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inside...

Last month we promised you the complete lowdown on Lara's latest adventure *Tomb Raider 3*, and as you'll see from our exclusive in-depth profile inside this very issue, we've been true to our word once again. All the information you've been begging for regarding the 'game of the year' awaits inside, along with an exclusive interview with the creators and over 40 red hot never-seen-before screenshots too. No other magazine on the planet has been honoured with this information, just your very own PlayStation Pro so I hope you appreciate it.

Core Design's other baby for the year is the amazing *Ninja*, and as you can see, we've rammed everything you need to know about this potential chart topper in a handy 16 page supplement. We hope you enjoy that too.

But besides the *Lara* overload and a free wad of oriental action, we've got yet another issue crammed to bursting with all the latest news and reviews from the crazy world of the PlayStation. Big hitters this month include exclusive reviews of *Midway's* three dimensional *Mortal Kombat 4* and *Sony's* bizarre yet ambient rave generator, *Fluid*.

We've also gone behind the scenes at *JVC* to get the gossip on *Victory Boxing '98*, chatted to *EA* about the latest in the *Test Drive* series and still found time to play about with the likes of *G-Darius, Actua Tennis, Ruud Gullitt Striker, Player Manager '98, Zero Divide 2, X Men Vs. Street Fighter, Big Air Snowboarding* and *Rogue Trip* amongst others.

It's been another hectic month let me assure you, and we can't see it letting up until early next year, so if you want to be in the know with what's happening, what's hot and what's most certainly not then there's only one thing to do; consult the PlayStation Pros on a monthly basis. Until the next time though take it easy and enjoy the issue.

Jay Sharples
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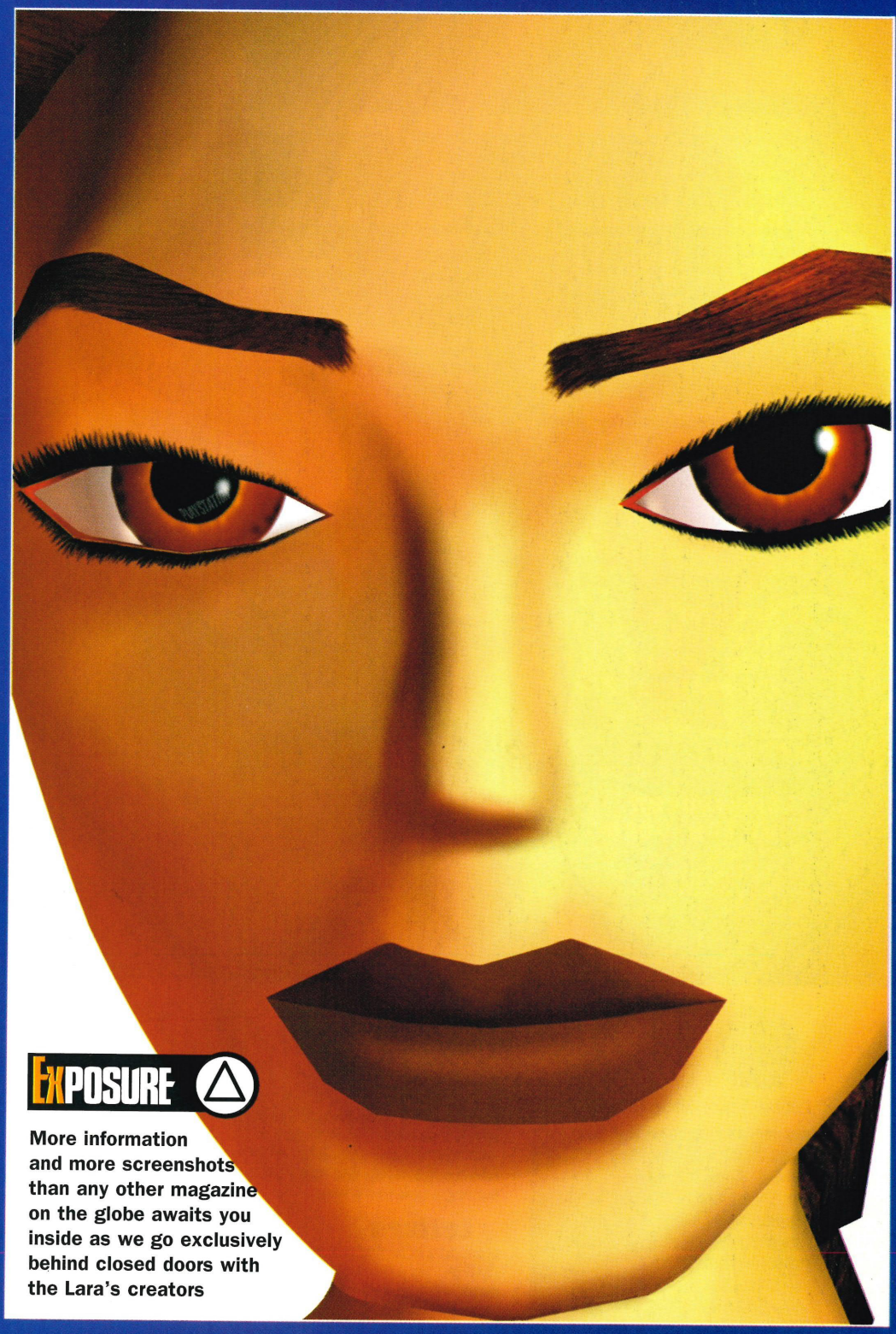

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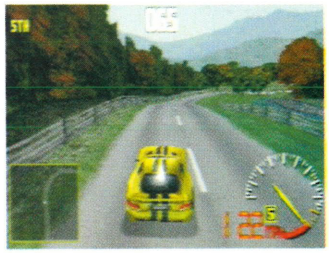

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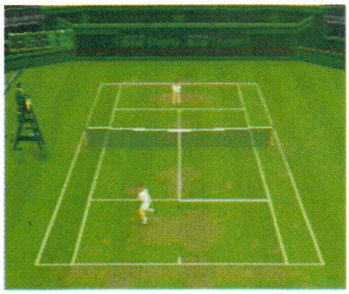

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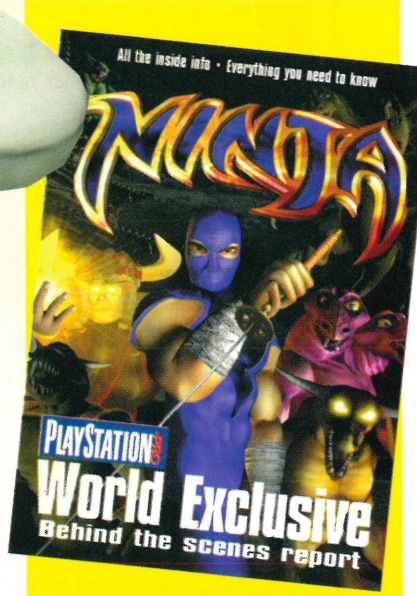

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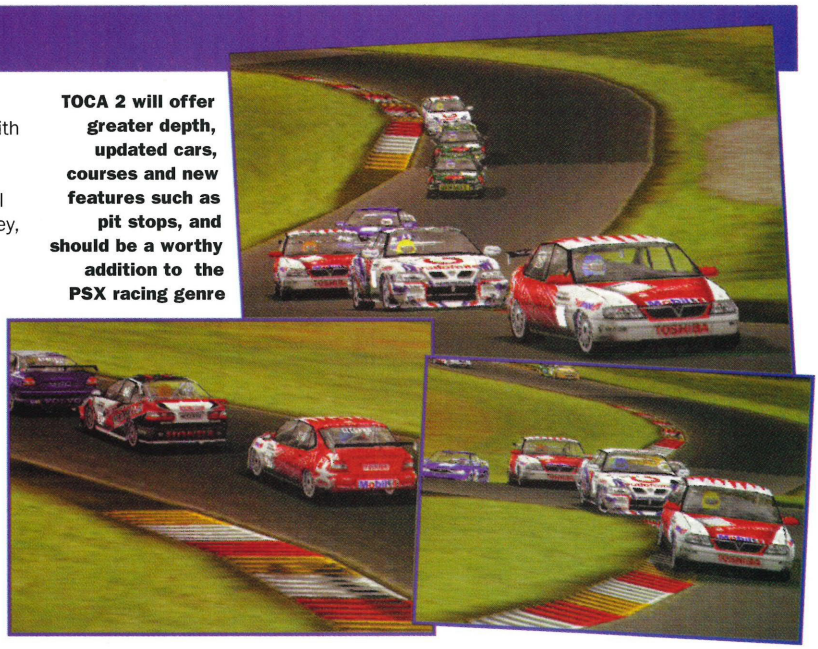
- All you need to know about Core's Kung Fu corker!

TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME

It just gets better and better doesn't it? As if *Codemasters* haven't already elevated themselves to Godly proportions with the recent release of *Colin McRae Rally*, they're now preparing to take PlayStation racing to an even greater plain. News from their Warwickshire HQ has confirmed that the sequel to their other dream drive, *TOCA,* will be with us in time for turkey, crackers and Figgie pudding.

With the launch of *TOCA 2*, Marketing Director, Mike Hayes, expects *Codemasters* to be firmly in the running for similar recognition this time around. "The introduction of *TOCA* last year was phenomenal; the game hasn't left the best-seller charts since its launch, but *TOCA 2* will be much more than just an annual update. The development team is working towards a game that will deliver twice what people may be expecting from it."

TOCA 2 is being billed as a monster, offering twice the number of circuits and features of the original, including all the new cars and rules as well as the introduction of strategic pit stops to add further realism to what is already an amazingly detailed brand. You'd be brave to doubt that *TOCA 2* is going to make No.1 when it arrives later in the year, and as always we'll be keeping a close eye on what is sure to be one of this winter's most anticipated games.



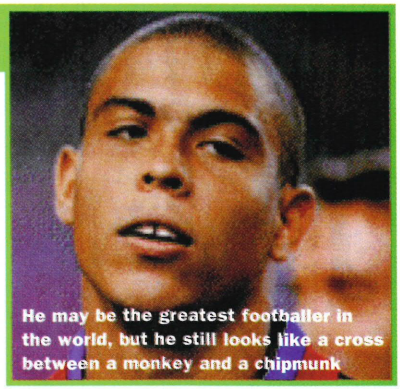
TOCA 2 will offer greater depth, updated cars, courses and new features such as pit stops, and should be a worthy addition to the PSX racing genre

BRAZIL NUT

Anyone with a pulse during the months of June and July can't have failed to noticed that there was a football event occurring in France. If you saw any of the World Cup games on ITV, then there's a good chance you spent most of the evenings and afternoons watching the world's celebrity players arseing about on a beach, courtesy of *Nike.* Now, *Nike* have taken their bid to influence all human minds one step further, by putting soccer players in videogames.

Fans still hungry for world-class action when the home teams start getting the digs in will be glad to hear that *Infogrames Entertainment* have announced a deal with *Nike* to use buck-toothed, football genius Ronaldo in a series of PlayStation and N64 games. The Brazilian striker is likely to feature in a series of soccer titles together with making appearances at product launches.

Ronaldo fans can expect to see the player's skills, speed and strength built into future releases, including his trademark post-goal aeroplane impression. *Infogrames,* whose extensive back-catalogue includes *Alone In The Dark* and *V-Rally*, have the Ronaldo contract exclusively for three years with the first of up to seven releases due out in time for Christmas.



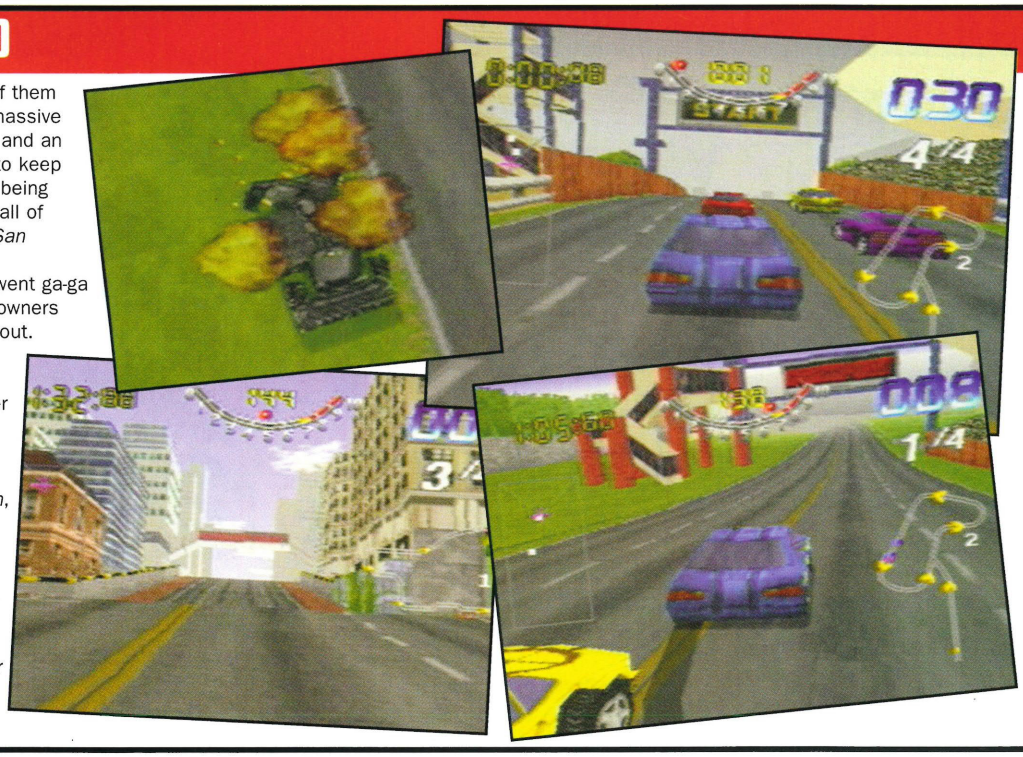
He may be the greatest footballer in the world, but he still looks like a cross between a monkey and a chipmunk

NO NEED FOR SPEED

Boasting over 23 cars (one of them alleged to be a UFO), four massive tracks, a split-screen mode and an explosive mode (where the aim is to keep your speedo above 65mph or face being scattered across the tarmac in a ball of flame), the PlayStation version of *San Francisco Rush* is almost here.

Six months ago the N64 crowd went ga-ga over this game, whilst PlayStation owners wondered what all the fuss was about. Considering we've been treated to racers such as the god-like *Gran Turismo* and *Colin McRae Rally* over the last few months, it's going to take a blinder to match the competition.

On first look *San Francisco Rush*, admittedly, doesn't get the pulse racing in the same blistering fashion as the aforementioned classics, but its plethora of hidden extras should provide a welcome change from the run-of-the-mill driving game. So we'll keep our ear to the ground and bring you the latest update in next month's Pro.



Warp Factor 3

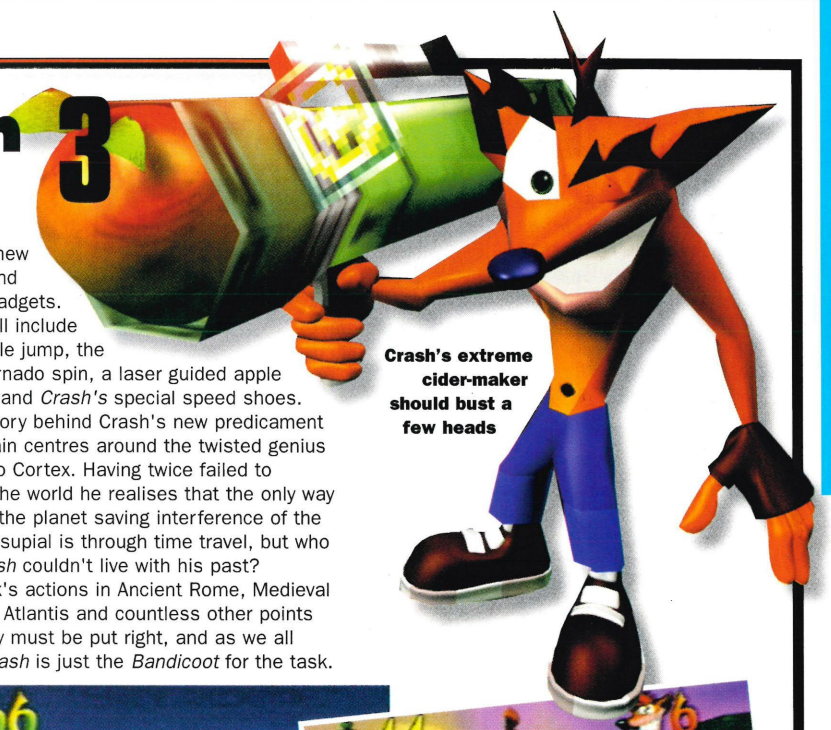
That hairbrained 'Blunder from Down Under' is back to continue his tangle with the infamous Dr. Neo Cortex in *Crash Bandicoot: Warped*, the third adventure to feature *Naughty Dog's* premier star. As our exclusive E3 report showed in the last issue, *Crash* is looking better than ever before, and these new screen shots simply confirm that the latest outing for our favourite furry friend will provide more quality platform entertainment.

Crash 3 is promising to be much more interactive, with multi-route stages and more levels than ever before, whilst still retaining the playability that made the first two games such a huge success.

Expect to see *Crash* (and his kid sister CoCo) taking their customary piggy-back rides on a host of wild animals and undertaking many different platform perils whilst utilising all their new moves and helpful gadgets. These will include the double jump, the death tornado spin, a laser guided apple bazooka and *Crash's* special speed shoes.

The story behind Crash's new predicament once again centres around the twisted genius of Dr Neo Cortex. Having twice failed to destroy the world he realises that the only way to avoid the planet saving interference of the mad marsupial is through time travel, but who said *Crash* couldn't live with his past?

Cortex's actions in Ancient Rome, Medieval England, Atlantis and countless other points in history must be put right, and as we all know, *Crash* is just the *Bandicoot* for the task.



Crash's extreme cider-maker should bust a few heads

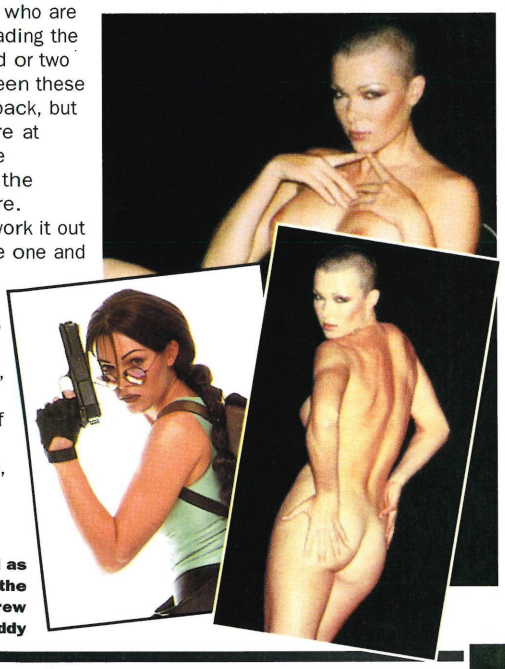
Getting his fur wet for the first time, Crash makes a tremendous splash as he dives down deep in Crash 3

CoCo's 'Great Wall Of China tiger riding level' is a feline flying treat that has you dodging coolies and leaping huge chasms

Nude Raider

Many of you who are fond of reading the odd tabloid or two may have already seen these pics a few months back, but us filth peddlers here at PlayStation Pro have unearthed them for the uneducated out there.

If you still can't work it out these are in fact the one and only Nell McAndrew, otherwise known as the new *Lara Croft*, and as you can see, she's in the buff. Bonus. More pics, if our smutmail continues of course, next month.



On the left we see Nell as Lara Croft. And on the right, Miss McAndrew relaxes in the nuddy

Jordan Steering Wheel

The official Jordan team racing wheel has just been released by *Joytech Europe*. Featuring a Formula 1 style paddle gear stick, analogue and digital switches, optional gear stick add-ons and a set of high quality foot pedals, the Grand Prix racing wheel is set to add another dimension to your favourite racing games, such as *Gran Turismo, V-Rally, F1 97* and *TOCA Touring Car* which are all supported by the wheel.

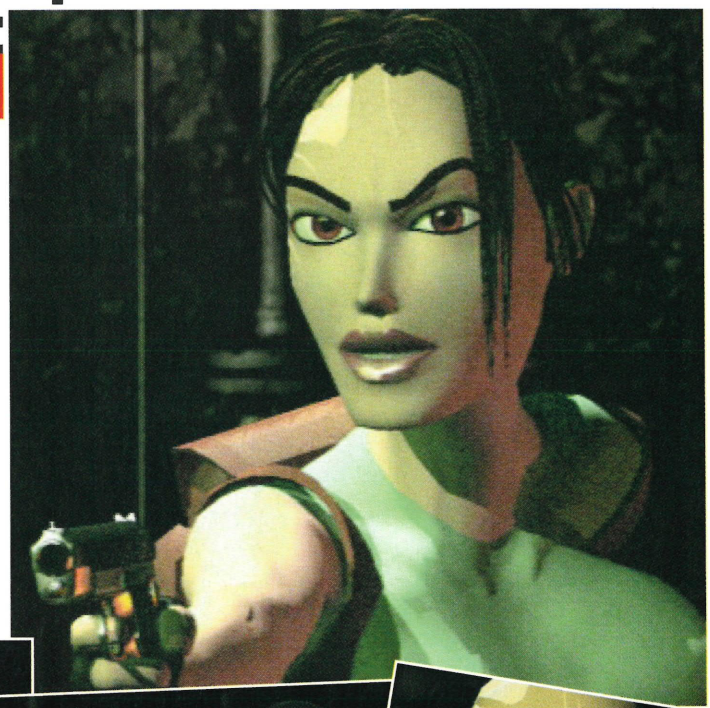
Joytech worked with Jordan, making the design similar to those used by Damon Hill and Ralph Schumacher. Combine this hardware with *Gran Turismo* and hopefully it will provide as realistic a drive as possible. Out now priced £44.99.

Act out your Damon Hill fantasies with one of these babies

POP TART

Following her appearance on U2's Popmart tour last year, *Lara Croft* is making another move into the the music business (and I'm not referring to those dubious Rhona Mitra records). Dodgy German rockers Die Arzte are cashing in on the most famous face in the world and have recruited *Lara* to liven up their latest video.

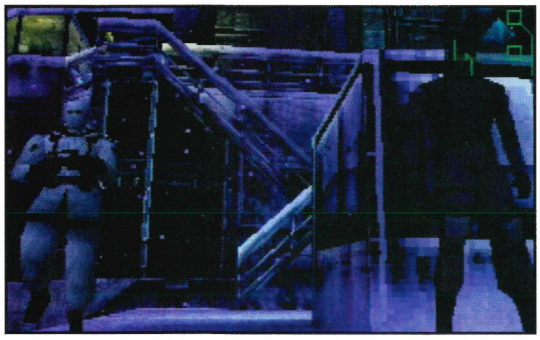
Using motion capture and other special effects, SZM Studios in Germany have turned *Lara* into a 3D gun-toting pop princess for the single "Men Are Pigs." Rumours that *Lara's* next project involves reviving Chas 'N' Dave's flagging careers are completely unfounded.

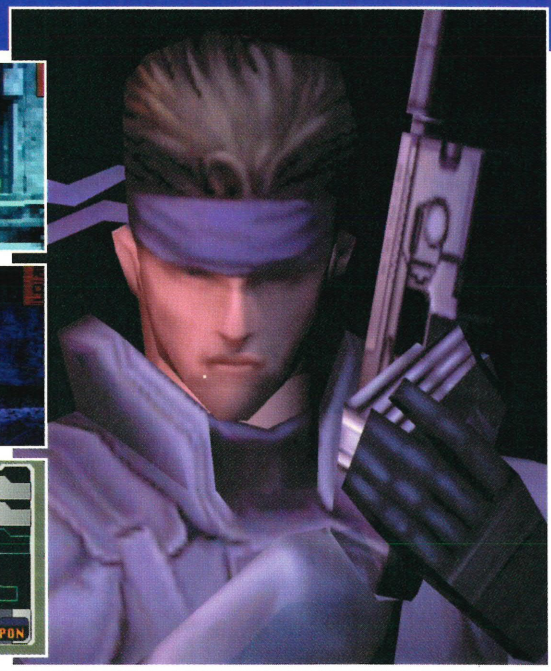


METAL GEAR SOLID DELAYED!

After countless early magazine front covers and page upon page of "exclusive" hype from Japan, our spies tell us that *Konami's* forthcoming blasting beast *Metal Gear Solid* won't in fact receive an official UK release until early next year.

Bad news for UK gamers plus its delay should see a considerable dent in *Konami's* Christmas profits. Thankfully, their other big title for the year, *International Superstar Soccer Pro '98*, will see the light of day before 1999. We'll have more *MGS* news next month, possibly with a firm release date too.





Toys For The Boys '98 EXPO

A ticket for 'Toys For The Boys 98' will be a passport to the ultimate all-in-one lads experience. From September the 4th to the 6th, Wembley Exhibition Centre will be bristling with girls, wheels, sport, gizmos and competitions guaranteed to get every fella's trousers shaking. You can take a motorbike test, race miniature Indy cars and land a 747 in a snowstorm. Alternatively, you can just soak up the atmosphere in one of the event's special theme bars.

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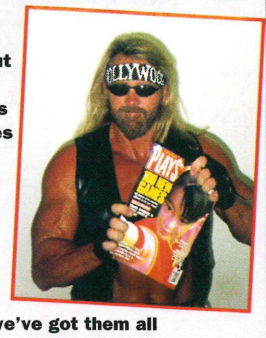


Blagging highly expensive samplers and mixers from our friends at Yamaha

Other mags not getting any new Tomb Raider 3 screenshots 'cos we've got them all

The soothing properties of Aloe Vera

COLD

WCW wrestling fans who sit in front of you and wave huge pieces of cardboard every time something psuedo-interesting happens

Burnt skin and general uncomfortableness brought on by sitting in the California sun for a mere twenty minutes

Core Design's bossmen for not allowing us to put some comedy nipples on Lara

Actually having to play the shite that is Tommi Makinen Rally

Suicidal hamsters

Prehistoric pyromaniac

Sony are set to blow you away with their cutest character yet when he flies into European airspace in time for the festive folly this Christmas. Their newest recruit goes by the name of *Spyro* and this junior fire-breathing dragon is going to light up the 3D free roaming genre in an even bigger shower of flames than anything before.

Spyro's the co-produced dreamchild of *Insomniac Games* and *Universal Interactive Studios* and we know it's going to be a sure-fire winner when *Spyro* opens his lungs and lets rip with a methane burp fest. The screenshots shown here are from the latest Japanese version as a PAL copy has yet to be released, but they're a fine example of what to expect from this fantastic looking platform/adventure romp featuring the most adorable reptile since the sickeningly cute *Croc* kicked ass in Gobbo Land.

The amount of freedom afforded to the player in *Spyro* is amazing, as our little scaly friend can wander virtually anywhere he likes in the vast worlds which must be navigated in order to rescue his family elders. The evil Gnorc The Gnasty has been turning them all into crystal statues, which is the reason for little *Spyro's* big explosion onto the PlayStation.

Sony are confident that this little lizard will capture the imagination of gamers across the globe as European President, Chris Deering enthused, "We are excited about working with *Universal Interactive Studios* again and feel that *Spyro* will undoubtedly be one of the premier games this Christmas." You'd be a fool to disagree, *Spyro* is looking amazing and is a sure-fire scorcher as far as we're concerned, and with *Crash 3* also looming *Sony* are definitely trying to turn up the heat in the free-roaming market, which can only mean good things ahead for you and me.

STAR PEOPLE

If you fancy being lost in space this autumn, keep your eyes peeled for *Star Con*, due to be released in October by *Accolade* and *Electronic Arts*. Based on the classic *Star Control* series for the PC, *Star Con* is a space combat extravaganza set in a 3D environment, where players work their way up the ranks by battling it out with armies of aliens and completing various missions.

In-game options will include a choice of three alien races to play with, and their customisable ships and weapons will give your team that personal touch. With a variable storyline (depending on a player's actions) and the added option of split-screen multi-player gaming, *Star Con* promises to be the ideal companion for all action and strategy lovers on those long winter nights.

R U My Type?

If you crave a return to the days when arcades were a safe place to hang out and consoles were big plastic boxes with cartridges (oh, how things have changed), then you'll be delighted to find that Virgin Interactive are to re-release two shoot'em-up arcade classics on the PlayStation.

The *R-Type* series were widely renowned as a real breakthrough when they were released in the arcades. Their mix of exhilarating shoot-em-up action and detailed backdrops set the standard for the thousands of top quality blasters we know and love today. *Virgin Interactive* claim that the conversions for the PlayStation will be as close to the originals as possible.

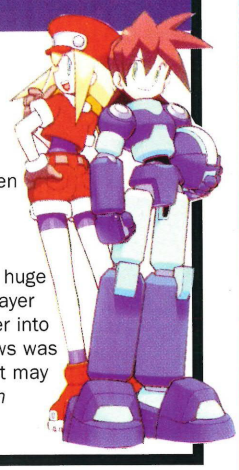
The 2D graphics in may look a little out of date, but as always the playability is the deciding factor, and this shining retro classic may just feed an unquestionable hunger for arcade action. In the meantime, watch this space for a review and expect the game to be released in September.

Back of the Net

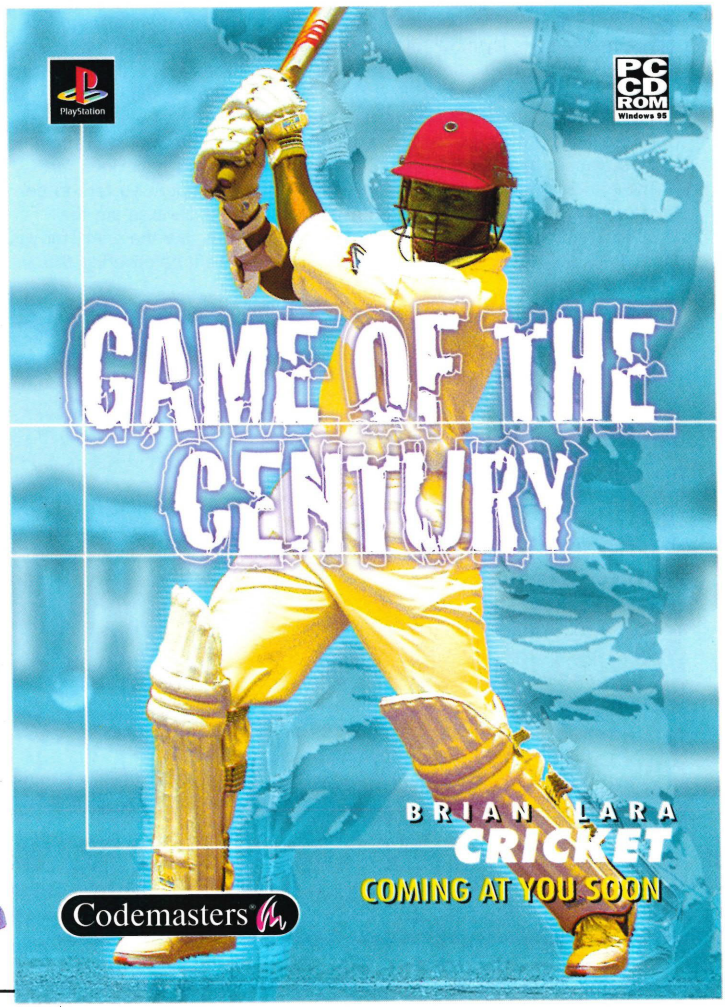
Sports fans with a modem will get a taste for both the gaming and sporting life real soon. *Virgin Interactive* are teaming up with media moguls Express Newspapers to promote their forthcoming sports titles on The Express-Sport Live website. First games off the starting blocks include soccer title *Viva* and *Superbikes World Championship*, which are due to be released this autumn. The site can be found at www.express.sport.com.

MEGA STAR

Battle Of The Planets lookalike and game legend *Mega Man* is set to return to our consoles in a new RPG adventure to be released by *Capcom*. *Mega Man Legends* will have our valiant hero venturing through huge 3D environments on a quest to save the hidden Legacy treasure, encountering puzzles, secrets and huge bosses on the way.



The game will also feature a huge cache of weapons which the player must master to progress further into the game. However, as this news was first announced at E3 in June, it may be some time before *Mega Man Legends* hits the streets over here.

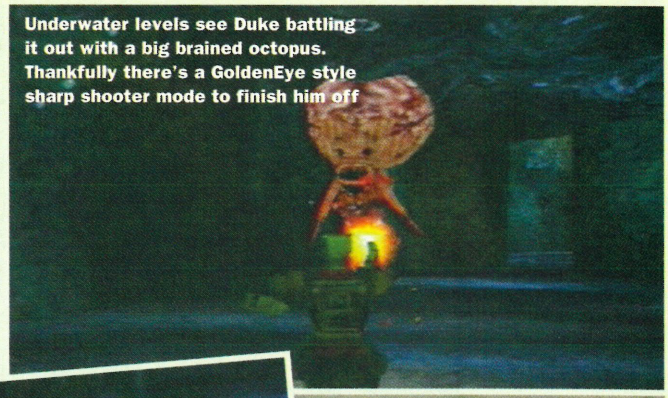


PUT YOUR DUKES UP!

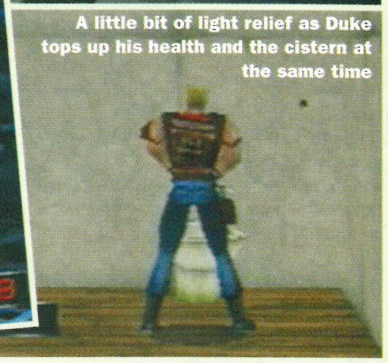
There's nothing more frustrating than the arrival of a great game just as we're wrapping up an issue and we simply haven't got enough room to squeeze it into our packed pages. This month a nearly complete version of *Duke Nukem: Time to Kill* arrived and nearly made the magazine late because it was being played so much.

We were worried that *GT* weren't going to be able to pull off the ambitious project that sees *Duke* leave his traditional first-person perspective blasting stage and arrive in a *Tomb Raider*-style game. But we can report that they've delivered on all of their promises and Duke is looking better than ever.

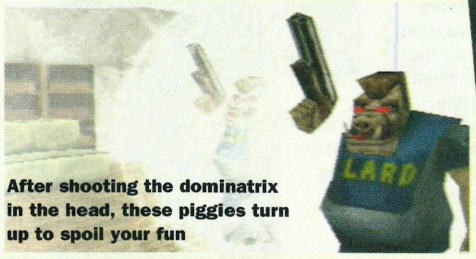
Great graphics, simple controls and all the humour you'd expect are there in abundance and we'll be taking an in-depth look at it in next month's issue. For now though here's a wad of teasing screenshots for you to enjoy.



Underwater levels see Duke battling it out with a big brained octopus. Thankfully there's a GoldenEye style sharp shooter mode to finish him off



A little bit of light relief as Duke tops up his health and the cistern at the same time

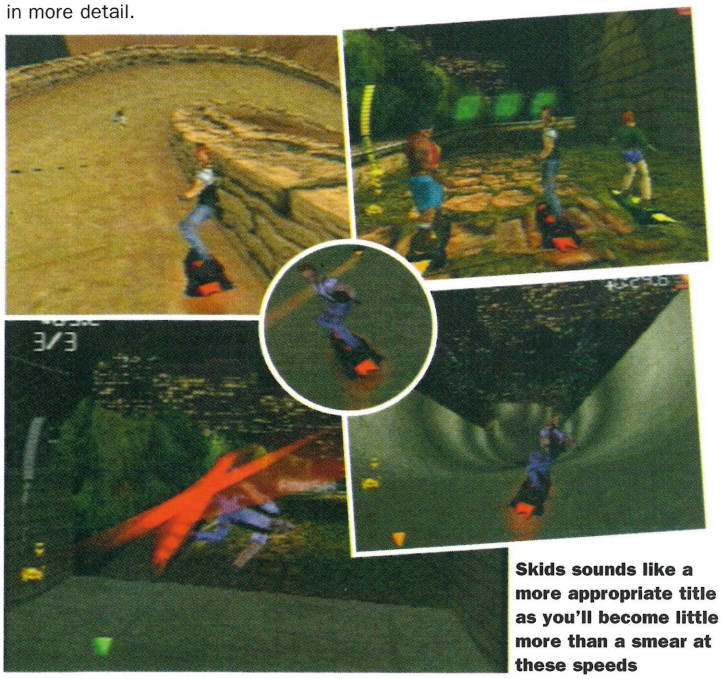


After shooting the dominatrix in the head, these piggies turn up to spoil your fun

STREAK

If you're not relishing the thought of seeing yet another snowboarding game featuring icy mountains and gimps in bobble hats, then look no further than *Streak,* due in November from *GT Interactive*. In place of the usual goggled goons are four punk-types brandishing futuristic boards known as GEMBlades. These boards are not your average plank of wood either: rather than glide over the racetrack surface they hover, leaving multi-coloured trails of vapour behind them (not dissimilar to a particularly noxious fart).

The tracks are the sort you'd expect a gang of delinquent surfers to be knocking about on – sewers, graveyards and shopping centres are the settings for fancy tricks and fast racing. If this sounds like the game for you, then check out next month's PlayStation Pro when we'll be covering *Streak* in more detail.



Skids sounds like a more appropriate title as you'll become little more than a smear at these speeds

Pinball wizard

Looking for the ultimate pinball experience? Really? Well, your limited dreams may be answered by the bods at *Team 17*, when they release the ultimate pinball game in September.

Addiction Pinball is the first of it's kind to feature 'realistic and dynamic physics simulation'. So, what the feck is all that about then? Well, apparently it means the ball accurately reflects the surrounding table. It also means that impulse, inertia, acceleration, momentum and torque are all accounted for realistically (so there).

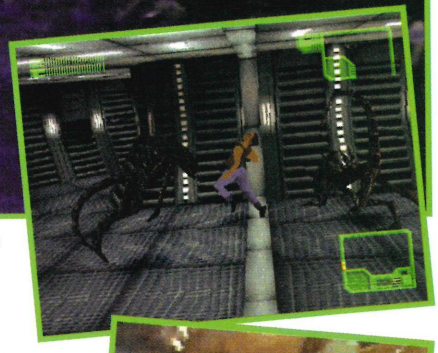
The game will feature two distinct tables, both featuring sub-games and FMV animation. One table will be based around *Team 17's Worms* games and the other will be a 'Manga-style rally table' featuring 'a high speed circuit of loops and ramps'.

With *True Pinball* out on Platinum, there may not seem much point in releasing another Pinball simulation, but maybe there are some real die-hard pinball fans out there. One thing's for sure, that deaf, dumb and blind kid's going to be well chuffed.

It looks like a perfect recreation of the pub game. But then why not just go and have a pint instead?

THE BITCH IS BACK

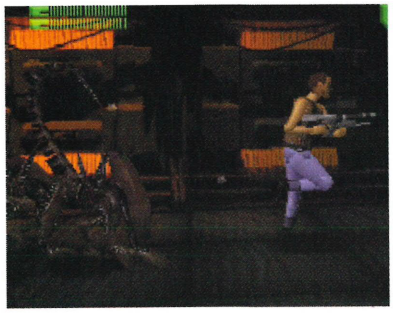
Lunchtime at the PlayStation Pro office can turn quite ugly



Only the most gullible of movie goers would've believed the Alien films had come to an end when the lead character Ripley jumped into a vat of molten steel clutching a chest-bursting baby Xenomorph at the end of Alien 3. it's Sigourney Weaver for Christ's sake, the hardest heroine in movie history.

So it wasn't a surprise that *Alien Resurrection* hit cinema screens earlier this year. And even less surprising, but certainly more appealing, was the announcement of an impending console conversion of the fourth Alien flick. As we revealed in last issue's E3 feature, the game of the film is gearing up to be another quality release in the *Aliens* game library.

It's currently being coded down in Middlesex by *Argonaut Software* and is looking every bit as good a gorefest as the great R*es Evil 2*. You play the part of Ripley aboard a ship infested with the acid veined creatures and must carry out specific missions aboard the vessel to ensure that the Xenomorph biology doesn't reach Earth.



Though Ripley is the main character you'll interact with and change between multiple characters whilst attempting to safeguard the future of the human race.

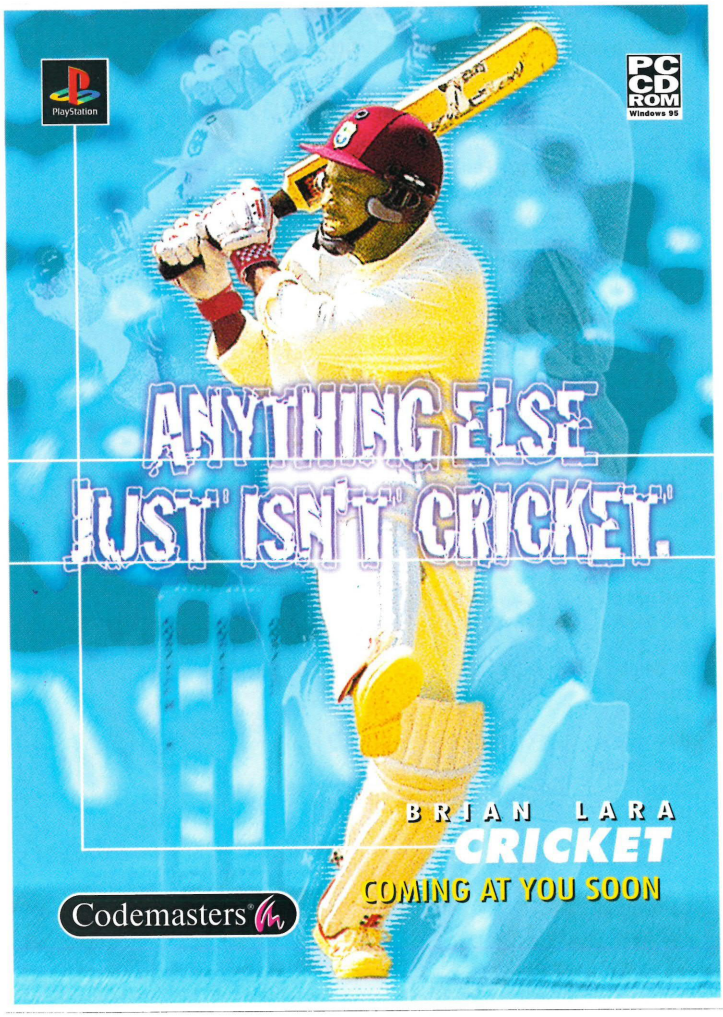
Alien Resurrection promises many cool features that're bound to please when the game nears completion towards the early part of next year.

Advanced enemy AI should provide us with one of the sternest PSX challenges to date whilst the graphics look like continuing the high standards PlayStation owners demand. We'll take a more in-depth look at A*lien Resurrection* next issue, but for now check out a few new screen shots.

Small Fried Scrapping

Capcom's pin-sized beat'em-up, *Pocket Fighter*, is getting ready to rumble. We had an exclusive early version in the office this issue and can report that it's an absolute treat. Taking the same kind of fighting perspective as the classic *Street Fighter* games, *Pocket Fighter* gives you control over tiny characters as they battle it out in a giant world. There's even a Ryu, Ken and Chun-Li in dinky form to fight with.

Some of the moves at your disposal are hilarious as you pull items like planks and frying pans out of your clothing and belt your opponent with them. The only downside appears to be that you get a recurrence of *Street Fighter* thumb to take to the doctor's with you. Watch out for more next month.



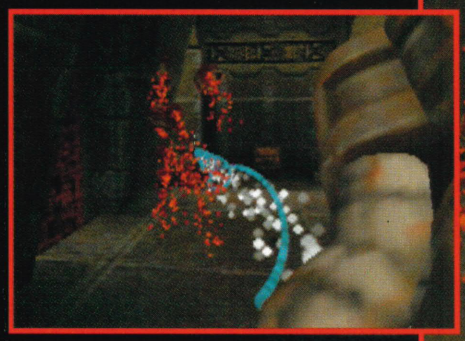
DON'T QUAKE MY HEART

id Software has been suspiciously quiet ever since their eagerly awaited and unfortunately dreadful conversion of *Hexen* fouled our PlayStation footpaths. Yet thanks to *Doom*, it's still hard to ignore the creators of the most important shoot-em-up ever to grace a TV screen.

Now, with almost a million copies sold on the PC, *id* have crept out from under their bushel and announced that *Quake II* is set to be released on the PlayStation. And if you haven't already witnessed the success of the *Quake* series, just spend a few minutes in a room with a PC owner and expect to be bored beyond human tolerance as he talks about severed heads and skins in a fashion normally associated with Jeffrey Dahmer.

You'll soon realise that *Quake* (apart from spreading pain and depravity across the planet) has become something of a phenomenon. When it hits the shops, *Quake II* will feature several extra levels which don't feature in the PC version. It will also have a multi-player option and contain all the puzzles and demonic shit-kicking included in the original.

Quake II will be released by *Activision* and you can rest assured we'll supply you with a detailed review as soon as we get a copy.



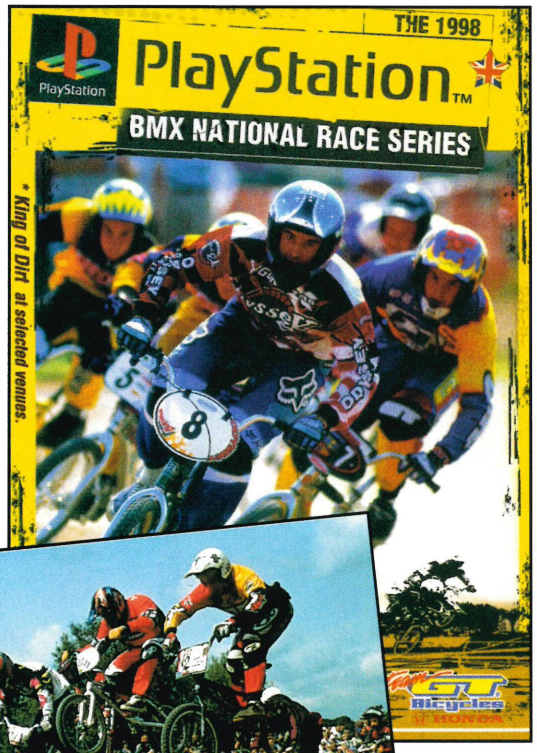
Obviously these are all PC screenshots, but hopefully the PSX version should be just as dreamy

BMX BANDITS

Anyone with any sense will recall the days when BMX biking first invaded Britain and thankfully it seems as if BMXs are making a comeback.

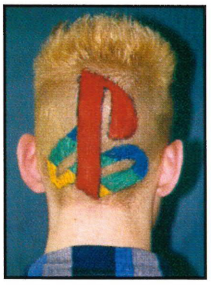
The British Cycling Federation's 1998 PlayStation BMX National Race Series has already reached the halfway stage, with round six coming up on August 9th at Farnham. Riders have to stay in lane for the first 15 metres before tackling two sets of double jumps followed by three 180° berms, two step-ups and a set of camels before the final straight which includes a set of quadruples.

Now, we've not got a clue what most of that means, but if you have or if you'd like to find out get yourself down to Peterborough on August 30th, Burnham on September 13th or Slough on the 26th and 27th to catch the final stages in this year's competition. More bandito biking info can be yours if you call 01706 621 193. Dude.



Remember: BMX boys have a lot of fun, so turn up at the final and get radical with the Pros!

Short & Curlies



Once upon a time hairdressers were considered to be nothing more than blow-dry merchants whose idea of adventure was giving a blue rinse to mad old ladies. This is not the case with Colin Watkins from Shepperton, Middlesex, whose PlayStation-inspired barnets would make your granny's hair curl.

Colin's creations include Cloud's razor-top from Final Fantasy VII, as well as a PlayStation logo-style which was painted onto a client's hair with semi-permanent dyes. So if you live in the Shepperton area and fancy letting Colin loose on your locks, you can contact him on 01932 787623. Along a similar line, if any plastic surgeons are running a promotion on Lara Croft breast implants, then send us your pictures and we'll pass judgement on your handiwork.

Big Blokes, Big Deal

Large sweaty people in leotards have been exciting the pants off that wrestle-mad lot at *THQ*. The company, renowned for their *WCW* titles, have signed an exclusive 10-year agreement with Titan Sports to publish *WWF* games in conjunction with JAKKS Pacific, makers of *WWF* paraphernalia.

Although the first game isn't due until the end of 1999, *THQ* plan to publish a minimum of two *WWF* games per year during the term of the license, which should keep fans very happy.

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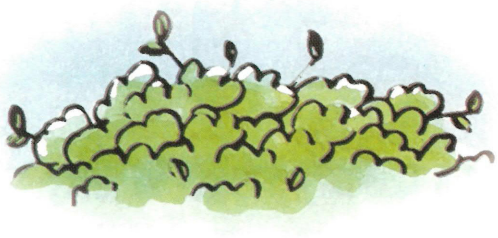
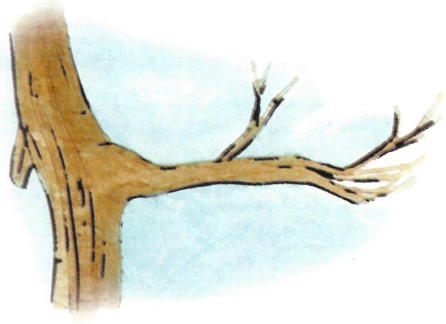
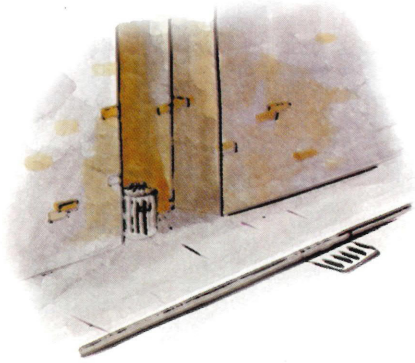


Woodcock
Scolopax rusticola

Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos

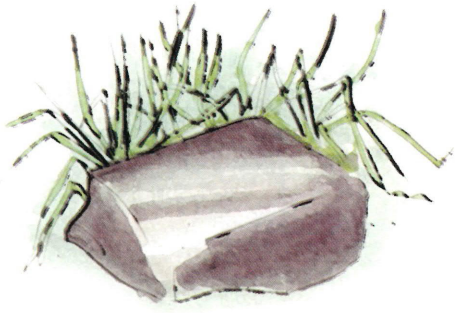


Grey Squirrel
Sciurus cardinensis



Ninja Assassin
Assassinus Ninjarus

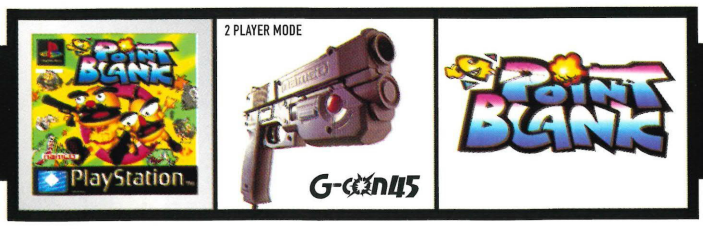
Rainbow Trout
Salmo gairdneri



Common Toad
Bufo bufo

Duck.

Point Blank. The Shoot-Anything-That-Moves game that uses the G-Con 45 gun from *Time Crisis* to blast away at deranged fluffy ducks, gnashing piranha and even the odd ninja assassin. Go out killing on your own, or against up to seven of your fellow hunters. If you're furry, feathery, scaley or slimey, take cover.



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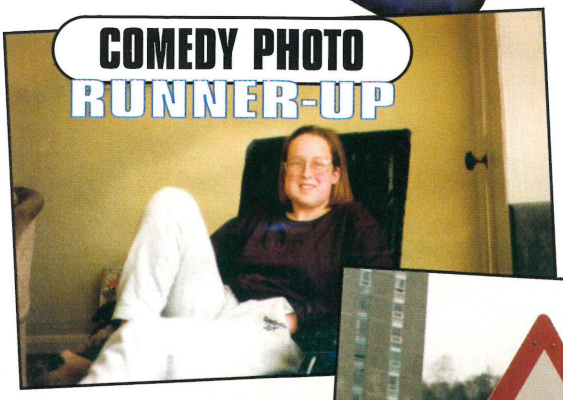
GREAT WHITE CARD COMPO

From comedy photos to dirty jokes and pictures of humourously titled places, you responded in the thousands to our requests to fill our huge backing card. Some of the entries made us laugh, others made us sick and the rest just made us despair. Now in full technicolour glory the winners are revealed along with a few honourable mentions

COMEDY PHOTO RUNNER-UP



Luke Hedges **from Banff up in Scotland sent this picture of his cousin Jenny after she'd been to the dentist. Apparently she looks like Desperate Dan (dentist or not!)**

AMUSING ROAD SIGN RUNNER-UP

You can always rely on funny European countries to provide us Brits with comedy material ***David Anderson*** **from Swindon almost won with his holiday snap from Oslo**

PSX FOOTY TEAM WINNER

Ben Weston **of Wadebridge wins here because he took the time to make the card green and also did a bit more than then rest of you lazy bunch**

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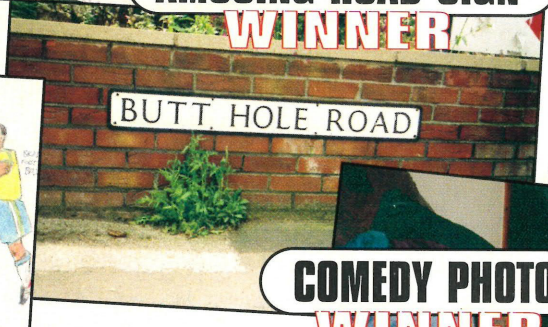

If you happen to be in the area of Doncaster then you might find yourself travelling up Butt Hole Road. ***Richard Ward*** **of Scunthorpe gets the goodies for this one**

PSX FOOTY TEAM RUNNER-UP

This goes to show that genuine talent doesn't always come up trumps. ***John Chiverton*** **of Bracknell can obviously draw, but where does that get anybody?**

COMEDY PHOTO WINNER

Unlike most of the dogs round here, this one still has her knickers on! This gem came from ***Steven McCormick's*** **stag do in Carlisle**

All the winners will be receiving their big bundles of software very soon while the runners-up will all be receiving commiserations from their mates

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PRO LETTERS

It seems this month you've all gone completely sex mad. From Lara's pixelated love pillows to the real-life Playboy flesh-feasts, everyone has an axe to grind and a place where they can stick it. Check it out

Send your letters to: PRO Letters, IDG Media, FREEPOST (SK3038) Macclesfield SK10 4YE or email me at jay@idg.co.uk

Bonus Babes

About that letter last month from that Jennifer in Manchester. She said that PlayStation Pro was for "Sad men who haven't got a girlfriend." Well I think people like her are just boring bitches. The majority of your readers are men. If it was women, then you'd put nude men in for them and they wouldn't complain. I buy PlayStation Pro because I think it has the best reviews, great cheats and everyone is honest. People like Kathy Lloyd are just a bonus.

Pat Kelly, Ireland

PRO *I couldn't agree more Pat.*

One Foot In The Grave

I agree with Jennifer from Manchester concerning the amount of porn in your mag. When I was a lad I used to buy magazines about fishing and all the women inside kept their kit on. Nowadays, all magazines contain young women rubbing their huge breasts against a copy of FIFA '98. I mean, if you buy a Power Rangers magazine you don't expect to see Pink Ranger and Red Ranger having a sex romp in the back of a mini. Clean up your content or I shall write to my MP.

Boring Old Fart, Newcastle

PRO *"When you were a lad"? What are you now then, a girl? God I'm sick of saying this – Listen buster, if you want to buy mags without girls in then do so, we ain't stopping you. If you want to write to your MP, feel free to do so, we ain't stopping you. You have a freedom of choice so use it. We're not going to change the mag just because a handful of do-gooders moan at us each month, it's all fuel to the fire mate, believe me. Maybe if your fishing mags of old had put girls in there you wouldn't be the jumped-up whining old cock you are now. So think on in future. Knobby.*

Say What?

Is Duke Nukem 3D better than Tomb Raider 3, and should I buy Tommi Makinen Rally or wait for Colin McRae Rally?

Andrew Pebbles, Nothumberland

PRO No, and good god no!

Reefa Madness

I am not impressed, In fact I'm far from it. The reason? Issue 22 July 1998. I have never read so much rubbish, words cannot describe how angry I am.

In reply to Phil Bury's comment about his Nintendo 64 you said that he'd ditched it for the superior PlayStation... eh? Do you know what a Nintendo 64 is? Obviously not. I don't believe for one moment that your readers believe it. If you want to win reader support, don't kiss arse, it's degrading and it's so false. If you don't believe me, read the specs!

Anyway on with the letter... FF VII is the greatest game to grace the planet let alone the PlayStation and millions of gamers across the globe have dedicated many hours/days/weeks/months to finish this rare masterpiece. Miss Bea obviously isn't one of them. Great Gospel is not Tifa's level 4 break it's Aeris', Tifa's is Final Heaven. Everybody knows it, I would have thought you would have researched the answer better. I could go on and on about sexist crud, bad language, poor attempts at being unbiased, but I don't think I need to point it out. Sort it out.

reefa@easynet.co.uk

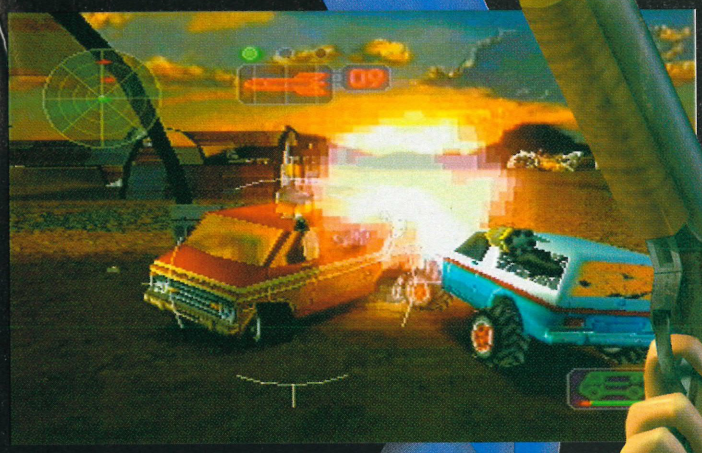
PRO *N64s may be technically superior, but the games are utter shite. GoldenEye, Diddy Kong Racing and ISS are the only ones worth bothering with and to be honest with you 'Reefa.' I don't care if you agree or not. This is our mag and we give our opinions, if you don't like it – tough shit, go and buy one of our inferior rivals and listen to some of the crap they spout.*

You obviously don't like us as you've stated above, but you still keep buying the mag don't you? "Poor attempts at being unbiased" what the hell are you on about now? If anyone needs to be sorted out I think it's you dear "Reefa". You need to sort your head out as soon as possible. That's if you can manage to pull it out of your arse first. And as far as your FFVII moan is concerned, here's what Miss Bea had to say: "We've helped out hundreds of people with Final Fantasy VII queries, and if getting one wrong proves that I'm not an anorak, then so be it."

Now go and play in the road or something equally beneficial to the human race "Tossa."

Too Much Too Young

I have recently got a PlayStation for my ninth birthday and would really like a playable demo of both



Beast Wars and Resident Evil 2 Is there anything you can do to help?

John Bancroft, Mansfield

PRO

If you're only nine John, then you shouldn't be playing games like Res Evil 2 that carry an age rating of 15. So no, I can't help you. Beast Wars isn't worth bothering with either. Not because of the age rating, just because it's pants. But as you're only nine and it was your birthday the other day I'll send you my Beast Wars transformer. How's that?

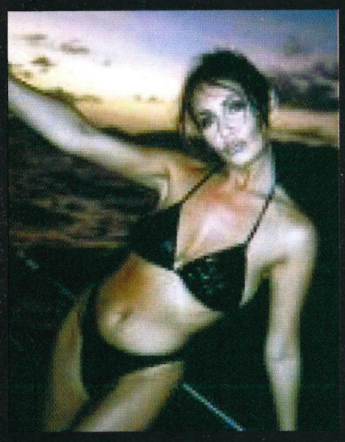
Tits Oot

I was delighted to see piccies of Kathy Lloyd in your mag. Please could you send me some of her naked or tell me where to find some. I beg of you to tell me this vital information.

Dirty David, Thornbury

PRO

Unfortunately, we don't have any naked Kathy Lloyd pictures Dave. You could try buying her latest Playboy video though, where she appears in all her natural glory. Until you get hold of that, here's a slightly saucier piccy of our Kath.



Satisfied Customer

I would just like to say how brilliant your magazine is. What makes it so brilliant is the way you answer letters and show nude women.

Liam Brown, Stockport

PRO

Cheers Liam. Glad to be of service to ya.

Am I right in understanding that if I were to design a game, say FIFA '99, with the teams consisting of semi-naked Lara Croft/Red Lotus lookalikes (perhaps with their nipples in the wrong place) that I could make a fortune overnight? It's a sad world but that would appear to be the case. Look, I've got nothing against Lara or most of the women featured in your mag, but surely you could manage to be a little more tasteful? And as for your slogan "For men who like to work less and play more," what utter crap.

Okay, women may only make up a very small percentage of PlayStation owners and your readers, but ignore us and in the end it's you who will lose out. However, on the whole I do enjoy your mag and have no plans to stop buying it, but some pics of David Duchovny in his undies wouldn't go amiss. And watch this space for that game!

Caroline Needham, Shipley

PRO

We should get together Caroline and take the computer industry by storm. You could do your Fantasy Female Footy 99 and I could do a tomb Raidery style 'David Duchovny in his duds' adventure. We'd be millionaires before we even knew what hit us.

As for our slogan being crap, well you show me one man who can honestly say that he doesn't like to work less and play more and I'll bare my arse.

Perhaps we should change our slogan to "For men who like to look at tits, and women with double standards". Whatcha think? It puzzles me how any girl can write in moaning about the mag being sexist and offensive or untasteful, but then suggest we put naked blokes in. Surely that would be sexist too?

In the end, majority rules, so if the bulk of our readers write in and beg for more girls then they get 'em.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Shit On Our Own Doorstep

I am writing to express my views on the world of the PlayStation. I trust you guys at Pro to bring me the latest on what sizzling new games are coming my way, so after reading the August issue I'm a little concerned that it doesn't look like anything good is arriving until September at least. Now I would never trade my console for a crappy N64, but I'm concerned about the number of quality games is starting to tail off. I hope this is not the case, but there does seem to be a pile of shite software on our doorsteps at the moment. Why?

Chris Hardisty, Yeovil

PRO

The computer industry is a cunning one Chris. Each Christmas is when game creators coin in the cash, therefore the market peaks around December (when all the good games come out). It then settles until around Easter time where we have a flood of new games, and then due to things such as summer holidays, the World Cup and the fact that most people go out when it's hot as opposed to staying indoors, the market dries up again.

You've got admit that there's not much point bringing loads of games out when the majority of your audience is on holiday or sunning themselves outside the pub, is there? Needless to say, September time starts the ball rolling again in the run-up to Christmas, hence the current drought of good stuff and the inevitable onslaught of titles within the next four months. Good question though. Well done. Have a free copy of Vigilante 8 for your troubles.

MEET THE PROFESSIONALS...

NAME: JAY SHARPLES
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH: Tomb Raider 3
PREFERRED GENRE: Beat'em-ups
LOVES & LOATHES: Jay's interest in Tomb Raider 3 has been growing faster than Lara's bobbly bits. However, being subjected to the terrible Tommi Makinen Rally made him floppy in a matter of minutes

NAME: PAUL (CHICKEN) MCNALLY
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH: Fluid
PREFERRED GENRE: Simulations
LOVES & LOATHES: When Chicken's not been tripping out to the bright lights and aquatic ambience of Fluid, he's been using Mortal Kombat 4 to scrape dog-dirt off his shoes

NAME: JAMES CANNON
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH: Victory Boxing 2
PREFERRED GENRE: Racing
LOVES & LOATHES: James was floored this month by the scrap-happy fist-fest that is Victory Boxing 2, but Fluid left him wanting to dish out a few punches of his own

NAME: ANDY SHARP
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH: Colin McRae Rally
PREFERRED GENRE: Sports
LOVES & LOATHES: Andy passed up his pork scratchings in favour of Colin McRae Rally, but Atari's Arcade Collection 2 left him choking on his dry-roasted peanuts

NAME: LEWIS PEK
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH: Colin McRae Rally
PREFERRED GENRE: RPGs
LOVES & LOATHES: Colin McRae Rally has had Lewis purring like a kitten for weeks. Shame the fleabitten moggy stench of Tommi Makinen Rally had him turning his nose up in disgust

Your monthly guide to what's hot and what's not starts here

What's the score?

1. ABSOLUTE SHITE. DO NOT BUY THIS GAME, NO MATTER WHAT
2. SHODDY, UNINSPIRED CRAP THAT SHOULD NEVER BE PLAYED
3. VERY POOR. NOT THE WORST THING EVER, BUT NOT FAR OFF
4. WELL BELOW PAR WITH SOME MAJOR LEAGUE FLAWS
5. AVERAGE. STRICTLY FOR THE HARDCORE FAN OF THE GENRE
6. NOT A COMPLETE DOG, BUT COULD HAVE BEEN A CONTENDER
7. CHECK IT OUT FIRST BEFORE PAYING HARD CASH FOR IT
8. A POTENTIAL CORKER THAT OOZES QUALITY IN SMALL DOSES
9. AN ESSENTIAL PURCHASE THAT'S RECOMMENDED BY ALL OF US
10. THE PERFECT GAME IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE WAY. A RARITY

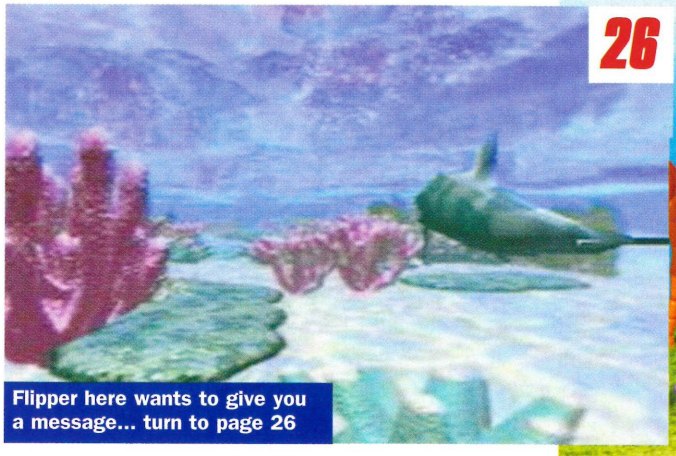
Our icons explained...

RENT IT!
Entertaining for a while, but the lastability factor is highly doubtful. Fun for a night though

MUST BUY!
Simply essential. This is quality gaming and must be bought immediately. If not sooner

TRY B4 U BUY
A quality title that's a preferred taste. Not everyone's cup of tea, but well worth trying out

AVOID!
Not worth a penny of anyone's money. This is naff, bland and one to avoid at all costs



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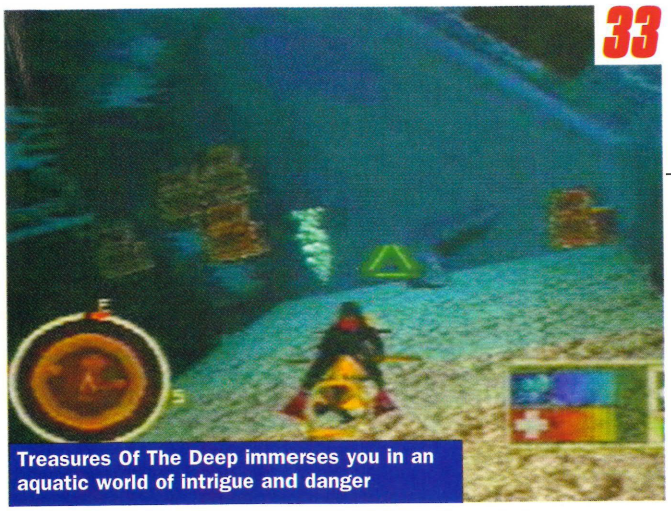

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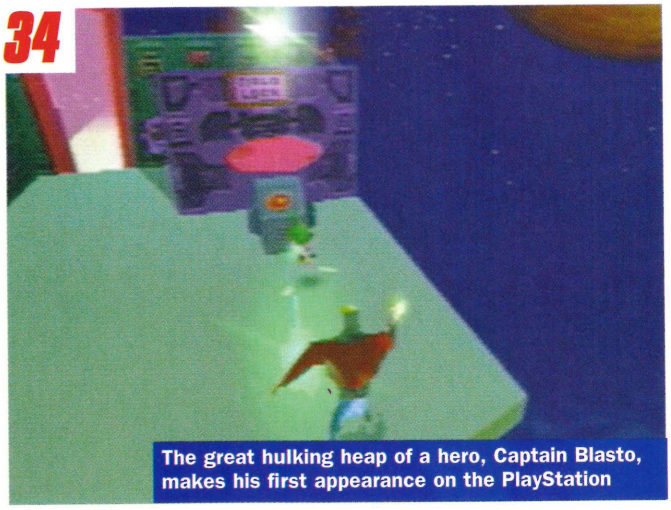

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The great hulking heap of a hero, Captain Blasto, makes his first appearance on the PlayStation

PRO REVIEWS

Mortal Kombat 4

Like the long wait for the Spice Girls to drop Geri, Mortal Kombat has finally made it into glorious 3D

Back in 1992 *Mortal Kombat* literally burst onto the console scene in a wave of blood and guts and became the focus of moral outrage amongst concerned adults. The use of simulated blood and deadly finishing moves were deemed to be too shocking and graphic for kids, which in all honesty was probably right, but we can't agree with such oppressive opinions now can we?

Mortal Kombat remains famous for creating the great 'games breed violence' debate. Kids everywhere tried to mirror what they'd seen on screen and the country was awash with reports of schoolyard decapitations and fatalities; some youngsters were even found charred into the centre circle of the fifth form football pitch. I am of course exaggerating the details, kids thought it was cool, that's all.

However, the killjoys carried on with their quest to champion family values and the game was blamed for granny beatings worldwide. Consequently, *Midway* decided to redress the situation with a tongue-in-cheek change to the *MK* build. The sequels became more cartoony and less threatening, with the introduction of various comical finishing moves such as the babalities and humilities. The whole series changed from being malevolently violent to a more socially acceptable piece of software. However, since *MK* kicked off the whole debate on videogame violence, *Doom*, *Resident Evil*, and *Grand Theft Auto* have since stolen the limelight, and so the time is right for *Mortal Kombat* to return to its sinister ways.

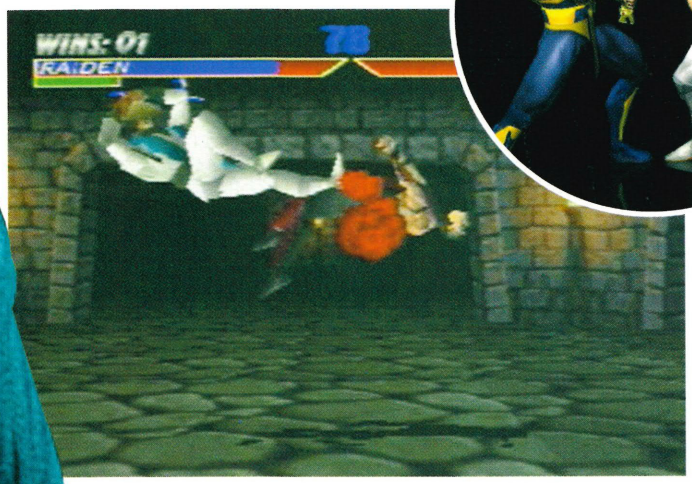
CHOOSE YOUR DESTINY

This return to the uninhibited game design is a welcome one, in many ways it signifies that the series has come full circle. For the first time Scorpion, Sonia Blade and Liu Kang will be mixing it up in full 3D, and about bloody time too! The new engine can manage over 3,000 polygons, giving the *MK* series the 3D full 360° rotational treatment at a frame rate of 50 frames per second. Fight fans will love these statistics, but then we expect fast flowing beat'em-ups on the PlayStation, so what else is new?

Due to its regression to a more brutal persona, *Mortal Kombat 4* has done away with the humorous finishing moves (so don't expect to reduce defeated foes to a snivelling child). The only 'alities' you can now perform are the individual character fatalities and stage fatalities, and I'm split as to whether this is a good or bad thing.

I can understand that *Midway* wanted a return to the dark theme of the original, but at the same time they've also reduced the player's options. After all, it's the player who decides which moves they want to perform. Having said

The graphics are the best yet seen in a Mortal Kombat game. The arenas work especially well thanks to the tasty looking lighting effects



Like Chicken in a Texan whorehouse, Goro has more groping hands than your average punter

that I'd personally prefer to see what a game like this has to offer in terms of gore, not comedy, and I reckon it's safe to assume most beat'em-up fans would too. 'Ality' removal justified? Maybe, but we'll hold judgement on that as it's mostly a personal thing.

STICK AND MOVE

There are 15 immediately playable characters with more hidden ones unlocking later. I won't bore you with the background plot as to why this inter-dimensional royal rumble is taking place, suffice to say that a bunch of evil dudes want to take over the Earth Realm, which is obviously not a good thing. Therefore, Raiden, protector of the Earth Realm, forms a motley crew of bone breakers to organise a warm reception.

The basic gameplay engine is the same as always. All the moves *MK* fans adore are still in there and for the most part this sequel plays just like the previous titles. The difference here is that it plays faster and has more frames of animation than any of the earlier games, so the action looks more realistic than ever before (well it couldn't be worse really).

A good selection of new characters means there are plenty of original moves to get to grips with and special attacks to learn, but that's all standard stuff that you'd expect to see. What's more interesting are the character specific bone-breaking moves which graphically display limbs being mercilessly snapped mid-fight. Nice eh? The victim somehow manages to repair their ruptured bones before continuing the bloody battle, and if it's you on the receiving end you can vent your anger by getting tooled up and dishing out your own brand of pain.

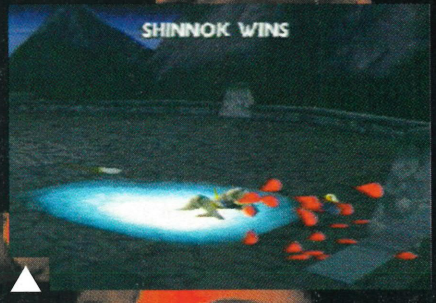
Each character has their own weapon which can be unsheathed and wielded or put away whenever you wish, though timing is imperative as opposing characters seem to sense a 2ft blade's damage capabilities as soon as it comes into view. What usually follows is a quick crack that disarms you, but at least all the

Characters have their own bone-breaking moves that graphically display limbs snapping mid-fight

GIVE THE MAN A HAND

After getting the 'finish him' prompt, Shinnok can call upon his dark magical powers to summon this huge hell dwelling skeletal hand. There'll be no mercy for this loser

Then it's time to put the squeeze on the vanquished opponent, in this case the ninja Scorpion. Life is crushed out of him in a head popping climax of gushing blood and guts



The final nail in the coffin comes when the deceased foe is dragged, still spraying claret, down into the pits of Hades. Scorpion's soul is claimed for all eterity by the sinister forces of evil

weapons remain in the arena. So if your opponent pulls the old Mick Dundee 'that's not a knife' trick on you, just give him a clout and swap blades with him.

The weapons are numerous and varied, ranging from swords and spiked staffs to boomerangs and Sub Zero's 'Freeze Wand'. Kai carries a machete, Raiden a wooden mallet, Fujin a crossbow etc., all delivering good hits. Alternately they can be used as a projectile, along with skulls, rocks and other objects you'll find lying about in the different arenas. They inflict a little more damage than bare knuckles, especially if you can position them on the floor so that a chinned opponent falls upon them, further enhancing any combo score already clocked up.

KOMING DOWN

Despite the new features you don't really get the feeling that there's been a major overhaul of the game. *Mortal Kombat 4* follows the previous titles' gameplay almost exactly (apart from the obvious new weapon element which unfortunately doesn't add that much extra).

The 3D look was definitely the way to go, and it provides *Mortal Kombat 4* with the updated look it so desperately required, but no matter how modern the appearance it's basically more of the same from *Midway's* premier line of bloody beat'em-ups.

It's good to see the defenders of the Earth Realm finally appearing with a more life-like design, but with such glorious adversaries as *Tekken 3* looming on the horizon (due for release in September), we really expected to be more impressed with a glut of originality from MK 4. Having said that, the *MK* series boasts a good following of fans, who'll no doubt be suitably impressed with the latest game, and rightly so. It is an improvement, just not as much as was expected PRO

Each character has their own particular bone breaking move, and though the breaks are quickly repaired, they still make your eyes water

RING MASTERS

SCORPION

Draw sword: ➡➡▲

SPECIAL MOVES
Spear: ⬅⬅✕
Teleport punch: ⬇⬋⬅■
Flame Spit: ⬇➡✕

FATALITIES
Toasty: ⬅➡➡⬅, ■+R1
Sting: ⬅➡↑⬇■

KAI

Draw staff: ⬇⬋⬅✕

SPECIAL MOVES
Hand Walking: R1+●
Fireballs: ⬅⬅■ or ➡➡✕
Powerslide: ⬇➡●

FATALITIES
Back Breaker: R1↑➡↑⬅▲

RAIDEN

Draw mallet: ➡⬅■

SPECIAL MOVES
Torpedo dive: ➡➡●
Teleport: ⬇↑
Lightning bolt: ⬇⬋⬅✕

FATALITIES
Elecrocution: (R1)➡⬅↑↑▲
Staff impale: ⬇↑↑↑■

SHINNOK

Draw staff: ⬅➡✕

IMPERSONATIONS
Reiko: ⬅⬅⬅R1
Kai: ➡➡➡●
Sonya: ➡⬇➡■
Fujin: ➡➡⬅▲

FATALITIES
Death Hand: ⬇⬅➡⬇L1
Hand Smash: ⬇↑↑⬇R1

LIU KANG

Draw sword: ⬅➡●

SPECIAL MOVES
Fireball: ➡➡■
Lowfireball: ➡➡✕
Flying kick: ➡➡▲

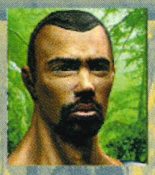
FATALITIES
Dragon: ➡➡➡⬇, R1+▲+●
Skeet shoot: ➡⬇⬇↑■

REPTILE

Draw axe: ⬅⬅●

SPECIAL MOVES
Acid spit: ⬇↘➡■
Invisibility: R1+▲
Dash punch: ⬅➡✕
Crawl: ⬅➡●▲

FATALITIES
Face chew: ■+▲+✕+●, ↑
Acid puke: ↑⬇⬇⬇■



JAX

Draw club: ⬇➡■

SPECIAL MOVES
Ground wave: ➡➡⬇●
Missile: ⬇⬅✕
Run punch: ➡⬇⬅✕

FATALITIES
Arm rip: Hold: ●, ➡➡⬇➡, release ●
Head smash: ⬅➡➡⬇R1

REIKO

Draw club: ⬇⬅■

SPECIAL MOVES
Teleport: ⬇↑
Flip Kick: ⬅⬇➡●
Shurikens: ⬇➡✕

FATALITIES
Multi Shuriken: ⬅⬅⬇⬇▲
Torso kick: ➡⬇➡, ✕+R1+▲+●

JOHNNY CAGE

Draw sword: ➡⬇➡●

SPECIAL MOVES
Nut punch: R1+✕
Shadow kick: ⬅➡●
High fireball: ⬇➡■
Low fireball: ⬇⬅✕

FATALITIES
Torso rip: ➡⬅⬇⬇▲
Uppercut: ⬇⬇➡⬇, L1+R1

JARECK

Draw Scimitar: ➡➡■

SPECIAL MOVES
Cannonball: ⬅➡●
Upwards cannonball: ➡⬇➡■
Bodyslam: ⬅⬇⬅▲
Triblade: ⬇⬅✕

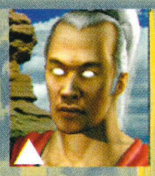
FATALITIES
Heart Rip: ➡⬅➡➡●
Eye Laser: ↑↑➡➡R1

TANYA

Draw boomerang: ➡➡▲

SPECIAL MOVES
Fireball: ⬇↘➡■
Down fire: ⬇⬋⬅✕
Splits kick: ⬇⬋⬅●
Screw kick: ➡➡●

FATALITIES
Kiss: ⬇⬇↑⬇, ■+R1
Neck break: ⬇➡⬇➡▲



FUJIN

Draw crossbow: ⬅⬅✕

SPECIAL MOVES
Spin Throw: ➡⬇✕ (hold ✕)
Levitate: ➡⬇➡■
Flying Knee: ⬇↘➡▲

FATALITIES
Prison stage: ⬇⬇⬇▲
Wind skin: ⬇➡➡↑R1

SUB ZERO

Draw ice staff: ⬇↘➡▲

SPECIAL MOVES
Freeze: ⬇↘➡✕
Ice clone: ⬇⬋⬅✕
Slide: ✕+R1+●

FATALITIES
Head rip: (R1+L1)➡⬅➡⬇■
Shatter: ⬅⬅⬇⬅■

QUAN CHI

Draw dagger: ➡➡▲

SPECIAL MOVES
Green skull: ➡➡✕
steal weapon: ➡⬅■
Slide: ➡➡▲

FATALITIES
Leg rip: hold ●, ➡⬇➡, release ●
Mimc: ↑↑⬇⬇✕

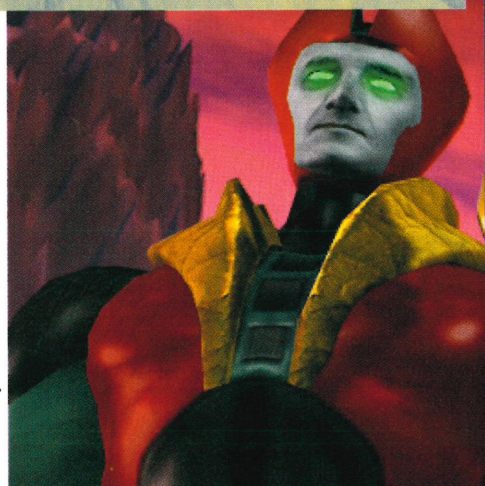
SONYA

Draw spinning blades: ➡➡▲

SPECIAL MOVES
Rings: ⬇↘➡✕
Cartwheel: ⬇↘➡●
Leg throw: (⬇)●+R1

FATALITIES
Kiss of death: ⬇⬇⬇↑L1
Leg scissors: ↑⬇⬇↑▲

Blood can be turned on or off depending on your disposition. So the squeamish and extremely weedy can refrain from viewing this type of thing



PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: GT Interactive
GENRE: Beat'em Up

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If you like the Mortal Kombat games then there's no reason why you shouldn't be impressed with this. The new 3D look is infinitely better than the ancient flat interface, even if the graphics aren't as sharp as they should be. It plays like the previous instalments and has a couple of nice new game features, but it doesn't really bring anything new to an already overcrowded genre. Fans will lap it up, but we've seen it all before.

JAMES CANNON ●

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	8.5
SOUND	8
GAMEPLAY	8
LASTABILITY	8

8

PRO PANEL

CHICKEN I reckon fighting games have come a long way since Mortal Kombat and for me MK4 is still struggling to keep up. It's all getting a bit tired now. Dead Or Alive for me please

ANDY A perfect lad's night recipe would be a Madras, a never-ending suppy of Stella, some 'art-house' videos and an MK4 contest. Blood guts and extreme violence. It's brilliant!

LEWIS Die-hard Mortal Kombat fans will no doubt love this, but for those of you brought up on a diet of Tekken and Street Fighter, this lacks the depth and playability to really satisfy

JAY It's the same old Kombat in glorious pseudo-3D, and if that doesn't excite you then you're obviously not a fan of the series. Strictly for the hardcore, MK4 is fun, but not great

TOTALLY FLIPPED OUT

PEACE is a tranquil stage with soothing ambient sounds to swim along too. Mind the fish!

ABYSS begins to toughen things up with an acid techno style soundtrack and freaky lights

WIRE is one of the strangest things you'll ever see with your dolphin swimming through the air

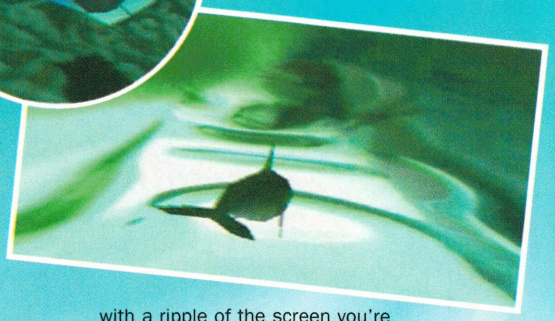
SPACE contains mad techno and amazing asteroids as you swim through the universe

FLOWER has huge triffid-like bulbs releasing their spores constantly

WOOD features, unsurprisingly, a gorgeous underwater, er, wood.

Fluid

Dolphins? Ambient drum 'n' bass music? What the hell is going on? Where're my racing games?



Sony are consistently pushing back the boundaries of PlayStation gaming in an attempt to appeal to a much broader audience than ever before. *Fluid* puts yet another toe in the expanding pool of 'games' revolving around music. We've had the awesomely successful *Parappa the Rappa* and *Spice World*, but *Fluid* takes yet another brave step forward with an attempt to capture the dance culture market.

HEAD SWIM

Not a game in so much as we understand it, *Fluid* looks like it's designed for the post club chill out when your head's been battered after a heavy session with girls in satin babydoll dresses in some local designer venue.

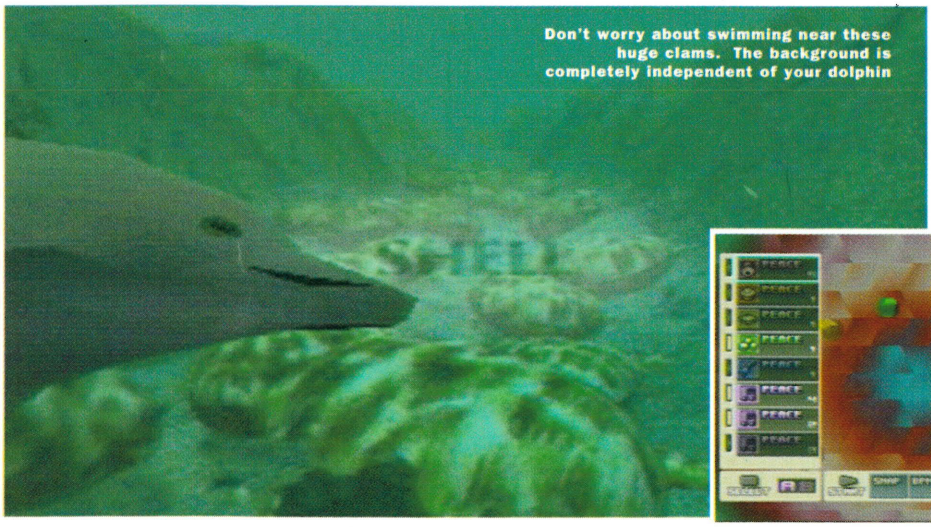
Load it up and you're instantly controlling a rather gorgeous dolphin, making it swim throughout the ocean depths. Shoals of fish surround you and there's kind of an eerie ambient noise hammering out of the speakers, but there's not instantly anything to do. Then you notice a ring of stone monuments and swim towards them only to find that you bounce off them. Aha! There's one that's a different colour. So off you swim straight into a blue polygon and with a ripple of the screen you're into a section called Peace, and this is where *Fluid* starts for real.

Now you're still controlling the dolphin, but not only that you're now in control of the ambient soundtrack that's started playing as you swim along through this section. The directional pad still moves the dolphin, but now pressing any of the other buttons will introduce a new noise into the sound and you can change the frequency by pressing the D-pad.

FAT BOY CHICKEN

After a few minutes of twiddling with this you'll be given the option of swimming off into the next musical zone (there are 12 ranging from ambient, techno, drum & bass, trip-hop and just about every other kind of dance music imaginable). The idea is that you "collect" the sounds and samples from each zone in order to have more to play with in the Mixing Room (more about this in a minute) when you eventually get there.

After visiting a new world the idea is that you quit back out of

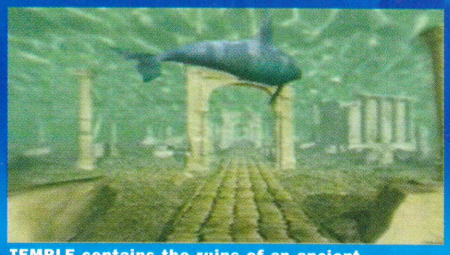


Don't worry about swimming near these huge clams. The background is completely independent of your dolphin

Here you can make yourself go blind and deaf at the same time. Can't ask for anymore really

CRYSTAL sees you swimming over a beautiful bed of shimmering jewels

TUBE is more than a little trippy as you wend you way through the maze



TEMPLE contains the ruins of an ancient underwater civilisation to swim through

SHELL's giant clams open and close as you cruise over them to a slower ambient sound

CORAL contains some of what you'd expect to see underwater, unlike the rest of Fluid

GARDEN is the final level. Reach this point and you've captured all the samples in the game

it and swim around to find the entrance to the room where you put your sounds together. From here you can chop and change the samples to create your own tune.

Obviously, the more worlds you have visited with your dolphin the more samples you're going to have stored up in your banks to play with. You can save all of this hard work onto a memory card and then, if you're really clever, link your telly up to a tape deck or minidisc and listen to your stuff the next morning on the bus.

While you're in this section you can also tap the R2 button and it will remove all the controls leaving you with a light show to play around with. Hammering all the buttons will have different effects on the lights while your tune plays in the background. For example, if you fancy a fit-inducing strobe effect just press the Square button and roll your fingers across the D-pad for some psychedelic effects.

Fluid's a post club chill out after your head's been battered in some local designer venue

Fluid is going to suit a certain breed and leave a lot of other people wondering what the point is. As I fit into the first category I genuinely enjoyed *Fluid,* but I could see the faces of the heavy metal fraternity in the office getting bored once the initial novelty wears off.

The two ways of enjoying *Fluid* are obvious, either you spend a load of time working with the samples to create worthwhile music or you can just mess yourself up and load it up when you get in. Either works for me. I'd recommend this to any dance music head PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Sony
GENRE: Misc

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You'll either love it or hate it. If you like unusual and original PlayStation games, then load up Fluid. If you hate repetitive beats, dolphins, trippy stuff and the drug culture in general, then steer well clear. The musical section is a bit too restrictive to put it to any serious use, but it's fun and you can knock up some half-decent, if limited tunes. This should be rented first to see if you like it, but if you do, or you're a regular clubber with a PlayStation, then it's nigh on essential.

CHICKEN

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	9
SOUND	9.5
GAMEPLAY	7.5
LASTABILITY	8.5

8½

PRO PANEL

LEWIS Take your brain for a dip in one of the most original and unusual games since Parrapa the Rappa. Just don't look for any type of gameplay, because there isn't any

JAMES It's wildly original and looks great when someone else is at the dolphin driving wheel, but it bored me beyond belief. Trippy sounds and drum beats can only entertain for so long

ANDY I want drums, heavy metal guitars and some serious bass. What I don't want is some drug-induced rave happening on my PlayStation that involves a bloody dolphin. It's crap

JAY Slightly pants whilst sober, but after a night on the tiles it's a top way to wind down, or indeed, 'wind up ya waist'. Plus it looks like you're watching Flipper on acid. Groovy

Batman & Robin

Batman is the epitome of crime fighting cool, but Mr Freeze has taken a frosty bite at our pointy-eared hero. So now it's time for the Dark Knight to heat things up a little

This *Batman* lark's going a bit far now don't you reckon? After three sequels they still can't settle on which director and star should handle the bat account. In the beginning it was Michael Keaton who was all wrapped up in rubber hose, and so far his hand-me-downs have been graced by Val Kilmer and George Clooney, and if the truth be known they haven't really worn that well. Poor George, when his turn finally arrived to slip his bat-box into that famous cod-piece it was already beginning to smell a little stale, and by the time he'd finished with it, it was positively humming.

However that isn't to say the stench rising from *Batman's* groin has accompanied the hero onto the PSX in *Acclaim's* long overdue movie license, but that's enough talk about batboys nads, let's take a look at the game shall we?

We're in movie license territory aren't we? Not the best place to be when you're playing games, but for a change it isn't the worse place to be either, but we'll get to that later. First let's take a look at the ins and outs of protecting Gotham. The game's plot runs along the same lines as the movie, which means that old frosty fingers Mr Freeze is on the rampage, stealing diamonds to power his special refrigerated suit, and with Poison Ivy and her sidekick Bane also up to no good, the Dark Knight may have met his match.

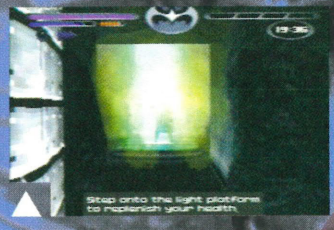
BATTING PRACTICE

Prepare yourself as Gotham's elite protectorate in the batcave

The bat-computer. Every crime fighting hero should have one

Check any clues and emails to work out Freeze and Ivy's next target

You can return to the cave and power up weapons and gadgets at any time



Health can also be replenished should you take a heavy beating

The bat-wardrobe, swap your suit for something younger or more feminine

Practice fighting with the aid of these holographic henchmen

Train your batarang marksmanship skills in Wayne mansion

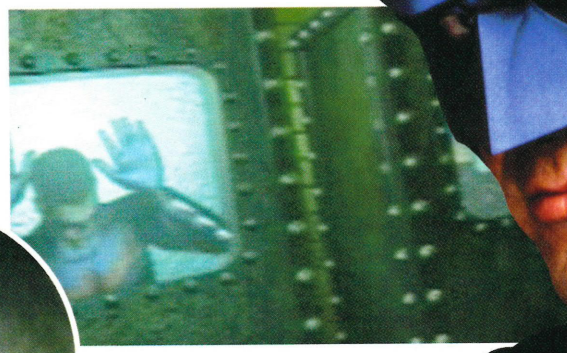
Then hit the streets in style

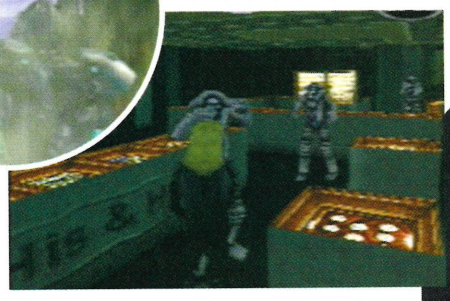
Freeze doesn't go down easy so be prepared for a heated encounter with the glacier man mountain. He won't be put in the cooler without first raising the temperature

COCK ROBIN

Batman & Robin is a game that plays on many different levels encompassing the whole of Gotham City and is very much a free roaming affair. The fight against Freeze and Ivy begins in the batcave where you'll have all of the Bat-team's gadgets at your disposal. Here you can swap between the characters, choosing between the dynamic duo and their new ally, Batgirl,

The game is played over three nights in real time, though you can thankfully speed the game clock up a little





Your first encounter with Freeze and he gives you a frosty reception. Bloody typical. Right then, Robin had better lay him out cold

each with their own differing strengths and weaknesses. The batcave also has facilities to replenish health and to hone fighting and targeting skills using the holographic opponents generated by the powerful bat-computer, the most important piece of kit in your hi-tech arsenal of equipment.

As soon as the game begins a message informs you that there are currently a couple of clues in the computer database. Once enhanced the clues reveal that the snowy master-villain of the piece is planning to steal a rare and rather large diamond from the Gotham Museum. So, after deciding whether to go for the pointy-eared suit, the high heels or the red breast, you need to get out onto the mean streets of Gotham.

This is a good parody of the film, since that should've been brilliant, but was actually bat guano instead

The characters each have their own preferred choice of transport, the head honcho takes the batmobile whilst the other two ride their trademark motorbikes. Making your way to the museum you foil Freeze, but the icy customer escapes leaving you with a bit of detective work to perform. Whilst driving around the city you'll find various clues, both on the streets and inside buildings. You must examine and analyse these clues in the bat-computer in an attempt to thwart the next part of Freeze's diabolical scheme.

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, BATMAN...

So much of *Batman & Robin* is actually quite good. The gameplay is nice and varied with a lot of driving mixed with strategic detective work. There's a good dose of adventuring in there too and a bit of beat'em-up action whenever you run into Freeze's arctic henchmen. The thing is, it's all a little shoddy around the edges. For instance, the handling of the different vehicles isn't exactly what you'd call intuitive. They're all fast enough, but they can sometimes be impossible to drive with any degree of control.

The clue searching element of the game can also get tiresome as it basically entails driving around the city, hopping out of the car every now and then to break open boxes or wander about desolate buildings. And you're never quite sure how many clues you need, which leads to even more tedious clue searching.

Batman & Robin is by no means a terrible release, in fact it's probably one of the most playable movie licenses released this year and is a much better *comic-based* adventure than the film of the same name. However, the game still lacks that extra PlayStation polish that we now take for granted. Which is a shame, since this is yet another movie license that has failed to deliver upon its potential PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Acclaim
GENRE: Action/Adventure

RENT IT

ONE PLAYER | MEMORY CARD | ANALOGUE | PRO | PRO

If I were to say to you "fancy playing a game where you drive at high speed all the time, adventure around a whole city and beat-up bad guys," you'd most likely say, "Brilliant, that sounds right up my alley!" But the truth is you'd be being a little hasty. Batman & Robin just hasn't got the quality needed to keep you rivetted to your PlayStation. You can see the potential here, and what Acclaim wanted to achieve, but they sadly haven't quite managed to pull it off.

JAMES CANNON

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	7.5
SOUND	7
GAMEPLAY	6
LASTABILITY	6

6½

PRO PANEL

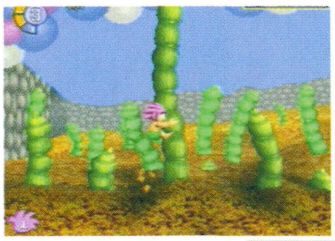
CHICKEN You get the feeling that with a lot more time and effort Batman & Robin would have been stunning. As it is, it's interesting, but never gets anywhere near being a classic

ANDY This shows the kind of potential needed to make a fine game, but fails to live up to it in most areas. Could and should have been better, but still worth an hour of anyone's time

LEWIS There's nothing dynamic about this duo. The gameplay's turgid and the graphics bland and uninspiring. Save your hard-earned pennies and buy Resident Evil 2 instead

JAY It's taken an age to get here and unfortunately it's not been time well spent. Admittedly it looks stunning in places, but the hap-hazard gameplay leaves a lot to be desired

Tombi



Taken at face value Tombi is little more than an updated version of Sonic The Hedgehog, but scratch beneath the surface and you'll find hidden depth

No, we don't know how you pronounce it either so if you make a fool of yourself in the shop, don't blame us!

Platform games have been consistently reaching new levels over the past few years. There was a time *Sonic The Hedgehog* blew our minds, but now we have *Spyro The Dragon* on the horizon and people's jaws are set to fall through the floor. So it's a bit of a shock then when you load up *Tombi* for the first time, not really knowing what to expect.

PINK-HEADED MONSTER

Sitting through a nice cartoon intro increases the anticipation and then the game finally arrives in all its 2D *Super Nintendo*-style platforming glory. To be fair it's not all as black and white as that, and as it happens *Tombi* is quite a good little game, but in the back of your mind you're always a bit gutted because you expect so much more these days.

As you might have gathered by now you play *Tombi,* a pink-haired little caveman who has to rescue his friends from blah blah blah. You know the storyline by now, it's a platform game so there's nothing new there.

Where *Tombi* differs from the run-of-the-mill platformers is that you can actually move 'into' the scenery at certain points of the game. This gives you an extra dimension to play with, but it can be quite annoying when you're jumping for an object that is actually concealed within the scenery and must be approached in a different manner to most platformers.

Tombi contains a fairly strong puzzle aspect to it as well as tiny RPG elements, such as collecting items in an inventory to give to other characters, and it is this originality that prevents the game from nose-diving faster than an Argentinean in the penalty area.

It looks like this game could be aimed at the younger end of the market, but the gameplay doesn't really suggest that it's too easy. In short, *Tombi* is a game for serious old-school platform addicts rather than techno kids needing a new hi-tech 3D romper PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Sony
GENRE: Platform

TRY B4 U BUY

ONE PLAYER | MEMORY CARD

Initially thought I was going to hate this, but Tombi won me over and I found myself playing it for longer than a lot of other games recently. There are a few twists to the basic platform engine that take it out of the ordinary, and for this reason alone it may well be worth a closer inspection than you'd perhaps normally give a game of this type. We've no shortage of cute platform games, but if you simply must have another one in your collection, there's no reason why it shouldn't be this.

CHICKEN

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	6.5
SOUND	6.5
GAMEPLAY	7
LASTABILITY	7.5

7½

PRO PANEL

ANDY God save me from cute Japanese shite. They're all the same, with derivative gameplay, talking pigs and the usual 'wacky' 2D characters sporting freakish haircuts

LEWIS This is very much in the same vein as Klonoa, in that it's full of old-style 2D platform fun, spruced up with sparkling 32bit graphics. And so it's for platform fans only I'm afraid

JAY Nice idea, but unfortunately I didn't sway to Tombi's charms. Old school Sonic fans may find it cool for a while and the little 'uns will cream over it, but it ain't for me

JAMES Eh? What's going on here? A caveman with a pink rinse battling talking pigs? This could only happen in Japan. Take it away and never show me it again. Ever

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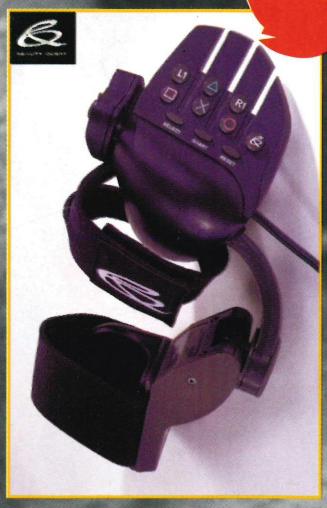

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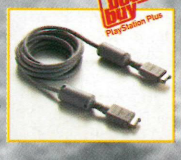

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Arcade's Greatest Hits

Atari Collection 2

Watch out! It's the 'Attack of the Games from Yesteryear.' We check out how good Memory Lane actually is...

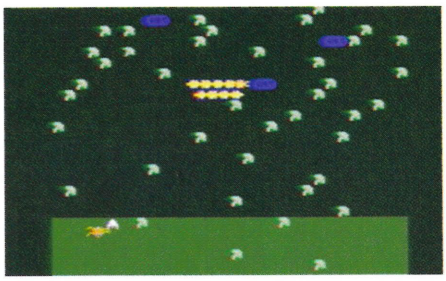
A nicely rendered intro sequence highlighting all the games helps to prepare you for the action

Retro compilations have been about on the PlayStation for a few years now. *Namco* started the trend and Atari are now into their second volume of games from yesteryear. If you go all glassy eyed and reminisce about the games you used to play on your *Spectrum*, then this could be for you.

But the problem you find (well I certainly do anyway) is that your memory is slightly selective. It's all very well going on about the hours of endless gameplay in *Manic Miner*, but play it now and you soon realise it's pretty bloody awful and that its fascination was based on the fact that we'd never seen anything like it before.

DIRTY OLD SLOT

Personally, my tolerance threshold is now much lower, but for some people retro gaming is where it's at and to this end *Arcade's Greatest Hits: Atari Collection 2* will find some success. It features six games, all of them arcade classics



that used to cost us 10p a go. If you think this is worth £30, then you better read on.

First up to the plate is *Gauntlet*. This was probably the first successful multi-player arcade game, which in turn spawned a generation of arcade co-operative and competitive games. However, it wasn't a patch on *Gauntlet 2*, so why isn't that included instead?

Next comes *Paperboy*. Now I did used to like this at the time because I could identify with the whole 'delivering papers to people's doors' thing. It looks dirt now, but it's still possibly the strongest title in the collection.

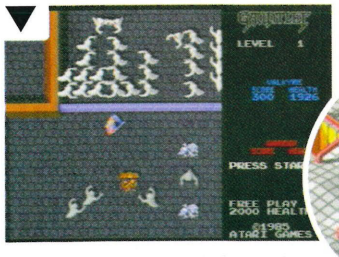
If you go glassy eyed and reminisce about games you played on the Spectrum, then this could be for you

Roadblasters managed to combine racing games and shooting games for the first time where as *Crystal Castles* started the trend for "roller-ball" type games.

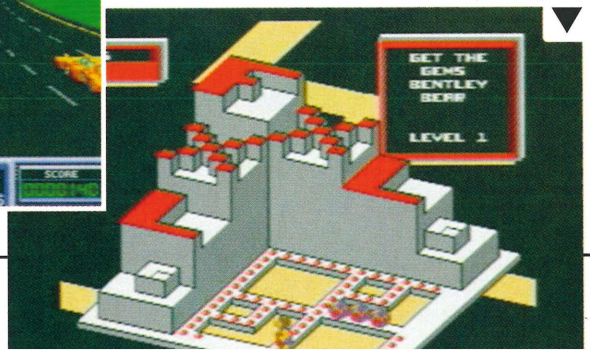
The final two included are the ancient *Millipede*, which was probably one of the most frantic games ever made, and the still useful *Marble Madness*, which saw you controlling a marble across a 3D landscape whilst solving puzzles. This was way before its time and a remake is in order.

I think the question of whether you should buy this collection comes down to how fondly you remember these games. Personally, I wouldn't bother, but I'm not you, and that's probably a good thing for both of us PRO

Gauntlet was the first multi-player game to achieve any real arcade success



Crystal Castles took a Pac Man theme and turned it into more of a puzzle game



PRO SCORE

PRICE: £34.99
PUBLISHER: GT Interactive
GENRE: Compilations

RENT IT

TWO PLAYER

I'm no big fan of retro games. I thought the idea was cool enough until I realised that the vast majority of old games are a pile of archaic stinking crap. Very few games that I used to love can hold my attention for more than a few minutes these days. Arcade's Greatest Hits: Atari Collection 2 will do well amongst the fraternity who still believe that retro games are all about 'gameplay' and not fancy graphics. So if this is your cup of tea then by all means drink it. Each to their own though.

CHICKEN

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	4
SOUND	4
GAMEPLAY	5.5
LASTABILITY	6

6½

PRO PANEL

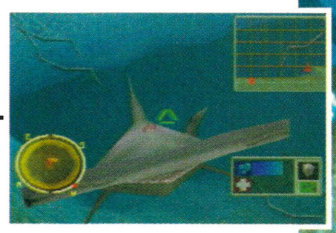
JAMES Yeah, okay I used to play this sort of stuff when I was a nipper and it still provides that nostalgic rush today, but that's all. I'd much rather play Res Evil 2 to be honest

ANDY I'm something of an antique myself, a little tatty at the edges, but you just can't bear to throw me away. These games are the same, and you'll find yourself hooked on all of them

LEWIS Gamers buy the latest cutting edge console to play games with eye-popping graphics and ear caressing tunes, so why on earth would you touch this ancient pile of crap?

JAY Popping 10p into the slots down at your local youth club may have been fun back in the day, but it simply doesn't cut it when placed alongside today's 3D arcade titles

Treasures Of The Deep



You amass wealth by recovering lost treasure and valuable coins, but snaring lobster traps like this one can also add to your bank balance

Dive into deep trouble with this nautical adventure from Namco

When Mike Patton of Faith No More sang "Hold me closer, keep me near my underwater love," he'd plainly never had the unpleasant opportunity of 'going down' on the PlayStation. It doesn't sound too pleasant a job does it? Kind of akin to plating a Jerry Springer "I'm so fat I eat through my ass!" guest after an hour under the studio spotlights. And the underwater efforts already spawned from the foul depths of the PlayStation ocean would leave just as bitter and salty a taste in the mouth.

Both *Tigershark* and *Critical Depth* tested the nautical shoot'em-up water, but they turned out to be quite soggy efforts with an excitement/interest level that could barely manage to take you beyond the shallow end of their tepid pools. However, *Treasures Of The Deep* is a different kettle of fish entirely.

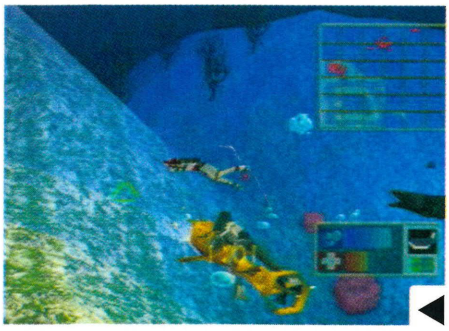
SPLASH-PROOF CROTCH

Namco's first submersible effort has rather surprisingly left me feeling quite impressed, but then they do know a thing or two about making decent games do *Namco*. They too were unable to resist the chance of arming up several different amphibious vessels, but fortunately their vision didn't cloud over. Instead of just coding another bland sea-watch shooting frenzy, *Namco* have successfully managed to incorporate feasible strategy elements into this mission-based game which actually work well. So much so that for the first time I actually enjoyed getting wet without having to don my rubber trousers and splash guard plastic G-string.

Each mission will call for you to recover some form of lost treasure, whether it be a priceless Vatican ruby cross or Hitler's lost gold, which means kitting yourself out for the job before hand. Select which weapons and treasure finding equipment will be required then take the plunge and navigate through ocean trenches whilst keeping an eye out for sharks, jellyfish, unfriendly speargun toting divers and enemy subs.

Along the way you'll need to collect lost valuables which can be used to better your adventuring gear on return to your base camp, and it's as simple as that.

Treasures Of The Deep doesn't amaze, but it is definitely realistic enough to hold your interest. And what's more it finally marks the release of a sub game where 'sub' doesn't really mean sub-standard. Which is nice PRO



Loot-seeking pirates have to be dealt with quickly as there's always a hungry shark or moray eel close by

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Namco
GENRE: Miscellaneous

RENT IT

ANALOGUE | MEMORY CARD | ONE PLAYER | PRO | PRO

Whilst we've not exactly been holding our breath for a decent underwater game, it's encouraging to see one surfacing which is actually quite good. At last we have the evidence that this kind of thing can be done with a modicum of quality to produce a sub style shoot'em-up which is, for a change, worth the effort. It's still not going to impress everyone and though the basic gameplay elements aren't too original, Treasures Of The Deep is definitely worth checking out.

JAMES

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	7
SOUND	6
GAMEPLAY	7
LASTABILITY	7

7

PRO PANEL

CHICKEN Namco stuff is usually of a very high quality, but TOTD didn't quite make it for me. It's nice to look at, but at the end of the day it's more or less another shoot'em-up

ANDY Being able to drown in an inch of water, I didn't take to this very easily. However, it looks good and the adventuring is of a high standard. Just give me waterwings next time

LEWIS At last we have a decent underwater adventure on the PSX that won't leave you feeling nauseous. The missions are well thought out and the action comes thick and fast

JAY Not for me. Mission-based shooty things don't float my boat, so unless you've got loads of cash lurking about in those Jacques Cousteau pockets of yours, try before ya buy

Tommi Makinen Rally

Fresh from his championship World Rally winning season, *Tommi Makinen* was the obvious choice to endorse a rally game for 1998, and PlayStation newcomers *Europress Software* were as happy as Gary Glitter in Bangkok when they swooped to sign him up to spearhead their great rally hope for the summer. A match made in heaven? You'd have thought so, but sadly it isn't.

Sure, it looks nice enough, and the inclusion of over 132 tracks, a track editor and car set-up elements. But the making and breaking of a game is in the way it plays, and this is desperately wide of the rally track.

The cars handle like snowmobiles on ice rather than souped up 4wd beasts tearing up rough terrain, while the crash detection AI is virtually non-existent. The cars pass through the rear end of your own vehicle in a ghostly fashion rather than ramming the bumper into the boot,

It may look realistic, but the cars mince about the screen with wheels made of butter and all the handling characteristics of a Flymo

You'll only realise that this is an off-road game if you play it using the dual shock pad, which says it all really. If it's authenticity you're after take *Colin McRae Rally* for a spin instead PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Europress
GENRE: Racing

AVOID!

TWO PLAYER · MEMORY CARD

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

GRAPHICS	7
SOUND	4
GAMEPLAY	2
LASTABILITY	2

4½

THE PRO PANEL

JAMES An automobile abortion that is way off track, if not off road. A poor product all round

CHICKEN Could have and should have been much better. It isn't and therefore it's arse

ANDY On the PlayStation at least, Colin McRae wipes the floor with Tommi Makinen. Avoid

LEWIS Absolute rubbish. Don't be conned into buying this, get Colin McRae Rally instead

JAY Don't believe the hype! This is cold shite pie served with a side of order of dangleberries

Captain Blasto

Blasto is yet another 3D platformer that calls upon the hero of the piece to wander around hunting enemies in a gung-ho fashion whilst keeping an eye open for any of their hostages.

However, the problem with *Captain Blasto* is that there aren't enough surprises to freshen things up, which reduces the game's audience to those that really love this genre and those who are complete novices.

The simple platform levels aren't particularly eye catching and are, for instance, often barren of textures and the basic jump and shoot gameplay shouldn't provide the older PlayStation gamer with too much trouble.

It's a shame, but the game hasn't really got enough about it to appeal to anyone other than the aforementioned pre-teens. On the whole, *Captain Blasto* is a game that performs the necessary functions without excelling at any of them PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Sony
GENRE: Platform

BEAT IT

ONE PLAYER · MEMORY CARD · ANALOGUE

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

GRAPHICS	6.5
SOUND	7
GAMEPLAY	7
LASTABILITY	7

7

THE PRO PANEL

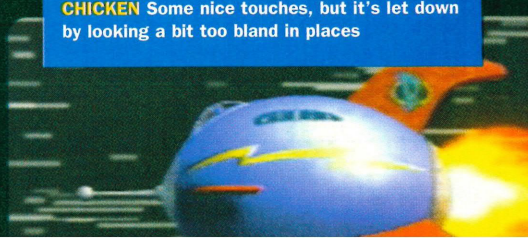
JAMES It's worth a peek but don't expect much more than a standard platformer

ANDY Too little, too late. Wait for Spyro The Dragon or buy Crash Bandicoot 2 instead

JAY Should have been released yonks ago and has therefore missed the boat by a mile

LEWIS A simplistic little blaster that won't keep you occupied for very long. Rent only

CHICKEN Some nice touches, but it's let down by looking a bit too bland in places



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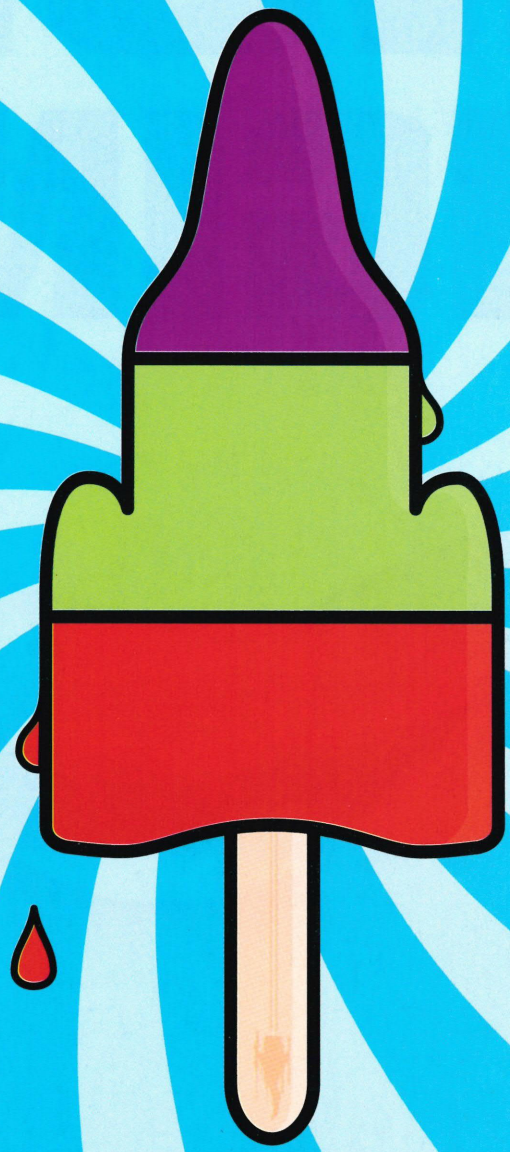

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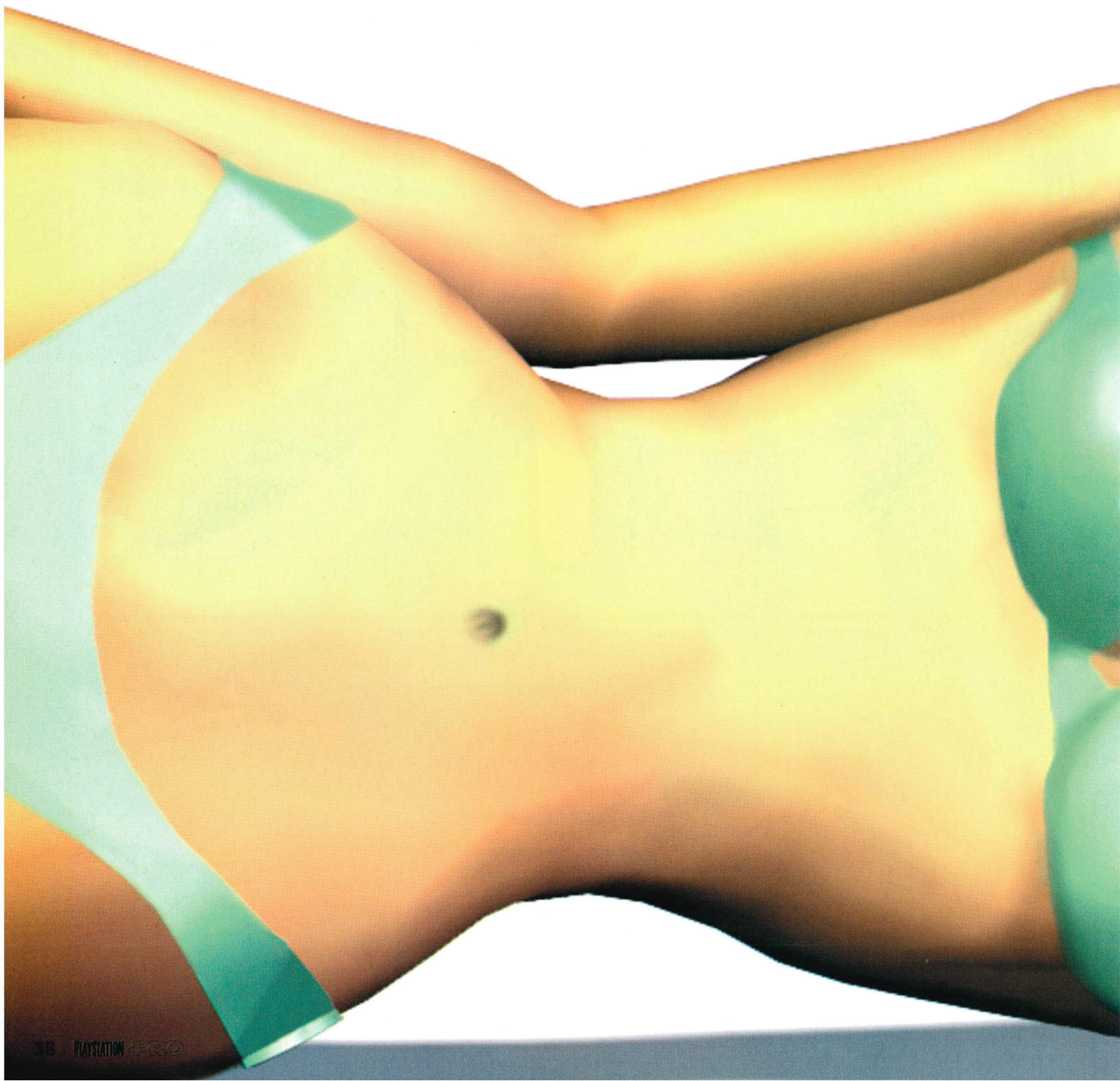

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Last month we sat down with *Core Design's* Lead Designer Richard Morton and heard what he had to say about *Tomb Raider 3*. Unfortunately, when we popped up to Derby to pay him a second visit he was off having his kidneys scraped or something, so up stepped Lead Programmer Martin Gibbins to tell us more about one of this year's most eagerly awaited titles.

So Martin, what's been improved? "Well one of the very first things we decided to enhance was our level editor. As you and your readers will no doubt know, the first two games were made up entirely of blocks and squares and old editor only allowed us to raise these in up to four directions, giving each level varied surfaces for Lara to traverse.

Well the new editor gives us the opportunity to add triangles to the levels, which in turn allows us to smooth off the landscapes into all manner of different shapes and textures. This takes just seconds, making it a great deal easier to create things like a rocky floor for example."

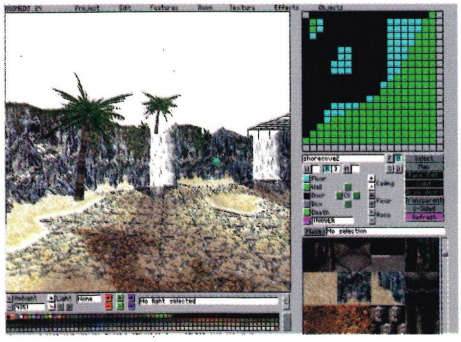
Getting the new game to look stunning was vitally important to Martin and the team and has proved to be a pain-staking task, as Martin continued: "Creating domes and archways without them looking real blocky was virtually impossible before. But with the improved editor these things are so much easier to accomplish, and look a hell of a lot better too! Visually we've all gone overboard. Adding those triangles opened up a whole can of worms. So we sat down and thought 'well, if we can do that, then we could do this...' and on it went.

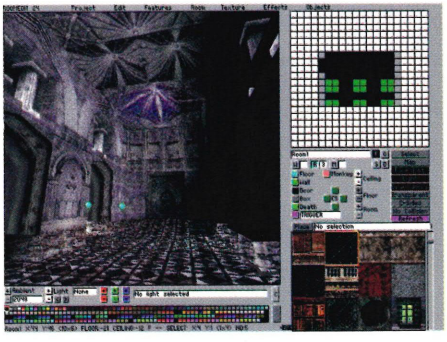
It wasn't until later on that we realised we'd started to dig ourselves into a deep grave as far as the AI was concerned, but thankfully we seem to have sorted out most of our initial worries.

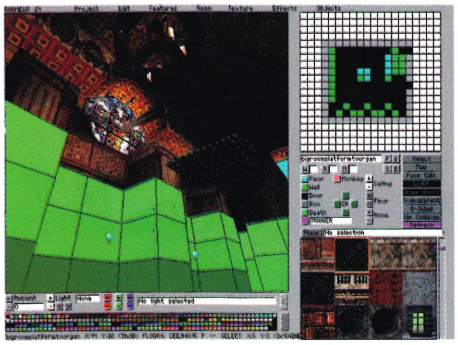
DROP DEAD GORGEOUS

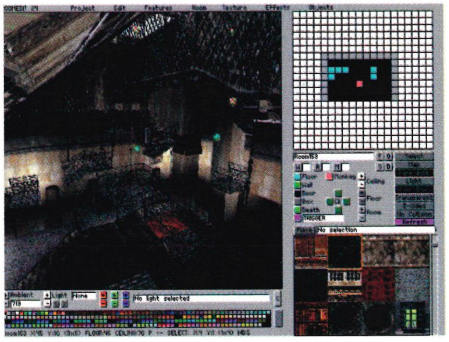
"There's a lot more going on visually in this third game. It's now all high resolution so it instantly looks better, but we also souped-up all the effects and added particles left right and centre. In underwater sections we made the water surface wibble up and down, making it more realistic, plus when you have Lara swimming, shoals of fish will now swim by. In the jungle levels bats and birds fly overhead, and the arctic level has beautiful snowfalls where the snow doesn't simply disappear when it hits the floor it melts."

Believe us, these new effects make a vast

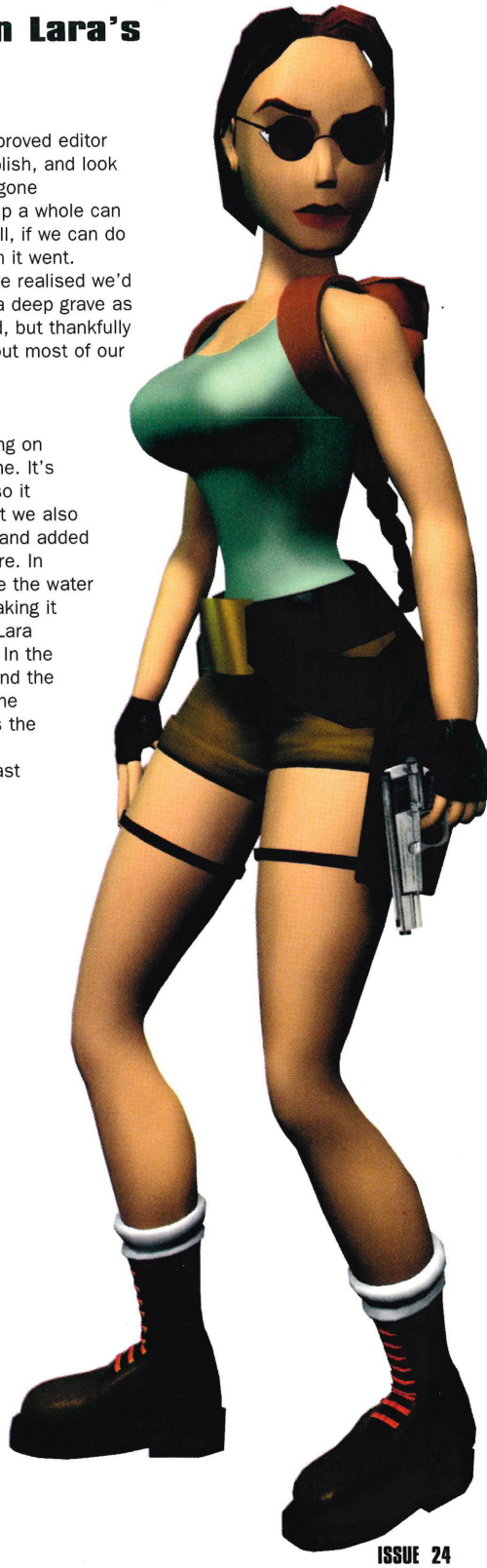


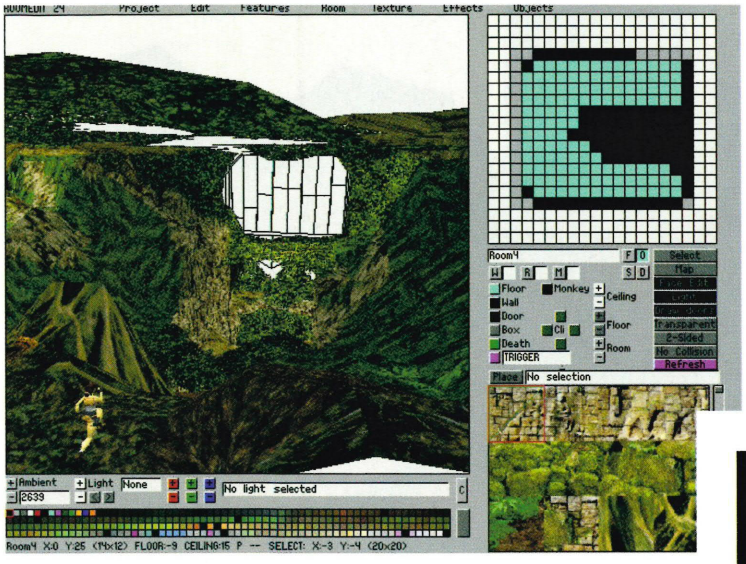


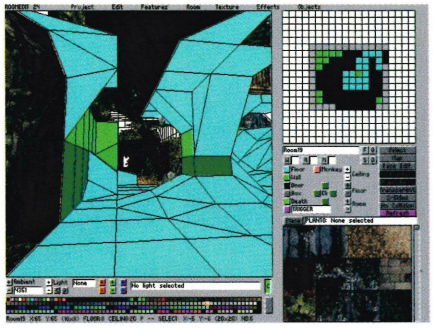




The brand, spanking new Tomb Raider 3 editor in all its glory. Now the designers can do what they've always wanted to do with the levels and make them even more realistic







This is what the levels look like before they've had all their gorgeous textures mapped onto them. A little bit too freaky for our eyes!

improvement, especially coupled with the hi-resolution graphics and coloured lighting and we witnessed many examples, as Martin continued to swamp us with details of the game's graphical delights...

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

"As the whole level maps are made up of rooms, when Lara crossed from one room boundary to another she would enter another light pattern, therefore she'd suddenly pop up into daylight when exiting a cave. That doesn't happen with our the new lighting effects.

"The lights now fade smoothly so Lara no longer pops from dark to light in an instant. The new particle system we've added lets objects such as weapons appear as three dimensional items, whereas in the old version they were just flat sprites.

"Flames and explosions used to work upon the same system. Before it was one sprite duplicated and stacked on top of one another. Now you can look at a fire from any angle and it looks a lot more realistic. It's still built with sprites, but thousands of tiny rounded little ones so you no longer get that 3D bulky mess we're all used to."

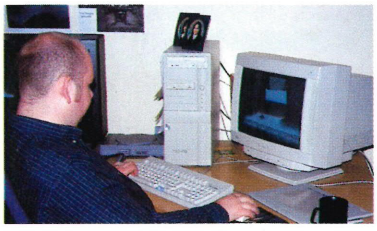
Footprints are another graphical treat. In the snow and sand levels Lara will leave a trail behind her – but not for long. These will only stay around for a short period of time (so you can't retrace your steps) and are simply there as eye-candy, something which Martin thinks is essential.

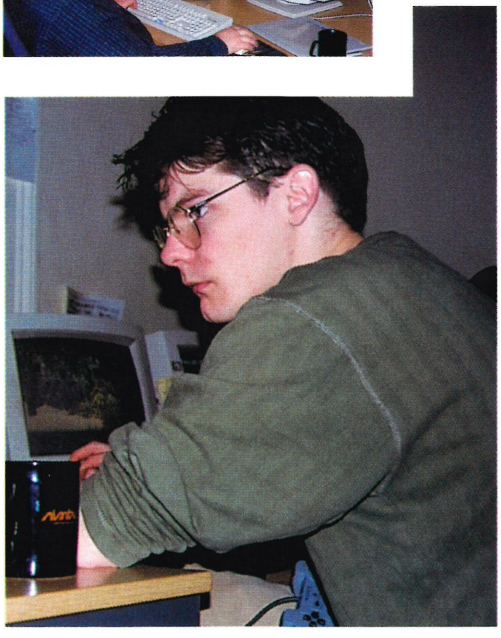
"I think people will notice and appreciate these new visual effects. Small things like spent bullet casings causing ripples when they hit water are important because it adds atmosphere to the game and lets the player feel more involved with what's going on. There's a lot of new features that your average gamesplayer wouldn't even notice too, like flipping textures, but I guess your concerns lie elsewhere."

Indeed they do. So what about the gameplay? Martin seemed equally confident about the playability factor as he was about melting snow. "Our biggest mission in *Tomb Raider 3* was to get back to the roots of the original game, simply because we think it was a better game than *Tomb 2*. The original played better and there were more things to do. *Tomb Raider 2* was technically a better game, but to me at least, it seemed like a blastfest and it just didn't have that puzzle element that the original had.

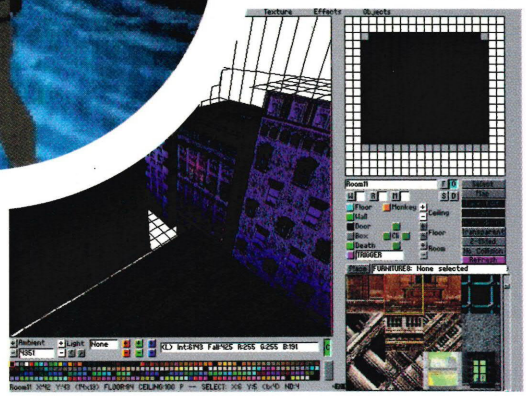
Fundamentally, the new game is exactly the same as the ...n as *Tomb Raider* is *Tomb Raider* after all. ▶

Below: Richard Morton and Martin Gibbins put the finishing touches to the game of the year

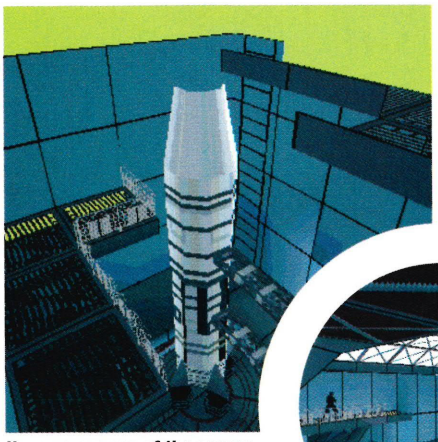




Since the development of the new editor the team have been able to do in minutes, what it would have taken hours to perform in the past



"Bullet casings that cause ripples when they hit the water are important. They make the player feel more involved"



Here we see one of the scenes being contructed (looking like a James Bond baddies' lair). Most of the graphics are finished but there are still certain areas being tweaked

▶ If we changed the whole aspect of it, then it would no longer be a *Tomb Raider* game. We do however want gamers to use their brains more, whereas during the majority of *Tomb Raider 2* they were running around guns a blazing, killing everything in sight."

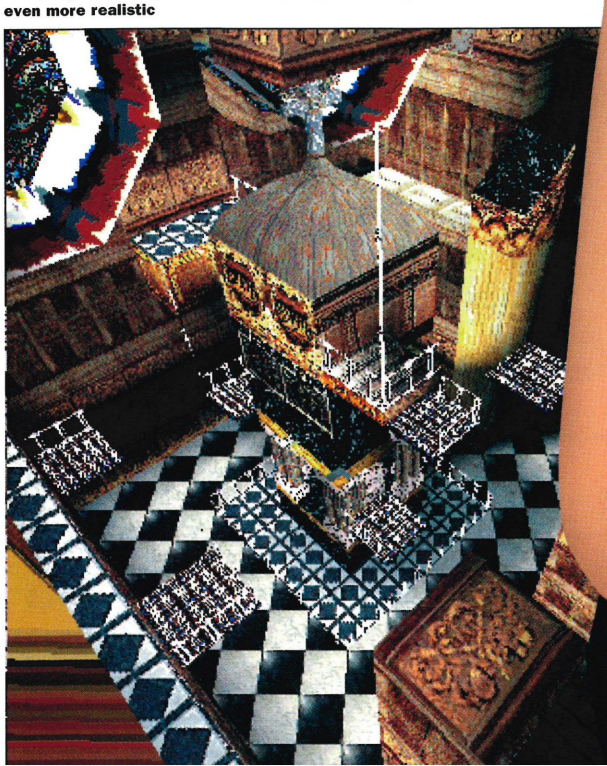
LARA LOVES A GOOD PADDLING

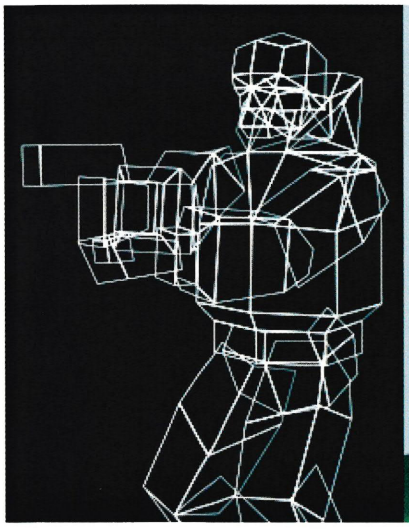
So will there be any variation to the gameplay, or is it simply Lara running amok once again? "The majority of the game is obviously as you'd expect, but we have added extra vehicles. There's now an entire white-water Kayak level, where the whole level involves Lara traversing several sections of heavy rapids, as opposed to the Venice section of *Tomb Raider 2* where the vehicle was a secondary element.

"Lara will also have access to a quad bike, but we were a bit unsure what to do with it. Players liked the idea of the assault course sections of the previous two games, so we may have the quad bike put in there, or in a separate speed trial type area. There are several things we are still looking into.

"One thing we're still thinking about is the save game facility. It's likely that we'll combine elements from both *Tomb Raider* 1 and 2 so much as you'll now have to save crystals in order to save your progress. You will be able to save whenever you want, but only if you have enough crystals. Hopefully, this will open up a new tactical element to the game, plus there's a possibility of a secret bonus

There's now an even greater feeling of height and distance. This is definitely helped by the coloured lighting now being used, so the view is even more realistic





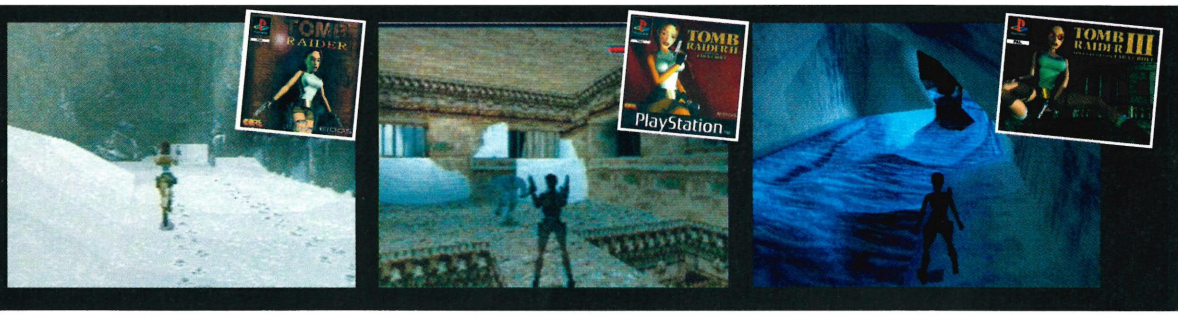
Each of the characters starts off as a 3D wireframe model created by an artist. It is important to get the proportions right at this stage to save time later on in the process.

Here we see the model with some sexy textures mapped on to it. Now we can really see how this bad guy is going to take shape in the final game. Well once the wireframe has been removed that is

And here he is in all his glory, rendered to perfection and ready to take his place in the game. Expect to see this guy knocking about on the Antarctic level with only one thing on his mind

THREE TIMES THE FUN?

It's all very well us saying that Lara's third adventure looks the mutt's nuts, but see for yourself as we line-up all three Tomb Raiders for you to compare...



level if players have managed to keep hold of enough crystals upon completion of the game."

During an alcohol-fuelled lunchbreak we mentioned to the team that the inclusion of any hidden levels of secret cheats would improve repeat play of the game. Let's face it, how many of you reading this would have given your right arm to play *TR2* again if there was a bonus level or a new set of clothes for Lara to wear? Judging by the amount of letters we get asking about Lara's basement or the infamous naked cheat, I'd say Martin and the boys would be wise to include a few for the die-hard fans. And, bizarrely enough, they agreed.

The team were planning to put a chrome cheat into *Tomb Raider 3*, but they say it looked pants, so we suggested they use one of *Core Design's* back catalogue of gaming heroes and the idea it seems has stuck."That thing we talked about over lunch may well happen," laughed Martin. "It's definitely possible, in fact we could do it right now."

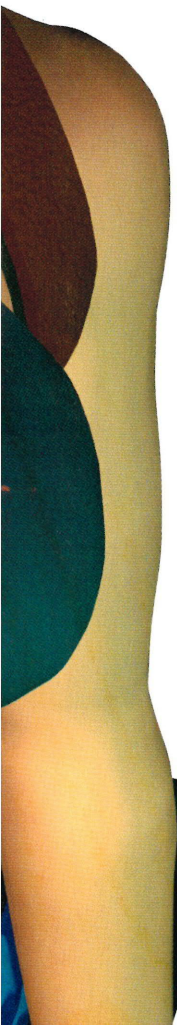
What are we talking about you may ask? Well, let's just say that if in five months time you're sat at home playing *Tomb Raider 3* and a big fat caveman known as Chuck Rock suddenly appears, you'll know who to blame. "Literally, it's a matter of changing what Lara looks like," said Martin. "All we need is a character model to drop in and it's done. He'll probably be a touch feminine and walk with a Lara wiggle, but we think it could be highly amusing and a nice bonus to players."

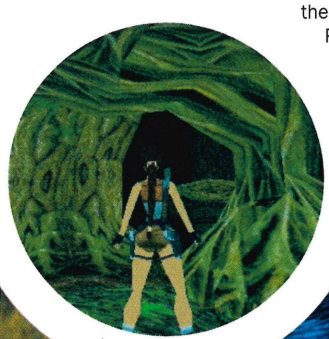
IN THE BUFF

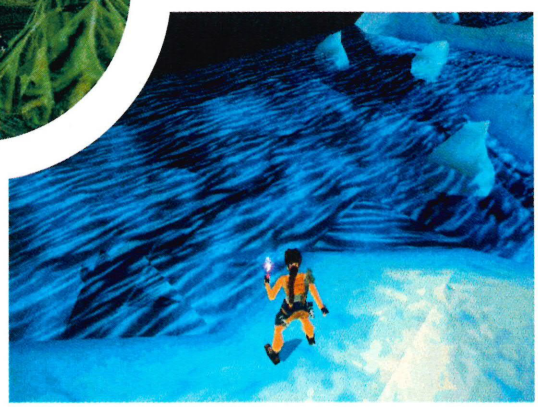
"We are thinking of other additional bonuses to put in there and there may be some costume change cheats added, but nothing's for certain right now. I would have loved to have included the naked Lara cheat, but I can't honestly see it happening. There was talk of Lara opening a secret door which would have a crazy disco inside and we could have Lara dancing about in there.

A Ginger Spice cheat has also been mentioned, but we'd obviously have to make the character mapping a lot bigger, but at the end of the day we've got to keep our minds on finishing the game above anything. Although if we get time I'm sure some of these will be implemented."

And with that we made our excuses and left the boys to it. After all, we don't want you lot blaming us for the game being late as well as Chuck Rock's PlayStation debut. Join us again next month where we'll continue to give you all the latest news on Lara's third adventure and even more exclusive screenshots direct from the creators at *Core Design*. Miss it and miss out PRO

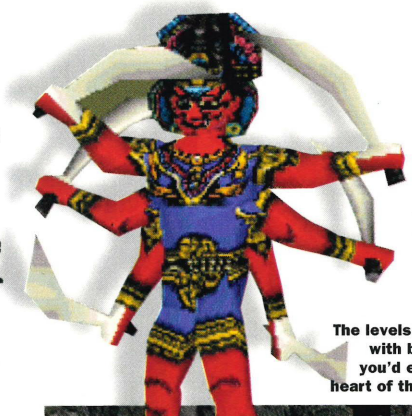






JEWEL

TR3 is going to feature five very special levels. Our Lara is certainly going to be getting about a bit in this latest adventure so pack your bags and remember your passport as we take you on a journey around the world. Be warned though, this may spoil the game for some of you, so if you don't want to know where Lara's heading, what she'll be doing and indeed who'll she'll be meeting, then you better skim quickly over the next few pages so you don't get upset.



The levels of India are packed with baddies and scenery you'd expect to find at the heart of the old British Empire

The variation in level graphics is bigger than ever before. Now with sexy reflections and a whole host of groovy effects. Plus check out LAra's new crouch move below!

LEVEL 1 - INDIA

Being the aristocrat that she is, it's no surprise to find Lara deep in the heart of the old British Empire when the game begins. Starting off in the jungle, she meets a researcher from the company that uncovered the artefact. Unfortunately for Lara the guy has gone crazy and killed all his colleagues using telekinetic powers the artefact has given him. Lara has to give him a swift kicking before making off with the artefact herself.

As Lara makes her escape though she gets confronted by the scientist's boss, Willard, who offers her the job of collecting three similar artefacts and bringing them to him in Antarctica. She obviously accepts or Tomb Raider 3 would be very short indeed!

SECTIONS
Jungle
Temple
Quad Chase

LEVEL SPECIFIC VEHICLES
Parachute Jump
Quad Bike

LEVEL BADDIES
Bengal Tiger
Macaca Monkeys
Piranhas
Cobras
Vultures

LEVEL 2 - LONDON

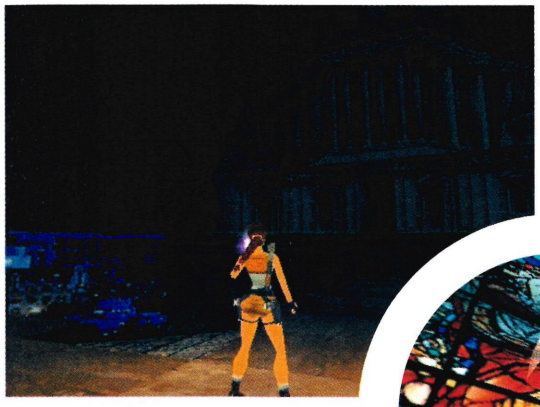
Lara eventually gets back to more familiar territory amongst the Cockneys. Here the second artefact is in the possession of an evil cosmetics boss who is using its genetic altering powers to develop an anti-ageing product line. So Lara starts her search at night on the rooftops of the old buildings on the banks of the Thames. Dropping down a big hole allows Lara to explore such landmarks as the Wax Museum and St Paul's cathedral before eventually ending up in the sewers of the city. Now what's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?

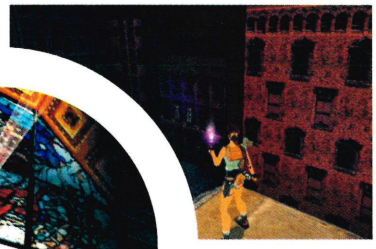
By this stage Lara is being chased by mercenaries hired by the dubious cosmetics corporation. When she finds her way into the basement of this company she encounters a society of monstrosities which are the results of failed cosmetic experiments (Judy Finnigan lookalikes if you will). And Lara will have to befriend them if she's to succeed in her quest to find the remaining artefacts.

SECTIONS
Roof Tops
Sewers
Sky Scrapers

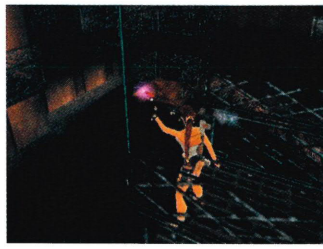
LEVEL SPECIFIC VEHICLES
Underwater Propulsion Unit

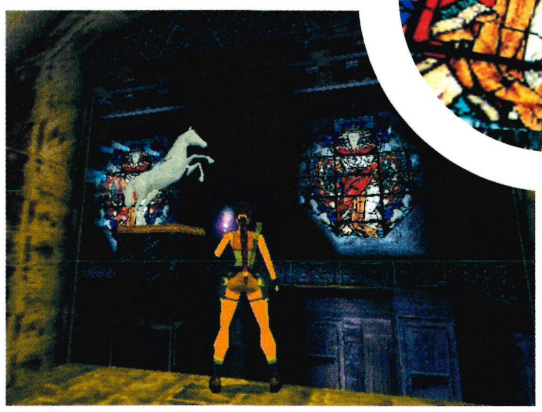
LEVEL BADDIES
Mercenaries
Rats
Bats
Floating corpse
Girl Boss
Sewer dweller
Security Guard
Building site workers
Alligators
Waxwork dummies
Magic Men

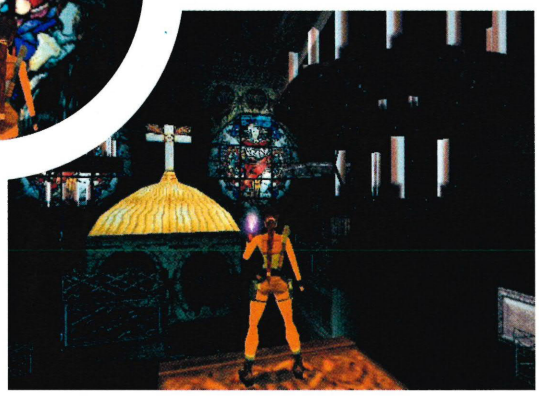


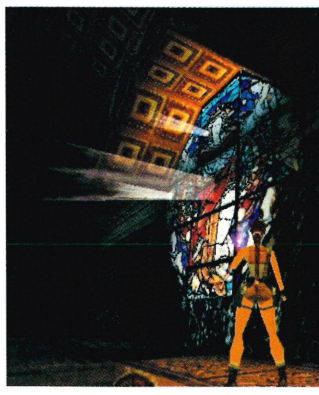


Along the way you'll guide Lara through London, passing Cockneys selling jellied eels to cast members of EastEnders along the way. Watch out for the deadly smog though. Breathing the air for too









LEVEL 3 - NEVADA

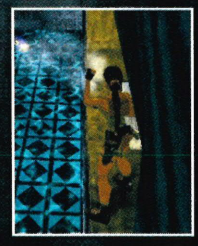
The prospect of Lara wandering around Area 51 must almost be enough to make any geeky student spontaneously combust as a cunning combination of their two most favourite things in the world collide together with an almighty bang. Obviously, Area 51 is a highly secure facility and when bright old Lara jumps the fence on a quad-bike it's only going to cause trouble.

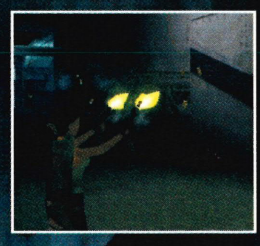
Quickly arrested and placed in a high security cell with no weapons or tools, Lara promptly escapes and is off on another adventure. Dropping down a shaft (steady boys) into another cell, she finds a prisoner bound in a straight-jacket who spits a key at her. Lara can later use the key to get into the Governor's office (sounds like somebody has been watching too much Sunset Beach here) where her weapons are stashed. From here on it's just a matter of escaping the evil clutches of yet another big baddie before making her escape in an F117A Stealth Fighter.

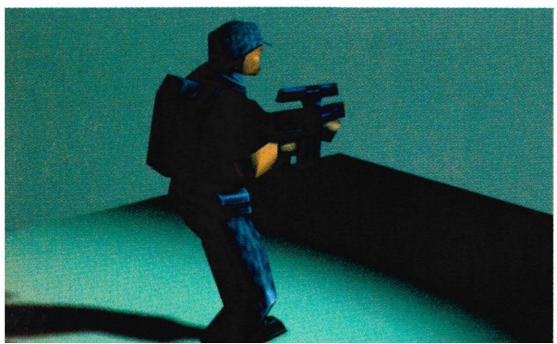
SECTIONS
Desert
High Security Compound
Area 51

LEVEL SPECIFIC VEHICLES
Jeep or sand bike (to be confirmed)

LEVEL BADDIES
Security Guards
Guard dogs
SWAT team
Guard with baton
Hannibal Lector
Man with big gun
Scientists
Prisoners
Hyenas
Vultures
Civvies







LEVEL 4 - SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND

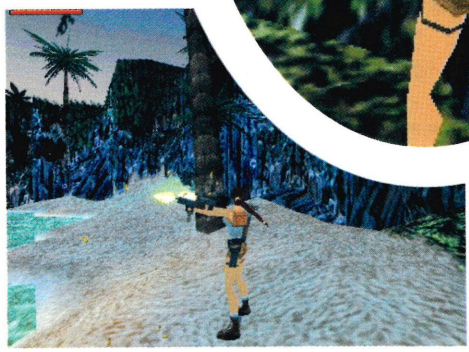
If anybody else arrived on a South Pacific Island they'd be greeted by fit girls queuing up to put hoops of flowers around their necks. Lara obviously lands at the wrong docks though and is forced to start wading through thick swamps and trees. She soon finds an Australian imprisoned in a wooden cage (see, these South Pacific Islanders have definitely got the right idea) and he explains that he and his men had been captured by cannibals and are slowly being sacrificed to their God. Nor concerned for his own safety for a single minute he gives Lara a map to help her cross the swamp and off she goes, leaving him as a rather unappetising main course.

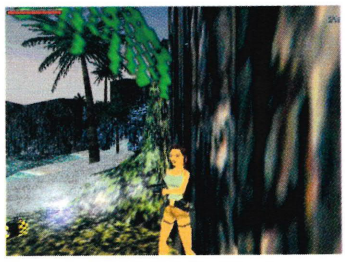
The rest of the level contains mountain climbing, dinosaurs roaming the jungle and Polynesian Gods that need to be butchered before collecting the artefact.

SECTIONS
Coastal Level
Island Interior
Rapids

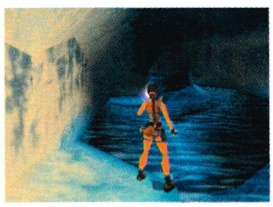
LEVEL SPECIFIC VEHICLES
Base Jump
Canoe

LEVEL BADDIES
Tribesman
Mercenaries
T-Rex
Raptor
Compy
Jellyfish
Crocodile
Komodo dragon
Pterodactyl





This South Pacific island looks more like a scene from Jurassic Park than a Lara game. You can bet the monsters inhabiting it will be every bit as ferocious too



LEVEL 5 - ANTARCTIC ISLAND

Whahey, it's the return of that bloody snow-speeder again from Tomb Raider 2! Now that Lara has all the artefacts all she has to do is deliver them. Lucky old Lara's never going to find things that simple though is she? Her helicopter decided to crash on an ice-floe at the edge of the island and now she'll have to make her way to the centre of the island for her base camp rendezvous.

After making her way across the island she finds the base has been destroyed and she in turn is attacked by baked out scientists. Eventually, meeting with Willard in a hut, Lara demands to know what's going on.

And that's all for now because we've probably told you much already. You didn't think we were going to tell you the ending did you? Tsk.

SECTIONS
Base
Mines
Lost city

LEVEL SPECIFIC VEHICLES
Boat
Skidoo

LEVEL BADDIES
Security guards
Scientists
MI6
Mutants
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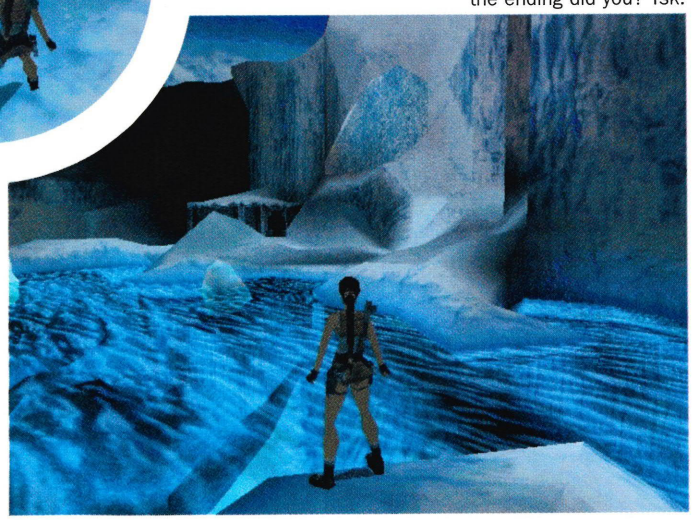

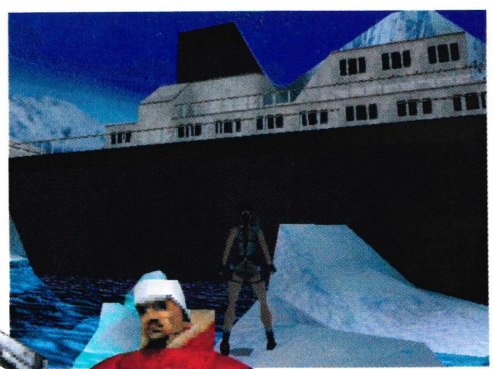

Lara parades half-naked around the icy wastes. But by the time of release she'll have a sexy new outfit to wear for this level

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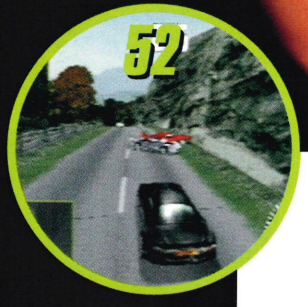

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It looks as though Christmas will be a tough time for the PlayStation, with the Nintendo 64 looking for a good festive period. Thankfully there are an awful lot of huge titles on the PSX horizon. Metal Gear Solid, Crash 3, Spyro are just three of the games our cartridge-based competitor would die for and there are so many more besides.

This month's Exposures feature two other games that will pick up a lot of sales on release. Test Drive 5 is looking to match Gran Turismo every step of the way and Victory Boxing 2 has been completely revamped for its PAL release.

Prospect wise Gremlin's Actua Tennis finally makes it into the PlayStation Pro office and we look in greater detail at last month's EA Sports Exposure, Knockout Kings. There are loads more over the next few pages as the games we previewed at E3 in Atlanta begin to filter through to these shores.

There's going to be some huge releases soon, so you'd better start saving your pennies or selling your sisters to Arabs or you're going to get caught short.

This time next month I'll be fully installed in my new house so if the decent games start to come in I doubt I'll be getting any decorating done or putting the inevitable shelves up unless my girlfriend threatens me too much. Which she will. Cos she's hard.

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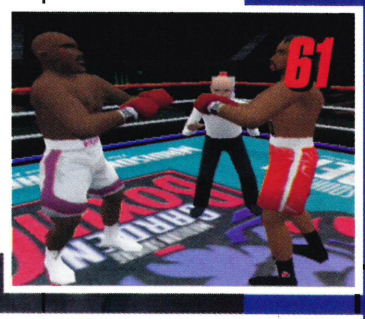

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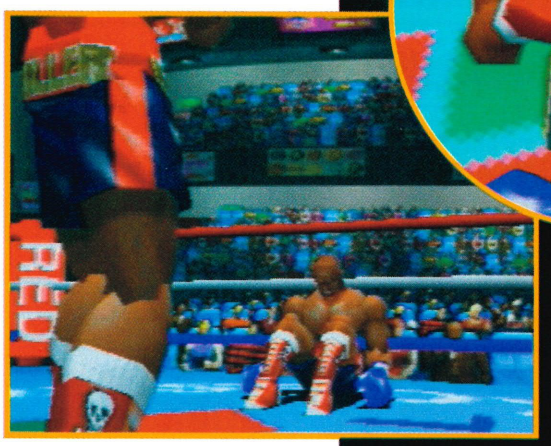
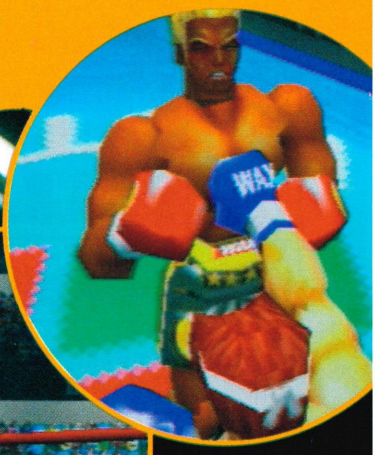




JVC don their gloves and adopt a southpaw stance before stepping into the ring for the biggest fight of their life

Victory Boxing 2

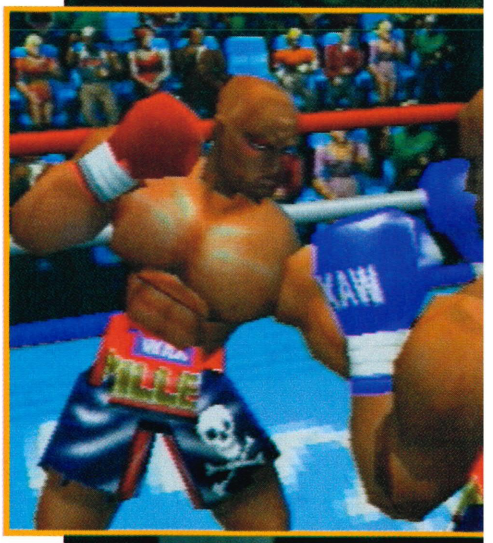
For the past couple of years *JVC* have been the only company brave enough to attempt a game based on the noble art of boxing. Other companies have concentrated more upon martial arts, outlandish moves and of course, fireball throwing, rather than risk a shot at one of the world's richest sports.

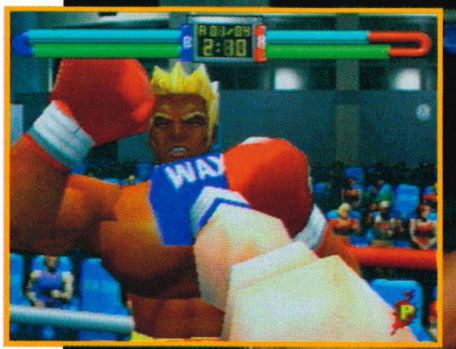
Fight fans will have been gushing at news of a *Victory Boxing* sequel a few months back and positively beaming when they heard that *EA Sports* were entering the ring with a game called *Knockout Kings*. So the two look set to square off in the clash of the heavyweight boxing videogames. We had a look at *Knockout Kings* last month, so this time it's the turn of the old stager to prove its worth.

TURNING JAPANESE

We went to *JVC* and spoke to *Product Manager, Aidan Minter,* about the European version of *Victory Boxing 2*, which differs considerably from the already released Japanese version. Firstly, we asked why *JVC* thought the Asian version of the game wasn't right for European punters. He told us, "When the first NTSC draft of *Victory Boxing 2* came into the *JVC* offices it was clear to see that the game was aimed solely at the Japanese market and had deviated somewhat from the original. The title had moved away from the sporting environment with the addition of several new characters who were more at home with a *Street Fighter* Beat em'-up.

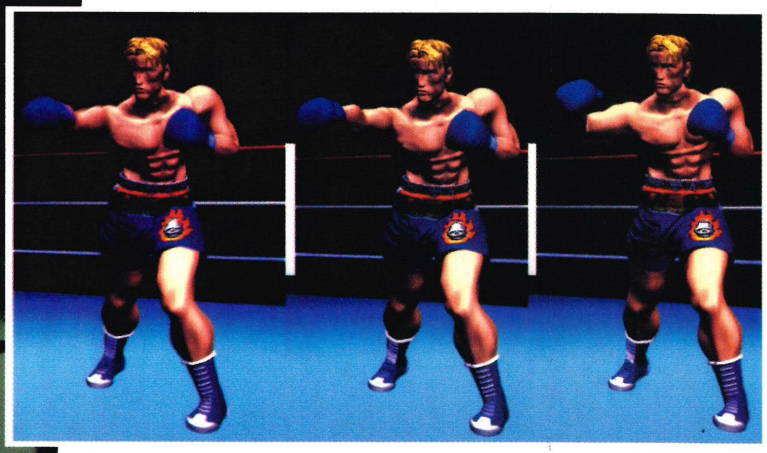
"The first *Victory Boxing* was a massive success for *JVC* in that it really put us on the map as a serious PlayStation publisher. The title had done really well because it was the first and only boxing title on the format. The game was a true representation of the sport and we felt that if we wanted to take the product further we needed a version that had been improved and clearly that wasn't the case with the new NTSC version. Besides, we have many loyal *Victory Boxing* fans that we didn't want to disappoint and the industry itself has eagerly awaited a





Featuring over 30 characters, Victory Boxing 2 will soon go toe-to-toe with EA Sports' Knockout Kings

JVC have pulled off a major coup by bringing in the undoubted talents of Page 3 chick Vicky Lee, who has recently been seen about town with World Cup/hair pundit David Ginola of Tottenham Hotspur fame



sequel that was worthy for some time."

So how did JVC go about pulling these changes off? "Basically, we stripped the game down to its basics and from playing it noted what had been added to the NTSC version and what could be removed or tweaked. We thought it was important to actually meet and discuss our ideas with our developers who flew over from Tokyo, and we told them how we would like the PAL version to look right down to the smallest details."

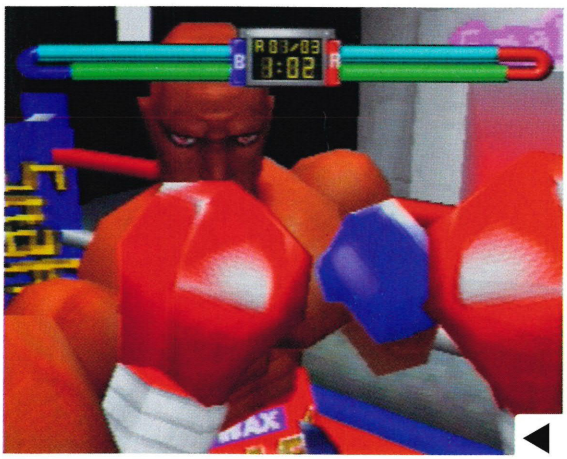
You'll be able to switch views between a third person perspective and one where it looks like you're actually getting your lights punched out. How cool is that?

CHANGES IN EUROPE

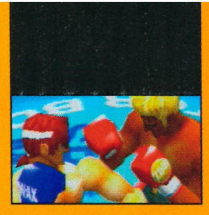
Now we know what many developers are like. They tend to be a bit protective over their code. So how did the programmers take the news that you thought their game wasn't good enough? "They actually took it quite well. At first glance we thought 'Oh great, it's a kick boxing affair on acid' so we explained that we needed the changes in order for *Victory Boxing 2* to be successful in Europe. The Japanese version is known as *Dynamite Boxing* and was a big crowd puller at the Tokyo games show. But with all due respect to the Japanese, the game was designed for the Japanese market and probably works well for them, but the European market is one which is also important to get right so, I think the developers realised that we had a good enough reason to change the game."

But why did the Japanese turn a very good game into something *JVC Europe* thought was unsuitable in the first place? Why hadn't they stuck with a seemingly winning formula? Aidan told us, "I think it was influenced by the current state of the PlayStation market in Japan. The Japanese are famed for doing something a bit different when it comes to entertainment software. Some sequels don't always carry the same themes or influences as the prequel and sometimes the decision is made to go down new avenues. Needless to say the version they have of the game was received very well and I suppose they expanded the boxing theme to how it suited them best, albeit coming away from the main sporting theme and introducing new aspects to it."

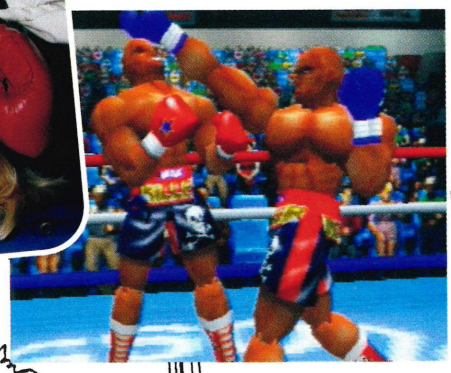
So going back to the version we'll all be playing, we asked Aidan what he thought the most important factor in the sequel is, "Personally I think it's that the game plays like a boxing sim and not an arcade beat'em-up. People say to us, aren't you worried about *Tekken 3*? And in all honesty no we aren't, because *Tekken 3* has a whole different perspective in that it's an arcade-

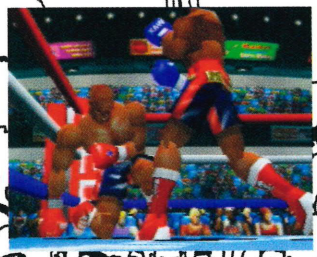


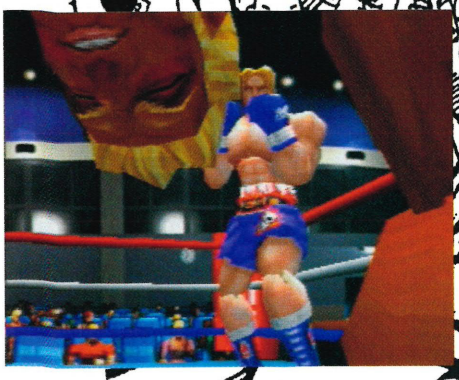
Before events you'll be able to train up your fighter to give him the best possible chance in big time boxing



Left: Looks like somebody's given Vicky a good hammering. Stan Collymore must be knocking about somewhere. So watch your step







based beat'em-up. *Victory Boxing* is strictly a sport simulation and has more of a big television sports event to it. This means that don't throw your opponents around or battle against Ogres and Devils; in *Victory Boxing 2* you go in there and punch their lights out!"

LOCAL HERO

Most sports games these days are constantly chucking one liners at you. So we wanted to know why is *Victory Boxing 2* silent on the famous commentator front? Aidan told us, "We had considered having a form of commentary, but were unable to provide it due to technical reasons. The sound buffer on the game itself was already substantially full, which is why we rely on the on-screen text for any chat mode such as the Jackal character.

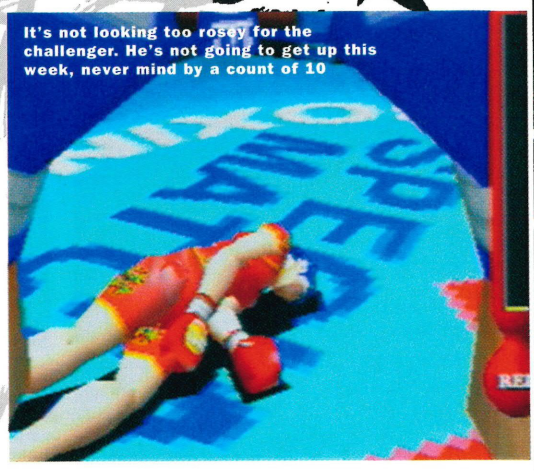
"The other factor was localisation and translation, which due to the amount of text we were faced with was huge and would have been difficult to accommodate. It's not really a missed opportunity because your trainer is shouting advice to you in the fight and, depending on how you're doing, gives advice accordingly"

So with all our questions explained away to our satisfaction, we can tell you we're really looking forward to *Victory Boxing 2* remembering how good the first one was.

To sum it all up nicely for you we asked Aidan to tell us why he thought *Victory Boxing 2* would be worth the long wait we've had to endure. "What we have to remember though is that the Japanese version is finished and the team has moved on to a new project, so we've co-ordinated what little time there is into making the right changes in the right places at an economical level.

"All in all the title is looking very good and although we can't cater for everybody we've tried to incorporate as many new ideas as possible and made hundreds of recommendations for the PAL release."

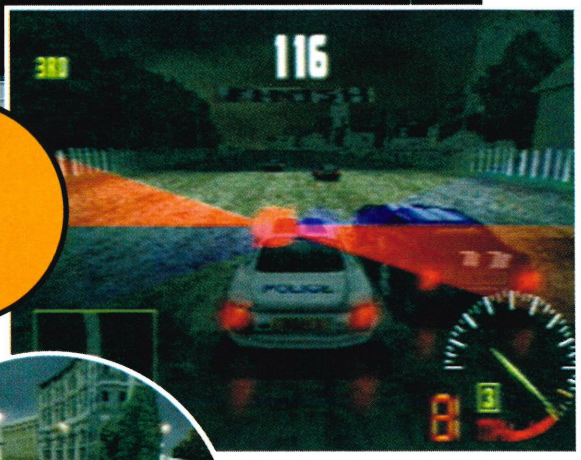
Victory Boxing 2 will be released around the end of September and we'll be reviewing the finished version in our next issue. With 30-odd fighters included it's going to be a ding-dong battle with EA's *Knockout Kings*. Tune in to PlayStation Pro to find out who'll be left standing PRO



It's not looking too rosey for the challenger. He's not going to get up this week, never mind by a count of 10

Q: What do you get if you cross a Jaguar, a Mustang and a Viper with a Pitbull?
A: You get a gorgeous looking racer with plenty of gameplay, and all without harming a single animal. Miracles do happen eh?

Test Drive 5



The new prototype Panda's looking a bit sporty eh? Can't wait to see the bigfoot 4x4 riot van!

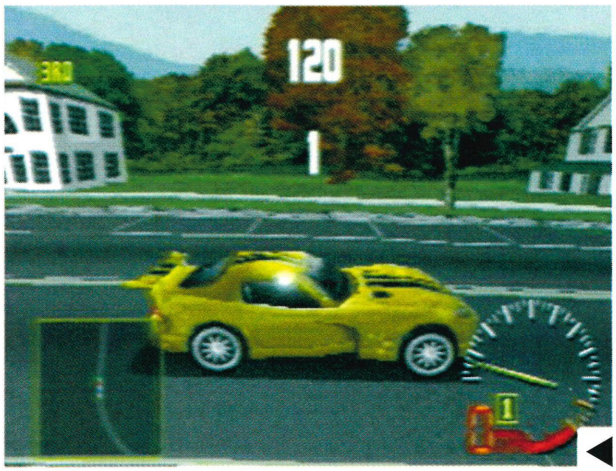
"Live the dream, feel the rush, win the race," it's the code by which every boy racer and joy rider lives and whilst most people wouldn't resort to car crime, the desire to drive some of the world's most desirable automobiles burns incandescently in the heart of every hot-blooded male. And for most their dream will never be fulfilled, which something *Accolade* are seeking to redress with their latest instalment in the *Test Drive* series.

The above boy racer code has always been the core idea behind the *Test Drive* games, as *Accolade Managing Director, James Barnet* explained on a recent visit to the Sunderland HQ of *Pitbull Syndicate*, the development team handed the task of coding this latest version of the muscle car racer. "'Living the dream' is driving exotic sports cars, something you'll no longer have to fantasise about. 'Feeling the rush' is the adrenaline buzz of high speed driving and 'winning the race' comes from the race format of time limits and checkpoints." *Test Drive 5* will no doubt further enhance the console representation of such a simple yet inviting philosophy.

TEST PATTERN

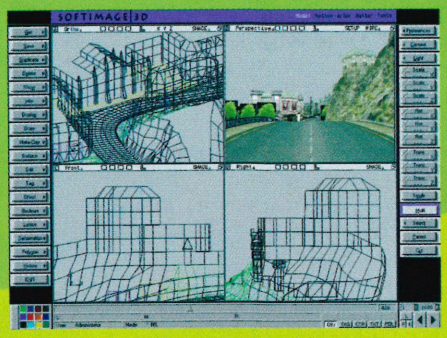
Far from regurgitating past code and simply touching up the graphics, *Pitbull* have sought to dramatically improve upon *Test Drive 4*, which was no slack racer itself, and it's increasingly looking like *Pitbull* have achieved what they set out to do. To say *Test Drive 5* was looking stunning even at this stage would be a gross understatement, the sneaky peek and play we were afford provided more than enough evidence to suggest that *Accolade's* joyriding placebo has enough clout to compete with this year's current crop of driving games.

True to *Test Drive* tradition you'll have some of the world's most



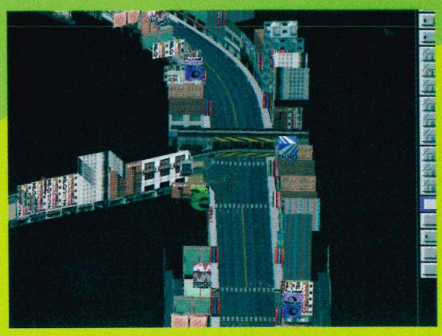
Ah yes, the Chrysler Viper, a big shiny knob on wheels. Purchasing one of these is the least painful way of extending your penis, but pranging it can be quite expensive

TRACK 'N' FIELDS



Polygons are used to design the layout of each track as well as all the surrounding scenery...

The next step is to apply flesh to the bones with some colour and various textures...



And hey presto, your very own replica of one of the world's most famous cities. Fancy a spin?

In pursuit mode the tables are turned. Now you have to stop the dangerous drivers. Kind of like joyriding re-hab if you will

exotic cars at your fingertips, just begging to be opened up on the open road. As always you'll be choosing from a fine selection of exotic roadsters, sleek sports cars and super-charged production models in a battle of power and grace. As James Barnet explained, "An important theme in the *Test Drive* series is beauty versus the beast, so we've got modern day exotic sports cars versus the American made muscle cars of the '60s and '70s." Only this time the stakes have been raised with 28 cars available compared to the paltry 10 on offer in *Test Drive 4*.

Only 16 will be available initially – the rest unlocking in competition, and it truly is a selection worth drooling over. Included will be the Chrysler Viper, the Chevrolet Caminero, the Ford Mustang and even Jaguar's new XKR and Aston Martin's Vantage, but it's the way that *Test Drive 5* looks and plays which is most impressive thing about the game.

DREAM WEAVER

The cars will of course have accurate handling and performance stats, as we've now come to expect from any PlayStation driving game. So what other features has *Test Drive* got hidden up its exhaust? Well for starters there's some gorgeous environment mapping on the cars, with reflections bouncing off the hi-res bodywork from all angles. Lens flare has been added to give a little depth to this visual beast, along with varying weather conditions (during a rainstorm the droplets of water actually hit and splash against the screen).

More in-game options than ever before won't harm the reputation of a series which has gone from strength to strength on the PSX. *TD 4* did suffer from a lack of tracks and the absence of a split-screen mode, but these are two flaws which have been redressed with this new title. 18 tracks including six looped circuits and 12 linear 10-mile tracks (where you start and finish at different points) should provide more than enough racing ground to melt and grind your rubber.

In keeping with *TD4*, you'll also have to keep your neck ahead of the law when ripping up the open road, but this time out you'll get the option to swap sides and force red-neck road hogs to do some serious time, with lights and siren flashing at your command, just like the real thing.

With the wealth of driving titles on the PlayStation, new racing games are always going to struggle to be different, so it pays to make them look as tasty as possible. Thankfully, *Test Drive 5* looks set to combine all the advantages of being both a beauty and a beast PRO

The courses in Test Drive 5 will take you around the world with scenery from Australia, Hawaii and Russia all accurately recreated

Player Manager – Season 98/99

Sing when you're winning, you only sing when you're winning...

What's it all about? *Player Manager* was the first football management game to grace the PlayStation back in 1996, and though it didn't quite match the brilliance of the original ST and Amiga versions, much is expected of this sequel after its two year gestation period.

Player Manager – Season 98/99 promises to give any budding gaffers complete control over club management formalities and could even have enough clout to replace *Gremlin's Premier Manager 98* as the PlayStation's most sought after football management sim. It's all sounding quite impressive and is sure to fuel another soccer tactics frenzy in the run up to its scheduled November release date.

Playing The Field

The advantage *PM – 98/99* has over its competition is that all player and manager listings for the new season will include any moves that happened during the summer free-for-all i.e. Terry Venables will be at Crystal Palace and Marcel Desailly will be at Chelsea.

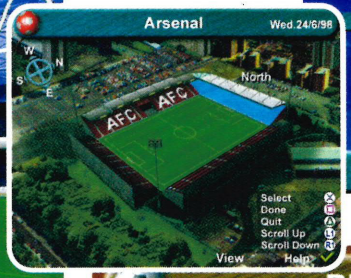
Player assessment obviously plays a huge part in any manager's day-to-day life, but looking at rows and rows of figures can be quite a headache, so credit to *Anco* for sticking in an option which allows you to select the five statistics that you feel are most important for each particular position within the team. This is sure to save you the arduous task of comparing endless player attributes against each other.

Youth development, squad, individual and specialist training, in-game management and stadium development are all par for the course if you want to make it as the supreme 'Don' of football, and judging by what's on offer, we're pretty sure you will. Expect a review soon.

Who's responsible? Anco

When's it due? November

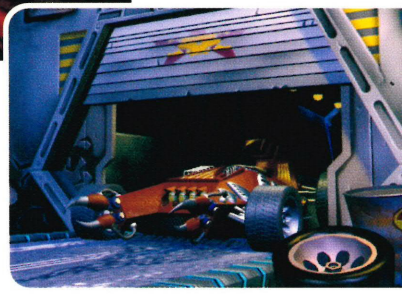
Transfers are made easier with the aid of the player search feature which can quickly identify player attributes when you need very specific abilities



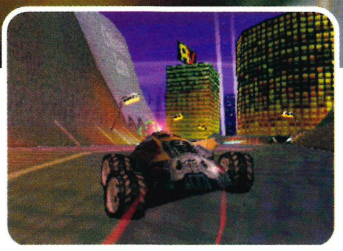
Fresh from a successful World Cup, Patrick Viera will cost you a few quid, but will no doubt be well worth it

S.C.A.R.S.

That's a beast of a vehicle you've got there.....



Claw your way to the front of the pack with a wide variety of weapons and power-ups. Each vehicle also has its own unique weapons, such as these menacing-looking pincers. He'll be a nippy mover then?



What's it all about? *S.C.A.R.S.* (Super Computer Animal Racing Simulation, fact fans) is a racing game with a difference. Forget the snails you used to race as a kid, this game features futuristic vehicles based on the large, bloodthirsty mammals you usually see lurking behind 10 feet of caging at the zoo. Combine this with in-race combat and you've got a novel idea for an alternative to the standard PlayStation racer.

Animal Magic

Ubisoft and developers *Vivid Image*, makers of the 16-bit classic *Street Racer*, teamed up to produce *S.C.A.R.S.*, and although it seems the two games are similar in terms of content, *Vivid* insist they're very different. *S.C.A.R.S.* demonstrates just how far games have progressed, with real-time light effects and highly detailed environments.

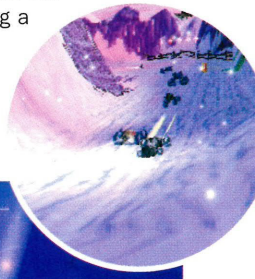
The nine tracks featured include mountain ranges and underwater courses, but don't be fooled into thinking that this is another mindless 'circuits' game - strategy skills come into play mid-race with each track featuring alternative routes to take in order to beat your opponent.

Modelled on huge beasties in terms of both looks and performance, the vehicles (carrying names such as Tiger Shark and Rhino Roadster) vary in terms of speed, acceleration and grip. A selection of weapons will also be available for you to use, and these combined with a variety of pick-ups found around the course will enable players to blast their way to ultimate victory.

With four difficulty levels to choose from, plus a two-player head-to-head combat mode, *S.C.A.R.S.* will be one to watch out for if you're thinking of adding a little variety to your racing game collection.

Who's responsible? Ubisoft

When's it due? September



G·Darius

Fancy a spot of deep space fishing?

What's it all about? There's a treat in store for PlayStation shoot'em-up fans. One of the most loved genres on the old consoles, the 2D scrolling blaster, is set to be resurrected with a vital injection of 3D graphics, devastating soundtracks and a king's banquet of planet-destroying weapons. The first of this new breed, and possibly the best, is *G·Darius*.

This adrenaline-fuelled laser fest from THQ is set in a bizarre aquatic environment, where huge mechanical creatures have escaped from captivity to spread chaos across the world. Your mission is simple: blow the fins off thing that dares to cross your path.

Stitch that

The feature that makes *G·Darius* most attractive is the dazzling selection of weapons at your command. As you guide your Silver Hawk through the hordes of ships and mechanical fish, you collect power-ups, each providing your arsenal with speed, power and additional weapons. If that wasn't enough, you can also send out a beam that will capture enemy ships and enable their weapons to be used against their own fleet. When you get bored with the attached ship, just hit self-destruct and watch the aftershock wipe out your enemies.

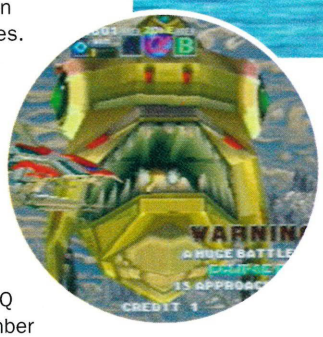
G·Darius offers 15 massive levels of play, each with its own boss creatures and each set in a different environment including deep space, the sea, vast deserts and dense jungles. It also provides a two-player option where both players fight together against the evil mutant crustaceans.

The intricate, Manga-style graphics in *G·Darius* are bound to provide a welcome break from the ever-improving realism in recent PlayStation games. On the other hand, the gameplay will probably only appeal to fans of *Xenon* and *R-Type*, and for those the attraction of *G·Darius'* motherload of weaponry may be too tempting to ignore.

Who's responsible? THQ

When's it due? September

The stunning graphics in G·Darius are its main selling point. Jungles, deserts and oceans provide some of the fully animated backdrops



Each level ends with a huge fish-like boss. In the long-honoured tradition of arcade shoot'em-ups these bosses carry masses of weaponry

Actua Tennis

Brush off your balls and get down to some hot court action

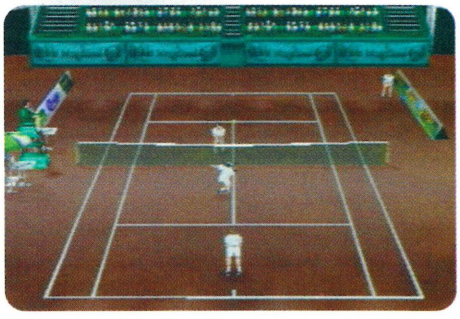
By perfecting those ace serves using the speed and height meter, you'll have your opponent crying into his strawberries and cream

What's it all about? It's the latest creation from *Gremlin's* highly successful *Actua* sports series, so if you've got the urge for some racquet-wielding action, then this is the game for you. With single matches and full-on tournaments to undertake, as well as a variety of locations in which to play them, *Actua Tennis* looks as though it'll be keeping tennis fans busy for a long time.

Courting couples

Gone are the days of watching a white speck masquerading as a tennis ball dart across your screen. Instead, *Actua Tennis* is placed in a true 3D environment, allowing you to observe the on-court action from every angle. You will also have the option of viewing the game in replay, so pinpointing (and taking the piss out of) any in-game mistakes won't be a hassle. In addition, games can be played on a wide range of courts, such as clay, concrete and grass and appear in such far-flung cities as Melbourne and Paris.

Actua Tennis will also feature all the top names with up-to-date statistics provided for each one. Every player has been motion-captured to create realistic movement, as have all the other court officials and the celebrity

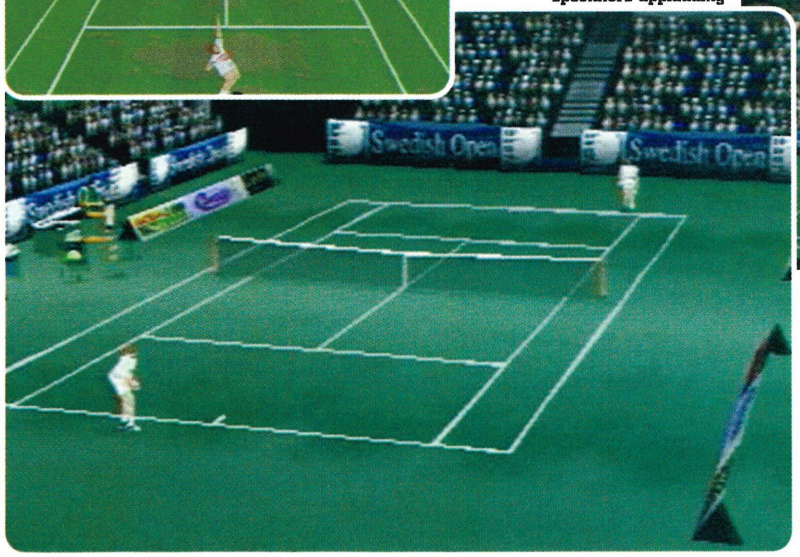


names don't just stop with the players either as commentary will be provided by resident Actua orator Barry Davies and one-time pro Sue 'devil woman' Barker.

Unlike previous tennis games, however, you won't need to be the equivalent of Ivanisevic to play. Service will be controlled with a speed and height meter not unlike the one featured in *Actua Golf*, and rapid, precise movement will be benefited by the use of an analogue pad. Just make sure that you've got plenty of spare time however – this game will have you addicted faster than a Sampras serve.

Who's responsible? Gremlin

When's it due? September



Much attention has been paid to the in-court detail. Win the point and you'll even see the spectators applauding

Rogue Trip

Take another dose of battery acid with this latest Twisted Metal flashback

What's it all about? What do you do for a holiday when the whole planet's been reduced to an uninhabitable rock, with deserts making up most of the Earth? Well, in the future the only option you'll have will be one of Big Daddy's exclusive holiday packages. Every need is catered for with only the very best customer service provided for all.

Sounds good eh? The end of the world is nigh, but at least people can still manage a couple of weeks in the Algarve. Provided, of course, that you've got the monetary means to do so. Which is pretty doubtful considering the state of the job market after the collapse of nearly every industry on the planet. But don't go burying your head in the sand just yet, there are lots of other options to Big Daddy's package holiday monopoly.

Go for a budget deal and you can catch a lift directly into the heart of the world's remaining tourist attractions courtesy of the American Automercenary Association. They'll give you a ride to wherever you want to go, providing it means invading Big Daddy's exclusive operation in a hail of bullets, for the ultimate photo opportunity.

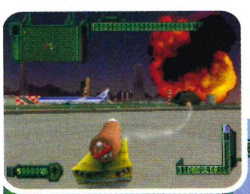
He's very nice man

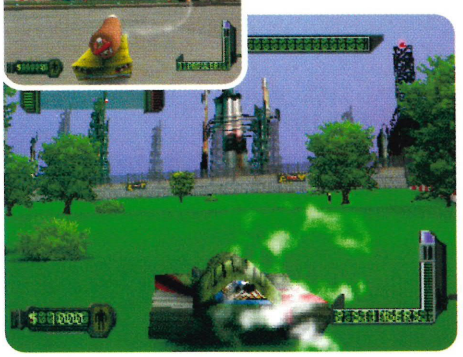
You take on the role of a member of the AAA, and as such your mercenary skills will be called on to pick up, hi-jack and entertain as many tourists as you can, making money by holding off other ammo chewing cash hungry tour guides. It's your job to deliver a cool drive-by visit to the world's remaining tourist attractions in the ultimate *Rogue Trip*.

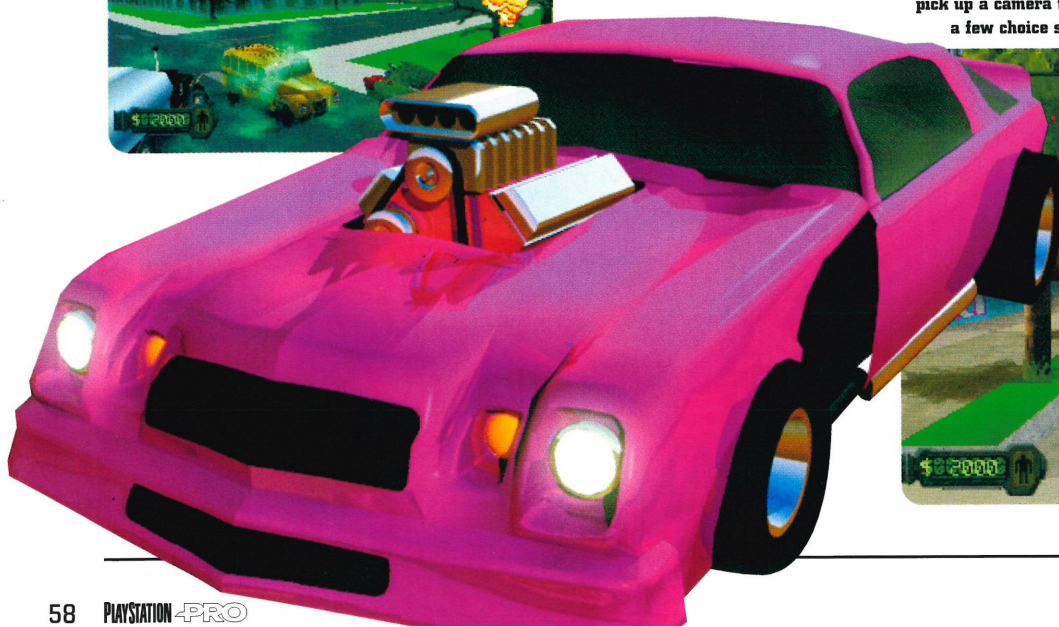
The game's another take on the cars and guns theme so beautifully represented by *Vigilante 8* not too many moons ago. The developers responsible for this particular brand of road rage placebo, *Single Trac*, are the same as those responsible for the original *Twisted Metal*, so *Rogue Trip* should certainly have the pedigree to perform well. And from what we've seen it's looking every bit as enjoyable as each of its rivals has proven to be in the past.

Who's responsible? GT Interactive
When's it due? November

Impressive graphics are combined with tried and trusted gameplay, as well as a huge dose of humour to make Rogue Trip a heady mix of thrills and spills at a break neck pace







Choose which mercenary identity you'll assume, get in your vehicle, then pick up a camera toting tourist as below. Fire a couple of rockets and make a few choice stops for some snap-shots and you'll be a whole lot richer

X Men Vs. Street Fighter

The X Men's finest take on the original fighting force from Capcom

What's it all about? The hugely popular fighting games from pagga kings *Capcom* have been responsible for spreading hours of pixel punching delight across the globe. The *Street Fighter* series in particular has spent the last decade mesmerising kids to such an extent that its once unique beat'em-up brand has spawned countless numbers of sequels and even a tinsel town appearance too. And thankfully the likes of Ken and Ryu are far from being in need of their P45s just yet. *Capcom* are set to introduce yet another offering of aggression channelling action with their latest *Street Fighting* release.

In the blue knickers...

The worlds of comic books and console games will combine once again to produce *X Men Vs. Street Fighter* as *Capcom* and Marvel Comics fuse together some of the world's most popular characters for this dream dose of kick ass violence. Once again the fists will be flying by way of *Capcom's* trademark 2D fighting system, which this time will also feature the Ex Combo system made popular by the *Ex Plus Alpha* incarnation of this undoubtedly popular *Street Fighter* series.

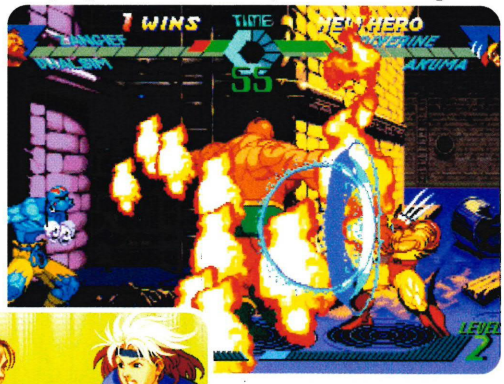
X Men vs. Street Fighter also marks Cammy's return to the *SF* arena. She's joined by Ken, Ryu, Chun Li, Akuma, M. Bison, Dhalsim, Zangief and Charlie, who'll be up against the most notorious members of the X Men including Cyclops, Wolverine, Storm, Juggernaut and Magneto as well as the video game debuts of Gambit, Rogue and Sabretooth. And although The X Men would obviously dish out a right pasting in real life, the seventeen pain makers represented here should provide more than enough muscle to keep this title on any fan's play list for quite some time.

Who's responsible? Capcom

When's it due? November

Bets are already being placed about the office with a lot of big money backing the X Men, but Ryu is looking worth a flutter at 7-1

Expect this to play in Capcom's customary Street Fighter style giving Dhalsim and his buddy an obvious advantage



Capcom: Generations

Retro collections are nothing new on the PSX, so Capcom reckon if you can't beat 'em - join 'em

The classic World War II blaster, 1942, makes a surprise appearance on the PlayStation

What's it all about? What's it all about? The kings of the beat'em-up are putting their hands to a series of compilation titles featuring their best games from yesteryear. Three packages are planned and all feature a series of games that did well for *Capcom* all those years ago.

Capcom Generations: Ghouls N' Ghosts is the first in the line-up and brings together one of the most famous arcade trilogies from the late eighties and early nineties. The platform game sensation, based in medieval times has you playing Arthur trying to save a beautiful princess by basically jumping over zombies.

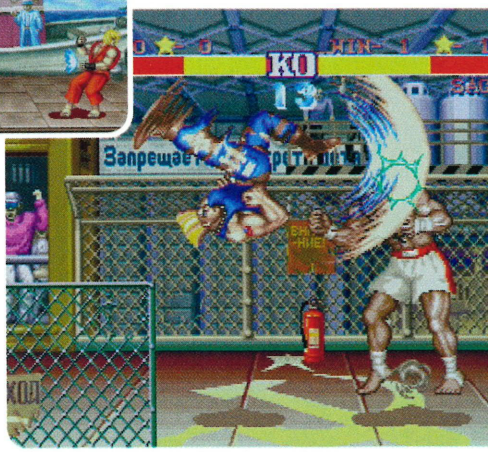
Capcom Generations: 1942 is said to be the perfect translation of the three arcade shooting games set in World War II. In total that's over 50 stages of blasting action, so if you enjoyed the original and fancy a little more fighter plane action, this is where your cash should be heading.

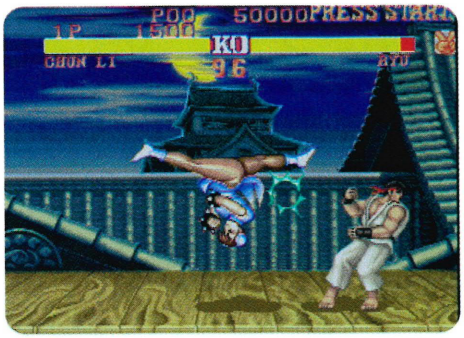
Capcom Generations: Street Fighter Collections brings together a bundle of all the early *Street Fighter* games. There was never really that much difference apart from the addition of the occasional new character. However, we know people who would simply die for *Street Fighter*, and this collection, despite being the most unoriginal of Capcom's new series, will still sell by the bucketload.

Milking it

The *Capcom Generations* series will give new gamers the chance to see what things used to be like in the arcades and will give older fanatics a retro boost in the arm. Whichever you choose you are guaranteed three games with tried and tested playability, but obviously if you only like games with brilliant graphics then these may not be for you. Expect the sets to start arriving shortly in the shops, although final release dates haven't yet been confirmed.

Who's responsible? Capcom
When're they due? TBA





Games don't come much more playable than the Street Fighter series and here they are in one glorious package

Knockout Kings

EA Sports get ready to rumble in the big time boxing battle with JVC's Victory Boxing 2

Here we have an early example of Lennox battling it out with Ali. The graphics are so good you can even recognise different players

Knockout Kings features a vast array of views from which you can watch all the boxing action

Lewis and Holyfield are bleeding heavily. The cut man is going to have to work hard pretty soon

What's it all about? *EA Sports* have developed a reputation over the years for producing a consistent line of quality American sports sims as well as the more obvious ones like footy. However, one popular big money sport that has to date evaded their line up is boxing.

Every year millions of pounds are poured into the sport and thousands of fans scream for blood at every opportunity, but this popularity has never been duplicated in the videogame market. Of course we've had *Victory Boxing* from *JVC* (and a sequel is on the horizon), but that was a bit cumbersome and didn't really accurately represent the sport.

Glass jaw

It's obviously good news to hear that *EA Sports* have lined up some of the biggest names in the sport and are getting ready to unleash a boxing game that the fans will love. As usual with *EA Sports* games, the powers that be have been spending their time signing up exclusive licenses of stars to endorse the product and Knockout Kings will come with the full backing of big time boxers Holyfield, Oscar De La Hoya, Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard.

As well as the exclusive rights to these hard blokes, *Knockout Kings* will also include British World Heavyweight champ Lennox Lewis, Floyd Patterson, Roberto Duran, Larry Holmes, Marvin Hagler, Ray Mancini and the late great Rocky Marciano.

Now boxing fans will have picked up on the fact that some of the names above haven't fought for years, but that is the beauty of *Knockout Kings*. It features 38 fighters from all eras of boxing history allowing you to pit them against each other and, in theory, put to rest all those arguments over who was the greatest fighter of all time.

All the boxers included have been accurately recreated in terms of weight, height, reach and punching power and this looks like being much more of a simulation than *Victory Boxing* ever was. A firm release date has yet to be confirmed, but we're definitely expecting it before the New Year.

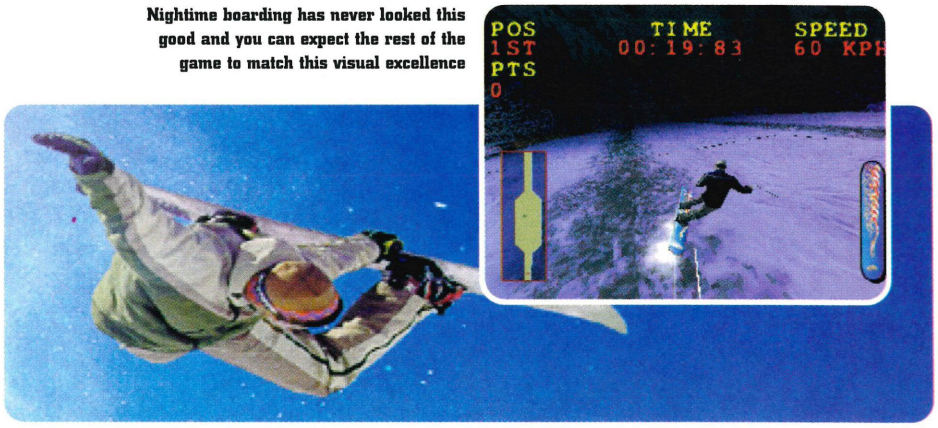
Who's responsible? Electronic Arts
When's it due? TBA

Big Air Snowboarding

The winter chill looms already as Pitbull look set to kick up a snowstorm

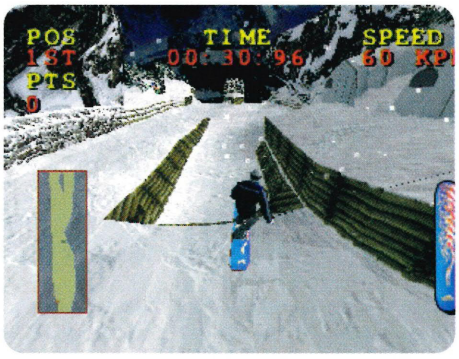
Pitbull promise the system for pulling tricks won't be difficult to use, yet will allow you to invent your own high altitude twists and combos

Nightime boarding has never looked this good and you can expect the rest of the game to match this visual excellence



What's it all about? If you don't know what to expect from a snowboarding title by now then you've missed out on some of the most radical fun to have been dished out on the PlayStation. *Big Air Snowboarding* is the first title to emerge as a contender for the finest wintry title of Christmas '98. It's currently being coded at the Sunderland HQ of *Pitbull Syndicate* and is already showing signs that it is going to give the inevitably popular *Cool Boarders 3* a run for its money.

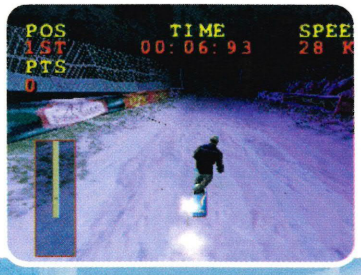
The main game features will provide the usual stock of tracks and 'big air' opportunities as you experience the different game modes ranging from championship seasons to half pipes, and all the extras you'd expect from a genre that is fast reaching what seems to be its peak of quality.

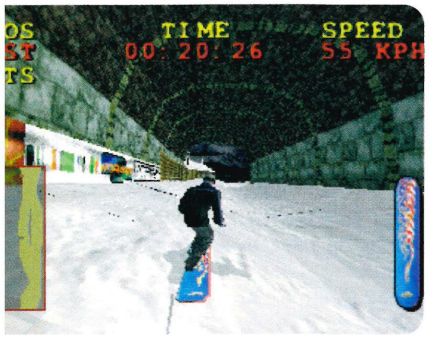


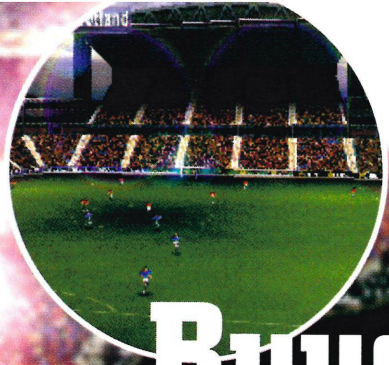
Board stupid

Pitbull have included loads of original boards and a fine collection of mountain riding gear. The game contains many different brand houses (rather than just single brand names as in most other titles), so you'll have complete control over your snowboarder's appearance when cutting the powder. With more features than you can shake a rather large stick at, such as smooth motion captured animation and a new user friendly formula for pulling off rad aerials, this particular package of frost-bitten attitude is showing a lot of promise. Expect to hear a lot more about *Big Air Snowboarding* as the winter chill begins to creep across Britain in the frenzied months before Christmas.

Who's responsible? Pitbull
When's it due? Christmas







Ruud Gullit Striker

The first of this season's new signings has arrived

All the world cup squads will be there to play with as well as a whole host of club teams from around the major leagues in Europe

Striker has been around in a couple of incarnations before, but this is the first time it's had a famous footballer endorsing it

What's it all about? What's it all about? Well, we've seen *Rage Software's Striker* in a couple of different forms already, but this is the first time it's had the endorsement of the Dutch footballing maestro himself. *Striker* has sold over a million units world-wide, so it's no surprise that *Rage* have been busy working on a follow-up.

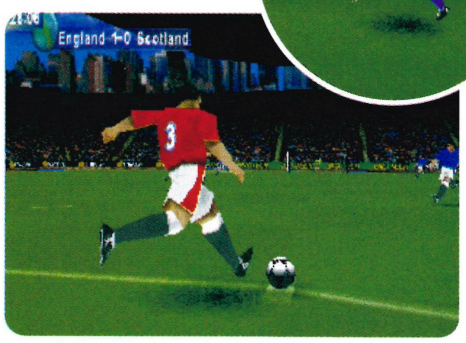
Safe hands?

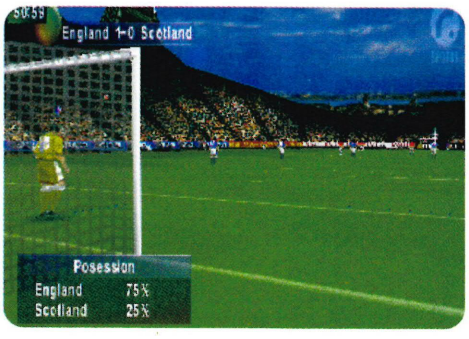
You may have noticed that every time you play a footy game the one thing that drives you to drink is when your goalie makes the kind of childish mistake that costs you the match that only United midfielders are thick enough to do. With this in mind *Rage* have concentrated specifically on goalie AI. In an original step they've made sure that the goalie's positioning and AI conform exactly to FA coaching regulations.

As for the game itself, all the major international squads will be represented as well as the top two divisions of the domestic club championships in England, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Holland (yes folks, that still means no Manchester City).

You will be able to play the game in leagues too and there're promotions so you'll be able to take your side from obscurity to glory in the space of a couple of wonderful seasons.

In-game commentary will be provided by Jonathan Pearce and expert opinions will come from Big Ron Atkinson and Trevor Brooking. At this moment in time it's schedules for a release before Christmas which should be long enough after the World Cup to have given everybody a break. Stay tuned to Pro for more info soon.





Who's responsible? Rage
When's it due? Christmas

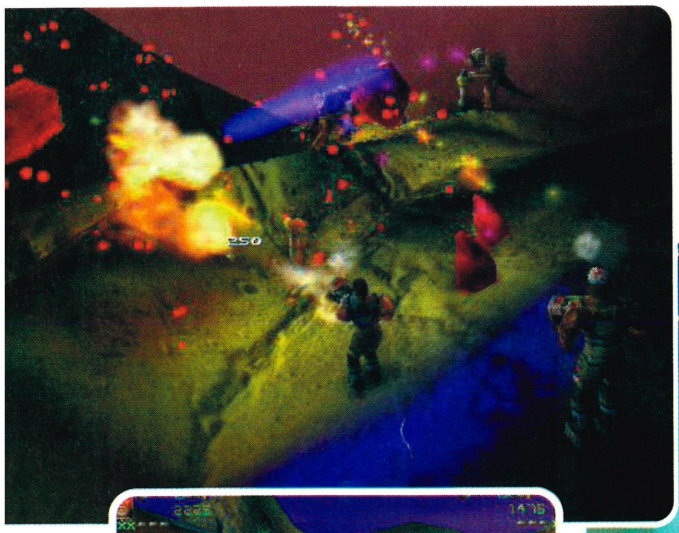
Expendable

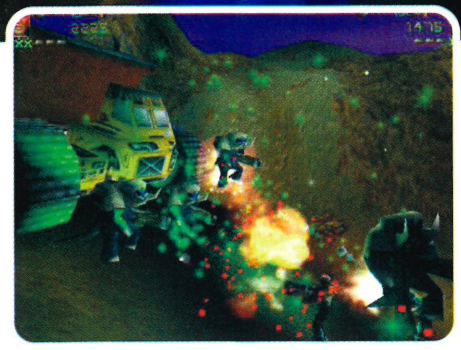
The invaders are returning, but are they ready for a new level of rage?

What's it all about? Is it just us or have PlayStation programmers gone completely potty about the threat of intergalactic invasions? Earth domination has been a popular theme in the entertainment business since the year dot, but Will Smith's recent alien encounters have made the notion of alien life and ET extermination fashionable again. And game makers are guilty of exploiting this latest wave of intrigue more than most.

Once again we're resigned to meeting our maker at the hands of some three-fingered bug with a zap-gun, and *Rage's* contribution to the furore does nothing to lighten this bleak view of all things futuristic. *Expendable* sees an alien menace once again threatening to wipe out civilisation as we know it, and with typical bulldog spirit, we ain't gonna take this cosmic colonial crap lying down.

Expendable has been designed with the classic game *Commando* in mind as *Rage Software* seek to update an incredibly playable genre, their first amendment being the introduction of super smooth 3D. But the 90's influence doesn't stop there; expect to see floor map lighting techniques and incredibly realistic destruction sequences, all viewed via *Rage's* customised camera software which promises to deliver Hollywood-style camera angles typical of a modern action movie.





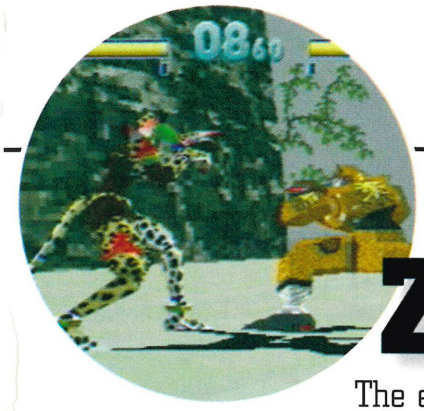
It looks as though Expendable is going to be one of this year's best looking games as these screenshots illustrate. Let's hope it has enough gameplay to compliment these impressive visuals. Fingers crossed...

Predictable

It's currently looking very impressive, bearing similarities to the much underestimated *One* in terms of the actual gameplay content. Players control a unit of two or more space marines whose primary mission is to eradicate the reams of unknown life forms that are currently committing genocide in six major star systems. Take each planet and moon as they come, vanquishing this threat before the entire human population gets wiped out forever.

It's all done with a smile of course as the emphasis in *Expendable* is placed firmly on thrills, guns and arcade action, which should more or less guarantee plentiful blasting fun.

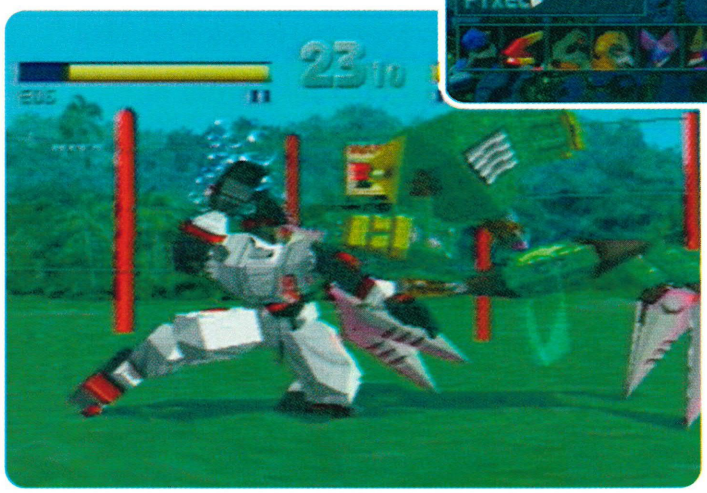
Who's responsible? Rage
When's it due? November



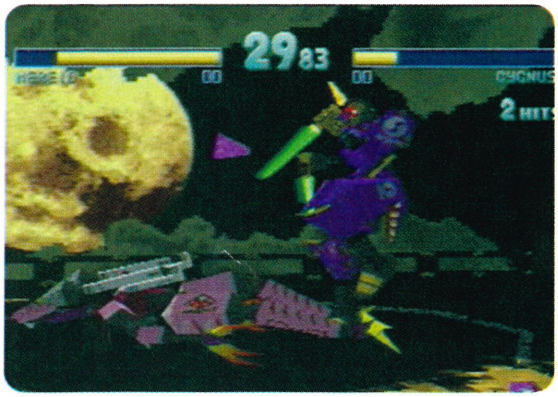
Zero Divide 2

The eve of destruction has arrived as the robots rise again

Providing you have the skill, timing and natural survival instinct you should be able to grab hold of the apron's edge at a ring out and pull yourself back into the fight from the brink of certain defeat



Zero Divide 2's developers, Zoom, insist that simple three-hit combos can be pulled off by beginners with little effort and the more complex six and eight-hit flurries will be within reach in next to no time. The in-game command list makes sure of that



What's it all about? A group of 21st century hackers infiltrated the most secret libraries of information in the world and managed to gain highly classified information from every major country's intelligence bureau. However, the authorities were quick to counteract the threat, quickly capturing the four members of the X-Tal hackers. All seems resolved and the culprits have been brought to justice, but is the world safe to resume life as normal?

Not quite; the X-Tal hackers have been using all of their hacking bounty to create a god-like robot known as Eve, who even now is growing ever stronger, and you can bet that awkward 'time of the month' is just around the corner.

Scrap merchants

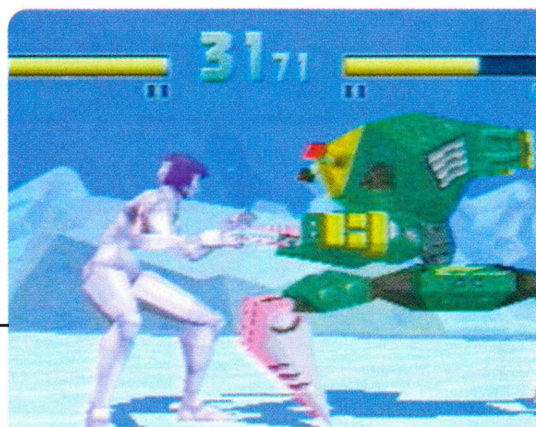
Despite the complicated background plot, *Zero Divide 2* is yet another fighting game, though the novelty here is that these pugilists have more in common with Metal Mickey than Mike Tyson.

As always you have a mixed bag of moves and combo's at your disposal, which offer some devastating moves when you consider the weight behind each punch is equivalent to being hit by a Land Rover.

10 characters will be initially selectable with more unlocking as you proceed through the bouts. You'll be able to venture into 18 stages where the strong survive and the weak get recycled. Developers *Zoom* have incorporated features similar to those found in ring king *Tekken 2*, such as a training mode and an easily accessible command list for anyone finding these metal muthas a little too solidly built. However, the real treat is the ring-out function which, providing your timing is right, allows you to grab hold of the edge of the ring and drag yourself back up to safety. Well, for another kicking at least.

Who's responsible? Zoom

When's it due? August



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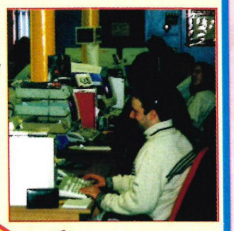

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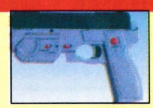

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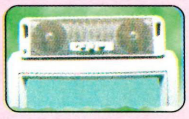

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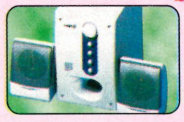

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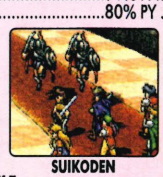

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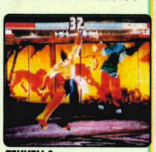

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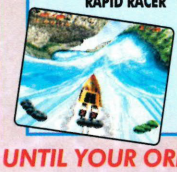

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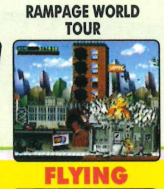
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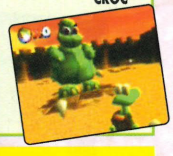
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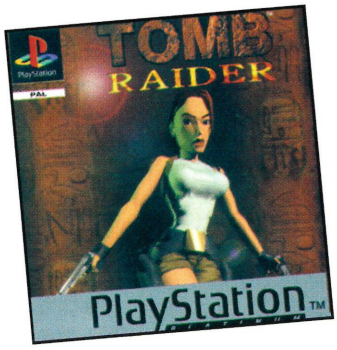

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PRO RELIEF

Calls and letters have been flooding into the Pro offices, all begging for help regarding just one game – Gran Turismo. It seems that you all love it, but none of you can play it. There aren't any real cheats (it's a real driving simulator after all), so me and the boys locked ourselves in a windowless room, and after much fumbling and groping around in the dark, we've put together the definitive cheats and tips list for the game (plus a few other snippets of gaming tippery for you). So enjoy...

Gran Turismo

Dear Miss,
I'm tearing my hair out in frustration with Gran Turismo's licence tests. I've got my B test and I've almost completed my A licence, but test A4 eludes me! Please help me or I'll be telephoning chat lines having been sent stark raving mad by a £44 game from Sony that's too god damn hard for its own good!
CK. South Wales

Don't worry CK, you're not the only one suffering, I've had hundreds of letters and calls begging for cheats for Gran Turismo. Unfortunately, Sony don't appear to have included any in the game. So unless you've got an Action Replay cartridge (those cheats in the issue 22 won't work without one), you're going to have to battle with your dual shock pad and actually play the game. However, I have uncovered a series of semi-cheats and tips for Gran Turismo to try to ease your agony...

EASY MONEY

The easiest way to gain extra credits is to race and win each cup or challenge more than once, and then sell the extra bonus cars you receive.
NB: If you sell a prize car to its original dealership you'll get more money.

FREE PARTS

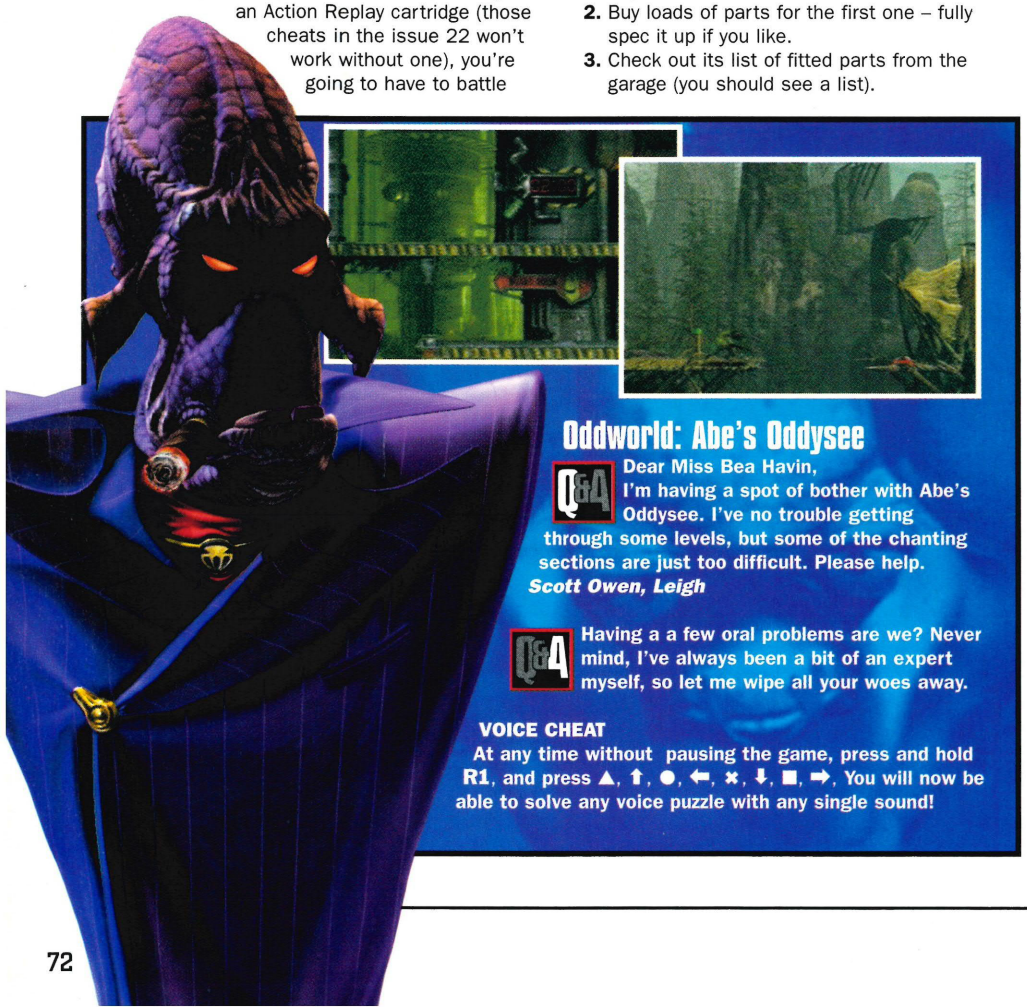
It seems there is a bug in GT which means you can make free duplicate copies of any parts you buy for a particular type of car. Try this:

1. Buy two identical cars.
2. Buy loads of parts for the first one – fully spec it up if you like.
3. Check out its list of fitted parts from the garage (you should see a list).
4. Switch to the other car and get in it (the one which you haven't fitted any parts on yet) and check its fitted parts list (it should be empty).
5. Still in the second car, go race (a spot race will do).
6. When you get options to qualify, go to Machine Setting, then Change Parts. You'll now find you can select all the parts from the other car, tyres, turbos, suspension, intercooler etc, in effect fully spec'ing up the second car.
7. Exit the race, and go back to the garage. Check out the list of fitted parts for both cars. The parts are now installed for both of them!

NB: This won't work for the Weight Reduction or Racing Mod options and a few other things (like port polishing), as these are not available from the Change Parts menu. Also, it doesn't seem to work with cars that have been won. Of course the best thing you can do with this is sell the extra cars. As it costs you nothing to increase its specs, you'll make a profit when you sell it!

HI-FI MODE, BONUS CARS AND TRACKS

To get all the bonus items in arcade mode, which include the four other tracks (Autumn Ring, Deep Forest, SSR5, and Grand Valley Speedway), all the other cars (Toyota, Subaru, Dodge, and TVR), the ending movie, and Hi-res GT Mode, you have to beat every single track with each type of car (A, B, and C) under all three modes of difficulty (Easy, Normal, Difficult).



Oddworld: Abe's Oddysee

Dear Miss Bea Havin,
I'm having a spot of bother with Abe's Oddysee. I've no trouble getting through some levels, but some of the chanting sections are just too difficult. Please help.
Scott Owen, Leigh

Having a a few oral problems are we? Never mind, I've always been a bit of an expert myself, so let me wipe all your woes away.

VOICE CHEAT
At any time without pausing the game, press and hold R1, and press ▲, ⬆, ●, ⬅, ✖, ⬇, ■, ➡, You will now be able to solve any voice puzzle with any single sound!

Tomb Raider 2

Dear Miss Bea,
I'm new to Pro, which means I've missed out on the Tomb Raider 2 cheats, so if it's possible, could you send me the cheats that do not include level skip, all weapons and medical packs or make Lara blow up.
Laura Hart, Doncaster

You don't ask for much Laura. The only problem is that you don't want the majority of the cheats available, you want a special cheat, that only you know about. Well, just between you and me, try these little secrets out below. I know they're not cheats, but then it seems as if you've got those already.

SECRET ROOM IN LARA'S HOUSE
When you explore the outside of the house go to the front door and open it. Walk straight in and look at the two halls on each side of the clock. You will be coming back to the right-hand hall after you hit the switch I'm getting ready to tell you about.

Leave from the door you just opened and go to your left, head into the maze. Go left always in the maze unless your only option is to go right. When you get to the back of the maze you will see a brick wall, look down the hall and you will see two openings.

Take the first opening to the right and fall into the hole. Then go to the end of the hall and jump out, push the button on the wall and you will see a cinema of the door opening back in the house. This door is timed, so you have to be fast.

Go back the way you came in, jump out of the hole and go left. Then keep following the maze turning right every time unless you have to turn left.

Exit the maze at the end and run back into the house and through the door. It leads to the basement below, where you'll you will see several chests and windows on each side. It looks like a huge statue is on the right.

NB: When you find the lever that you have to pull to access the secret room, be sure to take the flares on the right hand side. It'll make the journey back much easier.

GOODBYE BUTLER
Tired of the pesky butler following you around everywhere in Lara's home? Walk into the kitchen and open the freezer, go inside and wait for the butler to arrive.

Once he comes in jump over him and close the door behind you. Then it's bye, bye, butler.

HIDDEN VIDEO OF THE GT STAFF
In Arcade Mode, first get the hidden tracks, then, on every track, take 1st place with any car in A, B, and C class modes on Normal setting or higher. Then go to Bonus Items, and you'll see "Staff Video" on the menu.

REALLY EASY MONEY
To get a lot of money very easily, buy the Viper GTS. Don't make any adjustments to it. Then go to the commercial cars championship under the Special Events menu. Use the Viper. You'll easily blow away all the other competition. And just for winning one race you get $50,000 and for winning the championship you get $100,000. If you place first in every race, get the Pole-position, and win the championship you'll receive $400,000 in total.

REPLAY MODE TIP
Are you having trouble beating the license tests? Well, you won't anymore. Go to the replay theatre in the main screen, and check out the demonstration movies. They will show you how to beat all the license tests!

WIN THE CONCEPT CAR
To get the Chrysler Concept car, enter the American vs. British race and place first in the championship (we used the Dodge Viper with all the trimmings). The second way to get the Concept Car is by earning the gold prize on each of the 7 B-Licence preliminary tests and on the final test.

Everybody's Golf

Dear Miss,
I'm in love. Yes I know you're quite a catch, but I'm talking instead of Everybody's Golf, it's simply fabulous. And since you're the number one cheats babe on the PlayStation, I thought you were the girl to ask for cheats.
Jamie Richards, Dorset

You're a sad, sad man Jamie. But each to their own I suppose. Now check out these cheats and stay away from me.

ALL GOLFERS AND COURSES
Remove all memory cards from the PlayStation. Hold **L1** + **L2** + **R1** + **R2** and press ⬆, ⬆, ⬇, ⬆, ⬅, ➡, ➡, ⬅, ⬆, ⬆, ⬇, ⬆, ⬅, ➡, ➡, ⬅ on controller two at the title screen while the logo is in motion.

LEFT OR RIGHT-HANDED GOLFER
Highlight a golfer at the character selection screen, then hold **L1** and press ✖.

REVERSED COURSES
Highlight a course at the course selection screen, then hold **L1** + **L2** and press ✖.

Resident Evil: Director's Cut

Dear Miss Bea Havin
I am a big fan of yours and your magazine, and I was wondering if you could sort me out with a problem I've been having. I'm in desperate need of a walkthrough guide of Res Evil Director's Cut because it's a real bitch to complete. Res Evil 2 is easier for god's sakes.
Darren Curran, Belfast

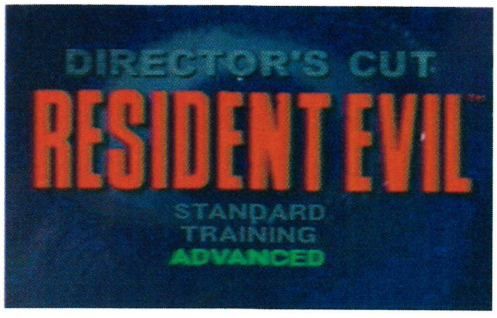
It's nice to see I'm attracting a fan club, although I've yet to receive any signs of this devotion. As for Res Evil: Director's Cut, our sister magazine PlayStation Zone has been running a series of guides for all the Res Evil games, so check out your newsagent for a copy. However, I do have a series of helpful hints and cheats that may ease your dilemma.

DOUBLE AMMO
At the title screen choose NEW GAME then go down to ADVANCED but don't choose it. While ADVANCED is highlighted, hold ➡ on the D-Pad. After about 10 seconds the colour of ADVANCED will change. You may now start a game with either character. From now on, whenever you pick up a clip it will have 30 rounds instead of 15 and the ink ribbons will have six saves instead of two.

REMOVE EMBLEMS
To remove the emblems from the Doom books,

examine the books and turn them on their side with the pages facing you. Press ✖ to open the books and retrieve their emblems.

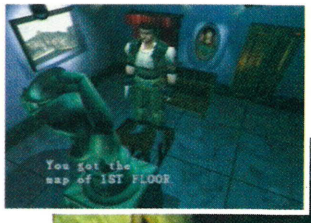
ROCKET LAUNCHER WITH UNLIMITED AMMO
Finish the game with Chris in under three hours, then save the data to a memory card. Start a new game using the saved data, then check Chris's inventory. You'll find a rocket launcher with unlimited ammo.



PLAYING TIP
If you look at the pool table in the Bar Room of the Guest House, you'll notice cue balls reading 12, 6, 3, 9, a clock dial at the end of the table, and 2 cue sticks. This represents a clock; the numbers represents the numbers of a clock, and the cue sticks represents the hands of a clock, the shorter hand being the hour hand and the longer stick being the minute hand.

For Jill's storyline, it reads 3:45 and for Chris's storyline, it reads 2:15. What this tip does is that it makes it easier to open the door with the numbered key-pad lock in the beehive room. For Jill, enter 3, 4, 5 and the door will unlock. For Chris, enter 2, 1, 5, and the door will unlock.

NB: The numbers must not have been played with previously for the trick to work.



Resident Evil 2

Just a quick addition to the Res Evil 2 hints and cheats included in PlayStation Pro issue 23, this is small, but it's perfectly formed, just the way I like them.

SUPER STAMINA
For limited invulnerability, mix green, red and blue herbs.

Duke Nukem 3D

Q&A Dear Miss Bea,
Have you got any cheats for Duke Nukem? *Luke Wilson, Leicester*

Q&A Dear Miss,
Please help. Duke Nukem, have you got any cheats at all? Please! I'd owe you a favour. *A. Speer, Ipswich, Suffolk*

Q&A You don't beat around the bush Luke, which is a pity really, and as for Mr Speer, you can keep your favours and your hands to yourself. But to answer you pleas, yes I do have some cheats and here they are...

WATER WORKS
To slowly restore your health, shoot any water object, like a water fountain, or fire hydrant, and stand in the water. While standing in the water, hold the action button and your health will slowly be revived.

YOU'RE A BLIMP
On the stadium level, look up and you'll see a blimp that says "Duf Beer." If you shoot it with your missile launcher, it will explode and lots of ammo, health packs, and other helpful items will fall onto the field.

RELIEVE YOURSELF
When in a bathroom, walk up to a toilet and press ▲. Duke will go to the bathroom and his power will go up 10 points.

INFINITE AMMO
Pause the game and press ✖, ✖, ●, ■, ▲, ▲, ⬅, R2.

INVINCIBILITY
To make yourself invincible pause the game and then press L1, R2, R1, R1, L2, R2.

MULTIPLE PIPEBOMBS
To throw multiple pipebombs: throw a pipebomb, then hit CIRCLE and throw another. Repeat for up to nine pipebombs at the same time.

SECRET LEVELS:
Episode 1 - To get to the Launch Facility you must go to the last lighted area before the exit in the Toxic Dump level, you will see a cracked wall that hides the secret level exit.

Episode 2 - In Occupied Territory, when you are half way across the bridge to the exit, turn and look back at the control booth. There is a switch high up on the column to the right of the booth. Shoot the switch to open the secret area left of the bridge when you face the control booth.

Secret Level 2 - In the Dark Side, well on the other side of the obelisk, there is a cracked wall. Inside is a passage to the Lunatic Fringe secret level.

Episode 3 - In the Movie Set next to the yellow key card and a satellite there is a USA sign. Push the sign to access the secret level Tier Drops.

Secret Level 2 - In Hotel Hell there is a waterfall that hides a teleporter. Get in the teleporter and blow away the flaming pots to get to Freeway.

Vigilante 8

Q&A **Dear Miss Bea,** I've just bought the stunning and bloody difficult Vigilante 8. Now if you could help me out a little with the game, I would be very grateful.
Mark Forshaw, St Helens

Q&A I love a forceful request, and since you're obviously in some pain, let my light-fingered touch relieve you immediately.

BONUS CHARACTERS AND LEVELS
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter WMNNWLHTSCUCLH as a password.

CHANGE THE SOUNDTRACK
If you'd like to listen to something different, replace the Vigilante 8 CD with your favourite music CD after you've started a level.

BONUS CARS AND MAPS
There are four secret cars: The School Bus, The Manta, The Semi-Truck, and the "UFO" Van. You will most likely encounter these vehicles while playing on the maps against the computer, and in Arcade mode you can pick to play against them. But being able to use them is a totally different story.

You must first go to Options and then to Game Status. If you haven't beaten the game with anyone yet, all the people's faces will be black and white. This is a Tekken-style "secret". See how there is a sort of chain with the characters an then empty slots and a bigger empty slot...

Well, to get that first empty to slot, you must beat it with the two characters that it is connected to. Once you get the two secret characters in the top "chain" and beat it with them, you get the secret map. The bigger "slot" in the top "chain".

Do the same thing with the bottom "chain" and you will get the other secret map and the two other secret characters.

MONSTER TRUCK TIRES
For monster truck tires, enter the password "MONSTER WHEELS".

MORE POWERFUL MISSILES
To make your homing missiles do more damage, enter the password "DEADLY_MISSILE".

SECRETS
On the ski level go to the bottom of the hill and enter the lodge doors, your car will get onto the lift and it will take you to the top of the mountain. This works the other way as well.

In the Las Vegas level you can find the blimp flying over, watch where it lands then enter the door that opens. It will take off and allow you to fly over the city, get over a building and wait until it drops you on the roof.

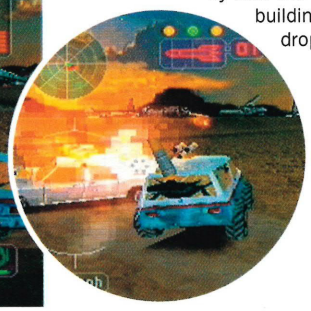
In the aeroplane graveyard you can drive your car between the flight tower and electric poles. The flight towers are located at each corner of the level, and they are the towers with the flag on the roof. This will cause the B-52 bombers to come out and bomb your opponents.

In the farm level you can shoot the valves beside the water canal, then a huge wave will go through the canal damaging any car trapped in it.

In the secret military level you can shoot the ladders beside the stealth bombers, then go over to where the satellite dishes are located and drive by the red and green lights to make the bombers hit your opponent.

On the hover dam level you can hit the switch in front of the dam by the water to make an electric burst of energy go through the water zapping your opponent.

In the Canyonland level, get in the middle of the circle of rocks. A gold beam will come down and teleport you elsewhere.

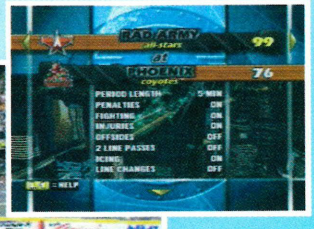


NHL Powerplay '98

Q&A **Dear Bea,**
I've stupidly bought a rather mediocre ice hockey game, now I was wondering if you could stop me from committing suicide by giving me cheats for it and perhaps your phone number?
Joe Graham, Chorlton

Q&A Commiserations all round Joe, it seems you're just one of lifes' eternal losers. However, I'm feeling so sorry for you that I'm giving you the cheat you asked for.

HIDDEN TEAMS
Select the 'Start Game' option on the main menu. Select exhibition mode and immediately hold ✖ + ▲ + ■ + ●. Release the buttons at the team selection screen. The Rad Army and Virgin Blasters team will be selectable.



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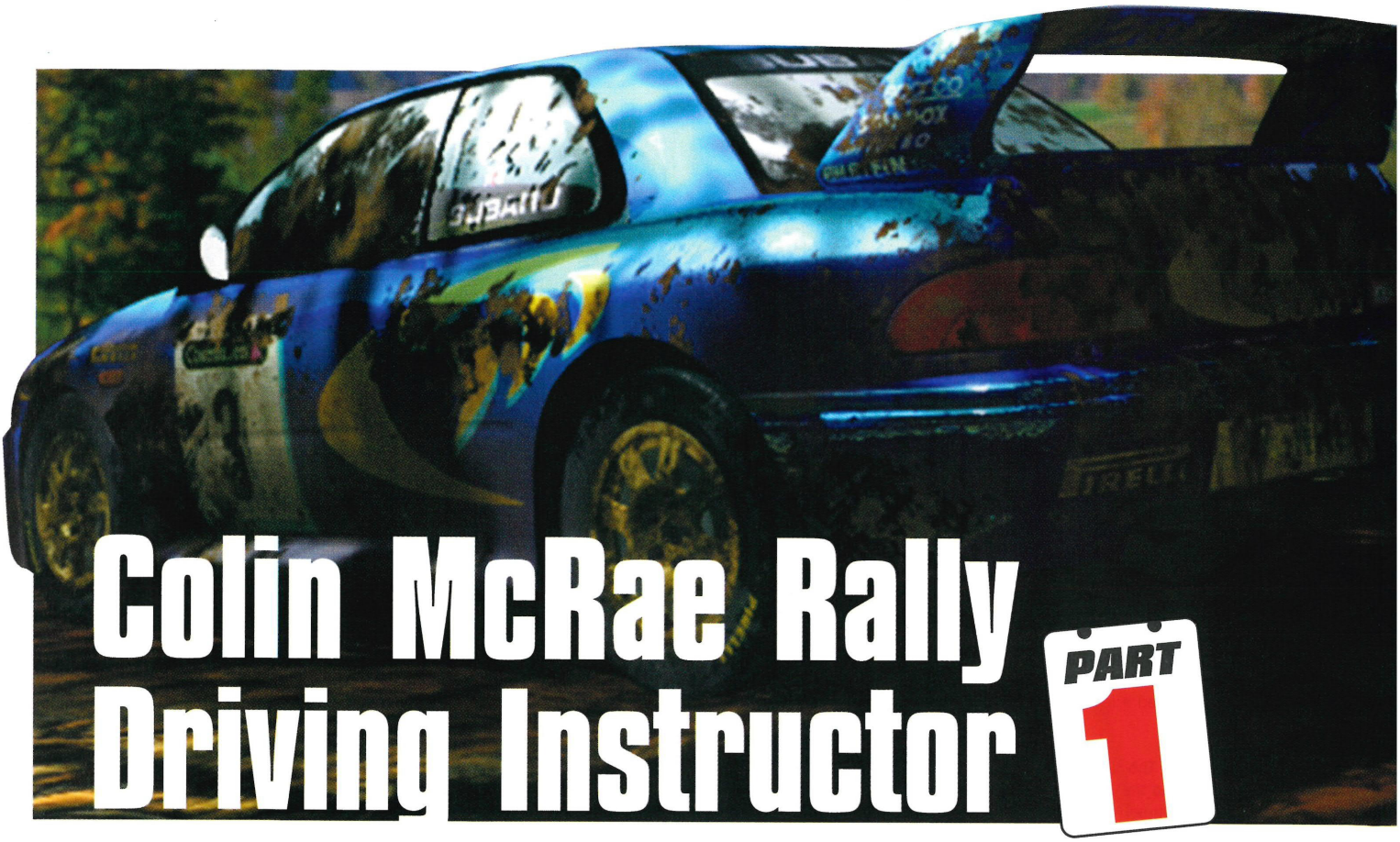


Colin McRae Rally Driving Instructor

PART 1

General Skills

1 Use an analogue or dual shock pad

It's not that the game is unplayable or that you will be unable to finish with a digital pad, far from it. The analogue and dual shock pads just bring the player closer to the game, giving a finer (and in many peoples' opinion, better) level of control.

2 Learn the stages

Nothing beats knowing how each stage is laid out. Take note of any landmarks and familiarise yourself with the road layout nearby. A good example of this is in the first stage of Greece, the first house you come to is near a sudden drop and the second is near a tight right turn into a very sharp left. Remember to keep your eyes peeled.

3 Use the terrain

There are a few parts of the environment around and on the track that can be utilised in a beneficial way:

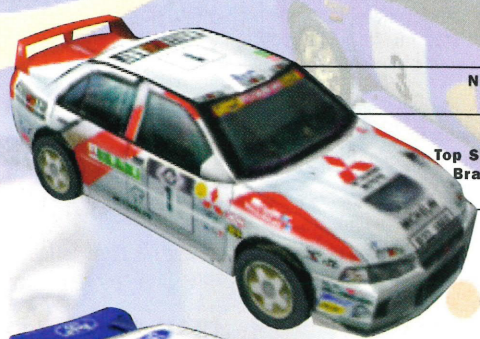
A) Ditches. If there is a ditch on the inside of a tight bend, with a little practice, you can cut the corner tight and dip the front inside wheel into the ditch. This makes the car lag and swing out just enough to take it round the corner. The advantage here is that you don't need to slow the car down and therefore you can really speed into the corner.

B) Barriers and walls. On many tracks, particularly Monte Carlo and Corsica, there are some very harsh corners. These corners are, just like reality, protected on the outside edge by Armco's and walls to stop people driving headfirst over a cliff. If you take the corner wide the car will scrape against the obstruction and you will be knocked back onto the road. This does however cause minor damage to the car and is not advisable on night stages where the importance of headlights is paramount.

C) Water splashes and streams. A feature found in many places in Colin McRae Rally which act in a similar way to the ditches. You will find that when you drive into water the car is slowed. If the water goes across the road, use this to your advantage by turning and sliding slightly through the water. When you come out on the other side you will be facing the correct direction

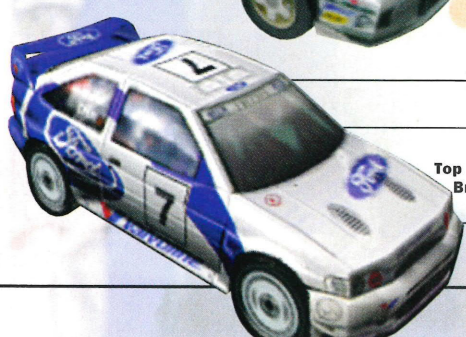
4 Wheel Drive

Name\Specs	Subaru Impreza WRC
BHP	300
Top Speed (mph)	160.0
Braking Power	Good
Handling	Good

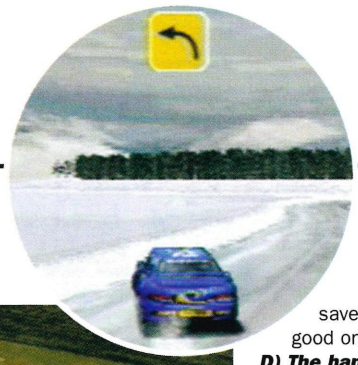


Name\Specs	Mitsubishi Lancer E4
BHP	300
Top Speed (mph)	149.9
Braking Power	Good
Handling	Good

Name\Specs	Toyota Corolla WRC
BHP	290
Top Speed (mph)	170.0
Braking Power	Poor
Handling	Good



Name\Specs	Ford Escort WRC
BHP	290
Top Speed (mph)	149.9
Braking Power	Very Good
Handling	Good



and you can power ahead in a straight line.

D) Stay on the road/track. This might sound common sense, but in nearly every stage the areas to the left and right of the road/track will slow the car. Time is everything and although cutting corners might seem a good idea, it might slow you down more than you had thought.

4 Learn the car

A) Throttle. A car accelerates much faster in a straight line.

B) Brakes. A car brakes faster if turning.

C) Crashes. If you crash think about the quickest way out of where you are. Would it really be to back it out the way you came and move on? Or maybe if you're facing the wrong way, throw the steering full left or right and reverse until roughly facing the right direction, then floor it out. Done correctly it won't only save you time, but it will look good on the replays too!

D) The handbrake. Use sparingly, it works differently to the normal brakes as is slides the car out a lot easier. Excessive use of the handbrake will slow your time. Practice around New Zealand and become comfortable with the alternative styles of braking.

5 Listen to your co-driver

"Hairpin left. Acute right over crest. 2 Left. 1 Ri... No I said 2 Left. Where are we going! Mind that tree!..... Ow." Every Co-driver message is given to the driver exactly as in real rallying. Each corner is read out in advance and the driver makes a mental map of how the road ahead lies. You must do the same.

General key words are used instead of accurate descriptions. So he may say "Narrow gate." But this may signify that there is fencing that ends very close to the road. Listen to the warnings especially.

You may like driving on visual recognition alone, but the warnings will tell you to extra careful. Many hazards are similar in colour to the environment they are in, so you must beware!

6 Don't slack off

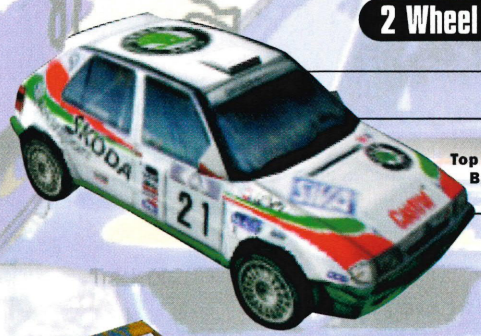
Just because you appear to be ahead by 22 seconds two thirds of the way through, don't take it easy. Each other driver is different. They all have surface preferences, different driving styles, different cars and possibly configurations, but most importantly, the ambition to win. You might get pipped at the post at the last moment.

7 Set-up and repair

Look at your repair schedule first. That all important win won't happen if your motor starts tp look like a battered shopping trolley, or drives like one. When presented with a set-up repair screen check what damage has been done. The different sections of your car should be repaired in the following order:

Engine, for all round speed and acceleration.
Gearbox, for acceleration.
Handling, speed is nothing without it.
Brakes, low priority but still important.
Electrics, fix this if there is a night stage coming up.

2 Wheel Drive



Name\Specs	Skoda Felicia Kit Car
BHP	240
Top Speed (mph)	145.0
Braking Power	Good
Handling	Good

Name\Specs	VW Golf GTI Kit Car
BHP	250
Top Speed (mph)	145.0
Braking Power	Very Good
Handling	Good

Name\Specs	Seat Ibiza Kit Car Evo2
BHP	230
Top Speed (mph)	150.0
Braking Power	Okay
Handling	Good

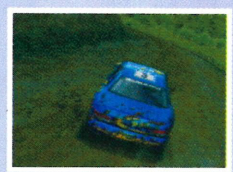
Name\Specs	Renault Maxi Megane
BHP	250
Top Speed (mph)	140.0
Braking Power	Very Good
Handling	Poor

PRO RELIEF Colin McRae Rally

Course Stages

These are the optimum set-up options for the first four stages in Colin McRae Rally

New Zealand



Track	Tyres	Suspension	Brakes	Steering	Gear Ratio
1	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
2	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Balanced
3	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Balanced
4	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Balanced
5	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	High Speed
6	Dry	Soft	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.

You're gonna be mud-spattered and piss-wet through after the New Zealand stage

Greece

Track	Tyres	Suspension	Brakes	Steering	Gear Ratio
1	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
2	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
3	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Max
4	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Max
5	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
6	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
7	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Good Accel.

Rocks, pot-holes and loose gravel plague your route in the Greek stages

Monte Carlo

Track	Tyres	Suspension	Brakes	Steering	Gear Ratio
1	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	Max
2	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
3	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
4	Dry	Stiff	Rear	Medium	Max
5	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
6	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.

Wet grooves are the best tyres for Monte Carlo, since the snow is very light

Australia

Track	Tyres	Suspension	Brakes	Steering	Gear Ratio
1	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
2	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
3	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	High Speed
4	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Balanced
5	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
6	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
7	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Max

Stay out of the scrub or you'll slow down massively on the Aussie stages

PART 2

Next Month

Tune in next month when we'll cover all the bonus cars, the final stages and the best set-up options for each car and stage

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RANT

PlayStation Pro's very own Mr Angry sets his sights on the lucrative world of videogame sequels and unleashes a torrent of vicious bile...

I've been doing a lot of work on my new house recently, and as anyone who's been in a similar situation will tell you, it's a rubbish way to spend your time, especially when you're useless like me. Consequently, the clothes I've been wearing to perform these dullest of chores have become a bit knackered and the only poxy pleasure I've had in the last few miserable months has been the procurement of some great new "gear".

And how did I set about these purchases? Well, I simply trawled around the shops waving plastic until I reached the outermost level I'm able to pay back without resorting to offering bottom favours in exchange for cash, then went home and revelled in my fashionable new trousers, shirts and comedy World Cup undergarments. But what if buying clobber was like buying a video game...?

"Hello, I'd like to see your range of trousers please, since my current pair are somewhat shoddy."

"Certainly sir, here's a few pairs right here."

"Hang on. I want new trousers - what kind of tatty shit is this? They're no better than the ones I've got. I'm not paying 40 quid for these!"

"Ah, no sir, you're mistaken. You see, these are new trousers; new in today in fact... these are Trousers '98."

"But they're old!"

"No sir. Brand new. See the label there? Trousers '98. That proves it."

"But they're torn! They're dirty! Why would I ever want to buy them?"

"Because they're Trousers '98 sir. It says so here."

"But what do they offer me that my trousers don't?"

"Nothing at all sir. In fact it's all a big rip off. You may now punch my throat."

I've pinpointed this strange ailment and it's called sequilitis. Take a look in your local branch and you'll see what I mean. Every other box boasts a title which is suffixed with an "II" (or III or IV) or, more annoyingly, a date. A "number" sequel will typically use the same game engine but build on the original with new ideas and if we're really lucky, updated graphics. In a lot of cases it will actually be better than the original.

The hardest working bloke on a sequel is the guy who designs the new packaging

The date sequel though, is a different beast: same game engine, same graphics, same ideas and a couple of minute changes, which have no effect and no-one cares about. The hardest working person on a game like this is the bloke who designs the new packaging!

At a time when the industry is making much noise about a "new mature market" and the games console as "mainstream product," it is sequels like these which make phrases like "waste of bleedin' money" ring true. If the companies responsible for this kind of tat had any faith whatever that the industry was here to stay, they'd invest in decent software and their own future. But they don't, so make the most of videogames while you can, because with nobs like this controlling the business they won't be around forever PRO

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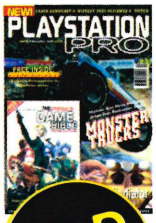

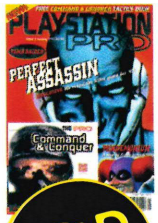

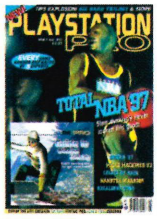

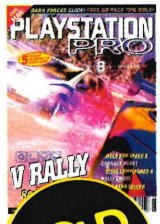

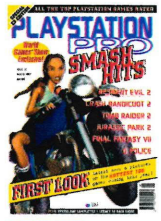

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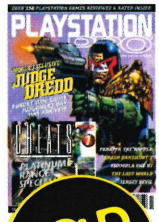

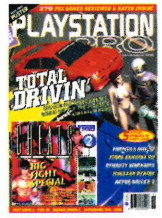

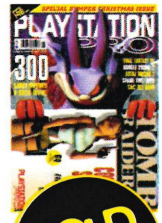

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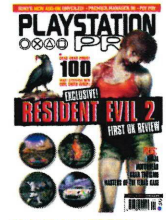

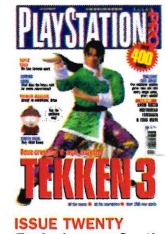

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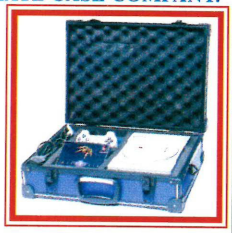

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3	VERY POOR. NOT THE WORST THING EVER, BUT NOT FAR OFF
4	WELL BELOW PAR WITH SOME MAJOR LEAGUE FLAWS
5	AVERAGE. STRICTLY FOR THE HARDCORE FAN OF THE GENRE
6	NOT A COMPLETE DOG, BUT COULD HAVE BEEN A CONTENDER
7	CHECK IT OUT FIRST BEFORE PAYING HARD CASH FOR IT
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9	AN ESSENTIAL PURCHASE THAT'S RECOMMENDED BY ALL OF US
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TRY B4 U BUY A quality title that's a preferred taste. Not everyone's cup of tea, but well worth trying out

AVOID! Not worth a penny of anyone's money. This is naff, bland and one to avoid at all costs

RACING

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Andretti Racing 7

RENT IT — Mario gets in on the PlayStation scene, but not in the form of the fat Italian bloke. This isn't a classic but it's worth a look

Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 2 4

AVOID! — Amazingly poor racer that should never have been ressurected. Ayrton would be turning in his grave!

Burning Road 8

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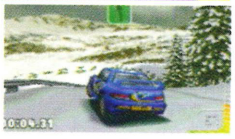
RENT IT — Supersonic Racers gets re-vamped to provide loads of multi-player fun in this Micro Machines clone from Mindscape

Colin McRae Rally 8

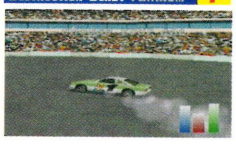


RENT IT — A near perfect recreation of the true thing. Plays and looks better than all of its rivals and should be bought immediately

Cyber Speed 3

AVOID! — A dreadful racer where your craft is attached to a wire and you spend hours throwing the joypad around in disgust. Avoid!

Destruction Derby Platinum 7



MUST BUY — When the PlayStation was launced this ruled the roost. Today it looks dated and shoddy, but it's worth £20

Destruction Derby 2 Platinum 8

MUST BUY — This is what the original should have been - A much improved drive with fancier graphics and gameplay to boot. Buy it!

Explosive Racing 7

RENT IT — Burning Road was cool enough, but this sequel manages to address the original's minor problems and plays better too

Felony 11-79 7

RENT IT — Smash everything, drive through shopping malls and cause utter mayhem. Let down by a lack of tracks

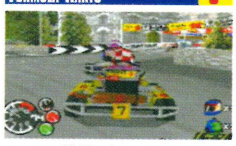
Formula One Platinum 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Grand Prix racing as it should be, tons of action and speed a plenty. But it's now time to check out F1 '97

Formula One '97 8

MUST BUY — If F1 is comparable to the Arrows team, then this year's release is a Williams. Truly awesome stuff once again

Formula Karts 8



TRY B4 U BUY — Silghtly above average racer which differs to any other racing game. The speed and handling are as they should be

Gran Turismo 9.5

MUST BUY — Sony's powerhouse racing game is possibly as fine as games will get. Incredible realism and kick ass gameplay

Hardcore 4X4 8

RENT IT — Ever wondered why people drive their trucks around in the dirt? Neither have we, but this title offers just that

Hi-Octane 5

AVOID! — This could have been so good, but at the end of the day it was let down with poor graphics and even worse gameplay

Impact Racing 8

TRY B4 U BUY — More thrills and spills in yet another fast paced racer. But even speed addicts will notice the flaws. Worth a look

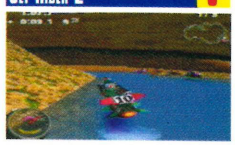
Indy 500 7

RENT IT — A distinctly average racer which features a few nice touches but it's got a lot of top competition to live up to

Jet Rider 4

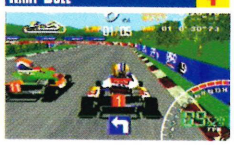
AVOID! — Awful jet ski racer that promised to be Sony's answer to Wave Race64. Of course, it wasn't and we hate it

Jet Rider 2 5



AVOID! — The original was shite and this sequel doesn't exactly break the mould. Due to dodgy controls and slack graphics

Kart Duel 4



AVOID! — A fine attempt which looked the part but lacked the all important gameplay factor needed in driving games

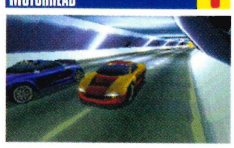
Micro Machines v3 Platinum 8

MUST BUY — Midget motor racer that everybody must own. The four player mode will have you glued to the TV for days on end

Monster Trucks 7

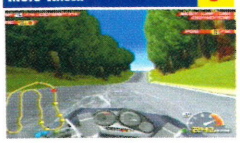
TRY B4 U BUY — Big wheels can only mean big fun in this trucking great game. You even get to crush cars in front of a big crowd too!

Motorhead 8



TRY B4 U BUY — The fastest PlayStation racer of all time. Gremlin will be well pleased with their first game coming out of Sweden

Moto Racer 5

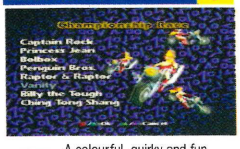


AVOID! Full on motorcycle racing. Looks reasonable and plays well, but ends up being a little too samey to be essential

Motor Mash 7

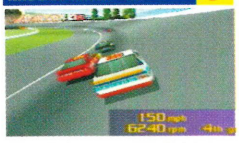
RENT IT Playable and enjoyable Micro Machines clone. It doesn't quite have what it takes to topple the classic MM however

Motor Toon GP 2 7



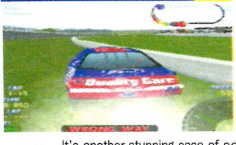
TRY B4 U BUY A colourful, quirky and fun Mario Kart style racer that got us all excited upon its arrival. By no means a serious game

NASCAR Racing '96 8



RENT IT An average racer which looks and plays much the same as Andretti Racing. Rent it for the night and then decide

NASCAR '98 7

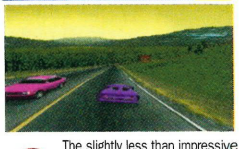


TRY B4 U BUY It's another stunning case of so near yet so far for a NASCAR game. It looks top but has a few niggling faults

Need For Speed Platinum 8

MUST BUY One of the essential racing games for any descerning player, although somewhat dated against todays offering

Need For Speed 2 7



RENT IT The slightly less than impressive sequel to Need For Speed. More options, but at the expense of the gameplay it seems

Need For Speed 3 8

TRY B4 U BUY The series keeps getting better, but this, and the others for that matter, are far from perfect. Check it out though

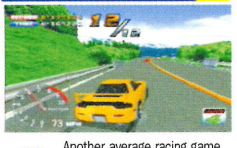
Newman-Haas Racing 8

TRY B4 U BUY Having more speed than F1 '97 yet less depth makes this a game for those who love the frantic pace of the sport

Off World Interceptor 3

AVOID! Buy this and we'll hunt you down and beat you to a bloody pulp. This is awful and must be avoided at all costs!

Peak Performance 8

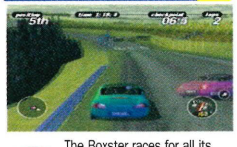


RENT IT Another average racing game which looks decent enough but fails to impress in the grand scheme of things

Penny Racers 2

AVOID! Quite possibly the worst racing game to date and one that manages to make Off World Interceptor look good. Avoid!

Porsche Challenge Platinum 8



MUST BUY The Boxster races for all its worth in this slick racer. Options include a cool two player mode for added enjoyment

Power Boat Racing 7

TRY B4 U BUY A bit of something different although the racing elements are as you'd expect.. Worth a look, but a bit soggy

Rage Racer 8

MUST BUY The third Ridge Racer game is an in-depth affair that pisses all over every driving game you care to mention

Rally Cross 8

RENT IT A bouncy rally game from Sony that went head to head with the excellent VRally. It's a good laugh, but VRally offers more

Rapid Racer 7.5

RENT IT A powerboat racer which differs from all the other racers because now you're on water. Good fun for a short time

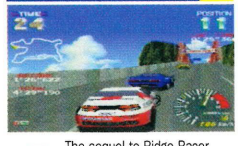
Ray Tracers 7

RENT IT Rapid chase game which is over all too soon but brings back memories of Chase HQ and the like. Just rent it!

Ridge Racer Platinum 7

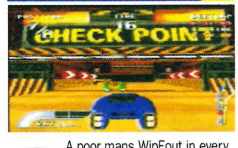
MUST BUY The original PSX racer still takes some beating and for £20, you ain't gonna get a better drivng title on your grey box

Ridge Racer Rev. Platinum 7



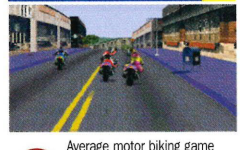
MUST BUY The sequel to Ridge Racer packs a mean punch, but failed to be a classic due to the limited course on offer

Road Race 3



AVOID! A poor mans WipEout in every sense. Why buy this when there are many bigger and better titles currently out there?

Road Rash 5



RENT IT Average motor biking game from yesteryear that gives you the chance to knock your opponents off the road

Road Rash 3D 7

TRY B4 U BUY More two wheeled road rage in this enjoyable third instalment of the popular Road Rash series from EA

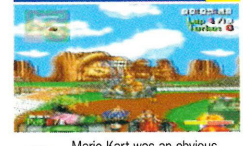
Speedster 4

AVOID! A racing game with a weird overhead view point. Original maybe, but it's still a required taste if driving's your game

Starwinder 8

RENT IT A 3D racer that fixes you to a space rail and throws you all over the place. It looks like WipEout, but lacks it's edge

Street Racer 8



RENT IT Mario Kart was an obvious influence with its development but this four player cartoon racer looks extremely dated

Supersonic Racers 8

RENT IT Wacky races style romp which owed plenty to MM V3. Watch out for the sequel, Circuit Breakers, that's coming soon

Test Drive Off Road 4

AVOID! Limited but quite enjoyable 4X4 racer giving you the chance to drive Land Rovers at high speed – just like posh people!

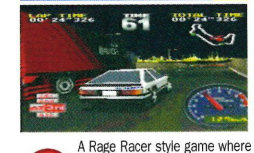
Test Drive 4 7

TRY B4 U BUY Hindered only by a lack of a two player option which is what these games are all about at the end of the day. Shame

TOCA Touring Car 8

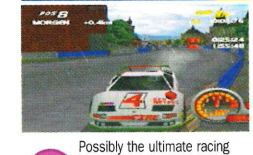
MUST BUY A fantastic Touring Car racer which is up there with the V-Rallys and Total Drivin's of this world. An absolute corker

Tokyo Highway Battle 8



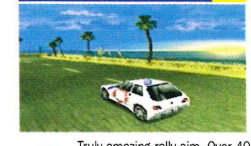
RENT IT A Rage Racer style game where you must build your car to improve your overall racing performance. Enjoyable

Total Drivin 8



MUST BUY Possibly the ultimate racing game including everything from rally cars to sand buggies. Highly recommended

V Rally 8



MUST BUY Truly amazing rally sim. Over 40 tracks to race on and loads of cars and options. You simply must buy this game!

WipEout Platinum 7

MUST BUY Amazing gameplay and a top soundtrack made this a winner in the PlayStation's infancy. Now quite sluggish

WipEout 2097 Platinum 8

MUST BUY Just as addictive as its predecessor but with enhanced gameplay and top tunes aplenty. Buy this game today!

Wreckin' Crew 4.5

AVOID! Dismal driving battle game that looks as bad as it plays. If it's petrol and pellets you're after stick with Micro Machines

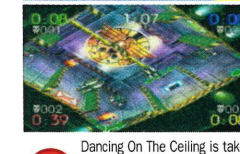
PUZZLE

Quirky brain teasers or bizarre Japanese head-scratching affairs – the puzzling choice on the PSX may be limited, but there's something here for everyone

3D Lemmings 8

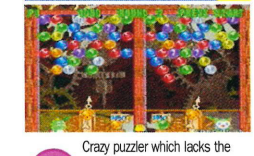
TRY B4 U BUY An updated and special 3D addition to the on going Lemmings family. Save the suicidal green haired fops

Blast Chamber 7



RENT IT Dancing On The Ceiling is taken quite literally in this frantic explosive puzzling sport from the future. Confused?

Bust A Move 2 Platinum 7



MUST BUY Crazy puzzler which lacks the longevity of games such as Lemmings, but it's still a playable and fun two player game

Bust A Move 3 — 8.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Quality puzzle game that will keep the girlfriend occupied for many a night while you're down the pub getting hammered

Grid Run — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Fast paced chases around a floating grid. Good fun in small doses, but the longevity simply isn' there I'm afraid

Hebereke Popoitto — 3

AVOID! — Wacky Japanese puzzle game which owes plenty to Tetris and even more to the game's developers LSD intake methinks

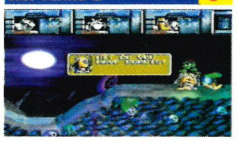
Kula World — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Perplexing, frustrating, but enjoyable puzzle game which features a pill popping beach ball. Nuff said

Kurushi: Intelligent Cube — 7

TRY B4 U BUY — Bizarre puzzler in which you capture cubes as they roll towards you. Great fun but limited by a lack of variation

Lost Vikings 2 — 8



TRY B4 U BUY — A tricky puzzler where you control a posse of comedy norse men who are lost. It'll have you hooked in seconds too

Oddworld: Abe's Oddysee — 8

MUST BUY — The ultimate puzzle game. It's quirky, it's fun and more than a little perplexing. A truly original game

Super Puzzle Fighter Turbo — 8

MUST BUY — A bizarre Street Fighter/ Tetris combintion which will zap your social life into extinction within minutes. A must buy!

COMPILATIONS

Here we have the ancient arcade beasts brought back from the brink of extintion. Old bags of cack or classic coin-guzzlers from yesteryear? Read on to find out...

Atari Arcade's Greatest Hits — 5

RENT IT — A rather dreary compilation of old 'classics' with an added backstage tour of the games' origins and creators

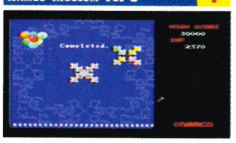
Namco Museum Vol 1 — 7

MUST BUY — Depending on your age, you'll either love or hate these arcade classics from the guys that gave you Tekken 2

Namco Museum Vol 2 — 8

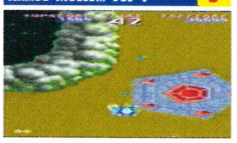
RENT IT — Unfortunately, there's very little to recommend in this second collection of old games with dodgy graphics

Namco Museum Vol 3 — 4



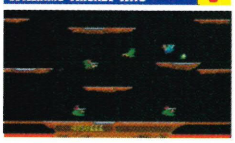
AVOID! — The further into the catalogue you go the fewer classic games there are it seems. Why do they still churn these out?

Namco Museum Vol 4 — 5



RENT IT — Another dire collection of arcade classics from the early 80's that don't play as good as you think they used to

Williams Arcade Hits — 5



RENT IT — Yet another retro game compilation which surprisingly has the odd treat hidden away in its innards

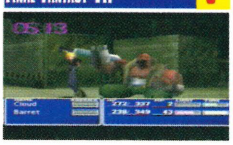
RPG

Final Fantasy VII has put the life back into role-playing games. If you've finished that already and are hankering for more, then check out the games in this section

Diablo — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — EA convert their successful PC slash 'em-up cum RPG very successfully onto the console format. Check it out

Final Fantasy VII — 9



MUST BUY — The biggest game ever! A three disk bonanza which is already wreaking havoc on the feeble minded. Buy it now!

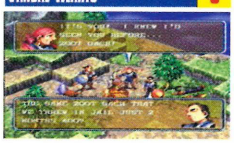
King's Field — 7

TRY B4 U BUY — Standard and graphically basic role playing romp from Sony HQ. Despite it's looks though, the gameplay is impressive

Suikoden — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — The first true RPG to appear on the PlayStation is unfortunately a little drab for everyone's taste. Try it

Vandal Hearts — 8



TRY B4 U BUY — Magic, action, strategy and fighting. It's a corker that's for sure and until FF VII turns up, waste your time with this baby

PLATFORMS

The ancient art of leaping from ledge to ledge in videogames can be perfected by using any of the following games contained in this section

Casper — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — The friendly ghost makes his video gaming debut in this dodgy platformer aimed at the younger games player

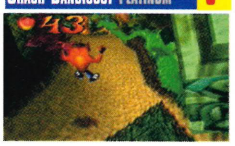
Castlevania — 8

RENT IT — Probably the only game to have never changed since its initial release back in the Dark Ages. Not taxing and not clever

Cheesy — 4

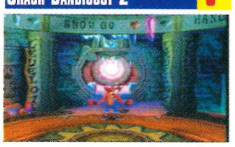
AVOID! — Semi 3D platform mayhem featuring a squeaky mouse. Crash is miles better though, believe me

Crash Bandicoot Platinum — 8



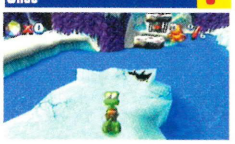
MUST BUY — A classic platformer soon to be revamped in a stunning sequel. Until then, enjoy this laugh a minute adventure

Crash Bandicoot 2 — 8



MUST BUY — A massive improvement on the original and offers more variation than its predecessor. Yet another winner for Sony

Croc — 8



TRY B4 U BUY — A rival to Mario 64 only for the PlayStation. It's cute, cuddly and is in a league of its own. A must buy for the youngsters out there

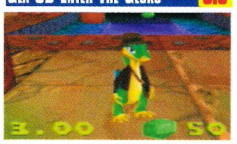
Earthworm Jim 2 — 5

RENT IT — An unimpressive update of a SNES platform hero. But Jim's 2D PSX outing shows its age and should have been better

Gex — 7

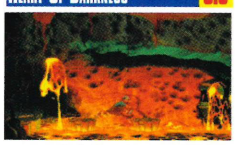
RENT IT — One of the best early platform games available. Bags of fun all round with a wise cracking comedy American lizard

Gex 3D Enter The Gecko — 8.5



TRY B4 U BUY — Another Mario attempt for the PlayuStation this time featuring the comic vocals of Brit playboy Leslie Philips. Good stuff

Heart Of Darkness — 8.5



MUST BUY — A platform game sent from heaven with wonderful animation, fantastic graphics and a seamless plot line

Hercules — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Yet another Disney release which combines gameplay with their well known cartoon style. It's a little too simple though

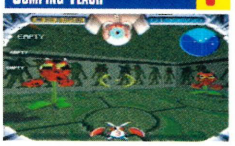
Jersey Devil — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — A slightly twisted take on the Croc theme. Tricky to get to grips with initially, but rewarding if you perservere for a little while

Johnny Bazookatone — 3

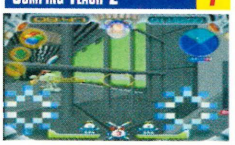
AVOID! — Johnny searches for his band mates in this dreary 3D platformer. Another one for the younger gamer out there

Jumping Flash — 8



RENT IT — An average 3D platformer which was easily completed, yet loved by all. Well worth a look though and quite fun

Jumping Flash 2 — 7

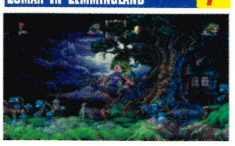


RENT IT — An improvement on its predecessor with more depth and originality. But again, this is easy to complete

Klona — 7.5

RENT IT — A real surreal Japanese deal with an airborn floppy eared feline. Well, it's Japanese, what did you expect?

Lomax In Lemmingland — 7



RENT IT — A strange platformer featuring the loveable Lemmings. All in glorious 2D too. what a rare treat, eh?

Lost World — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Jurassic Park 2 hits the PSX and gives you five varying characters to play with, including a massive T Rex

PULP FICTION

Win Batman graphic novels

Batty for books

If you have the urge to put down your joypad and reacquaint yourself with those primitive papery things known as books, then what better way than to get yourself engrossed in the graphic novels of the Caped Crusader, published by Titan Books. Batman vs Predator III: Blood Ties (£5.99) has our man in black beating off a couple of nasty Predator types, while Batman: The Scottish Connection (£3.99) sees him travel to bonny Scotland to protect the kilted Celtic lot from ancient evil and the wrath of the Dark Knight.

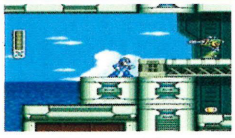
Other books released include Superman: Exile (£10.99), telling of Superman's self-imposed exile in space, and The Books of Fairie (£9.99) for those with a penchant for magic and fantasy.

We have five pairs of the Batman novels to give away to fans of Gotham City's finest, courtesy of Titan. Just send a postcard marked "Caped Codpiece" to the usual address – the first five out of the bag will win the books.

Lucky Luke — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — It may be aimed at kids but that's no excuse for releasing a sub-standard platform game really is it?

Mega Man X3 — 4

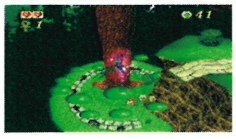


AVOID! — Uninteresting platformer from the age-old Japanese super hero. This would have looked out of date on the SNES. Avoid!

Mickey Mania — 7

TRY B4 U BUY — The world's most famous mouse is uninspiring in this standard platformer, but offers good old school fun

Pandemonium Platinum — 8



TRY B4 U BUY — A 2D platformer made to look all 3D due to the PlayStation's graphic capabilities. Well worth a purchase

Pandemonium 2 — 8

RENT IT — Tests your eyes like no other game. Colour blind players may have trouble with the over the top colour schemes

Rayman Platinum — 7

MUST BUY — The first classic platformer to hit the PSX and now available for £20 thanks to the handy wallet-friendly Platinum Range

Rascal — 5

AVOID! — Don't be fooled by the cute looks, this rascal needs a slap in a big way. Dull adventure game for little terrors

Skull Monkeys — 7.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Awesome graphics but lacking in lasting appeal. It's good to see someone thinking about what they're doing

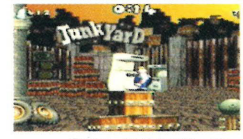
Spider — 5

RENT IT — Arachnid platformer which could have and should have been so much better. Rent it before spending cash though

Spot Goes To Hollywood — 8

RENT IT — Spot returns with a fine 3D platformer based on various classic movies from yesteryear. Try before you buy

Trash It — 4



AVOID! — Control a fat bloke with a big hammer and basically smash every thing in sight. Original, but quite boring and bland

BEAT 'EM UPS

If you want to get in training for Saturday night's trip down the pub then fighting games are for you. Here's the definitive list for your PlayStation

Batman Forever — 2

AVOID! — Knuckle dusters abound in this absolutely dreadful Dark Knight scrapper. Looks and plays really really badly. Avoid!

Battle Arena Toshinden Platinum — 8

MUST BUY — One of the first scrap fests to arrive on the PSX. Oddly enough it still manages to excite after all this time

Battle Arena Toshinden 2 — 7

RENT IT — Slightly less impressive than the original but still hits you where it hurts thanks to big swords and lots of top moves

Battle Arena Toshinden 3 — 7

RENT IT — The third member of the Tohshinden family gives you everything the other two games did and lots more

Bloody Roar — 8

MUST BUY — A surprise hit around the office due to the morphing chrarcters who change from human to animal form throughout

Bushido Blade — 8.5

TRY B4 U BUY — A slash 'em up if the truth be known. The fights are short lived due to being cut short (quite literally) with one blow

Cardinal Syn — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Unusual beat'em-up from Sony with some weird characters that deserves your attention for a short while at least

Criticom — 8

RENT IT — An average scrapping fest which fails to impress for any length of time. Another one for the rental option methinks

Dead Or Alive — 8

MUST BUY — Beat 'em ups rarely look or play as good as this. It's viciously fast and inventive, and the girls' boobs bounce. Excellent

The Crow: City Of Angels — 1

AVOID! — Truly one of the worst beat 'em-ups to ever appear on any format ever. In every way a dodgy movie licence

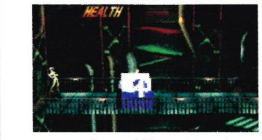
Darkstalkers — 7

RENT IT — Capcom use their SF2 engine to bring these Hollywood style horror icons to life in this enjoyable 2D fighting beast

Dynasty Warriors — 7.5

RENT IT — Costume drama beat'em-up that has a little more plot than your average fighter. Not the best of its genre, nor the worst.

Fantastic Four — 2



AVOID! — Streets Of Rage style action with Marvel Comics' famous family of mutants. The thing is, the gameplay is really terrible

Fighting Force 8

TRY B4 U BUY

Better than most arcade beat 'em-ups. Varied pagga situations and more than a few shocks hold your interest

Iron & Blood 7

RENT IT

A medieval style beat 'em- up giving you Orcs, Knights and freaky little wizards to slap around a standard arena

Iron Man 2

AVOID!

Way down near the bottom of the pile, this comic book fighter should be avoided by anyone with any sense, or cash

Killer Instinct:Arena Fighters 8

RENT IT

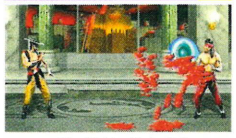
Kick boxing from your armchair sounds like fun, but this brave attempt was a disappointment for all who played it

Marvel Super Heroes 8

RENT IT

Yet another standard beat 'em-up only this time having a link with superheroes such as Spiderman and Wolverine

Mortal Kombat 3 7



TRY B4 U BUY

The 2D bloodfest which was hyped to the max when it got released over here. Not as cool as you may think

Mortal Kombat Mythologies 1

AVOID!

This is a bland and poorly thought out fighting adventure. Certainly worth avoiding like crazy

Mortal Kombat Trilogy 6

RENT IT

Imagine all three of the Mortal Kombat series on one CD! Well it's now a reality, but offers nothing new

Psychic Force 5

AVOID!

Fair play, this offers something a little different from the norm for beat'em-up fans, but it's by no means great

Rise 2: Resurrection 5

AVOID!

An improvement on the original but still lacks that killer punch needed to take it storming into everyone's game collection

Soul Blade PLATINUM 8

MUST BUY

This remains one of the finest moments for beat 'em- up fans worldwide. Buy this or Tekken 2 and you're laughing

Star Gladiator 8

TRY B4 U BUY

Instantly playable scrap fest with lasting appeal and tongue-in-cheek Star Wars inspiration. Well worth a look

Star Wars: Teras Kasi 6.5

MUST BUY

Technically Soul Blade with Stormtroopers, this offers some good solid gameplay with the favourite blokes in the universe

Street Fighter Alpha 2 7

RENT IT

the all time classic beat 'em-up makes a welcome second appearance on the PlayStation. It's still a classic

Street Fighter Collection 8

TRY B4 U BUY

An ideal collection for any fan of series, but don't expect anything new here, this is purely a SF collection.

Street Fighter EX Plus Alpha 8

TRY B4 U BUY

At last! The perfect fighting formula gets the 3D makeover it so richly deserves. Street Fighter fans will love it.

Street Fighter: The Movie 1

AVOID!

The game of the movie of the game. As dire as the movie itself and should be left alone no matter what the price

Tekken PLATINUM 8

MUST BUY

Kicked its way into the homes of many a true beat 'em-up nut and is now available for a mere £20. And it still rocks!

Tekken 2 PLATINUM 8.5

MUST BUY

The far superior sequel remains an essential buy for anyone who loves 3D arcade fighting. You simply must own this

Tobal No.1 7

TRY B4 U BUY

3D beat 'em- up with more depth and variation than any other on offer, but lacks the killer instinct to make it a must buy

Wargods 5

AVOID!

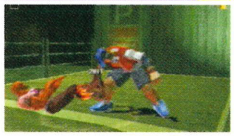
An American arcade fighter that looks much better than it plays. Drab, uninteresting and untimately forgettable

Yusha 4

AVOID!

A weird and frantic 3D beat 'em- up from Japan which was truely disappointing in almost every department

Vs 7



TRY B4 U BUY

Gang warfare on the streets of LA. This plays at a fair pace and has some nice touches but doesn't really do anything new

X Men: Children Of The Atom 7

TRY B4 U BUY

Standard beat 'em-up fayre from the people who brought ius Streetfighter and Mavel Super Heroes

Zero Divide 7

RENT IT

Yet another futuristic beat 'em-up. But this one features polygon robotic thugs instead of butch blokes

FLIGHT SIMS

Often the butt of many a cruel gag, flight sim enthusiasts are seen as geeky nobs by their few friends. The question is, are you a geeky nob?

Ace Combat 2 8

TRY B4 U BUY

Addictive and uncomplicated Top Gun shoot 'em-up from arcade masters Namco. And don't worry, it's not a flight sim.

Agile Warrior 7

RENT IT

An action packed flight simulator which has you blowing things out of the sky left, right and centre. Good fun

Air Combat PLATINUM 7

TRY B4 U BUY

So-so flight sim from the PlayStation's early days. Now available for £20 via Sony's popular Platinum Range

Black Dawn 8

TRY B4 U BUY

A frantic helicopter flight simulator that's also the sequel to the brilliant Agile Warrior. This offers more, obviously

MOST WANTED

You've read our Exposure section and skimmed through the Prospects zone and are no doubt quite clued up as to what will be coming your way over the next few months, but which ones should you really be looking out for?

Ah yes, the future. We all look forward to it with childish anticipation. We already know which titles will be making an appearance in the world of PlayStation gaming through the Summer and in the run up to Christmas, but unless you're a social outcast with a bank balance larger than the national debt you aren't going to buy them all. So which select titles should you really look out for? Well, these are the ones we can't wait to get our grubby mitts on...

SPYRO THE DRAGON

Quite simply one of the best looking games we've seen to date on the PlayStation. Spyro is almost too cute. Bait your breath!

Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 — 8

MUST BUY — Blow the opposition away with your savage chopper in this revamped version of an old classic. Worth a blast

Gunship — 7

TRY B4 U BUY — A more technical helicopter flight sim which although being less trigger happy, still does the business though

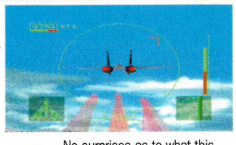
Raging Skies — 5

AVOID! — The skies aren't so much raging, more mildly littered with the odd enemy. In every way average, so try before you buy

Strikepoint — 8

RENT IT — A fairly bog standard flight sim which offers nothing new but is quite good fun for novices and experts alike

Top Gun: Fire At Will — 4



AVOID! — No surprises as to what this pretty fine game is all about, but at the end of the day there are much better games available

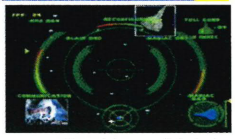
Warhawk — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — An early helicopter simulator which looks basic but manages to enthrall with its 'must finish' airborne missions

Wing Commander 3 — 8

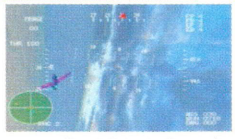
RENT IT — Mark Hammill stars in the third of the ongoing space dog-fighting series. FMV in abundance, little gameplay

Wing Commander 4 — 8



RENT IT — More of the same if the truth be told, with Mr Hamill showing his face again in even more FMV based tales

Wing Over — 7



TRY B4 U BUY — Strange flight sim. Crammed with aerobatic action and more than a little variation in aircraft. Offers more than most

ADVENTURE

Legend has it that adventure games have been going longer than any other genre in the world of videogames. Choose carefully traveller from our list below

Alone In The Dark — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Haunted house adventures which looks quite odd, but still manages to do the business on the old adventure front

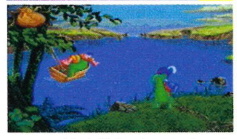
Alundra — 7.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Falling into the same leather booties as Zelda on the SNES, Alundra is a painting by numbers RPG that will win no new fans

Ark Of Time — 4.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Ark of Shite would have been more appropriate. Not even worth using the CD for one of those classy clocks

Blazing Dragons — 4



AVOID! — Monty Python humour abound in this average adventure that's technically aimed at the younger gaming audience

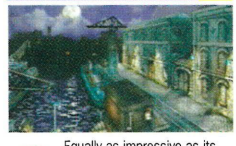
Breath Of Fire 3 — 8.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Lame RPG, looks and gameplay are dated by today's standards. Fans of the SNES versions may enjoy it, but we don't

Broken Sword — 8

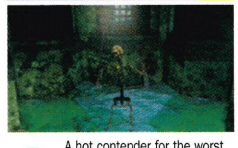
MUST BUY — The best point and click adventure on the PlayStation so far. A sequel is already here, but buy this anyway!

Broken Sword 2 — 8



TRY B4 U BUY — Equally as impressive as its predecessor containing more puzzles and more than a hint of some fine humour

Chronicles Of The Sword — 2



AVOID! — A hot contender for the worst PlayStation game ever, this King Arthur-esque adventure is simply dreadful

City Of The Lost Children — 7

TRY B4 U BUY — An epic adventure based on the average French arthouse movie of the same name. Well worth a look, if only for the graphics

Cyberia — 7

TRY B4 U BUY — A PC conversion which looks a dream but has limited appeal to those after some good solid adventuring fun. Novice friendly

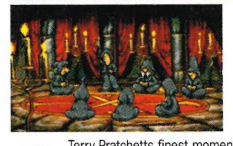
D — 3

AVOID! — An interactive movie adventure which lacks longevity, gameplay, excitement and playability. In a word, Avoid!

Deathtrap Dungeon — 8.5

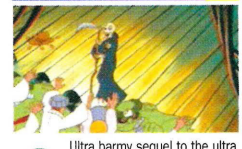
MUST BUY — Ian Livingstone's fantasy world is brought into PlayStation heaven by Eidos. Only the strongest need apply

Discworld — 8



RENT IT — Terry Pratchetts finest moment transformed itself very well onto the PSX and this is simpy amazing. A must buy!

Discworld 2 — 7



TRY B4 U BUY — Ultra barmy sequel to the ultra barmy Discworld. It's undoubtedly one for fans of Terry Pratchett's wacky books

Excalibur 2255AD — 7

TRY B4 U BUY — A 3D adventure which has the right mix of action and puzzles, but looks and plays too much like Tomb Raider

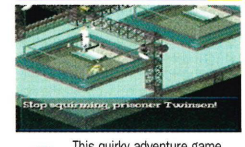
Herc's Adventures — 5

AVOID! — A decidedly average game which is over all too soon. Fun for a little while but that's about it. Just misses the mark

Legacy Of Kain — 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Vampire strangeness in this huge and impressive blood sucking adventure. Well worth the money though

Little Big Adventure — 7



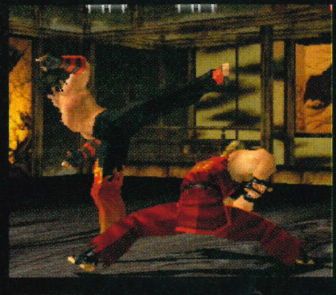
TRY B4 U BUY — This quirky adventure game was lovingly converted from its PC origins and manages to entertain for a short while

Men In Black — 8

RENT IT — A better than usual movie license, but still guilty of major flaws. Could and should have delivered so much more

Myst — 4

AVOID! — Average static screen jobbie from years ago. It won't amaze by any means, but it still has strong puzzling elements



TEKKEN 3
A rock solid piece of pagga software that should be on everyone's essentials list. They don't come any bigger than this

FINAL FANTASY VIII
Squaresoft's definitive adventure series is set to return and send every PlayStation owner into a gibbering wreck

ISS PRO '98
We're waiting to see if the latest version of ISS can live up to the hype created by the N64 one. Fingers crossed eh?

CRASH BANDICOOT 3
The first details have emerged concerning everyone's favourite marsupial, and from what we've seen, Crash 3 looks stunning

Nightmare Creatures 8

TRY B4 U BUY — This received some harsh treatment from other mags, but it's definitely one for the gore and action fans out there

Overblood 7

RENT IT — A futuristic adventure game which is over way too soon for the experts and sadly too boring for the novices

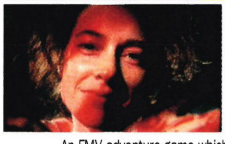
Perfect Weapon 7

RENT IT — A strange adventure game which has you punching your way to victory over a series of lush and lovely environments

Pitfall 3D: Beyond The Jungle 7.5

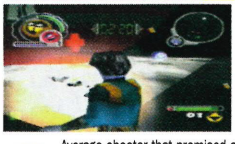
TRY B4 U BUY — A surprisingly good 3D rendition of one of the original console games. Activision are hitting a bit of form

Psychic Detective 3



AVOID! — An FMV adventure game which may be too strange for some and simply too bonkers for the majority

Reboot: Countdown To Chaos 7



TRY B4 U BUY — Average shooter that promised a bit more. Worth a look if you are a mad, bad blasting maniac with nothing better to do

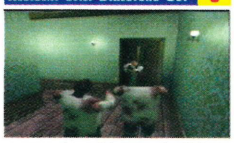
Resident Evil 8.5

MUST BUY — The ultimate gore fest for any fan of zombie movies. Puzzles, shotguns, big snakes and blood thirsty freaks ahoy!

Resident Evil 2 8.5

MUST BUY — With two CDs full of action, this blood soaked stormer is an essentail purchase for everyone. This is simply superb

Resident Evil: Directors Cut 8

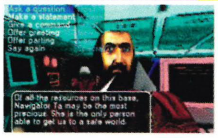


TRY B4 U BUY — A two disk spectacle which brings you three variations on the original game and a 20 minute demo of the sequel

Riven 5

TRY B4 U BUY — A rendered collection of snaps fail to liven up this bland but complex affair. Comes quite close to being a form of torture

Sentient 7



TRY B4 U BUY — An adventure game which struggles for identity among the other more stronger titles currently available

Spawn: The Eternal 6.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Interesting idea but let down by ropy gameplay. Fans of the movie and comic may be keen to take a look though

Swagman 8

RENT IT — A spooky cartoon adventure which owes much to classic Zombies Ate My Neighbours on the SNES

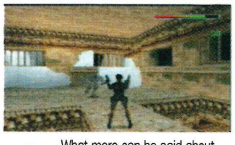
Time Commando 5

AVOID! — You travel through time in this 3D adventure although the effort really isn't worth bother. Leave this well alone

Tomb Raider Platinum 8

MUST BUY — The game which launched a thousand magazine covers. Still does well thanks to the recent sequel

Tomb Raider 2 8.5



MUST BUY — What more can be said about Lara Croft and her raiding of tombs? Nothing. This is what you expected and a whole lot more

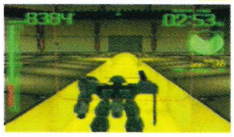
SHOOT 'EM UPS

3D arcade blasters are a popular breed with PlayStation owners worldwide, and as you can see from the list below, there are plenty on offer to choose from

Alien Trilogy Platinum 8

MUST BUY — You are officer Ripley taking on wave upon wave of slimy space critters in this top PSX version of the three classic movies

Armoured Core 6.5



RENT IT — Mech warriors battle it out er... and do little else in this blasting romp. Simple stuff, but good fun for a short while

Area 51 1

AVOID! — This game doesn't exist. Oh no. Unfortunately, we're joking and it does actually exist. And it's a pile of shit

Assault Rigs 5

RENT IT — Amazing gameplay and a top soundtrack made this tank battler a winner in the PSX's early days. Try before you buy

Auto Destruct 7

RENT IT — A mixed bag this one. The fine line between a tough challenge and impossibility has been breached. Average at best

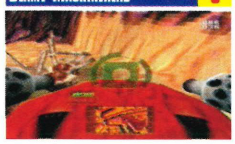
Battle Stations 1

AVOID! — This is bascially Battleships for losers who can't be bothered getting the board game out of the loft. Please avoid!

Beast Wars 4

AVOID! — Transformers, more than meets the eye? Not in this game, what you see is what you get, which is very little indeed

Blam! Machinehead 5



AVOID! — 3D shoot 'em- up with some nice graphical effects, but let down by over complex missions and bad handling

Blast Radius 7

RENT IT — Star Wars style shoot'em-up that doesn't quite compete with Colony Wars, but provides plenty of great target practice

Brahma Force 8

TRY B4 U BUY — The third Kileak release is surprisingly absorbing stuff. Much more enjoyable than the previous two put together

Colony Wars 8

TRY B4 U BUY — A futuristic blaster which sees you following many different paths as you battle your way across the cosmos

Contra: Legacy Of War 5

RENT IT — A 96 remix for the bland horizontal scrolling shoot'em-up from yesteryear. Nothing special going on here

Critical Depth 3

AVOID! — After Tigershark failed to sink the Bismarck, this shot just wide too. The idea is great. The game's crap

Crime Killer 7

RENT IT — Law and order courtesy of armoured vehicles and a mandate of zero tolerance in this futuristic driving shoot'em-up

Crusader: No Remorse 7

TRY B4 U BUY — Take control of a robotic assassin in this isometric viewed PC conversion. Bullets and blood aplenty

Crypt Killer 2

AVOID! — Truly awful conversion of the arcade game where you shoot badly drawn zombies and comedy mummies

Dark Forces 7

TRY B4 U BUY — Star Wars meets Doom in this classic blaster. If you want to kill Stormtroopers, then this is the game for you

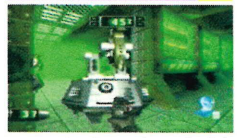
Descent 7

TRY B4 U BUY — Shoot 'em- up in the Doom style only you're flying around in a spaceship head first down a massive mine shaft

Descent 2 8

RENT IT — Less than impressive sequel that offers more of the same. The thing is, we've seen it all before. Boring!

Disruptor 7



RENT IT — A pretty marvelous and varied Doom clone giving you huge weapons and a fair bit a FMV mission briefing

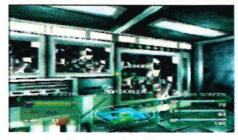
Doom 8

MUST BUY — The game that spawned a thousand imitators. A classic in every sense of the word. Buy this game today!

Duke Nukem 3D 8

MUST BUY — Sure it's been released ages ago on other formats but if truth be told this is still pretty darn marvellous

Epidemic 8



RENT IT — The sequel to Kileak doesn't offer anything new, but gives you more enjoyable corridor roaming fun

Exhumed 7

RENT IT

Slightly flawed but not too bad Doom clone set in ancient Egypt. Could have been a contender to Doom's crown

Fade To Black PLATINUM 8

MUST BUY

A 3D shoot 'em- up which impresses many with the lavish graphics and exotic locations and cut sequences

Final Doom 8

TRY B4 U BUY

The rather splendid sequel to the monster hit giving you more of the same, with added bonus bits of blood

Firo & Klawd 5

AVOID!

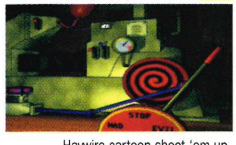
Rather bland cartoony shoot 'em- up affair where you control a comedy cartoon cat and ape duo. Honest!

Forsaken 8

TRY B4 U BUY

Cool graphics and action aplenty in this blast from Acclaim. It's an acquired taste, but quite juicy and enjoyable

Frenzy 5



AVOID!

Haywire cartoon shoot 'em up that scores more misses than hits. Could've been much better with a little more variety

G-Police 8

TRY B4 U BUY

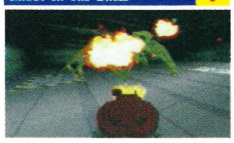
Class futuristic shoot 'em-up. Flying around mega cities and blasting the bad guys has never been so much fun

Galaxian 3 4

AVOID!

Dull shoot 'em- up similar to Starblade Alpha, but not as impressive. The arcade version rocks, but this sucks

Ghost In The Shell 7



TRY B4 U BUY

Another comic inspired Sony game that never quite manages to make it to the big time. A nice try though

Hard Boiled 4

AVOID!

Based on the cult comicbooks of Frank Miller, this has you driving a big tooled-up Chevy in futuristic settings

Hexen 2

AVOID!

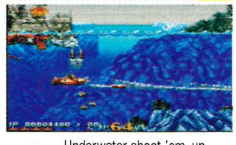
Eagerly awaited drivel which at the end of the day that should have been brilliant. As it stands... just avoid it

Independence Day 2

AVOID!

Maybe the worst movie license ever, even if we take the awful SF: The Movie into concideration. Absolute cack

In The Hunt 3



AVOID!

Underwater shoot 'em- up where you piss around in badly drawn sprite-based subs. Another one to avoid

Judge Dredd 7

RENT IT

Stunning shoot 'em-up from Gremlin. The bullets will be flying and the adrenalin pumping almost immediately

Kileak The Blood 7

TRY B4 U BUY

By today's standards this wouldn't fare too well, but it ruled the roost in its hey day. See Epidemic, its sequel

Krazy Ivan 7

RENT IT

Slightly flawed 3D shooter giving you full control over huge Russian Mech robots. Worth a look if you fancy it

Lethal Enforcers 2

AVOID!

If filth could be transformed into a game then this is as downright stinky as you could go. A contender for worst game ever

Lifeforce: Tenka 8

TRY B4 U BUY

Gloomy surrounds, stunning graphics and wicked gameplay make this one a winner. But maybe long in the tooth now

Loaded PLATINUM 8

MUST BUY

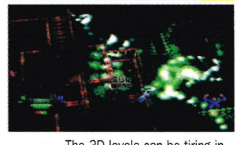
An isometric viewed shooting gore fest which isn't all that bad. And at £20 a throw you're laughing! Buy it!

Lone Soldier 1

AVOID!

A dire 3D shoot 'em- up where you're in control of a butch soldier hellbent on saving the globe from aliens. Avoid!

Machine Hunter 7



RENT IT

The 3D levels can be tiring in this huge game that oozes Loaded influences. The game, not the magazine

Maximum Force 4

AVOID!

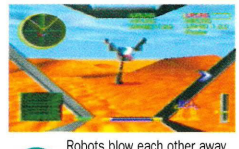
Yet another light gun farce which attempts to cash in on the success of Time Crisis. Do not consider buying this disgrace

MDK 8

MUST BUY

Snappy name, awesome game. Drops you in the centre of a violent world where only the strongest will survive the day

Mechwarrior 2 8



TRY B4 U BUY

Robots blow each other away big time in this fine shoot 'em-up brilliantly converted from the PC for us PSX nuts

N2O 8

RENT IT

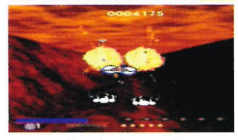
Bizarre backdrops, psychedelic colour schemes and frantically fast gameplay make this an eye and brain straining affair

Nanotek Warrior 8

RENT IT

A psychedelic shoot 'em- up in the same vein as the old arcade classic, Tempest. Except loads more fun and mayhem

Novastorm 2



AVOID!

An early release on the PlayStation that could have been so much more. As it stands, it's fairly dull as things go

Nuclear Strike 8

TRY B4 U BUY

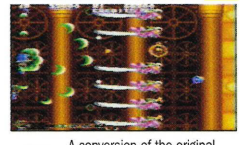
The eagerly awaited sequel to Soviet Strike which doesn't disappoint. More thrills and spills than previously

One 0.5

RENT IT

Brainless violence that looks great but becomes monotonous after a while. It'll keep you occupied for the night though

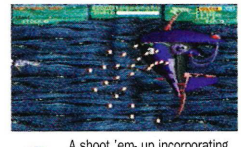
Parodius Deluxe 8



RENT IT

A conversion of the original classic Parodius game which will surprise no one but amuse many. Check it out

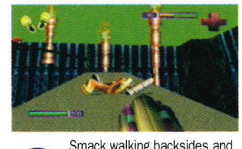
Philosoma 5



AVOID!

A shoot 'em- up incorporating many different viewpoints but with very little excitement. Look elsewhere before buying

PO'ed 5



AVOID!

Smack walking backsides and the like with frying pans and big sticks in this strange slant on the Doom clones

Raiden Project 8

MUST BUY

One of the great shoot 'em- ups to ever appear anywhere ever. If arcade style blasters are your bag, buy this today

Rapid Reload 3

AVOID!

Shoot 'em-up in the same vein as Mega Man, only better. Another early release that should have been better

Raystorm 8

RENT IT

A fine but standard shoot 'em-up. Not sure it warrants the £40 price tag though. Try it, you might like it

Reloaded 7

RENT IT

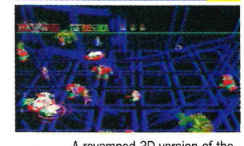
The sequel to the gory Loaded which was nowhere near as good as it promised to be. Still enjoyable though

Revolution X 1

AVOID!

Oh my God! How bad is this? A crap arcade affair starring – wait for it – bloody Aerosmith! Avoid! Avoid!

Robotron X 8



RENT IT

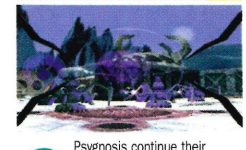
A revamped 3D version of the old arcade game gives you plenty of hours of frantic thumb blistering fun guaranteed!

Shellshock 7

TRY B4 U BUY

3D tank shoot 'em- up where combat strategy is required for you to progress with your team of tooled-up home boys

Shadow Master 8



TRY B4 U BUY

Psygnosis continue their fantastic line up of stunning games-both visually and in terms of gameplay

Shockwave 3

AVOID! Kill the alien invaders before they take over the world in this shoot 'em- up that first appeared on the 3DO

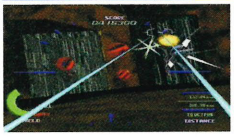
Slamscape 3

AVOID! Truly dreadful in every sense. Futuristic shooters are ten a penny, but this is the worst game ever invented. Avoid!

Soviet Strike Platinum 8

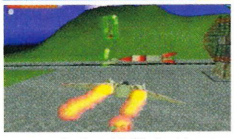
MUST BUY This is your chance to mow down Russians in this mega tough, but hellishly addictive helicopter romp

Starblade Alpha 4



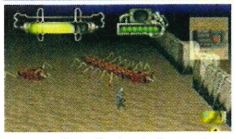
AVOID! A substandard arcade conversion that should never have been released. Boring, boring, boring. Avoid!

Starfighter 3000 4



AVOID! Another dull 3D shoot 'em- up which gives the genre nothing new, nothing interesting and nothing in the way of originality

Steel Harbinger 3



AVOID! Never lived up to its promise. Yet another dull futuristic blaster starring some psycho yank cyber babe with big hair

Steel Reign 5

RENT IT Disappointing tank blaster which can't hold its own against the dated but still top notch Shellshock. Shame really

Tempest X3 5

RENT IT Three games in one still doesn't give this the edge it needed. You get the original and two new 3D versions

Tigershark 3

AVOID! Truly awful nautical affair in which you hammer around blasting all and sundry. The only problem is it's terribly dull

Time Crisis 8

MUST BUY Undoubtedly the finest light-gun game around at the moment. There's more than a little frantic shooting to be done

Total Eclipse 3

AVOID! If the word naff was a game, then this would be it. It looks bad, plays even worse and will ultimately be forgotten by all

Tunnel B1 8

AVOID! Visually stunning Channel Tunnel simulator that moves hyper fast but is generally too complex to love

Twisted Metal 7

RENT IT The original PSX road rage game was a tad disappointing for many, but certain gamers love it to bits. Try it first

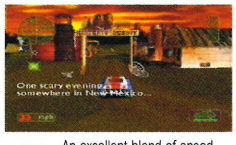
Twisted Metal 2 8

TRY B4 U BUY The much improved sequel to the carnage craving original that offers plenty of mayhem across the globe

Viewpoint 7

RENT IT Colourful and visually attractive shoot 'em- up. Tricky to play however, but has that old school arcade feel to it

Vigilante 8 8



MUST BUY An excellent blend of speed, bullets and no holds barred action. This is what Road Rage is all about, and we love it

Viper 7.5

RENT IT Fantastic looking shoot'em-up that retains the best qualities from the genre and injects new life into the looks department

X2 7

RENT IT Ultra difficult shoot 'em- up with more mayhem and weapons than most and a storming techno soundtrack too

Xevious 3D/G+ 2

AVOID! A pointless shoot 'em- up which is absolute dross and carries the worst name in video gaming history. It's shite

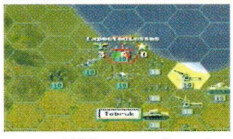
STRATEGY

Not so much 'put on and have a quick go', more like 'play the damn thing for weeks on end whilst destroying your social life' kinda games. Top fun though

AIV Evolution Global 8.5

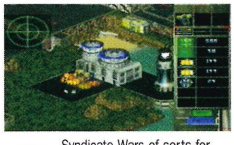
RENT IT Sim City-esque train network builder which may be boring as hell for most, but PC owners will cream over it

Allied General 4



AVOID! A bit like a game of computer Risk at the end of the day. Sorted if you like that kind of thing, We didn't

Bedlam 4



AVOID! Syndicate Wars of sorts for beginners. Oh, and for people who don't like games as good as Syndicate Wars too

Carnage Heart 7.5

TRY B4 U BUY Bizarre robot fighting goings on for a change. Robot fans should love every second of a good title

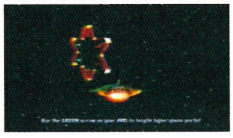
Command & Conquer 8

RENT IT The classic war strategy game. Still causing players major headaches and still worth every second of your time

C&C: Red Alert 8

MUST BUY The second installment of C&C is a huge improvement with more action and strategy than ever before

Darklight Conflict 5



AVOID! Strategy as well as a busy trigger finger will get you through this. Stir in some patience to boot and you'll be away

Dark Omen 7.5

TRY B4 U BUY A high standard of wargaming is achived by EA with their goblin basher. An acquired taste mind, be warned

Defcon 5 4

AVOID! 3D affair which lacks any kind of lasting appeal for new or experienced gamers alike. Be very careful indeed

Grand Theft Auto 8

MUST BUY Controversial game which endorses bad behaviour in cars. Hurrah for all concerned. Over 18s only though

Magic Carpet 7.5

TRY B4 U BUY Mystical carpet flying. A very strange strategy/ action game. One of Bullfrog's fine early moments in gaming

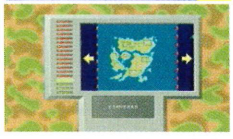
Monopoly 7

RENT IT It's everyone's favourite boardgame for passing the time away on long rainy days. Only it's on the PlayStation

Panzer General 5

AVOID! More computer Risk which involves plenty of strategic planning as you might expect from this kind of thing

Return Fire 8

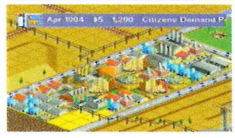


RENT IT Strategy and action are the key points to this strange game. Try before you buy just in case you hate it

Risk 7

RENT IT Another board game which you either love or hate. It involves killing numerous armies. Fun if you like that sort thing

Sim City 2000 7



TRY B4 U BUY The ultimate in megalomania. Play is a little jerky however but if you can put up with that then you're laughing

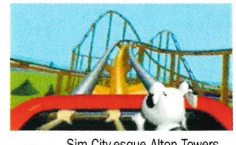
Space Hulk 7

RENT IT Strategy fest. Takes time to suss but is worth the effort as the rewards are great in the end. Stick with it for a bit

Syndicate Wars 8

TRY B4 U BUY The latest strategy release everybody is craving for. Top graphics and wonderful gameplay. Just buy it

Theme Park 7.5



TRY B4 U BUY Sim City-esque Alton Towers development kit. Watch out for people chucking up all over the show though

Theme Hospital 8.5

MUST BUY Those of you who loved Theme Park are gonna go crazy over this. So if you fancy it, go out and buy this today

Transport Tycoon 7

RENT IT — The best ever train'em-up to hit the Playstation. Build a successful infrastructure and win a fortune

Warcraft 2 8

TRY B4 U BUY — A Command & Conquer style affair. A bloody fantastic strategy game that you'll simply adore after two mins!

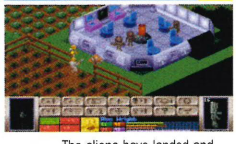
Warhammer 7

TRY B4 U BUY — Strategy in abundance in this one. Go to war with your hammer and leather those goblin scum to oblivion

Worms Platinum 8

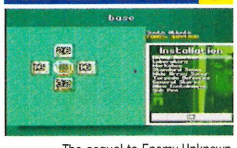
MUST BUY — The slimy blighters star in the best multi-player game available on any format in our opinion. Get your mates in

X-Com: Enemy Unknown 7.5



TRY B4 U BUY — The aliens have landed and need a damn good hiding in this strategy fest. Go get 'em tiger and send 'em home

X-Com: Terror From The Deep 8



TRY B4 U BUY — The sequel to Enemy Unknown which is, if anything an improvement. Best alien game to date

Xenocracy 4.5

AVOID! — This is basically a poor man's Colony Wars with really ropey graphics, sound and gameplay. It offers nothing worthwhile

SPORTS

Almost every sport going has been converted to the PSX, offering plenty of awesome two player competitive fun. Darts has unfortunately been overlooked

2Xtreme 3

AVOID! — Terrible, just terrible. Please don't ask me to come up with any other words or I'll be forced to say the word "shite" to you

Actua Golf 8

RENT IT — The original golf game had a few minor faults but still did the business for the sport on the PlayStation initiall

Actua Golf 2 8.5

TRY B4 U BUY — With the faults ironed out, the sequel is the best golf game available bar none. We challenge you to beat it!

Actua Ice Hockey 8

RENT IT — Another Actua release which keeps the standards at a usual high. Not the best, but well worth a butcher's

Actua Soccer Platinum 8

MUST BUY — The first classic footy game for the PlayStation has dated a little since its arrival. Still worth a peek though

Actua Soccer 2 8

MUST BUY — If you love your football, then you'll love this. If you despise football, you'll love this. It's that bloody fantastic

Actua Soccer: Club Edition 8

RENT IT — Not so much a sequel as the same game with league teams included. What more do you need Wolves fans?

Adidas Power Soccer 5

AVOID! — Predator shots ahoy in this bizarre footy fest with a high profile sporty gear licence. Sporty Spice here we come

Adidas Power Soccer '97 7

RENT IT — More of the same at the end of the day. Same boots, same game, same lack of Sporty Spice. Tsk!

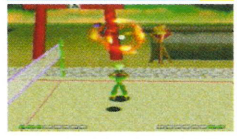
Adidas Power Soccer '98 4.5

AVOID! — The Power soccer brand goes from strength to strength with yet another crap soccer sim. Keep well away from this one!

All Star Soccer 5

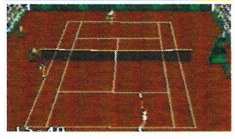
AVOID! — An average footy game which doesn't take itself too seriously. But it's hated by most people who play it

Beach Volley Hero's 7



TRY B4 U BUY — As yet the only volley ball title for the PSX, and well worth checking out. Originality and playability in one neat package

Break Point 5



AVOID! — Unimpressive tennis game. Sort of like watching a game on Wimbledon's Court 123 or something

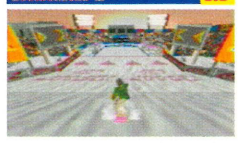
Chill 4

TRY B4 U BUY — Awful snowboarding cash-in from Eidos. Nice graphics but where did the gameplay get to Certainly not here

Cool Boarders 7

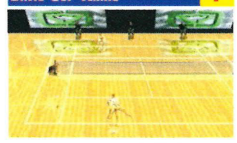
RENT IT — Ultra playable and ultra short snowboarding game. It's trendy to get rad but the game never really got there

Coolborders 2 8.5



MUST BUY — Improvement on the original offering more tracks, stunts and masses of adrenalin fuelled gameplay on a plank

Davis Cup Tennis 7



RENT IT — Average attempt at the ultimate tennis experience. One day the definitive tennis game will arrive here

Dead Ball Zone 8.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Futuristic football for those with savage intentions. Hits where it hurts for a nice break from the usual brand of sporting titles

ESPN Extreme Sports 5

AVOID! — BMX racing amongst others in a truly poor sports game. Extreme Crap would be nearer the mark we think

Everybody's Golf 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Wonderfully playable golf game that ditches photoOralism for playability in the Smash Court Tennis style

FIFA '96 Platinum 8

AVOID! — A tiresome, sluggish football game with limited appeal. Even the name is out of date now. Good planning

FIFA '97 8

RENT IT — Looking dated in comparison with RTWC. Average at just about everything. Footy fans should check the bargain bins

FIFA RTWC '98 8

MUST BUY — Leaves all other FIFA releases in the shade. Contains all Premier league teams from around the world. Awesome

Goal Storm 5

AVOID! — Renamed for its official release it's an acquired taste, especially if your taste is for below average footy games

ISS Deluxe 8

RENT IT — A pretty bland footy affair which could have been better. But wasn't. So avoid this footy game at all costs

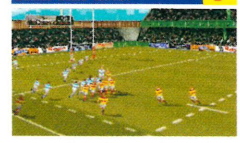
ISS Pro Platinum 7

RENT IT — Perhaps the most overated football game ever. Check out the N64 version for instance for how it should have been

Int. Track & Field Platinum 8

MUST BUY — This remains one of the most playable and addictive games available. Still an office favourite even now

Jonah Lomu Rugby 8



TRY B4 U BUY — One of the most impressive sports games ever. Playable, great looking and downright accurate. Get it now

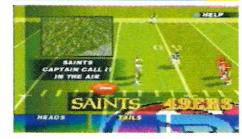
Kick Off '97 4

AVOID! — Tries a little too hard to be something special but ends up being as dull as they come. Should be better

Kick Off World 4.5

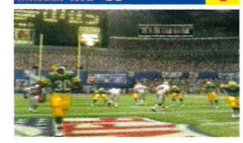
AVOID! — Lower league footy affair that illustrates just how far gaming has come in such a short time. Kick this into touch

Madden NFL '97 7



TRY B4 U BUY — Looking very dated, this has been bettered in just about every department by Madden '98. Get the sequel instead

Madden NFL '98 8



TRY B4 U BUY — As fantastic a game as there has been for this sport. Yet another update which goes from strength to strength

Nagano Winter Olympics 7.5

RENT IT — As eagerly awaited as the Olympics themselves. At least the real Olympics really wasn't as dull as this waster

Namco European Soccer 4

AVOID! — Unimpressive football sim and that's all you can say about it. Er, I've got some lines left...help me, please

Namco Smash Court Tennis 8

MUST BUY — The ultimate in tennis games to date is right here. You like tennis? Then you'll probably like this. Probably

NBA Fastbreak '98 7

TRY B4 U BUY — Gt Interactive look for some hang time with this offering. Looks the part but complicated gameplay lets it down a little

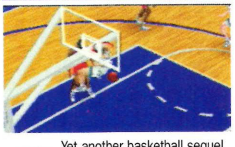
NBA Hangtime 7

RENT IT — Fine enough basketball game which is buried underneath a stack of better releases. Take a look below for the proof

NBA In The Zone 7.5

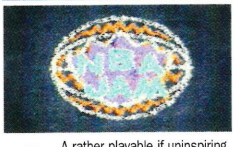
RENT IT — Good old basketball games, they're the best. Go to end, shoot, score repeat as necessary until completion

NBA In The Zone 2 8



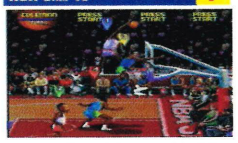
RENT IT — Yet another basketball sequel which is practically identical to the original and every other game of Basketball

NBA Jam Extreme 8



RENT IT — A rather playable if uninspiring basketball sim. At least tries to different and exciting. Almost makes it too

NBA Jam TE 7



RENT IT — More of the same with slight improvements. See above for basically the same blurb. It's basketball after all isn't it

NBA Live '96 7.5

RENT IT — It's difficult to distinguish one basketball game from another as we keep trying to tell you. Do you ever listen?

NBA Live '97 8

TRY B4 U BUY — Slight improvement on its predecessor. Pretty wicked in an American sport type way. Where are the girls again?

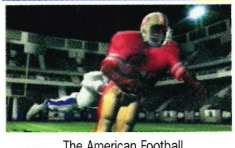
NBA Pro '98 5

RENT IT — Basketball games are usually pretty good, but this is a bland affair all round that offers the genre nothing new at all

NFL Gameday 7.5

RENT IT — American football game which actually rivals Madden. Doesn't beat it but rivals it which can't be bad eh?

NFL QB Club '96 7



RENT IT — The American Football bandwagon continues to bring average games like this along with it. Good eh?

NHL '97 7.5

RENT IT — Another average ice hockey game. What is it about American sports that inspire such samey games all the time?

NHL '98 9

MUST BUY — Yet another stunning release from EA Sport's stable. A contender for the best ice hockey game for your PlayStation

NHL Faceoff 8.5

TRY B4 U BUY — Fantastic ice hockey game that made a valliant effort to stand out from the crowd. Almost made it too

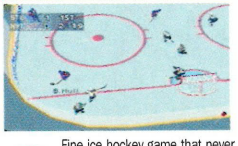
NHL Faceoff '97 8

AVOID! — This sequel was a real disappointment when you consider the quality of the original. Steer clear

NHL Faceoff '98 7

RENT IT — The third Faceoff release is a worthy sequel but to be honest, the original still has the best gameplay and playability

NHL Powerplay Hockey 7



RENT IT — Fine ice hockey game that never quite makes it to great heights but has a damn good try before falling flat after a fine attempt

NHL Powerplay '98 8.5

RENT IT — As with the original from Virgin it looks the part but never quite hits the heights of excellence acheived by it's competitors.

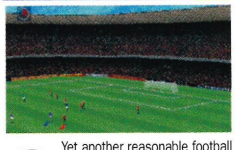
Olympic Games 4

AVOID! — Take part in your very own Olympics in this rather splendid release. Not Sydney but you can't have everything

Olympic Soccer 7

RENT IT — In short this has got just about the lot except for real player names. Top footy fest, but it's a little dated now

Onside Soccer 7



RENT IT — Yet another reasonable football game that gives it a go but loses in the last minute to a dodgy ref decision!

Open Ice 8

RENT IT — Yet another take on ice hockey which tries to gain all of the excitement of the sport and add some fun. It fails slightly

PGA Tour '96 7

RENT IT — Disappointing golf game which we'd expected a lot more of. Fun for a while but fades away quite quickly after that

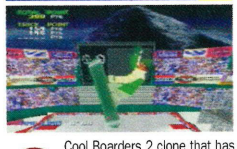
PGA Tour '97 Platinum 7

MUST BUY — The updated version still lacked the killer drive that we've come to expect from the likes of EA Sports games

PGA Tour Golf '98 8

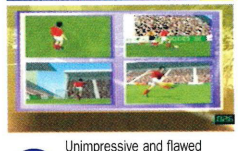
TRY B4 U BUY — Releasing an update as often as Paul has cheese and beetroot butties is pushing it a little, even if it is a treat

Phat Air 8



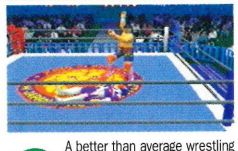
RENT IT — Cool Boarders 2 clone that has some nice touches but ultimately fails to impress the judges. Big Air with little else

Player Manager 5



AVOID! — Unimpressive and flawed attempt at footie management. Buy Premier Manager '98 instead of this

Power Move Pro Wrestling 7.5

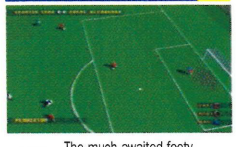


TRY B4 U BUY — A better than average wrestling fest which isn't saying that much really is it. Ah well. Can't have it all

Power Soccer 2 7

RENT IT — An improvement on Adidas from Psygnosis but with Actua Soccer 2 in the vicinity it won't fare too well unfortunately

Premier Manager '98 8.5



TRY B4 U BUY — The much awaited footy management sim doesn't disappoint. Destined to keep many fans happy

Sampras Ext. Tennis 7

RENT IT — Second only to Smash Court Tennis with a big name licence to boot. Good stuff all round. You'll like it, trust us. Oh yes

Slam 'n' Jam '96 7

RENT IT — Another fine attempt to bring basketball onto the PlayStation. Not that different from the others though really

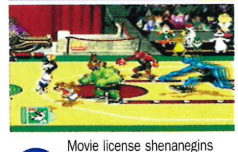
Snow Racer '98 8.5

TRY B4 U BUY — The fastest mountain racer on the PlayStation. Infogrames have surprised us all with the quality of this

Soccer '97 8

MUST BUY — Updated version of Olympic Soccer with league teams. A fine moment for football games on the machine. Go for it

Space Jam 3

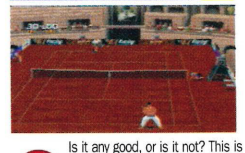


AVOID! — Movie license shenanegins which combine basketball and cartoons. Absolute crap in every sense! Avoid, avoid

Striker '96 5

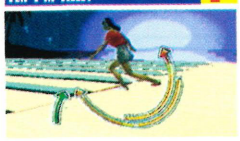
AVOID! — The first football game to impress. Dated by todays standards. A bit repetitive too. Let's be careful out there

Tennis Arena 7.5



RENT IT — Is it any good, or is it not? This is the argument which has been raging for weeks now. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder indeed

Ten Pin Alley 2



AVOID! Bowling from your armchair doesn't sound like much fun. And it isn't. At all. In any way shape or form. Honestly

Three Lions 7

TRY B4 U BUY This plays a little differently to most, but is still instantly forgettable despite the official licence. Nothing to roar about

Total NBA '96 7.5

RENT IT Perhaps basketball's finest moment until its sequel. This is now a little redundant thanks to the '97 update

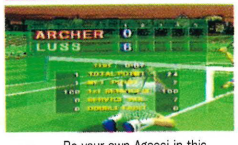
Total NBA '97 8

TRY B4 U BUY Taking the original one step further. An absolute slam dunker. If that's what you like of course! Each to their own

Total NBA '98 8

RENT IT This can't quite match the cool of the earlier games in the series but is still a fine hoop shooting fest none-the-less

V Tennis 3

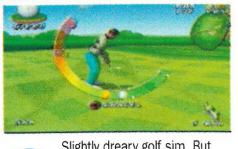


AVOID! Be your own Agassi in this substandard tennis affair. I suppose it would be your own V Agassi as well. Hmm.

Victory Boxing 7.5

RENT IT More than a beat 'em- up this actually requires you to build up your boxer to take on the big time pros

Virtual Golf 4



AVOID! Slightly dreary golf sim. But then, show me a golf sim that isn't and I'll call you a big smelly liar. I'll do that anyway

Virtual Pool 5

RENT IT The only true pool simulator available. It's not much cop though but you can't have everything all the time

VMX Racing 2.5

AVOID! Dirt Bikes on dirt tracks makes for a dirt game. Do yourself a favour and stay well away from this composting pile

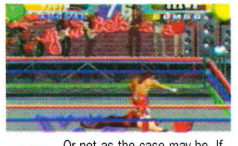
VR Baseball 7.5

RENT IT Home Run Derby and stunning graphics are the recommendation points to this bat and ball game

WCW vs the World 7.5

RENT IT You know what to expect when you play these things. This is better than most but does that tell the full story?

WWF In Your House 4



AVOID! Or not as the case may be. If so, then Get out before I call the police you freak! Or is it the World Wildlife Fund IYH?

WWF Wrestlemania 7

RENT IT More of the same only slightly better than most in a fiddly button type way. Try before you buy is the deal here

World Cup '98 8

TRY B4 U BUY EA's RTWC upgrade offers a couple of new moves but, sadly, they can't compensate for RTWC's overall superiority

World Cup Golf 4

AVOID! Totally dreadful golfing game. Went back from whence it came which stank a bit. Sort it out lads and don't do it again

World League Soccer 8

MUST BUY The house that brought us Lara Croft has applied its sultry touch to the soccer pitch to produce a fine footy game

MISC

Those games that don't seem to sit in any particular genre wind up being dumped in our miscellaneous section. Why? Because they do. Okay?

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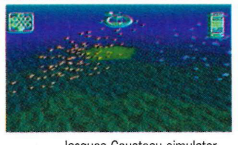


AVOID! Jacques Cousteau simulator. Build reefs and speak to fish. Great if you like the worst game of all time!

Ball Blazer Champions 5

AVOID! 3D futuristic sports contest which isn't much cop if we're being honest with each other. And we are

Chessmaster 3D 3

AVOID! A shabby affair which will never compete with the real thing for grand excitement and tension (is that too sarcastic?)

Courier Crisis 3

AVOID! The main crisis here is that there's no interest involved. Almost the worst game ever. And that's going some

Bomberman World 8

TRY B4 U BUY The little Japanese bomb chucking hero is back for more explosive multi player action in yet another bomberman sequel

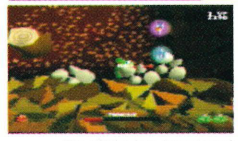
Die Hard Trilogy Platinum 8

MUST BUY Thrills and spills from start to finish in this varied movie caper. A great game well worth your axttention and cash

Extreme Pinball 2

AVOID! Flipping heck, this is dreadful pinball nonsense of the worst kind. Snap your disc up, or something

Frogger 7.5



TRY B4 U BUY The eighties hero has returned in a totally revamped release which surpassed all expectations. Cute and cuddly

Mr. Domino 7

TRY B4 U BUY An enjoyably frustrating game which recreates the pleasures of stacking up dominoes just to knock 'em all down again

Overboard 4

AVOID! A bold attempt at something a little different. It just doesn't quite reach the mark. Fun in short bursts or multi-player

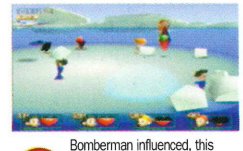
Pitball 8

RENT IT Futuristic sports game which is actually rather good in a rather futuristic sports game type way. Honest! Believe us please

Parappa the Rapper 8

MUST BUY The most original game on the PlayStation to date. You've never seen anything like this before – beeatch!

Poy Poy 8



RENT IT Bomberman influenced, this provides hilarious multi-player fun as you and your pals throw stones at each other

Pro Pinball: The Web 8

RENT IT A fantastic pinball sim that will have your flippers flipping until the cows come home. Whenever that is these days

Pro Pinball: Timeshock 7.5

TRY B4 U BUY As a pinball game, it does the job, as a addition to your collection perhaps you should check it out before paying cash

Rampage World Tour 3

AVOID! Another hot contender for worst conversion ever. Smash buildings and then smash some more. Pretty poor

Rebel Assault 2 8

AVOID! Looks like a dream but can be completed in the time it takes to fart. Depends how much curry you've had I guess

Riot 4

AVOID! Drab futuristic sports game. Has no lasting appeal or even short term appeal for that matter. Avoid at all costs

Rosco McQueen 7

RENT IT Firefighting in the Towering Inferno whilst battling a range of robots in this enjoyable d ousing fest from Sony

Spice World 5.5

TRY B4 U BUY Fun for alco-pop boppers of the Spice Girls persuasion, but everyone else should leave this alone or die laughing, literally

Tilt! 8

TRY B4 U BUY Surprisingly enjoyable pinball game which in itself is unusual. Good clean fun for all the family and their family too

True Pinball Platinum 8

TRY B4 U BUY Another in the long line of pinball games. Better than most, but that's not saying that much though really

PRO CHARTS

Premier Manager '98 rockets onto the PlayStation this month and takes the No.1 spot from the mighty Gran Turismo, whilst a reduced Three Lions sneaks back into the top five. Heart Of Darkness and Dead Or Alive are also new entries but have yet to break into the top ten

1	NEW	Premier Manager '98
2	▼	Gran Turismo
3	▼	World Cup 98
4	▲	Three Lions
5	▼	Spice World
6	▼	Resident Evil 2
7	▼	Tomb Raider
8	–	Crash Bandicoot
9	▼	Die Hard Trilogy
10	▼	Tekken 2
11	NEW	Dead Or Alive
12	▼	Micro Machines V3
13	▲	FIA Formula One
14	NEW	Heart Of Darkness
15	▲	Croc: Legend Of The Gobbos
16	▲	Tomb Raider 2
17	▼	Rayman
18	▼	International Superstar Soccer Pro
19	▼	Men In Black
20	▼	Worms
21	▲	Road Rash 3D
22	NEW	Tommi Makinen Rally
23	▼	Grand Theft Auto
24	▼	Alundra
25	NEW	Vigilante 8
26	▼	Soviet Strike
27	▼	V-Rally
28	–	Mortal Kombat Trilogy
29	▼	G-Police
30	▼	Pandemonium
31	▼	Casper
32	▼	World League Soccer
33	▼	Porsche Challenge
34	▼	Everybody's Golf
35	▲	Theme Park
36	▲	Oddworld: Abe's Oddysee
37	▼	Alien Trilogy
38	▲	Formula One '97
39	▲	Bust-A-Move 2
40	▲	International Track & Field

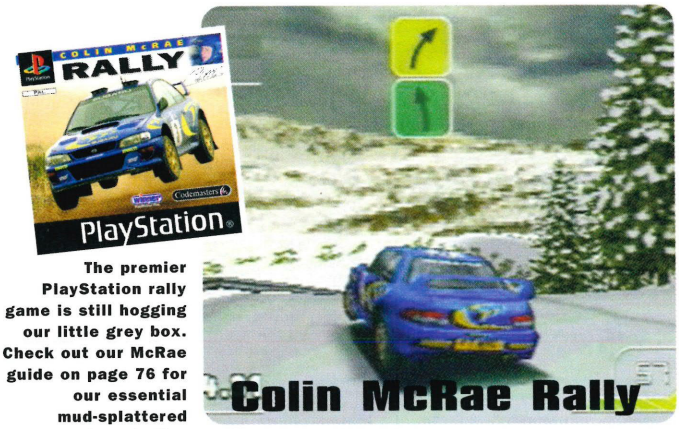
The official PlayStation Top 40 was brought to you by the informative fellas at...

ChartTrack

PRO Playmates

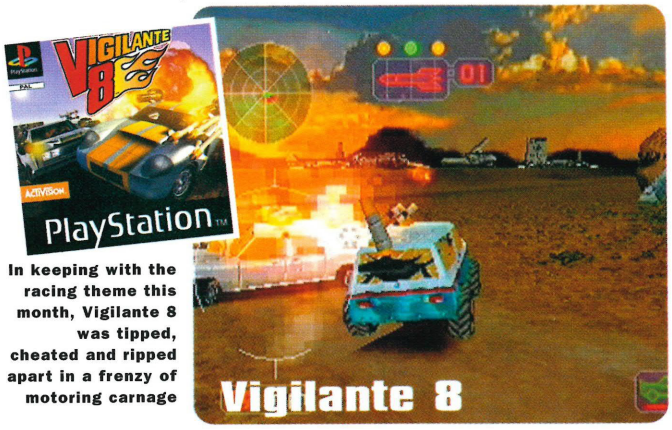
Find out what we're still playing after all this time with a brief listing of our three fave games from the past few months

The PlayStation Pro office is swamped in software each and every month. Yet despite having an interactive banquet at our fingertips, we only continue fiddling about with a handful of games after all the hard work has been done. Below we've rounded up our three most-played office titles of the month just gone, giving you an insight into which newish releases offer something extraordinary, exciting and enjoyable, coupled with a sizeable longevity factor. Check 'em out



The premier PlayStation rally game is still hogging our little grey box. Check out our McRae guide on page 76 for our essential mud-splattered player's tips

In an attempt to wring more tips out of Gran Turismo, the whole team played it to death. And we loved every minute of it



In keeping with the racing theme this month, Vigilante 8 was tipped, cheated and ripped apart in a frenzy of motoring carnage

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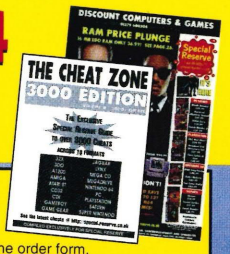

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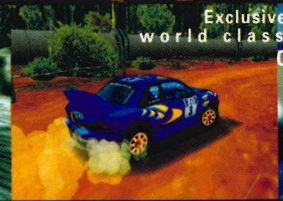

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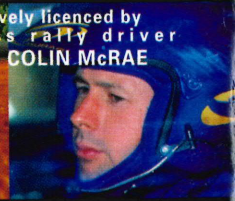

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