Announcing Game winners

Well done to everyone who participated in the Game!

For this Game:

- The All Ordinaries (XAO) was up 0.78%
- The best performing sectors were industrials up 11.45% followed by utilities and energy, both up over 8%
- The worst performing sector was telecommunications down -6.71% followed by Financials down -3.53%
- The top stocks were A2M A2 Milk up 45.81% followed by BAL Bellamy's up 35.7%
- The worst performing stocks were QIN Quintis down -79% and the TRS The Reject Shop down over -56%
- 46% of syndicates finished in profit with the average portfolio value being \$50,157.

Congratulations to the winning syndicates.

The top syndicates used a variety of strategies, read on to discover what they did.

NATIONAL 1ST & NSW/ACT 1ST

Jarence - Florence, Justine and Sharon in Year 10 at James Ruse Agricultural High School

Portfolio Value: \$60,901

This syndicate bought 12 times and sold 7 times. The stocks they invested in were ORG, A2M, BGA, WFD, TPM, QAN, BOQ, TPM, EVN and SBM.

Strategy: "Our main strategy...incorporated doing several things, such as minimising the amount of companies we invested in, keeping up with the news, utilising prediction websites and by taking some thought out risks. Our major strategy was to invest in the minimum 4 companies, as by putting more money into these companies, the fluctuations affected our portfolio value more. As a result, when the price of the shares rose, our profits became much larger...We also kept up with news surrounding the companies and the industries they were in as well as trend prediction sites such as the Financial Times. These helped us to gauge any rises or falls in the companies' values and whether we should sell, buy or hold shares. During the last days of the Game, we also decided to...invest in a high risk, high return stock. We invested in the gold exploration company St Barbara Limited which, luckily for us, did rise quite dramatically, and is what pushed us over the edge in the last days of the Game."

NATIONAL 2ND & QUEENSLAND 1ST

5 - Dimitrius in year 8 at Pimpama State Secondary College

Portfolio Value: \$60,726

Dimitrius bought 10 times and sold 6 times, however he settled on 4 stocks and then held them from mid-March onwards. The stocks he purchased at the start of the Game were CCL, AOG, CBA, COH, SEK, QAN, GUD, OML, A2M and ABC. He then settled on SEK, QAN, A2M & ABC.

Strategy: "Prior to making my investment choices, I conducted some research surrounding varying common reputable companies. Out of these, I chose only 4 to focus on. I tracked the progress of these companies during class and would often discuss good options and successful outcomes with my classroom teacher. Initially my companies were in the negative, but I had faith in my decisions based on the research I had conducted. I simply continued to monitor the progress of my shareholders right until the close of trade."

QLD 2ND: The Royalty - Alexander and Ethan in year 9 Hillbrook Anglican School

QLD 3RD: 86 - Mayson in year 9 at Emmanuel College

NATIONAL 3RD & NSW/ACT 2ND

Webby - Sam in year 11 from Gosford High School

Portfolio Value: \$60,594

Sam bought and held for the Game. He purchased QAN, DMP, WOW, NEC, A2M and ABP.



Strategy: "I bought into well-known businesses so I could monitor and track their progress easier, I also played the long term waiting Game and didn't make any rash decisions if one stock were to fall. I sat on my choices and it payed off."

NSW/ACT 3RD: Green machine - Cooper in year 10 at Hennessy Catholic College

SOUTH AUSTRALIA / NT 1ST

KILNER - Brok in year 11 at Willunga High School

Portfolio Value: \$60,502

Brock bought 5 times and sold once. He purchased VRL, A2M, AQG, BAL and EVN. He only sold AOG.

Strategy: "My overall strategy was to keep my portfolio limited to only 4 companies. Investing in more would spread my risk but also lower my chances of a big percentage gain which I would need to win the Game. I also limited the companies I choose to those that had a small share price so that any small price change would result in a large percentage gain. I choose 2 companies in the food and beverage sector, because everyone needs these, and one from the mining sector hoping that during the Game period there would be an announcement which would affect its share price in a positive way."

SA/NT 2ND: Dan in year 12 from St Philip's College

SA/NT 3RD: Wedontneedaname - Carl and Imraan in year 11 at St Philip's College

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1ST

Arkhamay Investments - Sam in Year 9 at Mazenod College

Portfolio Value: \$59,856

This syndicate bought and sold multiple times.

Strategy: "Before the Game started, I did research about the terminology of investing, I asked people I know, then did my own research into companies. I started out with Mineral Resources, and it got me a couple of dollars. My biggest success was when I invested in NCM and EVN. In a day they got me almost \$2000 each! This bumped me up to 1st place in the country. My downfall was when I went on holiday and didn't research my investments. In the last two weeks I bought SYR and made \$3000 profit. A few days before the end, I sold all my shares."

WA 2ND: Smithy - Hayden in year 8 at Mazenod College

WA 3RD: Billycan - Harishan in year 10 at Willetton Senior High School

VICTORIA 1ST

Papa Tonis - Anthony & Noah in year 9 at Lilydale High School

Portfolio value: \$59,681

Anthony & Noah bought and sold quite a bit, buying 17 times and selling 10 times.

Strategy: "We worked through the introductory lessons and analysed the graphs of the stock market and looked at which companies we thought would make the most profit, then we invested in the companies that would improve our portfolio value the most. We made sure that we always had shares in at least five companies. We also had made sure to have shares in multiple types of companies. We decided to leave our shares without changing anything, with the plan that we had invested in companies that we could watch for the whole competition. We also decided to keep \$5000 in the reserve in case we wanted to change anything along the way, if stocks dropped for example."

VIC 2ND: LINKLATER-MINEO - Jake in year 10 at McClelland College

VIC 3RD: Tommy Gun Geizer - Tommy in year 11 at Donvale Christian College

TASMANIA

Kebablet - Riley and Axel in year 9 at The Hutchins School

Portfolio Value: \$59,125

Riley and Axel bought and sold a lot, buying 21 times and selling 16 times.

Strategy: "Our strategy for the ASX share market Game was to analyse a number of companies though chart analysis and, when we found a company whose price had recently dropped but had an overall upward price trend for the year, we would buy into that company. We also did some research into each of the companies that we were considering buying so that we would have some knowledge of their business structure and history. We bought into 4 shares investing the maximum amount in each under the 25% diversity rule and monitored the price movements, selling shares once they have risen by a significant amount. Our best share was SBM which made us over \$2000 in the first week. We sold it to take the profits, and then bought it again a couple of

weeks later when the price has dropped, this time making us a few hundred dollars. We decided right at the start of the Game that to have any chance of winning we would need to take risks, so we invested mainly in mining shares and stayed away from the safer blue chip shares."

TAS 2ND: Brad in year 10 at Scotch Oakburn College

TAS 3RD: Russian Rag Doll - Adam, Jay, Nash & Tomas in year 10 at Queechy High School

Special mention to our New Zealand and International top syndicates:

New Zealand 1ST - Gatorade from Aquinas College Tauranga International 1ST - Prem from Prem Tinsulanonda International School

The company list has been updated for the entire Game period.

We'd like your feedback on how you found the Game you can complete the End of Game survey here.

Well done to everyone who played the Game, we hope you had fun and learnt a lot.

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