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Clean Sweep or Dud?

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You know the Minesweeper computer game that plenty of people have on their work computer terminals? Well TFF absolutely refuses, nay REFUSES, to play it whilesoever I am in normal work hours. "Get thee behind me Satan," I say, "and let me concentrate on giving good value to my employer." Occasionally, however, perhaps in a lunch-hour, or on a day off, I have been known to give that game an absolute pounding. And this is what I want to know. Of all the TFF readers, who's got the best score on the intermediate Minesweeper. Am I, as I suspect, the international or at least Sydney world champion of Minesweeper with a score of 61 seconds, or am I a hopeless joke? Am I in fact both? Report back honestly and honourably.

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Supremacy Conceded

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And speaking of people who need to get out more, in the past week I have been contacted by, I think, every aficionado of the computer game Minesweeper after my unwise claim of possible world dominance because I can shoot the lights out on the intermediate level in 61 seconds. As it turns out, I am not quite the champion I thought I was after all suddenly, a strangely uncomfortable feeling of *deja vu* came over the writer and there are better players out there. A bloke by the name of Dave Barry provides pretty good evidence that he is the incumbent Australian champion who can do it in, ahem, 15 seconds on intermediate and 50 seconds on expert. He's actually listed on the official minesweeper Web site on <http://metanoodle.com/minesweeper>. The same site provides video evidence that a LEGEND from America by the name of Matt McGinley can do intermediate in 10 seconds. My head hurts.