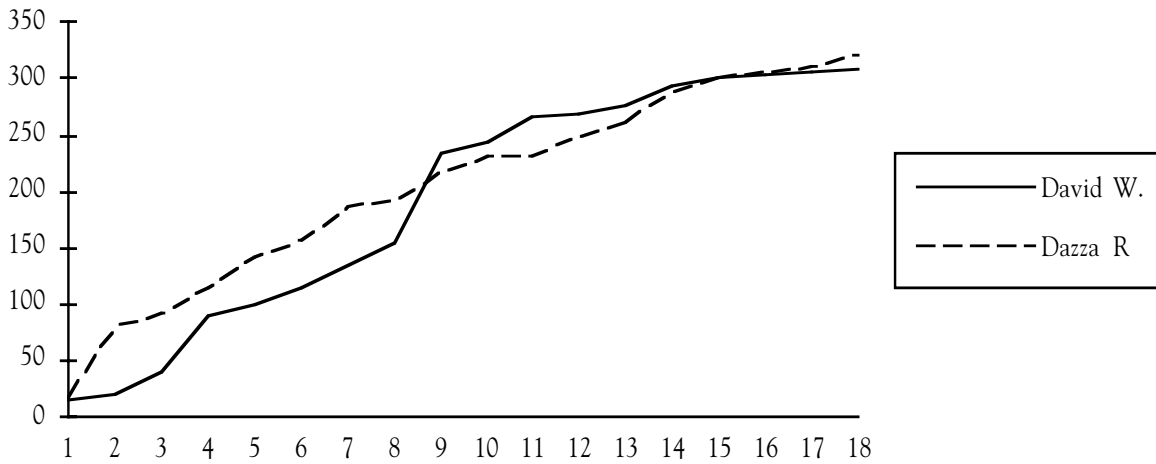
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ANDREA BERNARD vs. DAZZA RINEHART vs. DAVID WILES, 5 JULY 1993

Wiles began the proceedings by asking if anyone had cheated. He was satisfied that no illegal activity had transpired when it was pointed out that the game had not been removed from its box. The game was marked by poor selections of letters, a paucity of high scoring opportunities that lead Wiles to propose that *niln* should be a word. The suggestion was rejected by a vote of two to one. Wiles' request that *lidt* be accepted was subsequently rejected by the same margin. Bernard offered to sell Wiles her Q for an undisclosed amount, a proposition that was struck down by the Rules Committee. In the end, it was Bernard's 10-point Q added to Wiles' final tally that gave him an eight-point margin of victory, 208 to 200 to 143. Rinehart requested an audit, but no irregularities were found and the score was certified as correct.

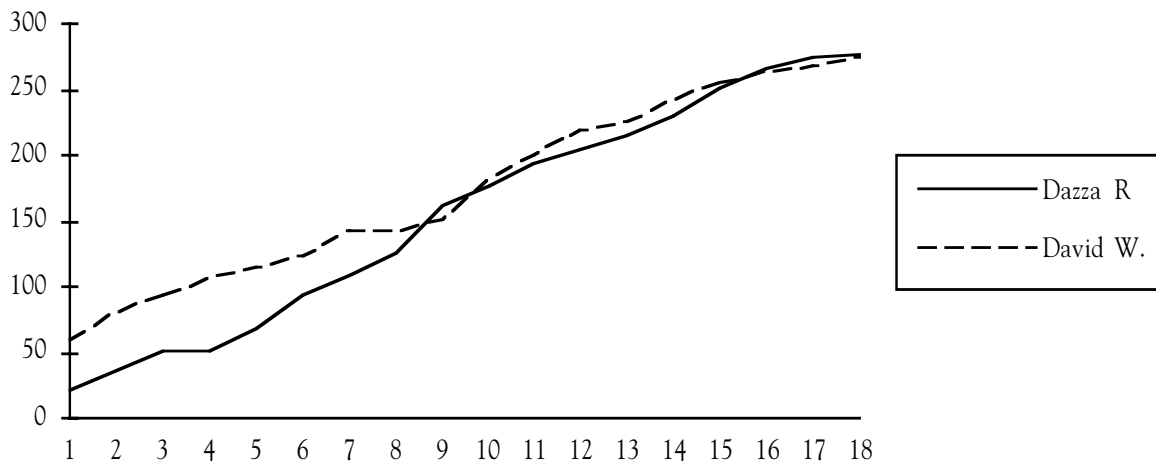
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DAVID WILES vs. DAZZA RINEHART, 5 JULY 1993

The game began aggressively, with Rinehart earning a 50-point bonus on the second turn. Wiles was awarded the same seven-letter bonus on ninth move, setting the game high of 81 points for a single turn. With the score tied at 301 after 15 plays, Rinehart suggested that Wiles resign and lose by the minimum number of points possible, e.g., zero. Wiles declined, and set out on an urgent campaign to dispose of his considerable consonants. Increasingly desperate, Wiles unsuccessfully lobbied for the acceptance of *vone*, as in the case of “he wants to *vone* her” and *kibar*, as in “he’s feeling very *kibar*.” Ultimately, Wiles’ all-too-helpful suggestion that Rinehart use his last remaining tile—an *I*—to spell *ti* left Wiles with an orphaned *V*. When the four points were deducted from Wiles’ final tally and added to Rinehart’s, Rinehart eked out a hard-won 320 to 308 victory.

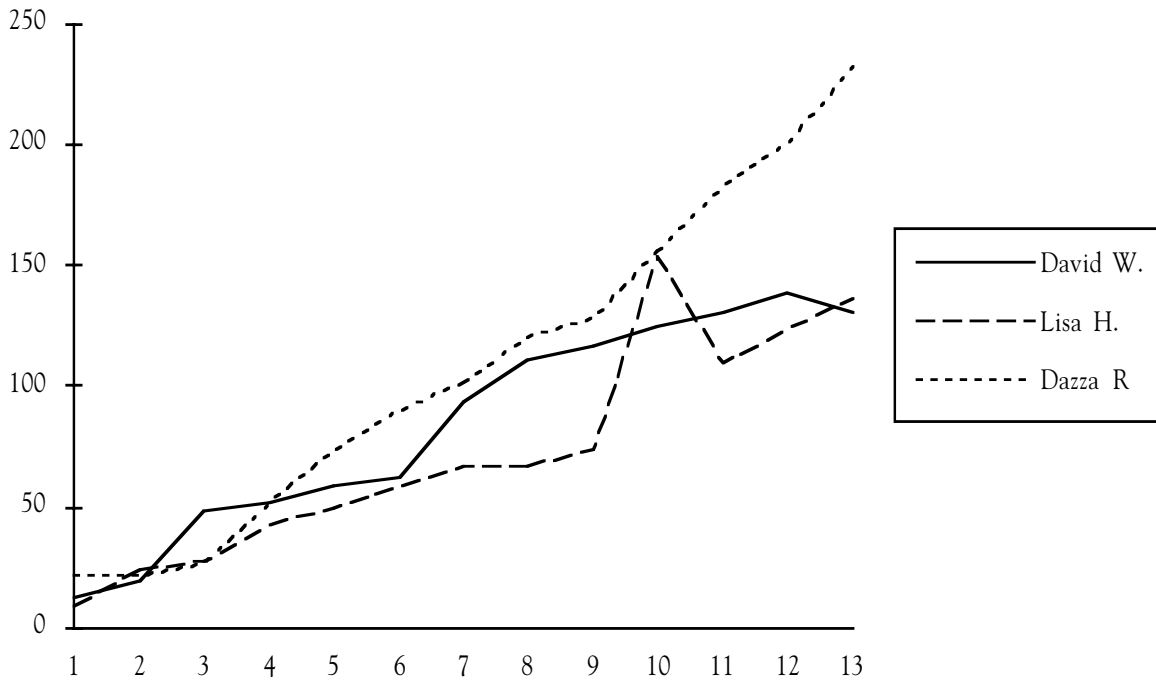
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DAZZA RINEHART vs. DAVID WILES, 7 JULY 1993

A variety of technical and logistical problems delayed the beginning of play, difficulties that continued even after the game began. Low battery power prevented automated computer scoring, so the results of each individual turn were noted on paper. The cumulative points, however, were not calculated during the game. Play began with a sixty point play by Wiles, and the game progressed rapidly after that. The lively play was attributed, in part, to each player's ignorance of the score. After the conclusion of play, the computer was turned on briefly for the scores to be entered. The calculations revealed that Rinehart has survived both a strong opening and closing game by Wiles to win by a final score of 278 to 275.

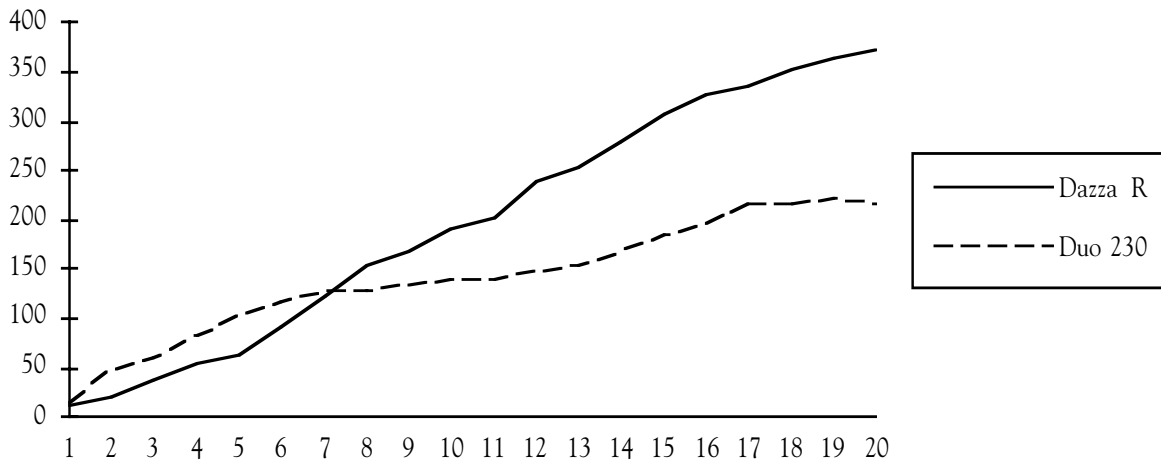
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DAVID WILES vs. LISA HARRINGTON vs. DAZZA RINEHART, 8 JULY 1993

The game began uneventfully, and by the fourth move the players were separated by no more than ten points. Rinehart then pulled away, and was not threatened until the tenth turn when Harrington came within two points after posting the game's high score of 80 points. (Only 30 of the points were actually earned, the other 50 points were sympathy points awarded by the other players because of Harrington's allergic reaction to a nearby mongrel.) On the next move, however, Harrington was slapped with a 50 point delay-of-game penalty, leaving Rinehart with no serious competition. Harrington continued to play aggressively, and finished second after points for the remaining tiles were deducted on the final turn. The final score was Rinehart 232, Harrington 136, and Wiles 130. Wiles protested his dismal showing, but the final tally was certified to be proper and correct.

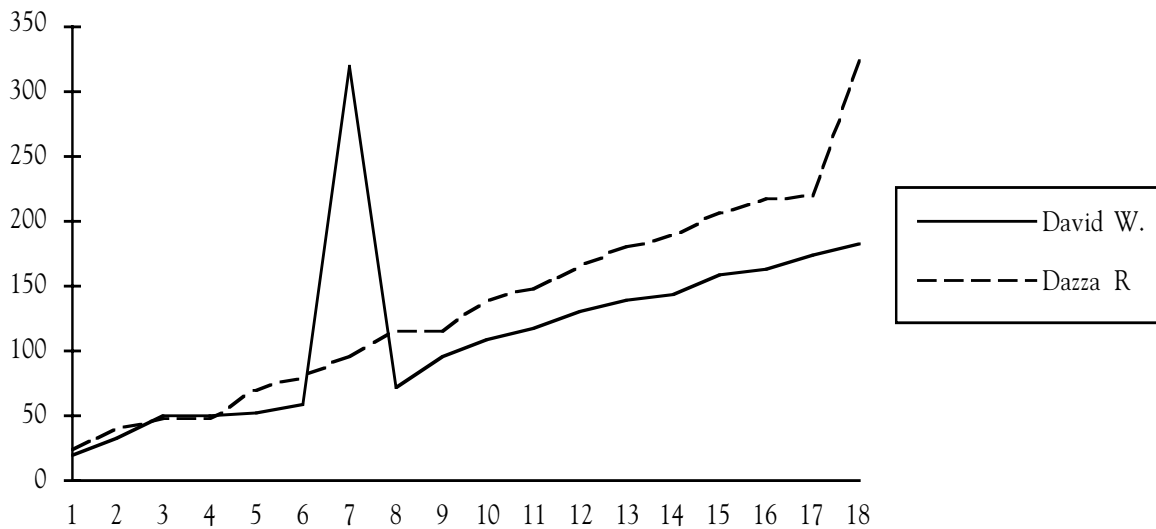
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DAZZA RINEHART vs. APPLE MACINTOSH DUO 230 COMPUTER, 13 JULY 1993

The computer proved to be both a formidable and erratic opponent. What the Duo lacked in strategic planning it made up for in its creative use of words not found in many dictionaries such as *agee* and *isba*. Nevertheless, the computer provided Rinehart with many opportunities for triple-word scores of which he took repeated advantage. The Duo played poorly after a strong start, allowing Rinehart to coast to a 372 to 217 victory.

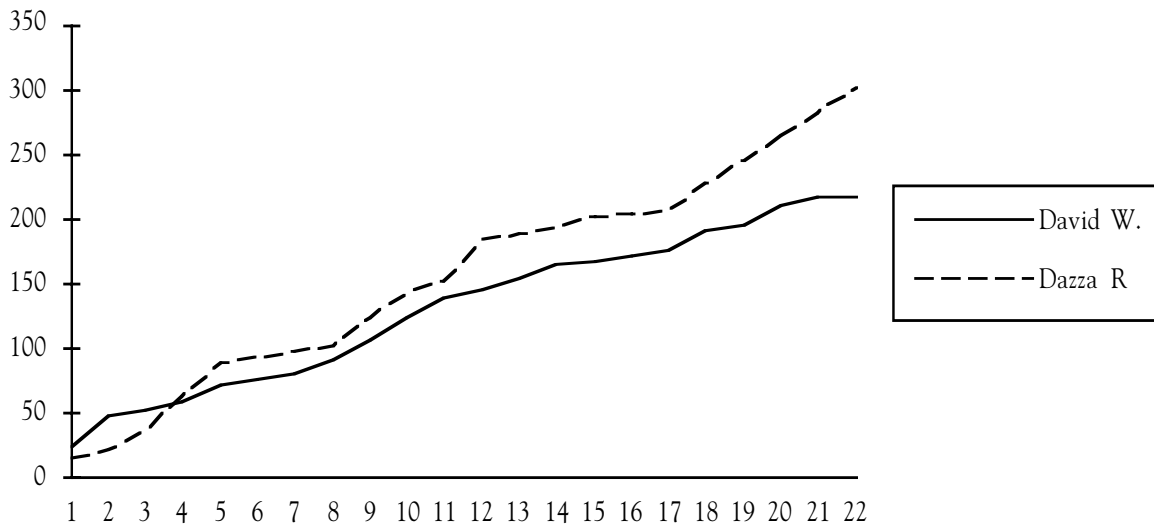
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DAZZA RINEHART vs. DAVID WILES, 14 JULY 1993

The game began with one of the wooden tiles under repair from a dog bite that splintered it into three pieces. (It was observed that this would not have been a problem if the players had employed the less aesthetically pleasing plastic tiles.) Rinehart, enjoying a 23 point lead going into the seventh turn, gave Wiles 250 bonus points in appreciation in exchange for smoking a small quantity of Wiles' marijuana. The 250 point bonus was withdrawn on the following play when Wiles regrettably informed Rinehart that there was no marijuana available. Rinehart, playing without a handicap, continued to hold a solid lead over Wiles. On the 18th move, Rinehart played *sequ_ns*, employing a blank tile to secure a 50 point bonus as well as the triple-word score for a total of 105 points. Given a formidable difference so late in the game, Wiles offered his resignation. Rinehart accepted to win by a final score of 325 to 184.

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DAVID WILES vs. DAZZA RINEHART, 15 JULY 1993

The contest was remarkable only for its lack of any noteworthy developments. Uninspired play resulted in many scores of ten points or less. The game ended after an unusually lengthy 22 moves with Rinehart defeating Wiles 303 to 217.

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