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Prairie Wentworth-Nice, James Zak and **Charles Dunn**. *The total coloring game on
 k -bounded graphs.*

The *total coloring game* involves two players taking turns coloring the elements (vertices and edges) of a graph G such that no two adjacent or incident elements of the graph share a color. The first player (Alice) wins if all elements can be colored, while the second player (Bob) wins if some element cannot be colored. The *total game chromatic number* of G , denoted $\chi_g''(G)$, is the least number of colors for which Alice has a winning strategy on G . Recall that a graph is said to be *k -bounded* if it allows an orientation such that the maximum outdegree is k . We show for any k -bounded graph G such that the maximum degree is Δ , that $\chi_g''(G) \leq \Delta + 3k + 2$, by providing a winning strategy for Alice. This establishes bounds for the total game chromatic number of outerplanar graphs, and trees, as well as providing a bound for planar graphs, for which no bound had been previously established. (Received September 25, 2017)