THE HIGHEST-SCORING SCRABBLE GAME

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What is the highest possible score achievable in a SCRABBLE®
Brand Crossword Game (hereafter referred to simply as a Scrabble
game)? This question has intrigued Word Ways readers for ten years.
In fact, the rulebooks in current Scrabble games pose this question:

A third way to use Scrabble Brand Crossword Game as a solitaire
is to turn the letters right side up and by deliberate selection and
the use of the dictionary work out high scores. The highest score
attainable remains a mystery.

However, Word Ways has never presented a Scrabble game that at­
ttempts to maximize the total score and that follows the current Scrabble
rules (outlined in the May 1981 Word Ways). To encourage readers,
presented here is the current record-holding Scrabble game of 4001
points. The dictionary of record is Webster's Second.

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DEHYDRATING
OFRAEMANIA
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JACKPUDINGHOOD
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ORTELECASTER
OXYQUINASEPTOLS
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Blank tiles are indicated by letters with asterisks. The turns are:

- pudding 70
- emitting 72
- ma 4
- intaglio, man 73
- intaglio 9
- jackpuddinghood 446
- adnumber 66

- heaviest 80
- we, wa, as 12
- sept, wap 14
- telecaster, es, ce 102
- el 2
- in, ti, en 6
- cowberry 88
Comments about a few of these words are in order. DEHYDROFREEZING and TELECASTER are found in the Addenda. Four inflected forms are listed with their roots: EMITTING at 'emit', INTAGLIO at 'intaglio', HEAVIEST at 'heavy' and EFFLUVIA at 'effluvium'. OXYQUINASEPTOLS, whose singular is listed below the line, is recognized on page xciv (part IV, section 25): "If no plural is given, it is formed regularly, by the addition of s." ADNUMBERS, the present third singular of 'adnumber' (also below the line), is recognized on the same page (part IV, sections 24, 29 and 30), where it is stated that principal parts are given only for irregular or irregularly spelled inflections: "The principal parts of verbs are given whenever irregular formations require ... (They are) omitted when they are formed regularly..." The rest of the words used in this Scrabble game are either boldface main entries or below the line entries.