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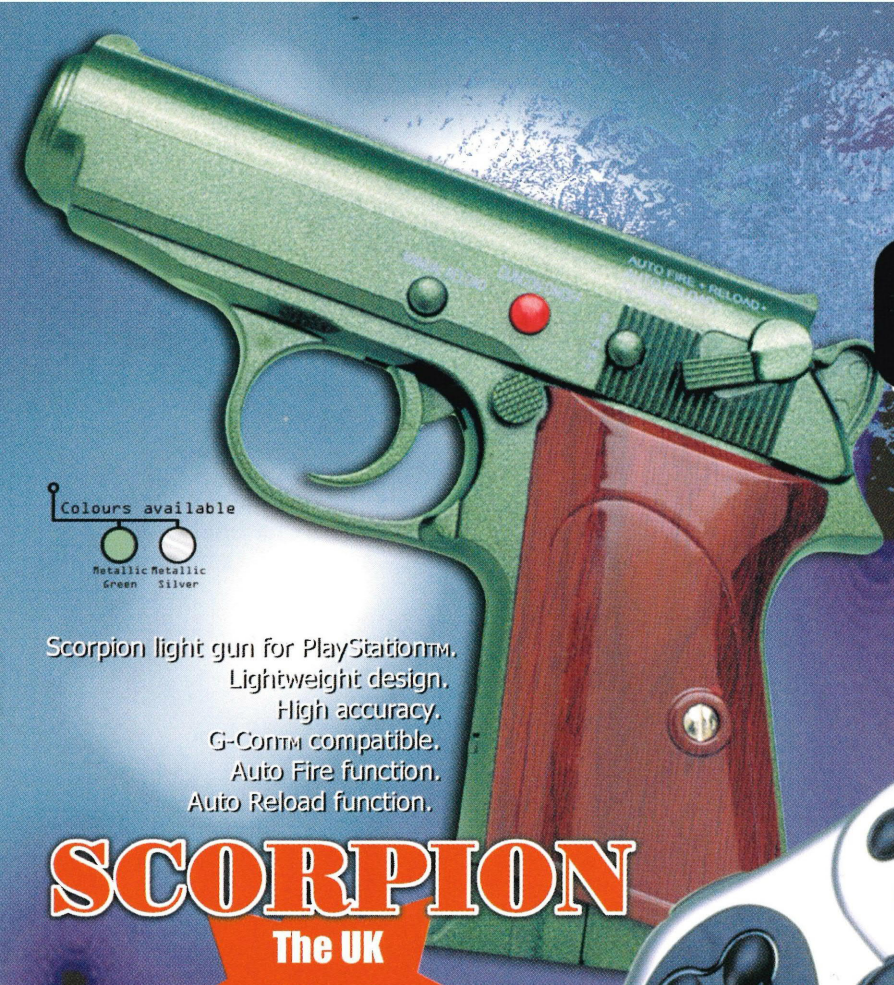
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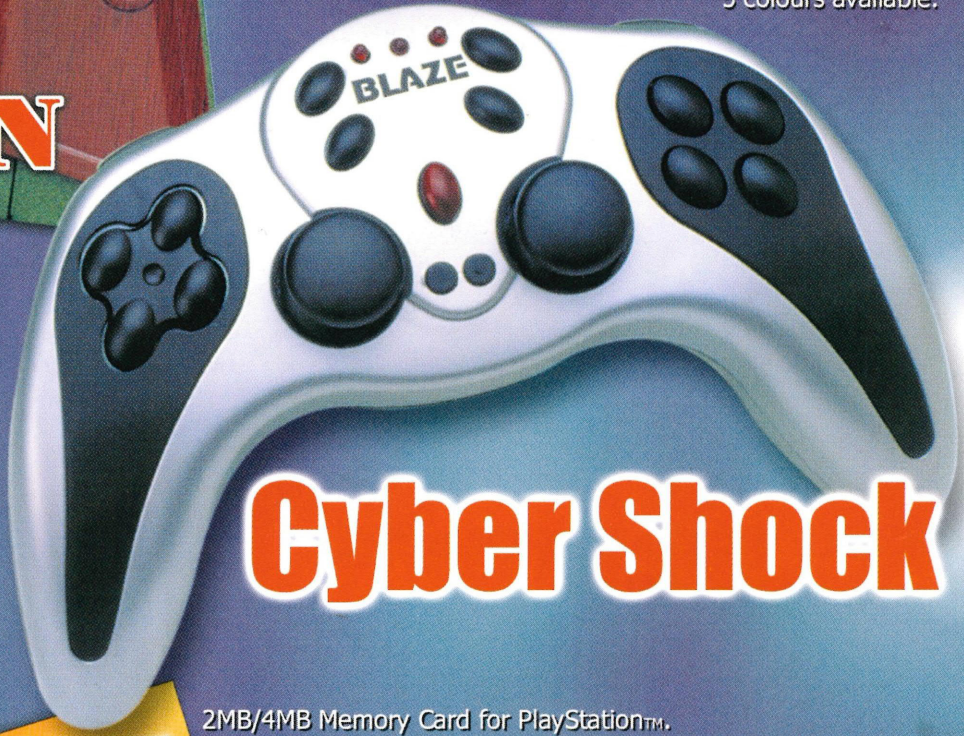
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Well I'm still here, so I guess I must be doing something right. Things have been really busy in the office of late as PlayStation gears up for a second Christmas of domination over the Nintendo 64. This time last year people were saying it was going to be Sony's last big Christmas because 1998 would see the N64 emerge from it's stupor. Well, maybe it has a bit, but it certainly hasn't gained much, if indeed any ground on the PlayStation. Only this week we learned that world-wide sales of Gran Turismo have shot past five million copies, so there are some fat cats raking it in somewhere.

As for this issue of Pro, we've got 132 pages jam-packed with the latest reviews and previews as well as a driving games book and a spectacular offer for Tomb Raider fans. We've also got the REAL first review of Actua Soccer 3, despite what you may have seen elsewhere. I suppose the moral of the story is that you just can't trust what some games animals have to say. Anyway, we loved it and we're sure you will too.

One of my favourite games of all time also came into the office in its updated form. Yes, NHL '99 is here and it's so good we had to take it down to the home of the Manchester Storm ice hockey team to get it reviewed by a bunch of Canadians with no teeth. Find out what the real hockey stars think of it on page 72.

This time next month it'll be time to wish you all Happy Christmas, so let me warn you now that we've got a bloody special Christmas pressie lined up that you're all going to fall in love with, as well as some interviews with some rather special guests.

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Enjoy this issue and don't forget to write to me with any comments or ideas. Cheers



Chicken Editor

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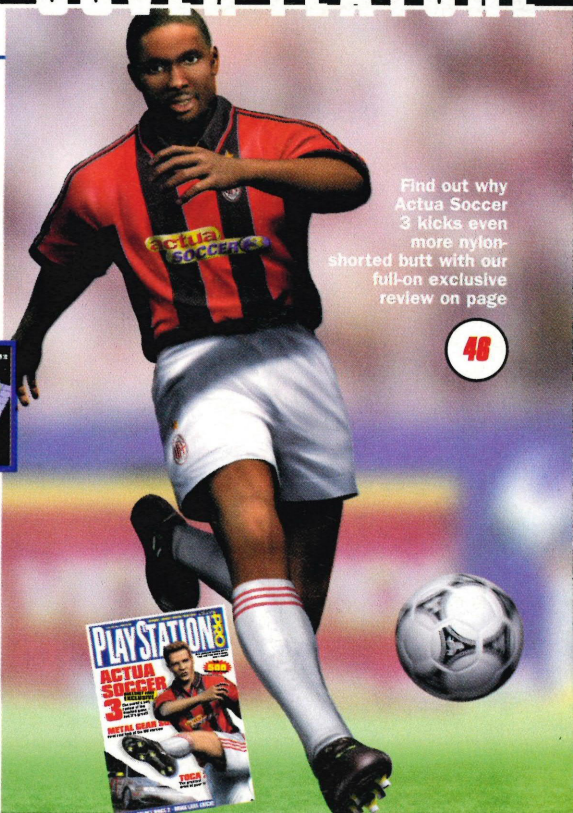
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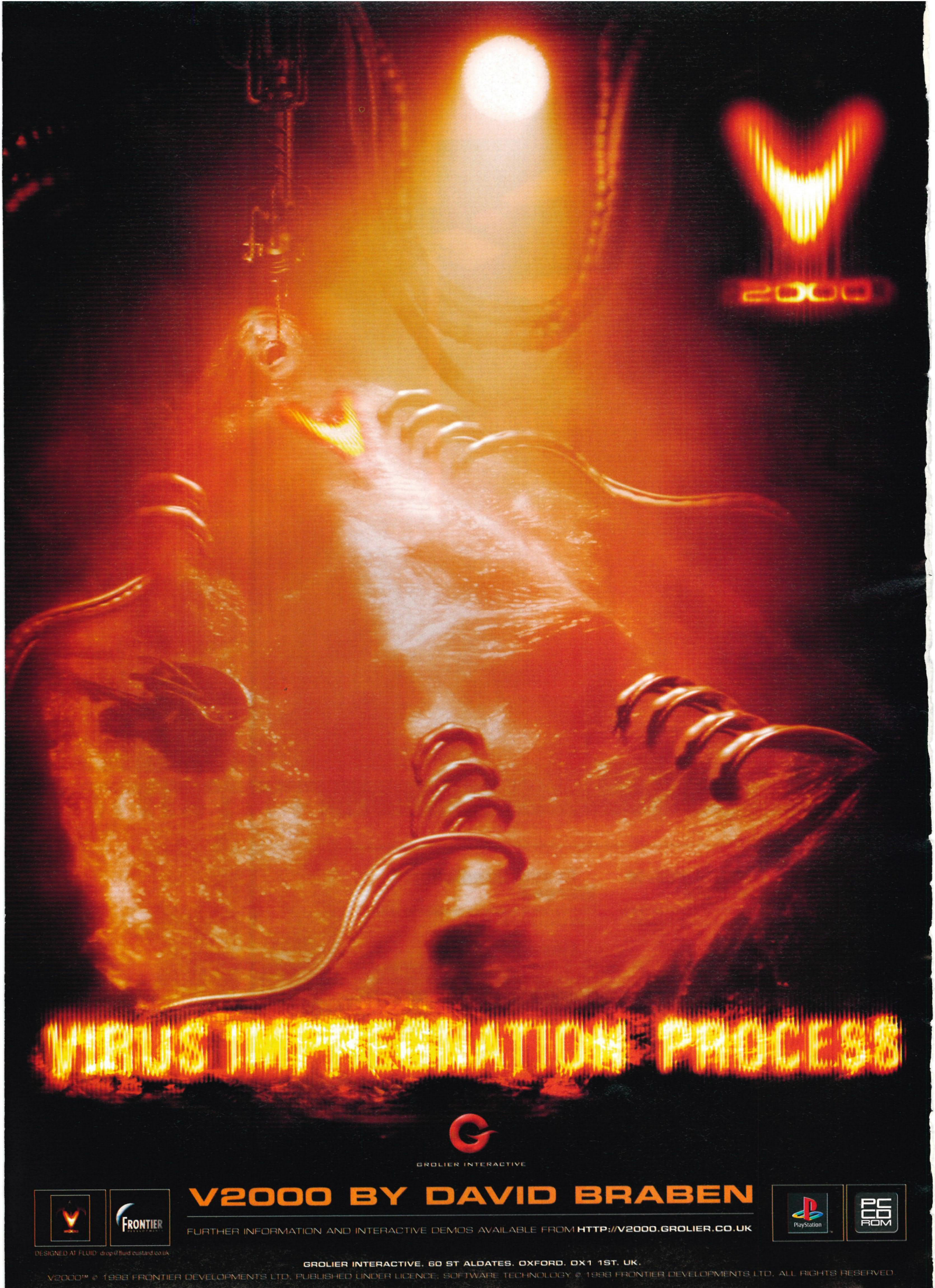
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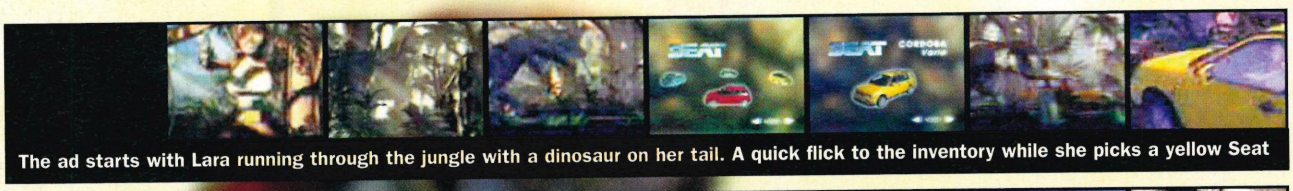
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Lara's Small Screen Appearance

If you've been to France over the past few weeks you may have seen the delectable Miss Croft starring in her own television commercial for Spanish car company Seat. In our exclusive news story you can see some of the scrapes she gets herself into, and then out of, using a number of Seat cars. The ad shows Lara in her FMV glory being chased by dinosaurs and terrorists before the screen flicks to a Lara's inventory style screen where she chooses a new model to make her escape.

The advertising shows just how mainstream the character has become for a company like Seat to risk using a videogame character to promote their product.

So do not, as they say, underestimate the power of PlayStation.



The ad starts with Lara running through the jungle with a dinosaur on her tail. A quick flick to the inventory while she picks a yellow Seat



Hurtling down the road Lara comes across some water so has to leap out of the spacious boot with her jetski to make her escape



For some unknown reason (we don't speak French) Lara is now being chased by blokes. She needs that sporty little red number now



Having escaped the bad guys clutches Lara gets picked up by a load of beach boys in her new people carrier. The brazen hussy

HOLLYWOOD EXODDUS

The line between cinema and videogames is getting thinner by the day. With blockbuster adaptations of Tomb Raider and Duke Nukem infesting the Hollywood grapevine like a bad dose of greenfly, and the Street Fighter, Mario Brothers and Mortal Kombat games getting the big screen treatment, it seems that the world of games may take over our multiplexes as well as our homes. A new development in the games/cinema crossover is Oddworld Inhabitants' (the creators of the Oddworld games, believe it or not) decision to enter Abe's Exoddus for an Oscar.

Oddworld: Abe's Exoddus The Movie will be entered in the 'Animated Short' category of the Oscars and will feature the story in the game, which should be on the shelves by the time you read this. Oddworld's producer Sherry McKenna has extensive experience in the production of computer generated images for films, commercials and theme parks.

Sherry said "We utilise a movie production model in developing our games – to include scripts, storyboards, sketches, paintings and character sculptures – and have created a 'Digital Backlot', essentially a library of high-resolution assets that is easily adapted for feature films."



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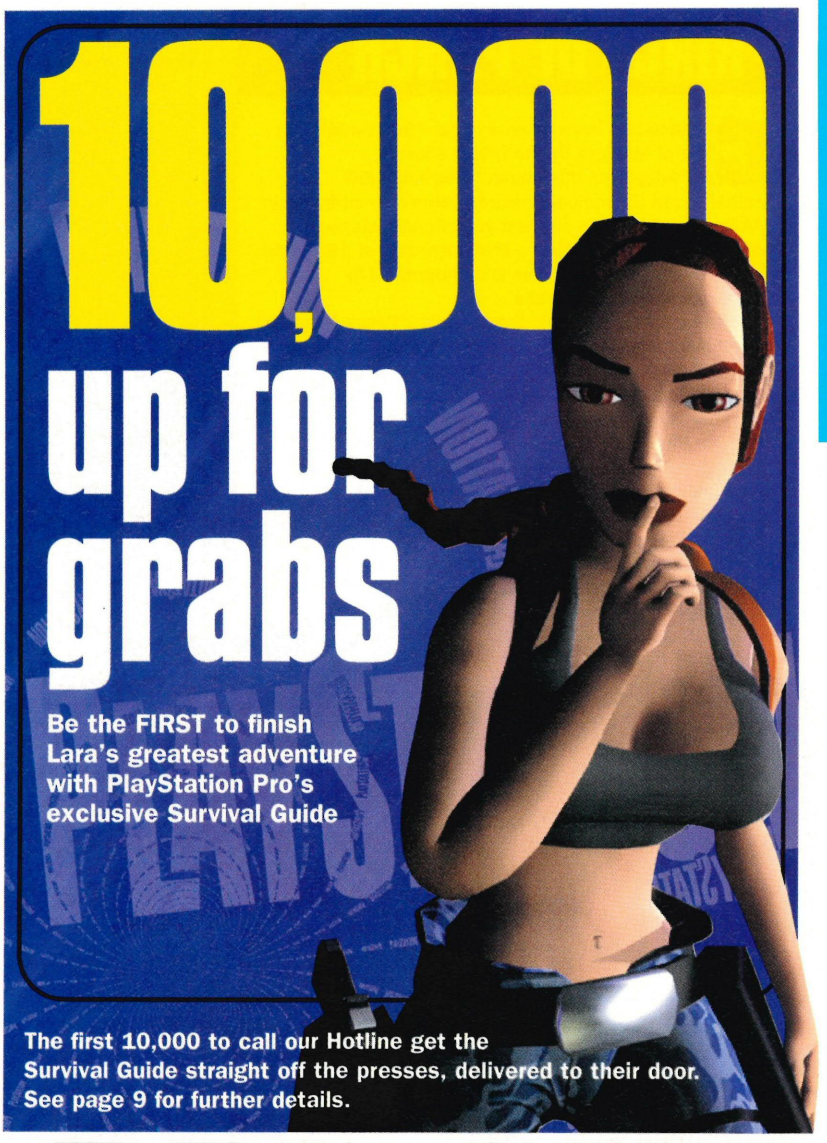
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The Live '98 Show in Crawley this October saw the unveiling of Sony's latest promotional venture. The MovieRide simulator will be used to showcase PlayStation games in full 3D effect. Computer animations and special effects have been combined with actual footage from new releases. The five-minute programme was then 'motion-programmed' to give a totally immersive experience of the new games.

Cool Boarders 2, Bushido Blade and Gran Turismo are currently on the programme, though this will be updated regularly. You can catch the MovieRide simulator at key public events and trade shows across Great Britain.



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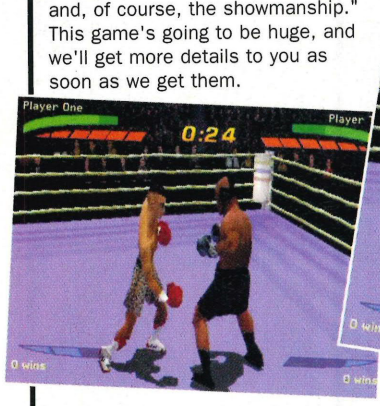
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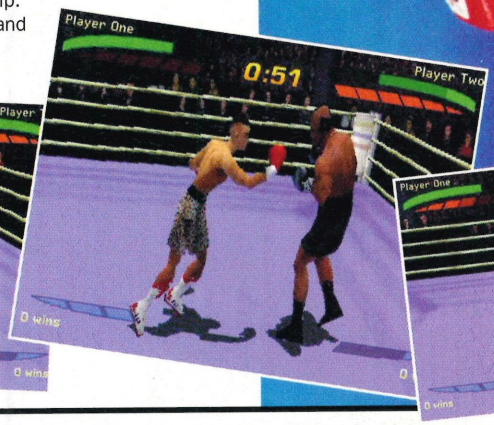
Codemasters have taken another step towards the title of Masters Of The Finest Sporting Extravaganzas this month by signing WBO Featherweight Champion, Prince Naseem Hamed for their AAA boxing game, due out next year. Prince Naseem Boxing will be the publisher's first major title of 1999 and is likely to feature all the skill and showmanship associated with the little fella.

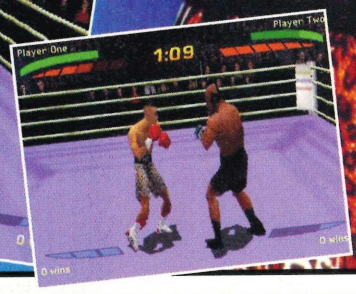
Codemasters' marketing director said, "Prince Naseem is, without doubt, the real star of the current boxing world and the deal provides Codemasters' boxing game with a highly effective focus and a dynamic positioning; he's loud, supremely skilled and an absolute champion – in 30 fights he's won the lot."

Naz' comment on the game, "I wanted to have my own game and there has been no shortage of offers. But I wanted to do more than just give my name and Codemasters have really involved me in the whole project. Reflecting everything I stand for: the power, the energy and, of course, the showmanship."

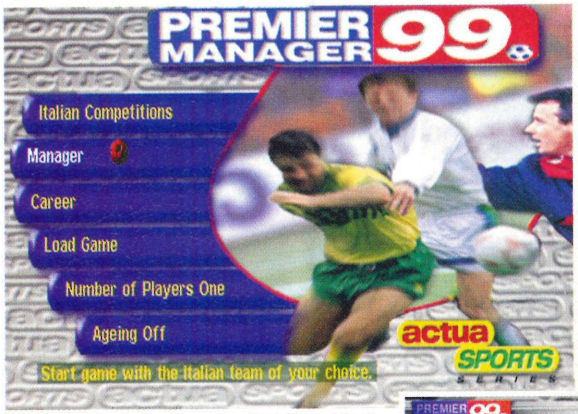
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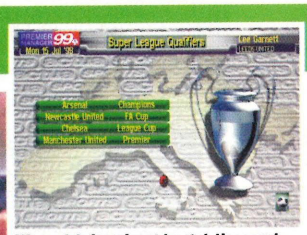


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Premier Manager '99 will be packed to the hilt with upgraded features and spanking new characteristics. Gremlin Interactive promise to include the whole Italian league in the new version, together with an array of new tactics and an improved player AI. The English leagues will include fully upgraded data and visuals, with options to earmark players for specific roles on the pitch and customisable team strips and club badges.

An improved finances section will allow stadium capacities to be increased, so extra tiers can be added to fill the corners in. All the English competitions will be included, with three main tournaments from the Azzuri League Championship, Copa Italia and the Super League added, and a specially created Anglo/Italian Cup complete with a fully comprehensive Italian League database will allow transfer activity between the two leagues. If you understand any of this, you'll be pleased to know we'll have more info on this baby as soon as it comes in.

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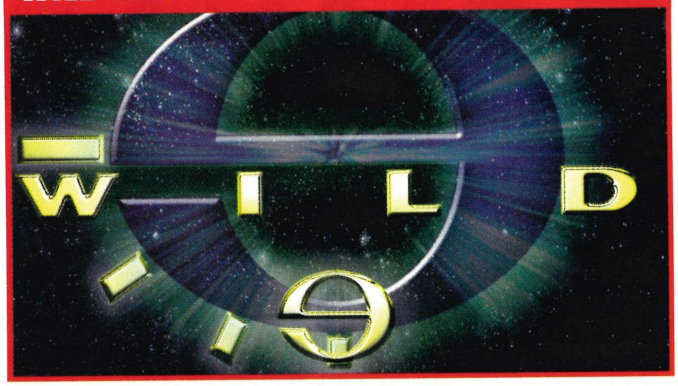
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WILD DISAPPOINTMENT



The bizarre torture-based release from Interplay, Wild 9, has been criticised over its chart performance. The 3D platform game, developed by reliable merchants of mayhem Shiny Entertainment, has gathered positive praise from reviewers (your trusty Pro gave it 8 1/2 out of 10, which isn't to be sniffed at) but doesn't seem to have won over the power of the mighty public.

A £1 million marketing campaign (which included a nationwide TV campaign, cinema advertising and a Wild 9 torture telephone line), failed to convince the masses of the quality of Wild 9 resulting in its failure to even make a mark on the All Formats chart. Its appearance at number 21 on the console chart will also be a surprise to everyone who thought Wild 9 would be a winner.

CHIPS WITH EVERYTHING



Have you ever had your PlayStation chipped to run import games, only to find that your machine has been buggered beyond belief or, in the heat of gaming, exploded into a million pieces? (A slight exaggeration, but you get my drift). If this has ever happened to you, the BBC would like to know about it, as it's one topic that's planned for young person's consumer programme 'Short Change,' due to be aired in January. If you can help in any way, call Stuart Gunn on 0181 225 9045, and they'd be mighty grateful to hear your tales of woe.

LARA LAUNCHED

The glittering glamour of the software industry came together in October for the official launch of Tomb Raider III, held at the National History Museum. Lara model Nell McAndrew was there in all her tight lycra glory as was 80s megstar chat-show host Jonathon Ross. The bar was free and the setting was under the bones of a huge dinosaur, so you could say it was ever so slightly surreal.

Ross did his stuff for half an hour and it was over as quickly as it began, with people milling around getting steadily drunk. The hype bandwagon continues to roll on relentlessly as Eidos continue to pump money into their brand. We'll be reviewing Tomb Raider III in our next issue, so we'll let you know whether it lives up to it or not.



The National History Museum was the scene of the launch

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COPYCAT KILLERS

The big kahunas at Sony have reached boiling point regarding their ever-escalating battle with the copycats. They recently dealt out writs on another two peripheral manufacturers after fighting several companies in the courts. Joytech Europe and Fire International have now been accused of infringing copyright on Sony's classically designed PlayStation controllers.

Sony have recently reduced the price of their peripherals in an apparent attempt to discourage accessory firms from producing their own versions. This followed the introduction of budget copies of Sony's products into the market. From then on, the flood gates were open for almost identical products to be introduced.



NORTHERN UPROAR

A shock move my Cream of the North game designers Psygnosis has recently sent ripples through the videogame industry. The closure of their Manchester office together with the redundancies of 75 employees and the departure of its director of development, is expected to cause major upsets in PlayStation game releases.

Psygnosis currently have several major titles up for release, including hot-shot space epic Colony Wars: Vengeance, ultra hip hoverboard extravaganza Psybadek and popular racing sequel F1 '98. The company's replies to concerns, however, suggest that future releases are safe from disruption, with Psygnosis' Liverpool office focussing development resources "primarily" on PlayStation titles.



Or Die Trying sums up Psygnosis's recent struggles, but things are looking up

Let The Games Begin

PlayStation fever gripped the country last month as thousands of avid gamesters battled it out for the prestigious title of UK PlayStation Champion '98 and the top prize of a £6,000 Tekken 3 arcade machine. Entrants swamped 67 Game stores in the UK for the initial local heats, held over two weeks. 10 regional heats eventually produced the 10 finalists who, as we went to press, were lining up for the ultimate challenge in London.

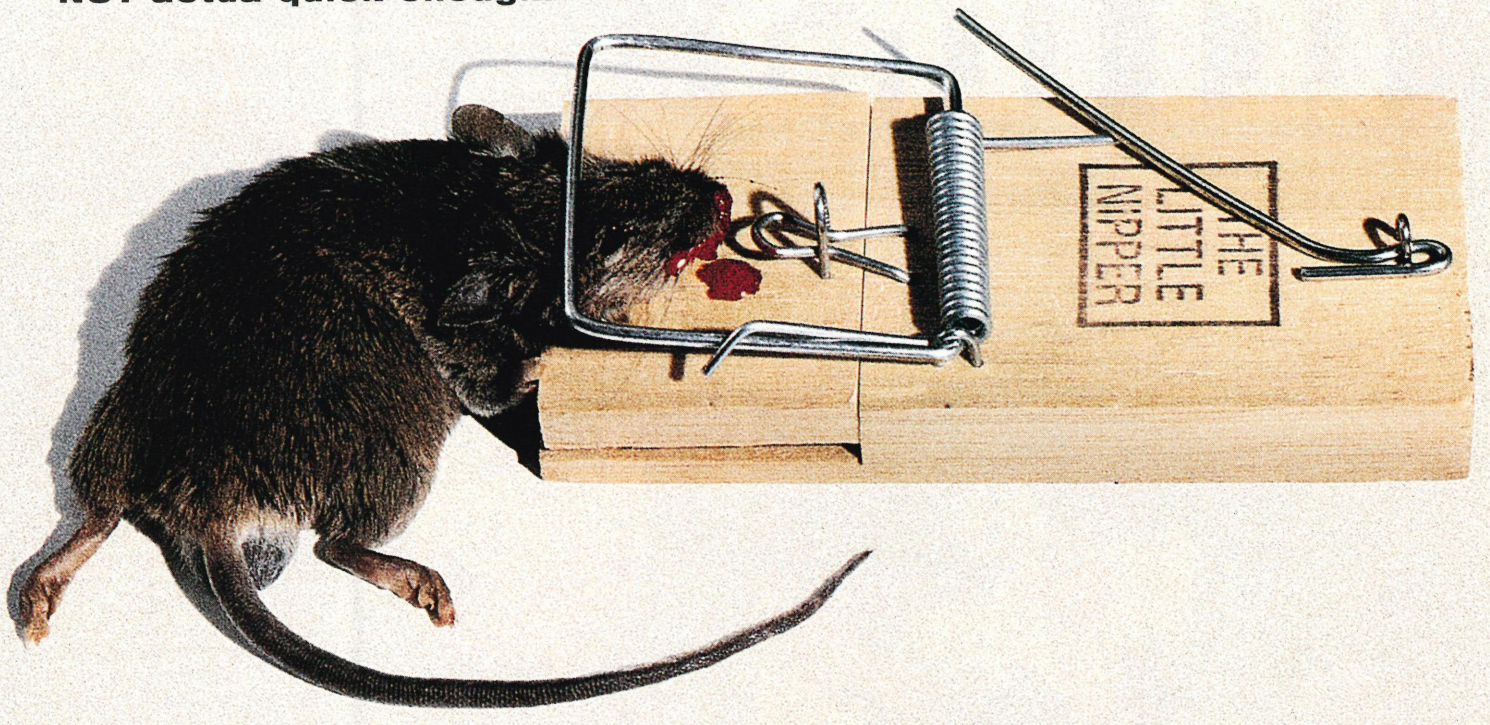
The UK PlayStation Games Championship – sponsored by PlayStation Pro in conjunction with its sister title PlayStation Zone, Game, Sony and Datel really caught the national imagination. Entrants had to choose a character from Tekken 3 and take on three other characters, selected at random by computer. After the third "kill" the player's time was recorded to within one hundredth of a second. "The PlayStation Championship has really caught on," said Grant Hughes, Game Marketing Manager. "There was terrific excitement and our stores were buzzing."

One gamester had waited for the Game store to open in Romford for the first local heat and immediately clocked 23 seconds, remaining unbeaten for the day despite more than 100 other entries. But in Plymouth one frustrated competitor gave up, still waiting to make a final kill after four minutes.

To find out who takes the title – and the Tekken machine – get next month's PlayStation Pro.



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PRO LETTERS



It's time for your letters again. Three more pages of your views and questions, all printed here for posterity and answered by Chicken, to the best of his ability. If you have anything you'd like to say, just send it in and we'll stick the best ones in the mag.

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



ODIOUS ODE

I've just enjoyed reading your November issue of PlayStation Pro, absolutely brilliant, keep up the good work. I've included a little poem about your letters page, which you may find interesting.

Your letters page gives me the giggles every month and I think an anthology of reader's letters over the past five issues would be a laugh. Obviously you won't print it (don't bet on it – Ed) but I do hope you enjoy the intended quips.

ODD ODE (PRO LETTERS HYPE)
Let's start with Pat Kelly, who loves women galore,
Unlike the "Boring Old Fart", he'd rather train spot or fish,
Not get Vicky Lee on all fours,
*Then there's "Dirty David", you dirty little tw*t,*
Kathy Lloyd " all naked", we'd all enjoy that,
Moving on swiftly... we'll give Simon Murphy some grief,
Who fiddles with his PlayStation, instead of his wife, for relief,
And then there's the "Moaners", like Eleanor Savage,
She hates sexist dribble, to the extent of feminine sits,
But us "Macho" gamers just don't give a shit,
We just want to see more tits,
To be fair to Caroline Needham and other Duchovny fans,
We'll have to wait for the game,
Maybe there's a cheat to enable you to drop his pants!,
Then there's the "Haggis Artist" who's sketches never made print,
Maybe they were crap mate, can't you take a bloody hint,
Alas there's that "Stinky Nightie" or just "Boring Jennifer for short,
Who's disgusted with "Sad men and Porn" and is definitely not a PlayStation Pro sport!

The Poison Poet, Heckmondwike

PRO Wow, it seems we've unearthed a genuine talent here folks! Impressive prize-winning stuff that Poet me old mate. If anybody else wants to send pictures, poems or other filth in, please feel free to do so. On another note, are the girls who started this debate still actually reading? Jennifer are you out there? Write in!

MATTER OF TIME

I think this is a great mag, but why do the reviews take so long to come in? I mean, take issue 25 for example. In different mags, I've seen both WWF Warzone and Tekken 3 reviewed in August. And I've seen ISS Pro '98 get reviewed in September. Don't get me wrong, I think this is a great mag, I just wondered why they took so long to get in? Is it because it isn't official? Because I think the above mentioned games were all reviewed in official mags.

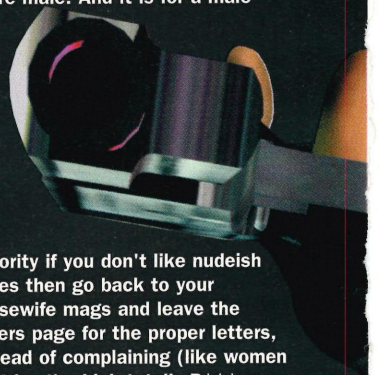
Tom Coleman, Derbyshire

PRO Er, not sure what you mean Tom. We're usually pretty spot on with our reviews and well ahead of several of our rivals. Sometimes a company will give an exclusive to a certain magazine for one reason or another and the Official mag is obviously going to have access to Sony products before the rest of us, but personally I reckon we do well with our timing.

We basically review stuff as soon as we can and we're sure we have a finished copy of the game in our grubby hands. It's not unheard of for others to review unfinished or even import (take Metal Gear Solid for example) copies of a game in a bid to get the first review. We can't see the point in that though, at least you know if we're reviewing a game it's what you'll actually end up playing if you buy it.

NINETIES' MAN

Why the hell do people write crappy letters? So what, we love TITS we're male! And it is for a male



majority if you don't like nudeish ladies then go back to your housewife mags and leave the letters page for the proper letters, instead of complaining (like women do it best) which totally P***es me off!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anon, email

PRO Why do people write crappy letters? You tell me. Surely this would be Exhibit A m'Lord? Just as a matter of interest, if we put a picture of a scantily clad bloke in the mag, would you still be as "reasonable"? As for women complaining, er well, you've got a point there!

ANNOYING QUESTIONS

I was just writing to ask four questions:

1) What is 'Populous The 3rd Coming' all about?
2) When the hell is it being released?
3) Will it be any good and worth getting?
4) Will there be a South Park game



BIZARRE BEHAVIOUR

This photograph was taken on an 18th birthday night out. It got boring so we put cones on our heads.

Philip Bligh Tadworth

PRO *Er, okay.*

and if so will it be any good, and what genre will it take?
PS the mag is great.

Paul Fisher, email

PRO *Thanks for the compliment Paul. Unfortunately, your letter falls into the bracket of being the worst kind that we get to answer here. There's nothing like a list of questions to guarantee frustrating us. To that end, this is the last list letter you'll be seeing in these pages, but seeing as you're here, we may as well go through them.*
1) It's a PC game, but it's basically Populous 3. If you don't remember the first two, they were brilliant and sold millions. Populous was the first God-Game that was really successful.
2) On the PC? Just after Christmas I'm reliably informed, although knowing Bullfrog probably ages after. At least they always end up with good stuff though.
3) For God's sake.
4) There should be a South Park game coming from Acclaim. How the hell do I know if it will be any good? We haven't even seen screenshots yet. As for genre, again no idea. I'm no Mystic Meg.

WEBBED WONDERS

Hi guys, could you tell me if you have a website and if so what's the address? If you haven't, why not? I reckon by the number of websites dedicated to the PlayStation that plenty of owners have access to the Net. If you need one doing get in touch with me and I'll knock one up for you.

Tony Walsh, Middlesborough

PRO *As it happens, Tony, our website is currently under development. Hopefully (if all goes well) we'll be able to give you the address this time next month. Rest assured, it'll be jam-packed full of news, reviews, gossip, cheats and not to mention the half naked ladies (that we can get away with on the Internet!). We reckon that loads of you have email addresses too, so if you want to write in don't forget that you can email me at chicken@idg.co.uk as well as using the normal postal service!*

BORING LARA

Don't you think it's time that Core Design made a partner for Lara Croft? Then we could choose between Lara or the MYSTERY MAN. Tomb Raider would also then be a two player game. It's getting a bit boring seeing the same bird in every Tomb Raider game. Mind you though, she has got big tits hasn't she? And a massive bum!

Aaron Hutchinson, Swindon

PRO *Good to see healthy sexism isn't dead. What do the rest of you think, is it time for Lara to get laid?*

WRONG BLOKE

Dear Paul Roundell. I see from the letters in issue 26 that you are now going to be responsible for the letters page in future. In which case I hope you can keep (and I quote from the reply to M Cardell n page 18) the Pro Pages nice n' spicy without being so crudely sexist. Why print those letters in the first place. Or is this the only way you can sell your magazine? I do have a sense of humour, I don't think that this is very amusing, it's just sick.

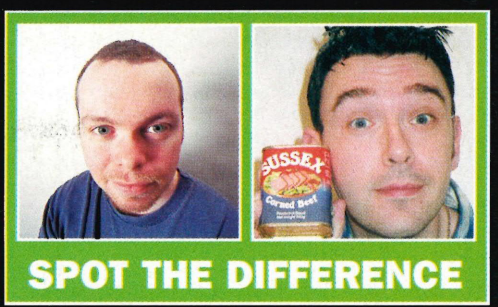
Margaret Dean (Mrs), Reading.

PRO *Well you've got the wrong Paul for starters, but we'll let that slide. The whole idea of the letters pages is to spark debate, something which you certainly can't deny has happened. We see it as a soapbox and if some of our readers are overtly sexist, then you're not going to be able to hold us responsible for that, it's their views and these are the pages where they express them.*

It's hardly the only way we can sell our mag either, I doubt people are spending their three quid just to read the letters pages. I'm not going to start censoring people's views, especially if they're sad enough so that the more normal among us can sit back and laugh at their expense. We obviously differ on our views of "sick" too, but we can't please everybody all of the time.



Guns, girls and gratuitous nudity's what PlayStation gaming is all about, isn't it?



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

YOUR OPINIONS

From next month we're going to have a new section in PlayStation Pro that you've got to write (less work for us you see!) What we want you to do is to tell us whether you agree or disagree with our reviews and why. So if you're the kind of person that thinks Pet In TV is the best thing since sliced bread, let us know and tell us what score you would have given it. We want to know what you lot out there think. We'll argue the toss with you, but we still want to know! Mark your letters clearly with "Opinion" or they'll end up in the bin with your competition entries, er, only kidding!







Ready for the tip or what only time will tell?

SWEET DREAMS

With Sega releasing their Dreamcast console, soon I was wondering if there is any life left in the PlayStation or will this Dreamcast be another heap of crap ready for the tip?

Ryan Kilpatrick, Dover

PRO *From what we've seen of Sega's new machine it looks bloody marvellous, but the PlayStation has one thing it won't be able to match and that's over two million owners in the UK alone. There's so much life left in the Sony console and with PlayStation 2 coming up, there will be for the foreseeable future.*

Yes the Dreamcast will be an excellent machine, but whenever a new console comes along we always try and write off what's already existing, but this time I don't think anybody will be able to do that.

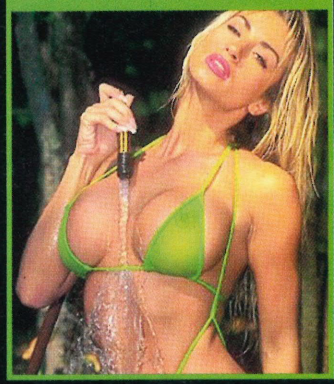
STATISTICS NEVER LIE

Why the f*ck have you been getting complaints about sexism and porn etc. FACT! One in five PlayStation owners are girls. If this small majority are so bothered then get someone to make a mag for girls. Why not call the magazine Miss PlayStation Pro or something.

Look girls, shut up and stop moaning and play your PlayStation. Also, you should have a reader's review. I don't care if you do or you don't print this I'm just getting my point across. Okay.

Johnny Donnelly, Cumbria

PRO *One in five? That's still 20% mate. Yup, it's a big margin of difference, but maybe you wouldn't like it so much if you were in the minority grouping. As for Miss PSX Pro, well maybe one day sooner than you think. That's got you all thinking now hasn't it!*



LETTER OF THE MONTH

DECLINING STANDARDS

I am a 15 year old nut who is in a mood and it is not a good one. Now it's not because of your mag because it's great, but a couple of things in the gaming world that have been getting up my nose.

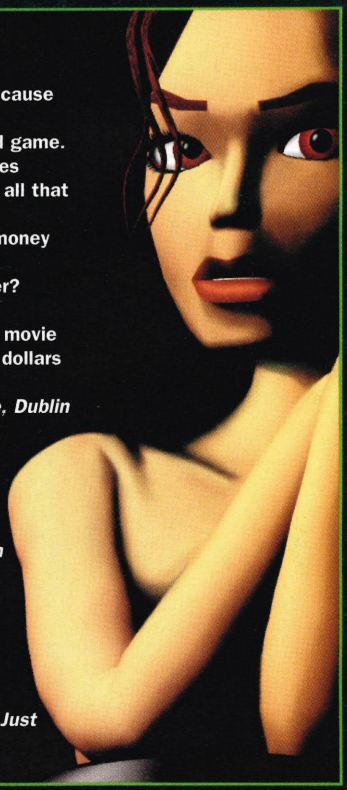
One is how come it takes about three sequels to get something right. Take Tekken for instance. Good game. I bought it. When Tekken 2 came out I saw how much better that was so I bought that. Tekken 3 comes walking through the door boasting of better graphics, gameplay and more characters, so why not have all that in the original Tekken?

It's not just Namco doing it either. Resident Evil, Tomb Raider, Crash Bandicoot and many other games are milking the money out of us because they can't get it together to make a game properly.

Also what's happened to the quality gameplay that games used to have? Remember Gunstar Heroes and Sensible Soccer? Primitive graphics, but the gameplay was so good you'd play them for years.

Finally what's the deal with Tomb Raider The Movie? I'll admit it's a decent game, but the only reason they're making a movie is because of her bra size. Fellas, if you want to see a pair of melons, rent a porn film rather than waste about 100 million dollars and some director's career. I better end it there before I start cursing.

Aaron Poole, Dublin



PRO *Well to be fair to the developers, history has showed on more or less any console format that the best games always come out after about three years, which is usually getting on towards a machine's twilight. There's no way any programmer would have had the skill or known the machine well enough in the early days to produce a Tekken 3 or even Tekken 2. Yet our jaws still dropped when we saw Tekken.*

The programmers evolve with the machine. Always have always will, the same will be true of Dreamcast and PlayStation 2. The first games will blow our minds, three years on we'll be able to level the same accusations.

As for gameplay, I loved Sensible Soccer as much as anybody. I used to work on an Amiga mag in my distant past so I spent many an afternoon in the middle of an office tournament, but like any old game we view them through rose-tinted specs and they're never as good as we remember them when we play them now. If a footy game with crap graphics came out of the blue, we wouldn't give it the time of day. We expect more.

The Tomb Raider movie - yeah it seems to be just a cash in, but the story is there for something good, Indiana Jones style. Admittedly if it goes down the route of Street Fighter or Mortal Kombat then God save us all, but hopefully it won't. Just keep everything crossed.

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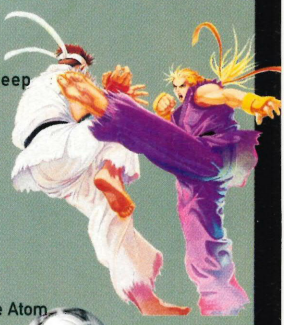
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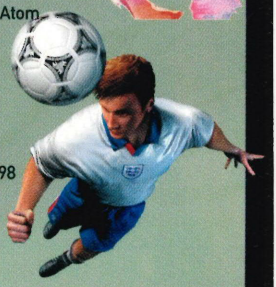
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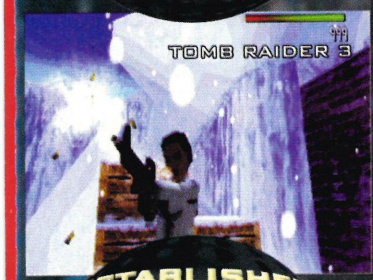
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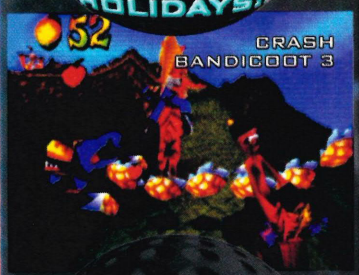
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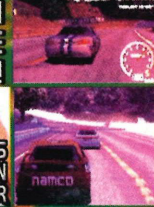
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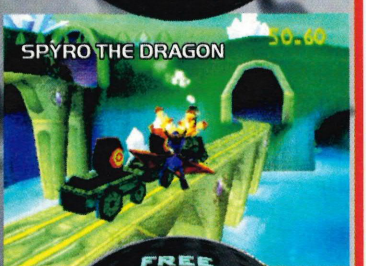
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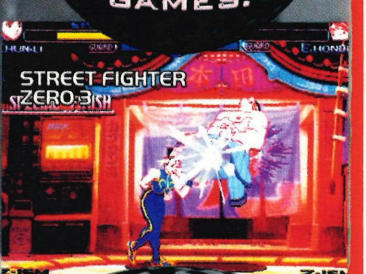
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FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH
PREFERRED GENRE
LOVES & LOATHES

Paul (Chicken) McNally
Actua Soccer 3
Simulations
Gremlin's Actua Soccer 3 popped Chicken's balloon this month, whilst the green chizzed Lemmings proved to be just one step too far down memory lane



NAME
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH
PREFERRED GENRE
LOVES & LOATHES

James Cannon
Metal Gear Solid
Racing
James continued his foray into the dark side of stealth with the long overdue Metal Gear Solid, whilst the disturbing world of Pet In TV got right on his tit end



NAME
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH
PREFERRED GENRE
LOVES & LOATHES

Kay Wellby
NHL '99
Puzzles
Kay pucked off with our copy of NHL '99 this month, finding the frantic hockey action much more satisfying than the horrific, point-and-click nightmare made real that is Atlantis



NAME
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH
PREFERRED GENRE
LOVES & LOATHES

Sam Thomas
Future Cop: LAPD
Shoot'em-ups
Sam plumped for EA's dash of futuristic violence, Future Cop, the new NASCAR game proving to be a nightmarish look into the dark world of American sports



NAME
FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH
PREFERRED GENRE
LOVES & LOATHES

Lewis Pek
TOCA 2
RPGs
Codemasters' touring cars proved to be popular at Lewis' end of the office this month, whilst Atlantis continued to be pelted with rotten fruit and stale pastry by all

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

Solid Gold Award

The Solid Gold Award is only given to outstanding games. If a reviewer reckons a game is worth it, the rest of the team play the game extensively and then vote to see if they think it deserves it. Only a unanimous vote gets the go-ahead so if you see one of these then you know a game is worth having

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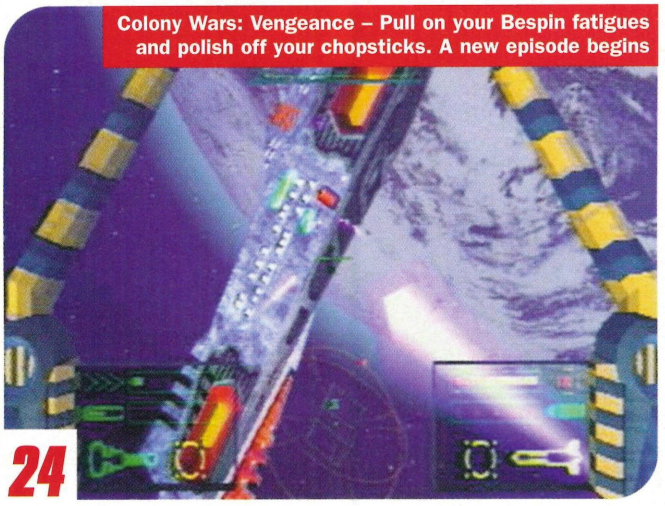
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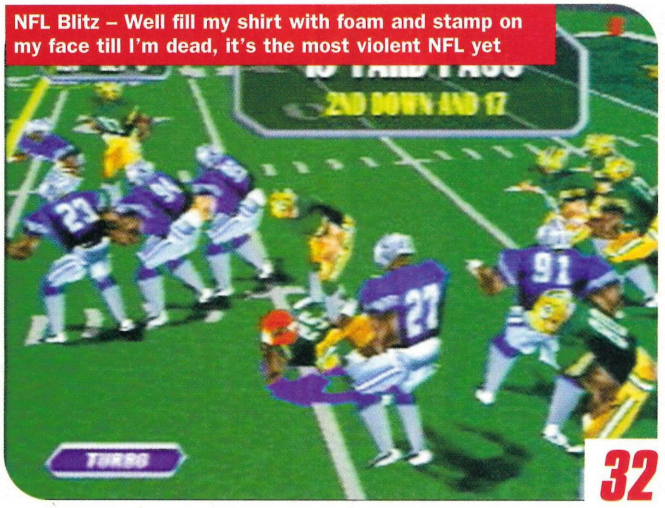
TRY B4 U BUY
A quality title that's a preferred taste. Not everyone's cup of tea, but well worth trying out

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



Colony Wars: Vengeance – Pull on your Bespin fatigues and polish off your chopsticks. A new episode begins

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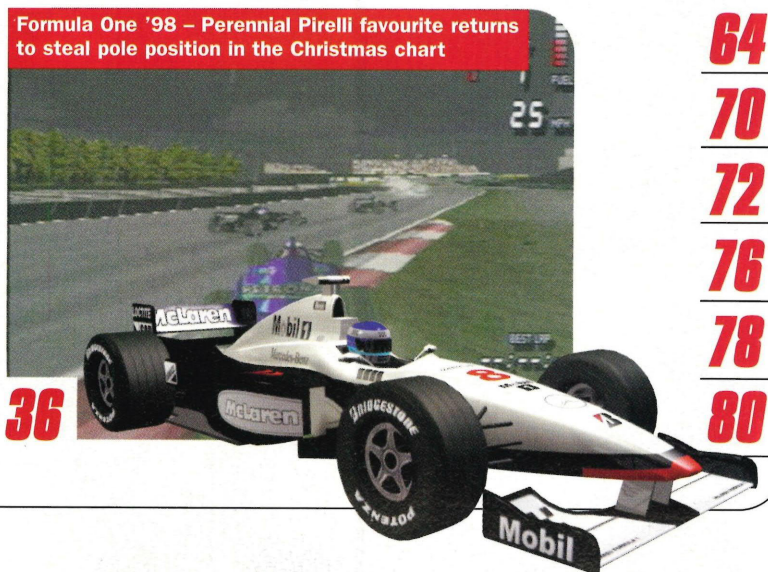
NFL Blitz – Well fill my shirt with foam and stamp on my face till I'm dead, it's the most violent NFL yet

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Colony Wars:Vengeance has an astonishing variation to its missions. Here, Mertens is assigned to mine asteroids for crystal. He will then have to protect the jewels from the attacking tribe craft



Colony Wars

Vengeance

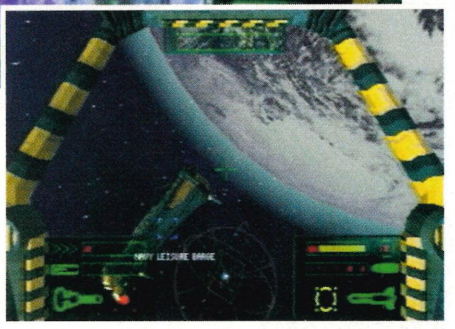
The original Colony Wars had a lot more critics than it deserved, but it's now regarded as something of a classic. Roll on the sequel

Ever since the appearance of *Elite* on the home computer, game developers have been striving to emulate the intergalactic thrills and spills associated with extravagant space sagas like Star Wars, and the infinitely more influential Buck Rogers. In terms of the exciting world of PlayStation, nobody's quite pulled it off yet, although the original *Colony Wars* is probably the closest we've got.

Colony Wars was (and still is) a mission-based space epic, following the conflict between the League of Free Worlds and the Navy forces of Earth. It used a ground-breaking games engine, featuring some of the finest graphics yet seen,







All of the ships in Vengeance are surrounded by a shield which will have to be dissipated before the craft can be blown to kingdom come. Different weapons remove shields

together with some blistering, adrenaline-laced battles. Unfortunately, some gamers were disappointed with the lack of variety in the missions. Many of them involving simply guarding a large freighter, or escorting craft through enemy attacks.

It's like the the Star Wars: Special Edition, with new spaceships and pyrotechnics adding polish

The land-based missions prove to be a healthy addition to Colony Wars. Just look at the size of them hills. Booty

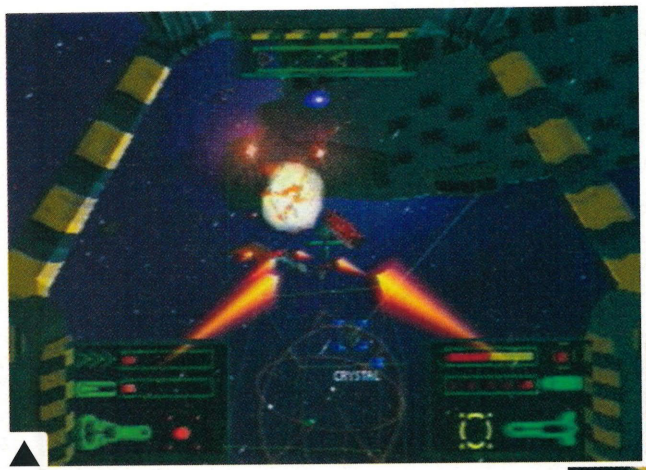


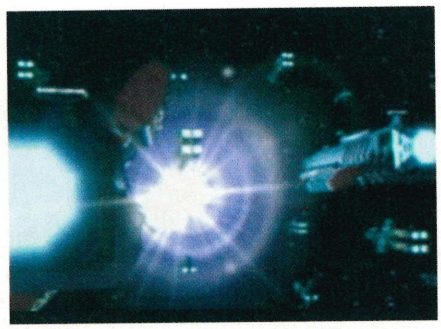


The return of *Colony Wars* to the PlayStation set a challenge for *Psygnosis'* development team. How would they win over the disappointed few, whilst keeping peace with the ever-expanding group of *Colony Wars* fans, who were happy with the game's unique style? Well, it looks like they may have found a simple, effective formula. They've kept the elements that worked in the original game, and have injected an array of new ideas in the form of challenging missions and a decent plotline.

UP YOUR WARPHOLE

Fans of *Colony Wars*, playing Vengeance for the first time, would be forgiven for thinking this is the same game. The visuals look frighteningly similar, all of the spacecraft are rendered in the same way as the first game. The first couple of missions also bear an uncanny resemblance to the original, involving routine assaults on enemy fleets and warding off attacks on your own freighters. It looks the equivalent of the Star Wars: Special Edition of the first game, with new spaceships and ▶







Most missions involve doing several things at once. Here, Mertens has to guard the Navy freighter as they collect the newly mined crystals

pyrotechnics thrown in to make it look more polished. However, the best is still to come.

Whilst keeping the most successful elements of the original, *Psygnosis* have noted players' complaints about *Colony Wars'* lack of mission variation and have managed to produce a game with more variation than a bucket full of multi-coloured marbles.

The plotline develops one of the original game's six endings. One hundred years after the League of Free Worlds closed the warp hole to imprison their enemy, precious resources have become scarce. The people have split into feuding tribes, battling to claim the remaining supplies to avoid impending starvation. Then Kron enters the picture. A hot-shot fighter pilot who effortlessly rose through the ranks, inspiring and uniting people. He eventually creates a new Navy, prepared and eager to topple the League and assert their dominance in the galaxy.

As you fight for the Navy, as an idealistic young fighter called Mertens, your piloting and fighting skills grow, together with your character's emotional depth. As the game progresses, the whole situation will become intense, and confusion will increase as the difference between the good and the bad guys is blurred.

The League has split into a number of mischievous Tribes, all aiming to disrupt the work of the Navy and build up their own presence in the universe. Your missions are based around helping the Navy block the path of the Tribes, destroy any settlements they have succeeded in constructing and stop them from attacking Navy forces. But this is not achieved by simply destroying tribe ships.







SPACE TRUCKERS

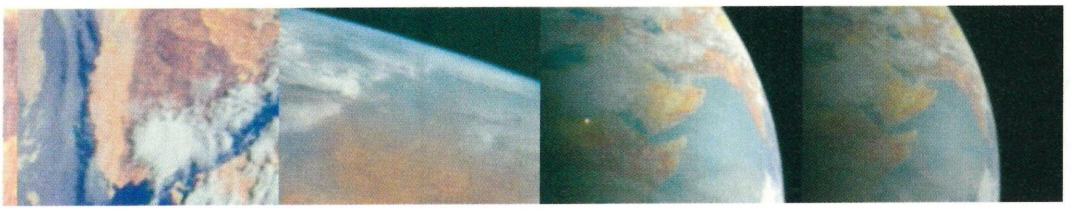
The depth of the plot is a tremendous achievement in *Colony Wars: Vengeance*. There are several missions within 19 acts and six possible endings. As the story develops, the missions become tougher and more complex. The fun begins with the simple task of disposing of a couple of vast Tribe battleships (these first attackers are relatively easy to bring down – ending in spectacular explosions).

Each of the battleships have a weak point (Deathstar anyone?), making the process of destroying them more of a measure of skill than your ability to press the fire button rapidly. Most of the ships are also surrounded by a hardy shield that needs to be destroyed using a different laser weapon before you can hammer the ship with full strength weapons. Indicators on your targeting system are used (as they were in the first game) to show the status of the shields and hull of each enemy craft.

The second mission involves travelling deep into an asteroid field to mine a number of rocks to reveal crystals. This is achieved by firing a seismic laser at the rock, an example of the vast assortment of weapons and gadgets attached to your ship for different missions (22 available altogether, a maximum of 10 at a time). Once the crystals have been mined, a Navy freighter will warp into the field and collect them. It's not quite as easy as that, of course, there will always be interference from enemy craft, as they attempt to annihilate your freighters and battleships, as well as yourself. Luckily, if your mission fails, the game doesn't end.

PLANETARY INTERGALACTIC

The *Colony Wars* saga is set-up in the form of a tree. If you are successful with the first mission you take one route, failure sends you on an alternate route. Each mission leads to one of two branches. The missions are only exhausted when you have either driven the status of the Navy to complete failure, or the Navy have



The continuing story of Colony Wars is illustrated to stunning effect by the FMV intro. It details the continuing plight of the League Of Free Worlds, as they split into Tribes and fight to claim their share of the dwindling supplies. The film ends with a Tribe soldier looking out upon the troubled landscape









Some impressive graphical touches, such as the planets in the background, add to the atmosphere

succeeded in taking back control of the galaxy.

An addition to *Vengeance,* not seen in the original game, is the planet-based missions. Certain tasks will involve taking a drop-ship onto the surface of a planet to take out gun turrets and enemy installations, set against a detailed 3D landscape. These missions fit in very well with the deep space shenanigans, and add another notch to the *Colony Wars* intergalactic post of variation.

The presentation of *Vengeance* is very well executed. Brilliant FMV sequences illustrate the progress of the Navy between missions and give you an idea of where you are in the game. There's an amazing music score that gives the whole shebang a cinematic feel. The music even becomes more dramatic during battle sequences and simmers down when the action disperses.

Colony Wars: Vengeance isn't just another update of a popular title. Yes, there are new explosions and weapons, and there's loads of new spaceships, but there's a lot more to it than that. This is the first time the space shoot'em-up genre has seen so much mission-based diversity, and this means the gameplay factor rises beyond previous attempts.

The introduction of a vast mission tree means that players don't need to be experts at this kind of game to do well, it provides a successful learning curve that gradually teaches the player the tricks of the Navy pilot's trade. Put that in the cauldron with an amazing musical score, some tasty graphical touches and a flock of pesky aliens and top it off with a set of intense FMV sequences, and you've cooked yourself an appetising and nourishing game soup PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Psygnosis
GENRE: Shoot'em-up

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Colony Wars: Vengeance is an epic example of space strategy. Big ships, big guns and big action are the name of the game here, with a skip full of progressively more complex and difficult missions thrown in to make it larger than Marlon Brando's breakfast. With polished presentation, tough alien intelligence, a magic musical score and surprisingly short loading times, Colony Wars: Vengeance is 10 times better than the original game and therefore the king of all space shoot'em-ups.

SAM

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	9
SOUND	9
GAMEPLAY	9
LASTABILITY	9

9

PRO PANEL

KAY I'm not really one for shoot'em-ups of this kind, but I couldn't fail to be impressed by this. With a load more missions to undertake, flying and firing has never been so attractive

LEWIS The closest you'll get to flying the Millennium Falcon and bringing down the Death Star yourself. This is a budding space cadet's wet dream. Don't hesitate!

JAMES The first game was a belter, but this is just awesome, easily the best looking space shoot'em-up with a major longevity factor. You can't fail to be impressed by this stunner

CHICKEN As sequels go you really can't ask for much more than this. It won't be one of the highest profile releases of the year, but search it out and you won't be disappointed



Actua Golf 3







Fore! Gremlin are aiming for a hole in one with their latest golfing extravaganza

Golf – it's the sport of celebrities. Well, tired old gameshow hosts and ex-James Bond actors anyway. The sport which is little more than banging a tiny ball around a big field is once more making an appearance in *Gremlin's Actua* range, which is good news for anyone who has an interest in playing the game, but doesn't relish the thought of a) donning outlandish slacks, Pringle jumpers and tasselled shoes, b) getting up at the crack of dawn to tramp around in the cold, and c) bumping into Jimmy Tarbuck, Bruce Forsyth or 'schplendid' Sean Connery.

Although there have been other golf games, including the highly playable *Everybody's Golf*, when it comes to realism, *Gremlin* have definitely got it covered with their *Actua Golf* efforts.

WATCH THE BIRDIE

Although this is now the third *Actua Golf* release, it doesn't mean that the quality of the game has deteriorated. In fact, *Actua Golf* is now bigger than ever, with better graphics, updated player listings and even more game options than its predecessors. The game is also more polished in its presentation, from the options menu right down to the courses themselves, and with the new analogue control system (where moving the sticks affects the height and speed of your swing, as well as the spot where club meets the ball), you'll find that playing is a much more pleasurable experience.

There's even a Kill-Kenny course where you can bludgeon the hooded South Park kid with your club

Actua Golf 3 includes a whole new set of courses, including the Kill-Kenny course in Ireland (well, a highly fashionable South Park joke had to appear in a game at some point!). There are also practice grounds and a driving range, where whacking the ball at a large target will have you heading towards driving perfection.

Whichever course you decide to play, you'll notice that each one has been modified to ensure that the course is affected by the variable weather conditions, meaning that all the trees, clouds etc. will move in the wind. The detail also extends to the course waterways, which are animated for that extra realism.

New courses aren't the only new addition to Actua Golf 3 – as well as all the old games, there four new options for you to try your hand at. The Driving Competition sees you on the above driving range in an attempt to win a cash prize. Clock Golf has you playing each stroke within a set time. There's Flag Golf, where staying under par is essential to the game (you have to complete the course within a set amount of strokes) and for the expert putter there's also a Pro Tour + option. However, you can only play this after completing both the Amateur and Pro Tour.

BIG BOGEY

Although Actua Golf features all these new in-game goodies, the fact still remains that unless you're a big fan of golf, you'll find that the game can get very boring. If you're playing a foursome against the CPU – waiting for each player to play his shot, it can be an extremely painful process,



You're still assisted by a meter, but shots are a damn sight easier to play once you've mastered the analogue controls





A visit to the driving range will help you with your aiming efforts, whether it be for practice, profit or merely pleasure

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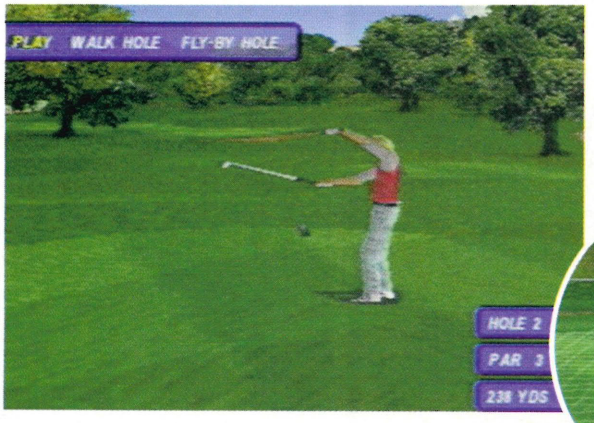
Although limited in courses and options, *Actua Golf 1* set the ball rolling for Gremlin

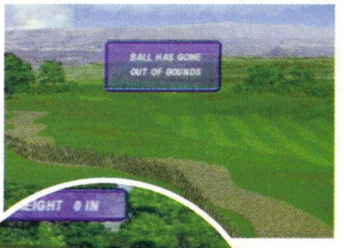


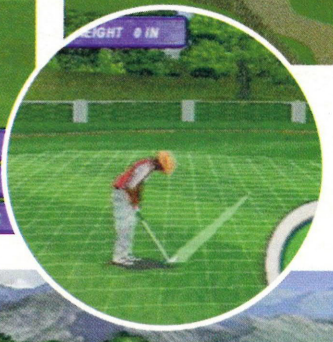
More game styles, better graphics and a polished image increased *Golf 2*'s appeal

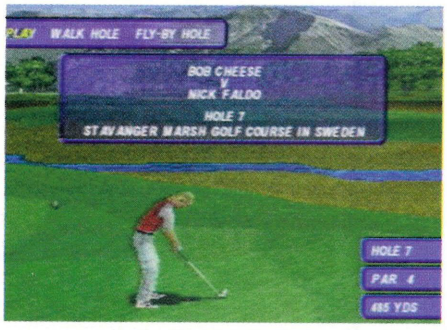


More courses, options and gorgeous graphics make *Golf 3* the ultimate golf sim











Taking the rough with the smooth is all part of the game, particularly if you're not so hot at sticking to the fairway. You're also guaranteed to come a cropper at least once in the bunkers and waterways



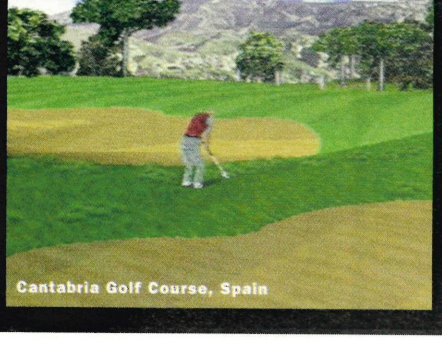
How to tee off a player (ho ho): if you've not played an awe-inspiring round, your golfer will swing his club in disgust before stomping off the green like a sulking schoolboy

particularly when it takes a good while for each player's turn to load. You'll also get annoyed at having to constantly press the X button after each shot in order to continue, but in some instances this could provide a handy way of keeping yourself awake.

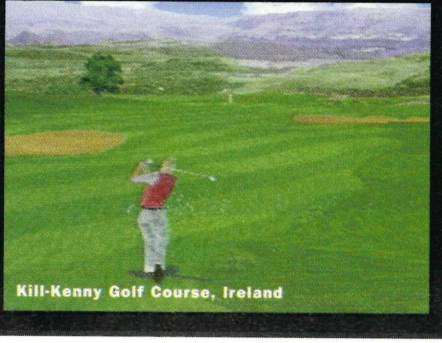
Mind you, if boredom doesn't get to you, the highly annoying commentary will, this being provided by golf veterans Peter Alliss and Alex Hay. If you thought that it was bad in

Around the World in 18 Holes

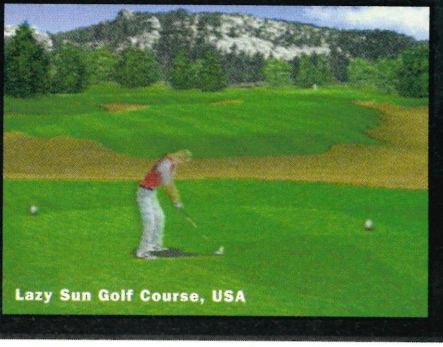
Actua Golf 3 now boasts even more courses, which are located in every corner of the world, from the mountains of Spain to the, er, mountains of Sweden



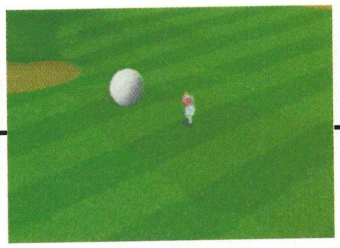
Cantabria Golf Course, Spain

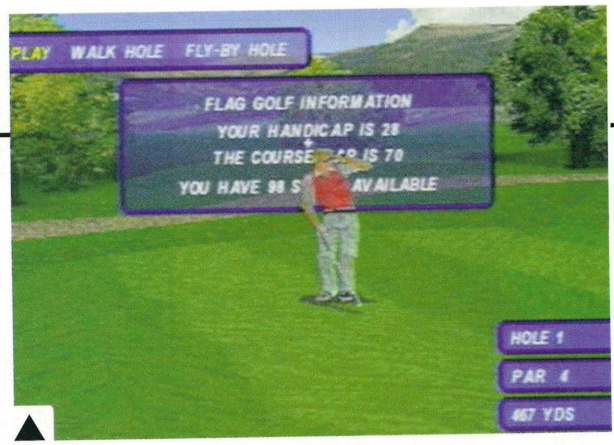


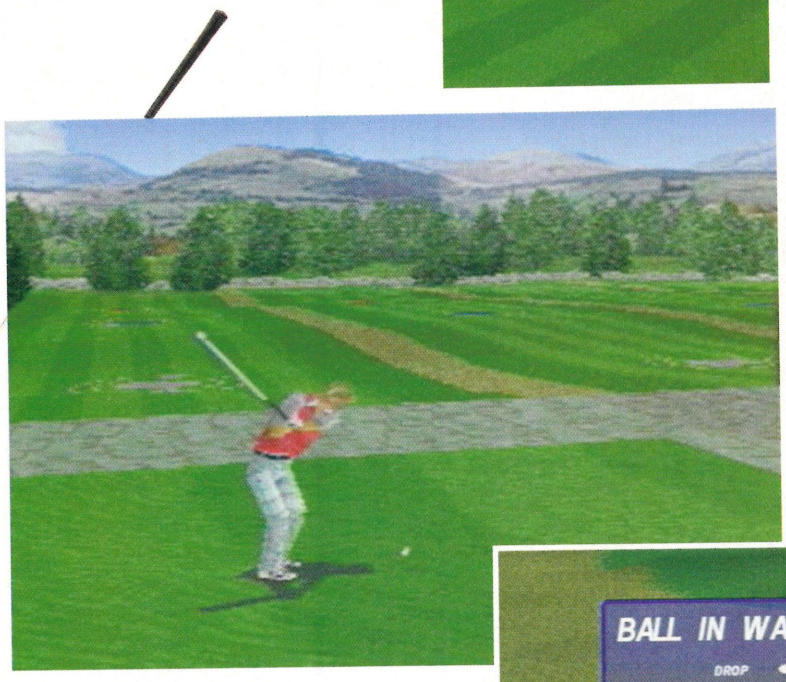
Kill-Kenny Golf Course, Ireland



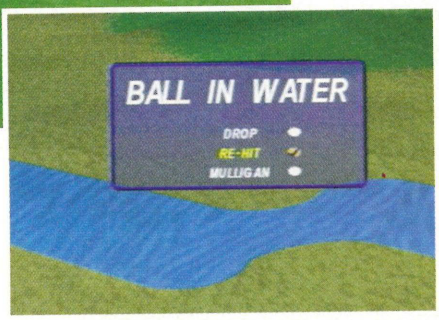
Lazy Sun Golf Course, USA

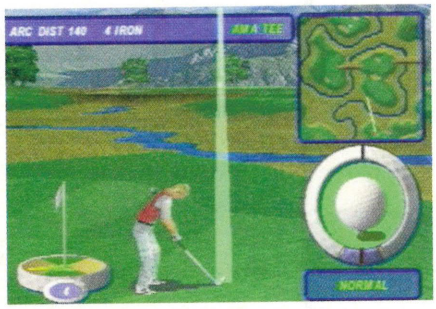






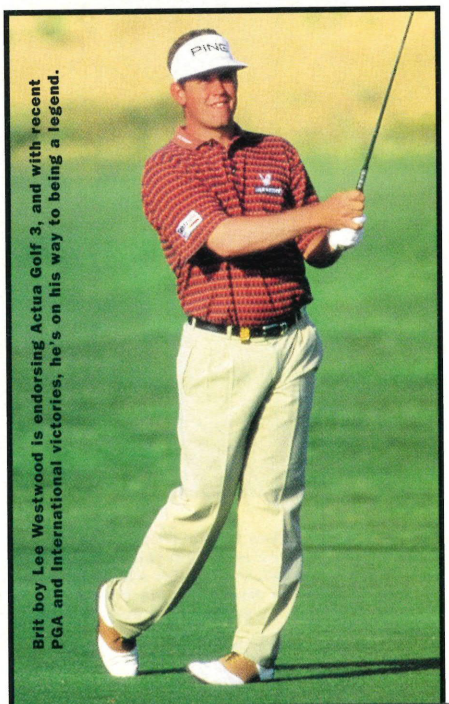
Completing the course in a set number of strokes is the challenge for budding Ballesteroses in the all-new Flag Golf mode





Actua Golf's previous incarnations, then you ain't heard nothing yet. Now the 3,000-plus remarks included in the game are even more scathing (and bizarre!) than ever before. There're gems like "He may have been at the medicine cabinet before coming out today" and "he deserves to be spanked and sent to bed without any supper for a shot like that" being orally lobbed in your direction. In the end you'll feeling like you've been caught scrumping apples from an orchard.

Despite its potential boredom factor, there's a fair bit to keep the golfing fan amused, even if it is just for a few hours. There's even the option of dressing up your golfer in a variety of outfits, but be careful when deciding on your golfer's look or he could end up as a strange hybrid of comedy character Alan Partridge and 'Starsky & Hutch' hero David Soul (which is very frightening, believe me). Just be thankful Gremlin forgot to include the secret Pro-Celebrity course, as after this eyesore, the sight of Tarby and friends is sure to drive you mad PRO



Brit boy Lee Westwood is endorsing Actua Golf 3, and with recent PGA and International victories, he's on his way to being a legend.

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £34.99
PUBLISHER: Gremlin
GENRE: Sports

TRY B4 U BUY

FOUR PLAYER MEMORY CARD

Whether your interest in golf is at expert level or merely amateur, you'll find a variety of options to keep you amused. However, it can get boring playing on your own, so grab a few mates and challenge them to a full scale-tournament. However, I'd recommend that you get some beers in too, as in my experience, golf games always look a lot better through alcohol-addled eyes. As realistic golf games go, you can't get much better than this in both looks and gameplay. Check it out.

KAY

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	8
SOUND	6
GAMEPLAY	8
LASTABILITY	7

8

PRO PANEL

SAM If fun can be extracted from standing in the middle of a field playing grass snooker, then this is the ultimate. It's better than doing it for real, and that's a compliment

CHICKEN The new control method works a treat and this is without a doubt the best out and out golf sim on the PlayStation, although I'm still a big fan of Everybody's Golf

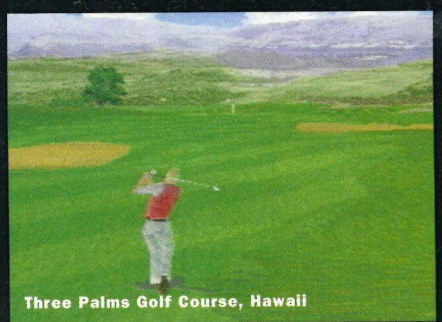
LEWIS The new analogue control adds a lot of 'feel' to the game. It's still a sedate evening's entertainment that isn't going to wow you or your mates, but then what did you expect?

JAMES It's a fine sim, but doesn't play all that differently to Actua Golf 2, apart from the new analogue control method. It's still the best way to play 18 holes in armchair comfort though

While working through the courses, check out the Real Time course interaction, making little fluffy clouds float past and trees sway sexily in the wind



Penistone Golf Course, England



Three Palms Golf Course, Hawaii



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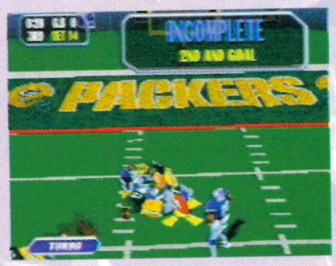
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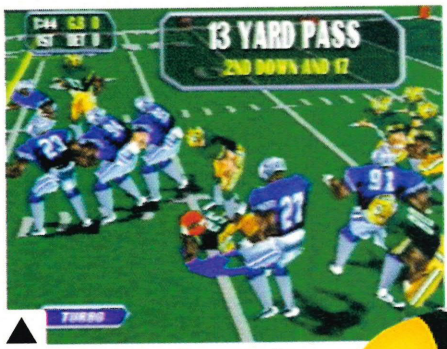


NFL Blitz

Primary objective: smash, grind, pulverise and use any means necessary to annihilate the opposing team. Secondary objective: take that pig-skin thing with you

Chances are, if you're reading this review you're a fan of American football. If this is the case you've probably read a good few reviews of American football games by people who know absolutely cock all about the sport, and wish that just once you could see a review by a fan.

Well hey, I'm afraid I can't help you there because I know as much about American football as Robbie Williams knows about tunes. Cock all.



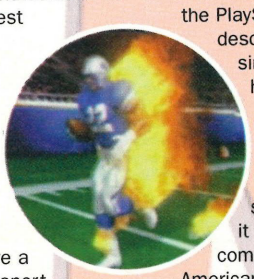
Once the ball is on the grass, the down may be over, but the action isn't. Watch out for low flying beefcakes, and get up before you get the best part of a kicking

But don't stop reading now, because *NFL Blitz* is actually teaching me the basics of the sport.

Now as you can probably guess from the above intro, I don't get that enthusiastic about American football. When the games are shown on Channel 4, I'm more likely to be watching the cockney layabouts in Albert Square than sitting with a six pack of Bud, loofing peanuts in the air.

When I was given *NFL Blitz* to review, I can honestly say that I was about as enthusiastic as a child who'd just opened his biggest Christmas present to find an N64 console inside. But children have to be grateful for what they get, or they'll turn into spoilt little bastards, so I didn't complain. Luckily, *NFL Blitz* actually turned out to be a stunner.

Here you'll find competitive sporting action and savage violence, replacing things like rules



YANKEE DOODLE DANDY

For people like me who have a meagre knowledge of the sport, *NFL Blitz* is the first PlayStation version to strip down the rules and make things simpler for the beginner. All the penalty pulaver from the real game is lost in favour of a more freestyle approach. Here, good old competitive sporting action and savage violence replaces stupid things like rules.

If you're looking for something to rival the likes of *Madden '99*, you will be sorely unamused by *NFL Blitz*. The *Madden* games are as close to the real sport as you can get on the PlayStation, and could be best described as a sports simulation. *NFL Blitz*, however, gives a completely different angle. In fact, if it wasn't an NFL sponsored affair, it could easily be plugged as a completely different game from real-life American football.

NFL Blitz includes all the major American teams. All the players have their stats programmed in, and all the background information you've come to expect from a major sporting association like the NFL are included. Players have the choice of an arcade game (a single game) or season mode. The season mode is a full-on race to the superbowl, a chance to take your team to the top of the ladder.

Each game consists of players running the pitch with the ball to score touchdowns (that much remains the same). The players can be brought to the floor a maximum of four times before they reach the first down, which has been extended from 10 yards to 30 yards, until they



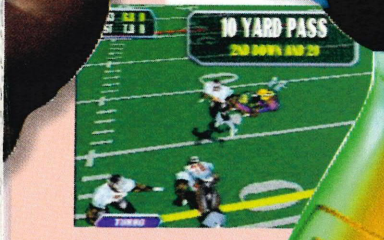
The yellow lines mark the first down area, where the players have to get to without being punched and generally battered into the middle of the next millennium

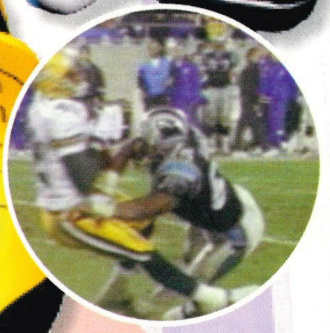


It's amazing what a bit of padding can do for a three foot dwarf



You may be only 20 feet from the touchline, but there's a long way to go yet. Watch amazed as a crowd of the biggest humans in the world get together and introduce you to hospital food





reach the touchline.

If a player finds himself chewing grass for the fourth time before reaching first down, he has a choice of punting the ball up the pitch to the opposite team (if the goal is not close enough to kick through) or hoofing the ball through the posts.

Whilst a player has the ball in his possession he can use tactics such as spinning around and jumping to avoid opponents, as well as throwing it to fellow members of his team. I'm sure all this reflects my ignorance with regards to the sport, but bear with me.

HURTS LIKE A BITCH

If you are a player running with the ball, chances are you won't be on your feet for long, as most of the content of *NFL Blitz* concerns tackling players by using maximum force. The defence team can use a variety of evil tactics to bring the offense down screaming, and then take it upon themselves to continue the punishment after the whistle is blown. Like it or not, this is the factor that will bring *NFL Blitz* to outsiders of the sport.

I never imagined that I could enjoy American football, and to be honest I don't think *NFL Blitz* has raised my interest in the sport. It has, however, taught me the basics and kept my interest at the same time (which is one hell of an achievement).

In fact, that's underselling it. I really enjoyed *NFL Blitz*, and I think anyone who can appreciate a good game will enjoy *NFL Blitz*, because it kicks serious ass. It's connection with the real game is kind of vague and suspicious, but if you're a fan then you should buy *Madden '99*. If you want a seriously violent two-player shit-kicker, however, *NFL Blitz* is a the only serious contender PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Midway
GENRE: Sports

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Fans of American football should look elsewhere for an accurate simulation of the sport (try Madden '99). This, however, is a great game that gives the sport a well needed boost. It's still well below the best soccer games, but you can't expect miracles. Playability in two-player mode is guaranteed and there's plenty of variety in the moves. As rules are out of the window in NFL Blitz, a door is open for some serious broken teeth and bloody face action. Brilliant!

SAM

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	7
SOUND	8
GAMEPLAY	8
LASTABILITY	8

8

PRO PANEL

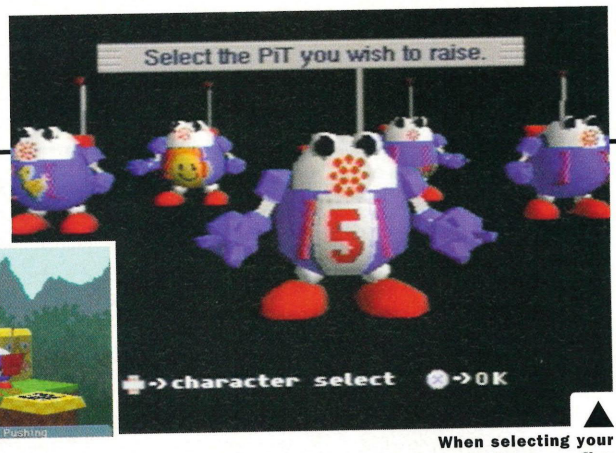
CHICKEN Cool stuff. Reminded me of the fun I used to have when NBA Jam came out. The two player game is a top laugh that you'll struggle to put down. Recommended

KAY Having only a limited knowledge of American Football, I was pleasantly surprised at how easy NFL Blitz was to grasp. Fast-paced fun for experts and amateurs alike

LEWIS Frantic tendon-tearing, eye-gouging, action, where 'fairplay' means asking permission before the 25 stone human-truck lands on your cranium. Great fun

JAMES What non-American Football fans need to enjoy console games of the sport is zero simulation and total arcade action, and that's exactly what you get with Blitz. A bloody riot!







Pet In TV

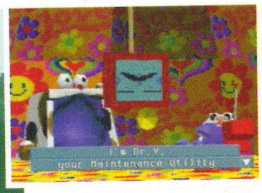
If you're fed up of your house being covered in dog hair, maybe you should turf out your labrador in favour of a virtual pet. Then again, maybe not...

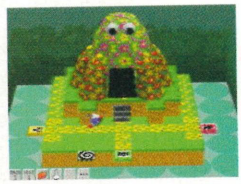
When selecting your pet, there are five different personalities to choose from. Such a shame they're all annoying as hell though

This time last year, anyone with more money than sense was hooked on a craze which involved getting up in the middle of the night to attend to the needs of a nasty bleeping 'animal', which manifested itself in the form of a key-ring. This obsession quickly died out as the nation regained its senses, realising that they were looking like complete idiots as they pandered to the whims of a battery-operated beast.

However, some bright spark decided to keep the virtual pet flame burning with *Pet In TV*, which provides the (un)lucky owner with the joys of training and tending to an unusual egg-shaped creature whose mission is to collect AI chips, which eventually allow you to build your own super-species.









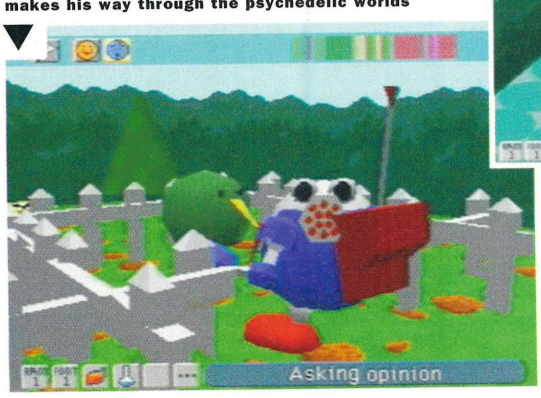
DOWN BOY

Before you take your pet for a walk around the various worlds open to him, he has to be put through a rigorous training regime with the help of Dr. Y, the computer equivalent of Barbara Woodhouse. This involves introducing him to items and letting him work out how to use them, including anything from eating fruit to pushing buttons. Although this is a necessary task, this can be excruciatingly boring, as it often takes him a while to work his way through all the tasks before he finds the right one.

Surprisingly, unlike its handheld predecessor, it's bloody difficult to kill off your pet once you've adopted him, no matter how hard you try (unless you just turn off your PlayStation). If you do try and starve him or deprive him of sleep, he will simply refuse to do anything and sulk until you take him back to his home to recuperate.

Although *Pet In TV* may have seemed a good idea at the time, it's nothing more than a spoilt brat which takes over your console (and your memory card – five blocks per save!). However, it's ideal if your girlfriend has suddenly become broody and is badgering you to get her 'in the family way' – give her this to play for a couple of hours, and believe me, she'll be changing her mind faster than you can say 'contraceptive' PRO

Freeing strange delinquent birds (the feathered variety) and picking up unusual objects to take home are all that your pet has to handle as he makes his way through the psychedelic worlds







PRO SCORE

PRICE: £34.99
PUBLISHER: Sony
GENRE: Miscellaneous

AVOID!

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Pet In TV is a poor (and slightly late) attempt to cash in on last year's virtual pet madness. Its horrendous tuneless music and psychedelic graphics are guaranteed to make your ears and eyes burn, and if they don't get you, overwhelming boredom will, as although there are puzzles to solve, they're hardly the epitome of excitement. A dead cert in the prestigious 'coaster' stakes, this should definitely be avoided, especially if you want to retain your sanity.

KAY

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	3
SOUND	1
GAMEPLAY	2
LASTABILITY	3

3

PRO PANEL

CHIKEN I thought the score was way harsh to be honest. If you like the Tamagotchi culture chances are you'll love this. Not for everybody by any means, but the kids will love it!

SAM The Tamagotchi idea may not work brilliantly on the PlayStation, but the whole seventies' style children's TV atmosphere makes a refreshing change

LEWIS Kay has been far too harsh on this game. Okay, it'll have limited appeal, but youngsters and Tamagotchi lovers will warm to its simple charms and that's who it's aimed at

JAMES I found this quite amusing, and it's definitely more rewarding than nursing a key ring. I think I'd rather pay a couple of quid for a Tamagotchi than shell out for this though

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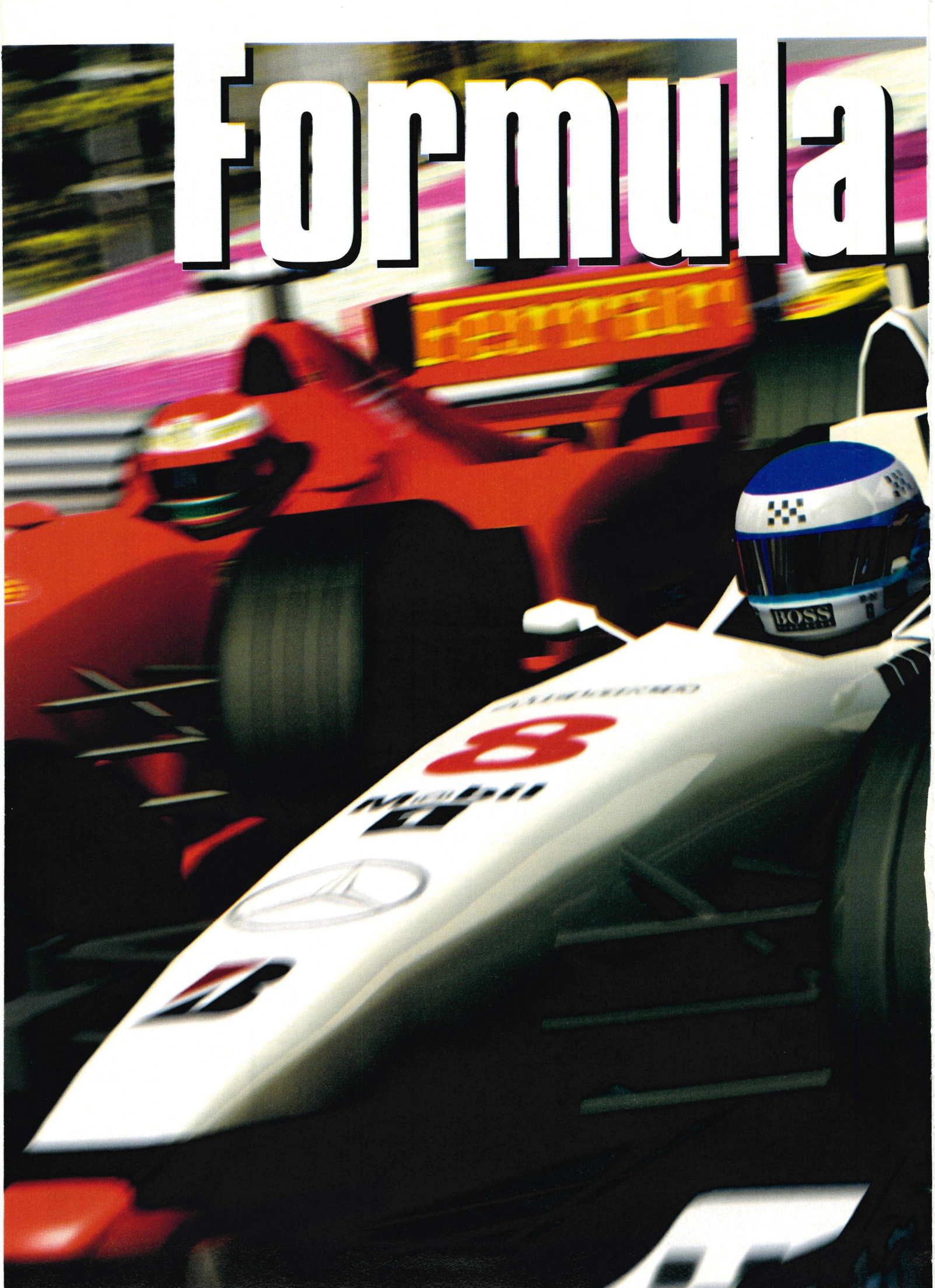
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One '98

After a quick pit-stop, Psygnosis's Formula One series is back on the track, but can it now catch the opposition?

Formula One is one of the fastest, most exciting and expensive sports in the world. The cars cost around £1 million each, and after being tweaked and configured for each individual track, the stresses and strains of the competition takes so much out of them that after the race the cars are simply thrown away. It may seem like unparalleled waste, but then that's exactly what happens with videogames.

Each year the PlayStation is inundated with updates. Software companies tweak, refine and hone the engines to their games in the effort to produce a version that's slightly better than the previous year's update. You, the punter, then trot out and buy the latest one, chucking the old game in a drawer to rot. Okay, so it's not a million pounds, but it's still a lot of beer money.

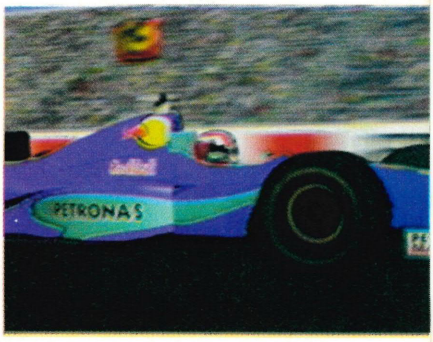
So the question is: should you buy this latest version of what has been one of the PlayStation's most successful licenses? After all, if you're a true racing fan then you'll probably already own *TOCA, Gran Turismo, Colin McRae Rally* and at least one of the previous *F1* games. Well, the answer is that despite having the faster cars, *Formula One '98* hasn't been able to keep up with the rest of the field. In terms of graphics, gameplay and realism, *Psygnosis's* latest package needs a little help from the RAC to get it back on the road.

To get into the main race, you must be within 107 seconds of the pole position car's time

LICENSE TO PRINT MONEY

As always, the game uses the FIA license to great effect, featuring every driver from the '98 season (although Villeneuve, who is speculated to be involved in his own F1 game, is missing from the line-up). Every car – sporting their exact livery and sponsor decals – and each track from around the world is included down to the last hairpin bend. It's all presented slickly with options aplenty, allowing you to drive in arcade, Grand Prix, time trial and in a variety of multi-player alternatives.

Where the new game scores points is in the inclusion of this variety of player options, allowing you to play a two-player split-screen game in either GP or arcade with eight other AI drivers on the track at the same time ▶





Monaco hosts perhaps the most famous Grand Prix in the world, with ridiculously steep climbs, knife-edge near-misses, and axle-ripping turns

Silverstone is named after the early English word for wooded area



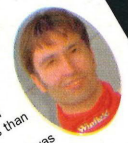


Having turned my F1 car into the racing equivalent of a Robin Reliant, it's safe to say that I'm going to find things tough from here on in ▶

No: 1
Team: Williams
Name: Jacque Villeneuve
Nationality: Canadian
Most likely to say: "Rebel of the paddock"
Least likely to say: "I'll do my own thing"
"I'm a natural blonde"



No:2
Team: Williams
Name: Heinz-Herald Frentzen
Nationality: German
"Quicker in Juniors than Schumacher"
Most likely to say: "I was quicker than Schumacher once"
Least likely to say: "I bare no animosity to Michael Schumacher for stealing my girlfriend and marrying her"



No: 4
Team: Ferrari
Name: Eddie Irvine
Nationality: GB
"Good No.2"
Most likely to say: "I'm happy playing support to Michael"
Least likely to say: "Let's have a quiet night in"

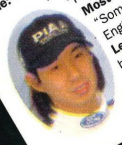
No: 5
Team: Benetton
Name: Giancarlo Fisichella
Nationality: Italian
"Star of the future"
Most likely to say: "Hello, ladies!"
Least likely to say: "I wish I was still at Jordan"



No: 7
Team: McLaren
Name: David Coulthard
Nationality: GB
"Mr nice guy"
Most likely to say: "I'll support Mika all the way"
Least likely to say: "Why can't I be champion?"

No: 10
Team: Jordan
Name: Ralf Schumacher
Nationality: German
"Michael's kid brother"
Most likely to say: "I don't live in Michael's shadow"
Least likely to say: "Michael's success has made my route to F1 a bloody sight easier"

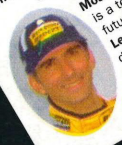
No: 20
Team: Tyrell
Name: Toranosuke Takagi
Nationality: Japanese
"Known as the Tiger"
Most likely to say: "Something in broken English"
Least likely to say: "I'll back off"



No: 6
Team: Benetton
Name: Alex Wurtz
Nationality: Austrian
"Very brave"
Most likely to say: "Let's go rollerblading"
Least likely to say: "I scare easily"



No.9
Team: Jordan
Name: Damon Hill
Nationality: GB
"The John Major of F1"
Most likely to say: "Jordan is a team with a great future"
Least likely to say: "I don't regret not joining McLaren for '98"



No:19
Team: Stewart
Name: Jos Verstappen
Nationality: Dutch
"Back after the team sacked Magnussen"
Most likely to say: "The team is making progress"
Least likely to say: "I hope I don't get the same treatment as Magnussen"



No: 11
Team: Prost
Name: Olivier Panis
Nationality: French
"Surprise Winner at Monaco '96"
Most likely to say: "The car will be more competitive next year"
Least likely to say: "This car is a bag of bollocks"



No: 15
Team: Sauber
Name: Johnny Herbert
Nationality: GB
"Cheeky chappie"
Most likely to say: "I'm not downhearted and I'm looking forward to the next race"
Least likely to say: "My huge accident in 1987 hasn't affected my career"



No: 18
Team: Stewart
Name: Ruben Barrichello
Nationality: Brazilian
"The hope of Brazil"
Most likely to say: "Something in Brazilian"
Least likely to say: "anything thrilling"



No: 12
Team: Prost
Name: Jarno Trulli
Nationality: Italian
"The next Senna? He even looks like him"
Most likely to say: "I'm happy to be with Prost"
Least likely to say: "Sheeet! Why didn't Williams sign me and not Schumacher for '99"



No: 14
Team: Sauber
Name: Jean Alesi
Nationality: French
"One win in 10 years of racing"
Most likely to say: "I should have gone to Williams and not Ferrari"
Least likely to say: "I'm running out of time as a GP driver"



No: 16
Team: Arrows
Name: Pedro Diniz
Nationality: Brazilian
"Rich kid goes racing"
Most likely to say: "I'm not only in F1 because of my money"
Least likely to say: "If it wasn't for my money I wouldn't be in F1"

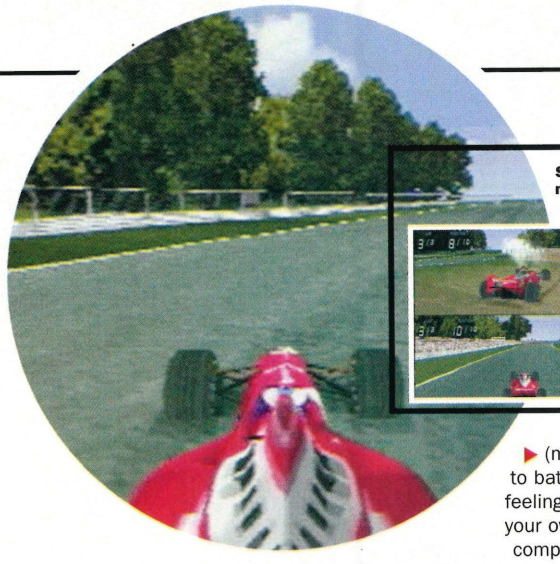


No: 21
Team: Tyrell
Name: Ricardo Rosset
Nationality: Brazilian
"Doesn't qualify very often"
Most likely to say: "...something about qualifying"
Least likely to say: "...something about the race he didn't qualify for"



No: 17
Team: Arrows
Name: Mika Salo
Nationality: Finnish
"The forgotten Mika"
Most likely to say: "I'm happy for Hakkinen"
Least likely to say: "I'm pissed off that Hakkinen is doing so well"





Stuffing a mate (or several) with a keen overtaking move that sends them into a gravel trap spin is one of the great achievements of F1 '98







FOLLOW MY LEADER

▶ (most games leave just you and your mate to battle it out on a lonely circuit). If you're feeling flamboyant, you and said mate can buy your own copies of the game and race a link-up competition with all 22 cars taking part. And once you've splashed out on that extra copy, you could be even more social and link-up with four mates battling it out in a tussle with four other AI cars.

The cars can accelerate from 0-160 and brake to a stand still in under six seconds



As in the *'97* version, arcade lets you storm around the track with all the finesse of a driving school retard, whilst Gran Prix takes a more serious slant on Formula One, with the concentration focussed on driving skill (that's 'gamespeak' for using the brake). However, this is were *F1 '98* starts to go wrong. The arcade mode is a quick race around the track that has more in common with *Ridge Racer* than precision engineered racing cars. Power-slides and controllable skids onto the grass are all highly entertaining, but it's not really F1 is it?

The Grand Prix mode, which is supposed to be a realistic representation of the sport, strips the car of any handling capabilities it possessed in arcade mode and leaves you with a fragile twitching super beast of a vehicle. It's clumsy to control, sliding out at the slightest redirection, and so heavy into corners that you'll believe it's a super-charged 'Artic' rather than a lithe Formula One car. With the damage, flags, braking and steering assistance off, you're driving a million pound 'Kerplunk' car that'll be stripped of everything but its rear-axle before you can make it to the pits.

The downforce on the car (due to the front and rear wings) is greater than its weight, which means that they could (theoretically) drive on an upside-down track without falling off

GROUND CREW TO MAJOR HOLD-UPS

Thankfully, the pits are now fully kitted out with an animated pit-crew that gamely seek to rebuild your car after the melee of the race. Your crew will even communicate with you whilst you're on the track, warning you to be careful and instructing you to make a pit-stop once your opponents have raped you of your rear and front wing, turning the car into a grounded glider.

Of course, Murray Walker will also be screaming helpful comments at you whilst you do a 360° on the grass verge, shredding his vocal chords in his inimitable fashion, while Martin Brundle chips in whenever Murray sounds close to a coronary. It all adds to the care and attention to detail that is evident throughout the game.

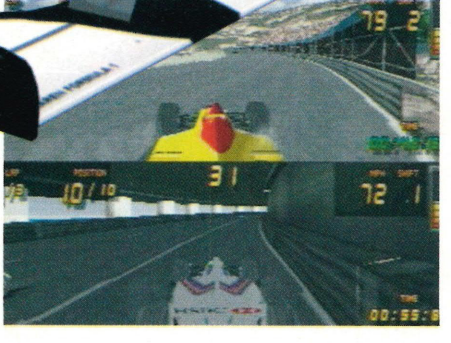
Drive too fast into or out of the pit-lane and you'll be penalised, just as ▶

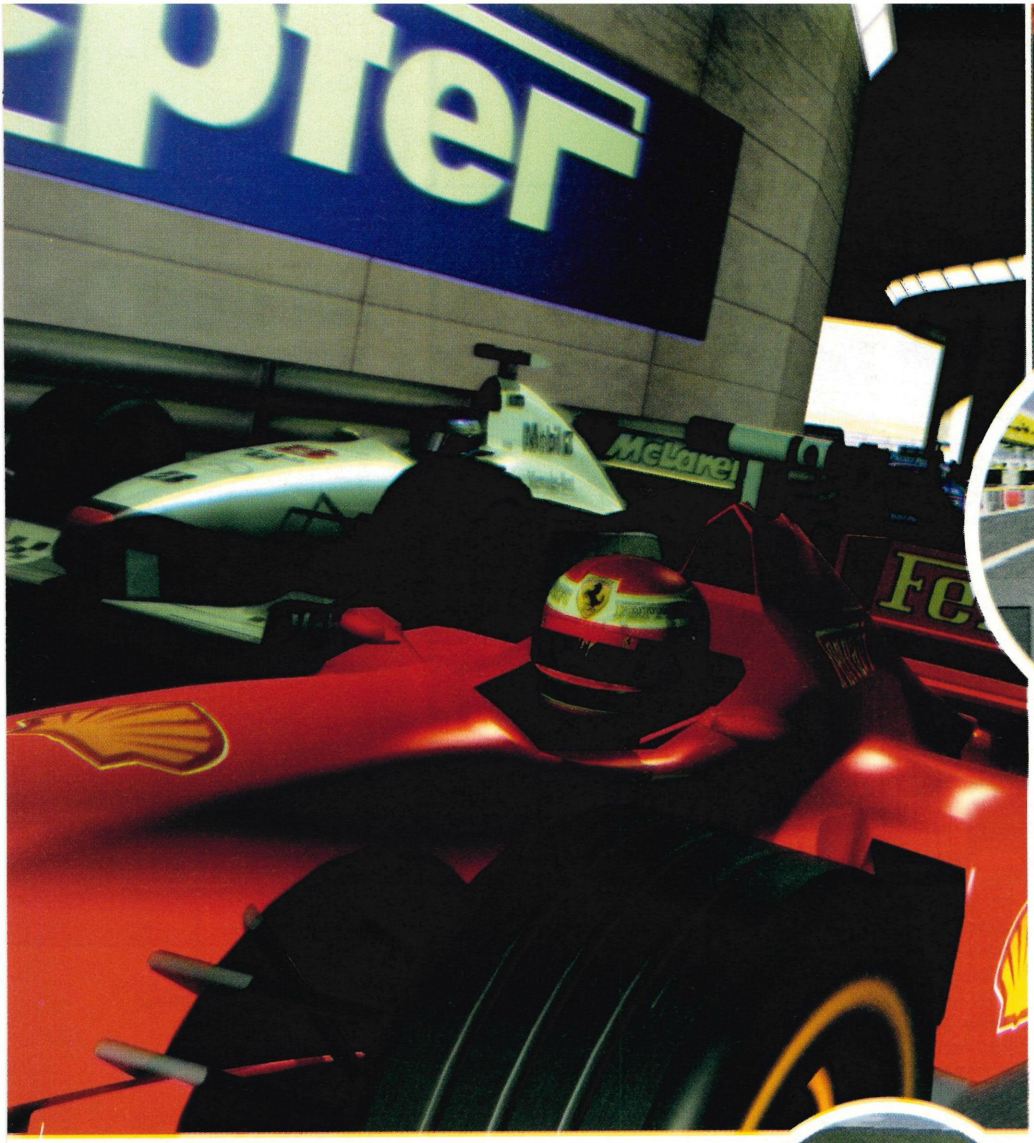


The cockpit view should be a hair-raising recreation of the real thing, instead it just limits your view, making the car even harder to control







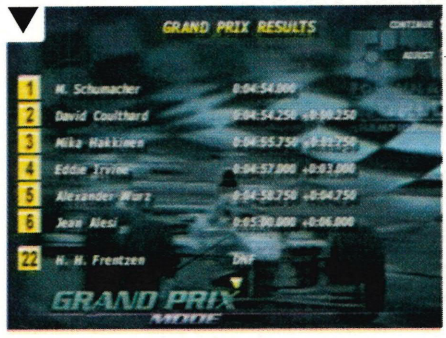






After each race the positions are displayed, the fastest lap times confirmed along with your own dismal position from the race

Cars now run on grooved tyres to make them slower (it reduces the surface area of the tyre on the track - reducing grip)









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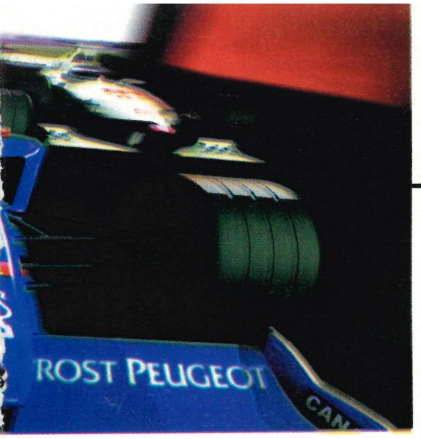
- When Damon Hill was driving in the 1993 British GP, in which he was leading at Silverstone, the engine blew up and rather than go and remonstrate with his team, he dropped over the wall of the British Racing Driver's club, near where he had crashed, walked into the hospitality suite and ordered himself a pint of lager top
- Bertrand Gachot was driving through London one evening when he was cut-up by a taxi driver. So enraged was Gachot that he neatly over-took the taxi, then slammed on the brakes. The taxi driver, having ploughed into the back of the car in front, grabbed hold of Gachot to give him a good belting, but instead got a face-full of CS gas (legal in France) for his trouble. The judge sentenced Gachot to 18 months, allowing Michael Schumacher to take his place for a drive with Jordan in the Belgian GP... the rest is history
- In Nigel Mansell's first Gran Prix race, his mechanic slipped up on the starting grid and instead of filling just the petrol tank with fuel, he also flooded the cockpit of the car with the highly flammable liquid. So determined was he to make a good impression, Mansell carried on racing until his engine broke down many laps into the race, having had his legs and feet coated in stinging fuel that could have ignited at any time

an in a real race. Move into one of the close camera views from the many on offer and as the car slams into a corner (all too literally), the driver's head sways to compensate for the G-force. It's beautiful stuff, which makes you wonder why more attention wasn't spent making the Gran Prix mode more of a true driving experience and less like a toboggan run.

In visual terms the game has perhaps stood still, being easily overtaken by *Gran Turismo* and the nearly finished *TOCA 2*. Yes, it's brighter and more colourful than the rather drab *Formula One '97*, but it's also less clear, with several of the leading cars being stripped of their detailing, even when they're quite close. The draw distance does look to be improved, although there's still plenty of pop-up on certain tracks. And the Monaco tunnel section is something of an abortion, looking as though you're driving along with a sparkler held in front of your nose.

SMART MOVES

On the plus side, the multi-player games move along with little noticeable slow down, even with the extra AI cars on the track. And in this version, the cars do seem to have a little intelligence of their own. Stop on a bad bend, covering the racing line and the following cars will try to avoid you, driving around the obstacle instead of just ploughing into the back of you. If the cars do come to a stop, they'll even reverse out of the way before hammering their way around. On the harder level settings you'll have to battle to get past them, although you still



No: 22
Team: Minardi
Name: Shinji Nakano
Nationality: Japanese
Most likely to say: "Lives in a hotel in Italy"
Most likely to say: "I'm happy to be in F1"
Least likely to say: "I have lots of friends in F1"



No: 23
Team: Minardi
Name: Esteban Tuero
Nationality: Argentinian
Most likely to say: "Who?"
Most likely to say: "Hello, I'm Esteban Tuero"
Least likely to say: "I'm going to win tomorrow"



No:3
Team: Ferrari
Name: Michael Schumacher
Nationality: German
Most likely to say: "Best driver in the world"
Most likely to say: "It wasn't my fault"
Least likely to say: "I'll drive for free"



No: 8
Team: McLaren
Name: Mika Hakkinen
Nationality: Finnish
Most likely to say: "Should be... World Champion"
Most likely to say: "Hooray (if he wins)"
Least likely to say: "Hooray (if he loses)"





It's always the same, you're waiting for your Big Mac and some bastard trys to sneak past you in the queue. Sod off!







don't get the feeling that you're racing real drivers, the opponents frustrate you enough to make you determined to get into the lead and stay ahead.

The arcade challenge, another new addition, pitches you into a set position on the starting grid, selecting which car and driver you must take control of as you battle for at least a place in the top six. Realistic handling is thankfully forgotten, and there's nothing more satisfying than shunting Michael Schumacher's car into a gravel trap at 160mph (if only the car damage didn't just send a wheel flying off, but instead had full inertia crashes). But this just highlights the fact that after a few attempts at the clumsy handling of Gran Prix mode, you'll be forced (if somewhat unreluctantly) back to the much more enjoyable arcade mode. And this really is a waste of the FIA license.

There needs to be a balance between sharp visuals, great controls and more playability than the birdie song at a Spanish wedding reception. As luck would have it, *Gran Turismo* has already provided these ingredients and perhaps has raised our expectations too high.

Formula One '98 is a very playable game (if only in arcade mode), with some of the best multi-player action on the PlayStation, but it's just not a ground-breaking product, and I've started to expect that from my racing games. If you don't already own a *Formula One* game, then this has everything the fan of the motor sport could wish for. It just isn't the front-runner it once was PRO

IT'S JUST PIT-IFUL







"No, I'm sorry, I asked for a large Coke and medium fries, and would you please stop tearing the tyres off my car! I'm sure I'll need those later. I must say that this is the worst bloody drive-thru I've ever been to. Ooi! Leave it out, this is a race, not a car-boot sale, put that back!

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £44.99
PUBLISHER: Psygnosis
GENRE: Racing

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The most fun you'll have from F1 '98 is undoubtedly in arcade mode, in pitched racing battles with several mates all swearing and slagging off each others driving. In any other mode, however, you're likely to get too frustrated by the handling and spend too much time in the poorly animated pits. If you're mad on Formula One racing and don't own a previous version, this is the game for you, but racers used to the delights of Gran Turismo will be sorely unimpressed by this update.

LEWIS

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	7
SOUND	8
GAMEPLAY	8
LASTABILITY	7

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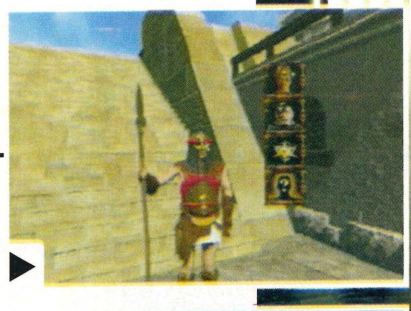
PRO PANEL

SAM I'm not big on F1 at the best of times. F1 '98 managed to repel me even further, with its rough handling. There are enough racing games out there without needing the likes of this

CHICKEN Getting much of a muchness the F1 series. I was expecting a lot more from this but, like the last one, it's let me down. It's a shame, but it just doesn't cut my mustard

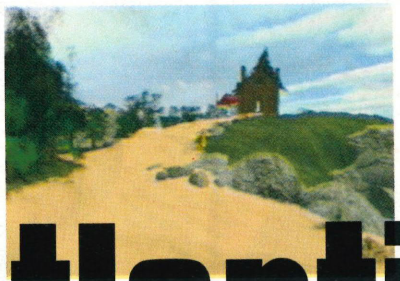
JAMES It's looking a little stale now to be honest. F1 '97 left little room for improvement and the slight adjustments which have been made don't justify you shelling out again

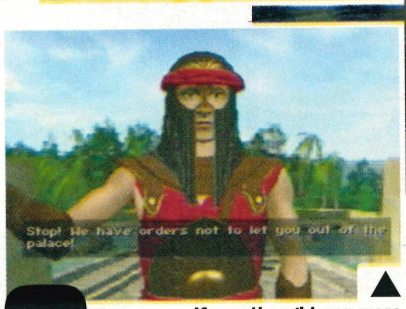
KAY Bringing out another version of the same game seems completely pointless to me, especially when I'm not a big fan anyway. If you've any of the other versions, don't bother



Deciding on a topic of conversation is easy- When you walk up to someone, a box appears giving you all the available options. Just don't expect the chat to be scintillating







If you thought you were bored playing it, imagine how it feels to appear in it... this man is a perfect example of apathy in motion



Atlantis

Whether it's a mythical city or an over-rated adventure, some things are best left submerged beneath the depths...

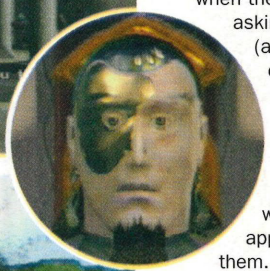
Atlantis: The Lost Tales is, to quote the promotional literature, "a fascinating universe of visual intensity... and unpredictable people." Taking the character of Seth, a newly-recruited Queen's Companion, your job is to uncover the mysterious disappearance of Queen Rhea, who has gone AWOL during a tour of Atlantis.

By travelling over five continents and badgering people for information and clues, you have the chance to locate Rhea and return her to her realm, if you don't fall asleep first.

Contrary to what the promotional guff tells you, Atlantis is about as exciting as watching paint dry. You move around the game by pointing a cursor at your desired location, and then wait until the screen loads before you can continue, making it a very tedious process, especially when you have to travel back and forth between locations in order to progress.

"I'm sorry, I can't show any more excitement than this, lest my two-inch layer of make-up cracks"







DESTINATION: DULLSVILLE

Throughout your adventure, you'll come across a variety of characters (including Cockney oiks and pouting Scottish types) who will either help or hinder you in your quest to find Queen Rhea. However, these hardly add to the game, as they've got about as much charisma as a sack of potatoes, and you'll realise this by checking out the bored expressions on their faces.

They're also far too polite to each other, even when there's animosity afoot. Now I'm not asking for a full-on scrap or anything (although it would be pretty cool), but I'm of the belief that if one character despises another, then they should at least show it, if only to maintain a little bit of realism.

The gameplay is also devoid of excitement and challenge, particularly when the adventure involves nothing but approaching characters and talking to them. It's also very linear, as one false move or even answer to a question will end your sovereign-seeking career faster than it began. Which, thinking about it, may well be a good thing, since if boredom doesn't get you, the dreadful pan-pipe background music is sure to finish the job PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Cryo Interactive
GENRE: Adventure

AVOID!

ANALOGUE | MEMORY CARD | ONE PLAYER | PRO | PRO

If you've ever suffered from insomnia, then Atlantis is definitely a game to look out for. Despite its lush looking graphics, waiting for each screen to load is a highly painful process, and is sure to have a soporific effect upon anyone who endures it, as will the less-than-thrilling storyline. Unless you're a fan of Myst or its equally rivetting sequel Riven, I wouldn't touch this with a shitty stick. Well, not unless you've run out of Horlicks (or whatever your favourite nightcap is).

KAY

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	6
SOUND	3
GAMEPLAY	4
LASTABILITY	4

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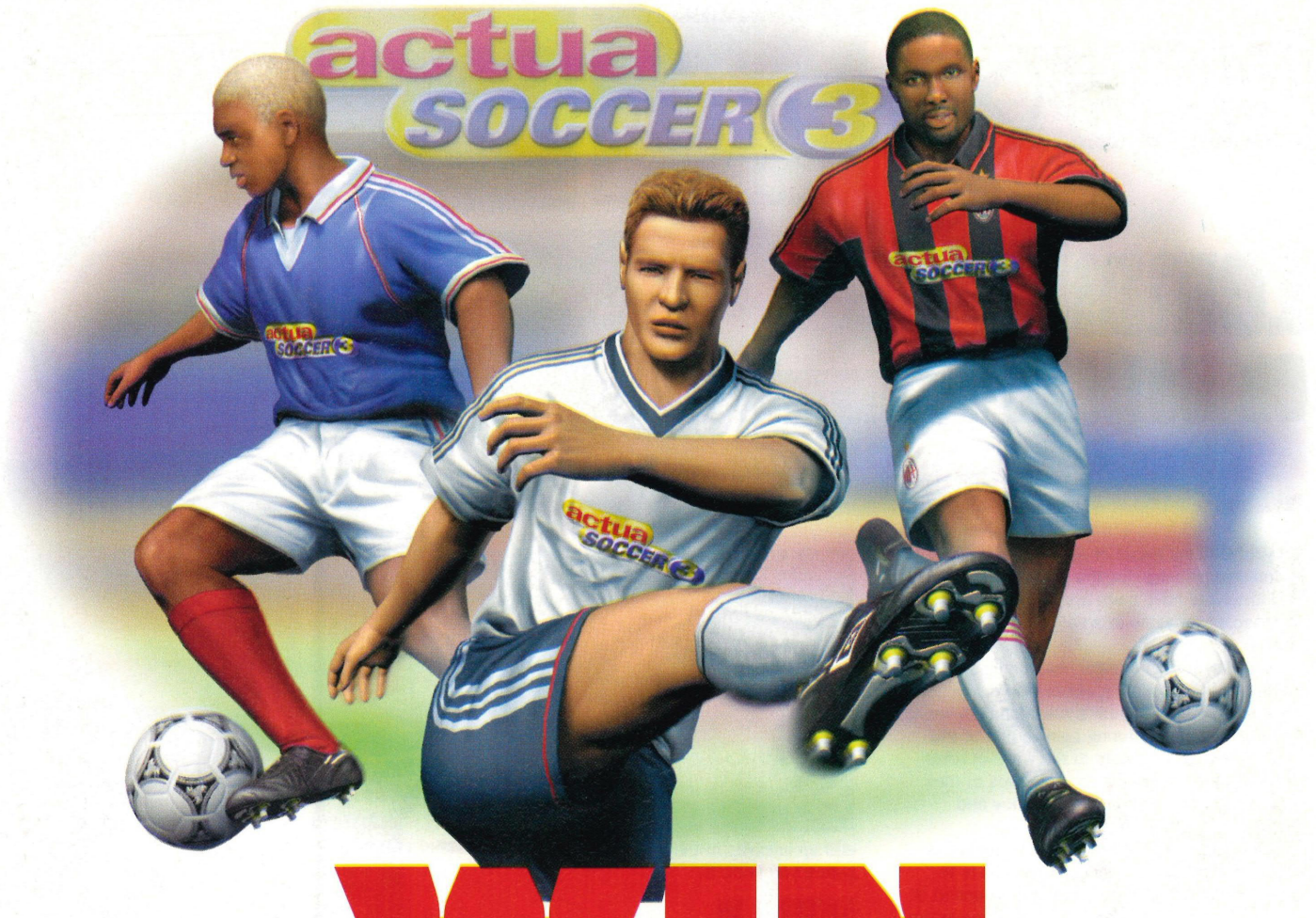
PRO PANEL

LEWIS At least when you drown it's supposed to be a pleasant experience and isn't likely to cost you £40. This on the other hand is a slow lingering death. I think it's called 'torture'

SAM I honestly can't recommend this game enough, its the best game ever made. Only joking, sarcasm got the better of me. It's actually a complete waste of space. Avoid

CHICKEN If the people of Atlantis have got PlayStations, they're going to be mighty miffed that they're being represented by this kind of stuff. Avoid like you've never avoided before

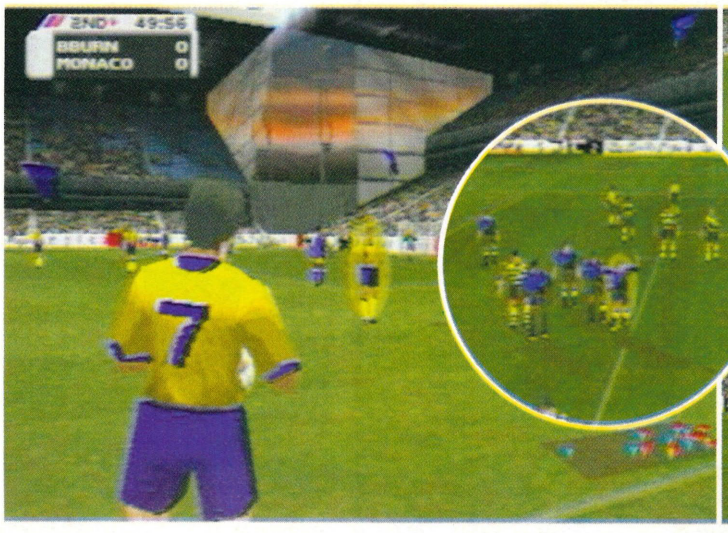
JAMES Looks good, plays alright, bored me beyond belief. Games of this type need a few extras to hold my interest at the best of times, Atlantis has none and will stay lost forever



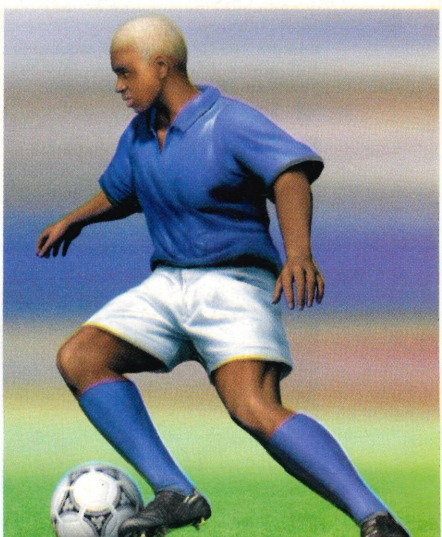
WIN ACTUA SOCCER 3 GOODIES

To celebrate the launch of possibly the best football game to date - Actua Soccer 3, we've teamed up with Gremlin to give you the chance to win two tickets to see the football team of your choice in action, as well as a whole host of Gremlin Interactive bits and bobs thrown together in a goodie bag.
Don't worry about choosing the game you want to see yet, we'll be in touch if you win. All you need to worry about now is getting the following question right and sending it to us on a postcard or stuck down envelope (we can't be arsed opening normal letters so don't bother) at the following address; Actua Soccer 3 Competition, PlayStation Pro, Media House, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4NP. Easy.

Q) Name the player who was sent off in the World Cup game between England and Argentina













Lemmings – Oh No! More Lemmings

Rampant rodents run you ragged in this latest retro release. Can you stand it, or will you want to chuck yourself off a cliff?

If you've never heard of *Lemmings*, then you've definitely missed out- the green-haired, blue-clad terrors have been appearing on all sorts of consoles for years in a variety of different guises.

Even PlayStation owners have previously been treated to the wandering antics of the psychotic rodents from hell, in both a revamped 3D version and a platformer featuring *Lomax*, one of the lovable mop-tops. Caught in the wave of retro releases, the *Lemmings* are now back in their original 2D form, to completely annoy and frustrate the pants off you.

The object of the game is simple, in theory, but often difficult in practice. Your task is to construct an escape route (using a selection of skills such as building and digging) to guide the *Lemmings* down to an exit before they wander off, get themselves into trouble and drop off this mortal coil.

However, they instinctively know when you're struggling, as they seem to then multiply rapidly and scamper all over the place just to annoy you. It's usually at this point that you throw down your joypad/mouse in disgust, vowing never to meddle with the rebel rodents ever again. However, playing *Lemmings* is as (if not more) addictive than a cache of Class A's, and you'll



end up involved in the 'just one more go' trap before you know it.

LEMMING AT 'EM

If you thought that was bad, check out some of the names of the 209 brain-teasing levels featured in this two-game compilation - all manner of lemming-related puns ('Diet Lemmingaid' being one) have been finely crafted for your amusement.

However, this cringe-worthy wordplay will cease to matter once you get stuck in, as you'll be too busy panicking about how to deal with the hordes of lemmings that throw themselves at you. It's also a good idea to memorise where each useful skill appears on the utility bar, as fiddling around trying to find the right one wastes both time and lemmings.

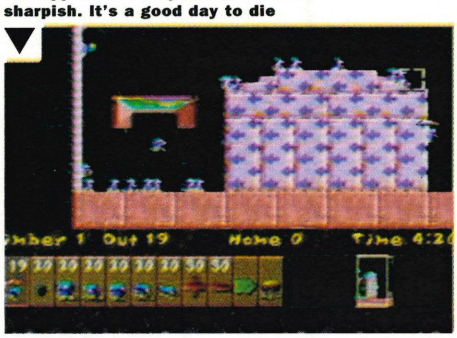
Whether you're a rodent virgin or a full-time fan, this is irresistible, if only for a reminisce. Just don't jump off a cliff in frustration PRO



Beware the tidal wave of lemmings which will appear unless you sort 'em out sharpish. It's a good day to die



If you like the sound of splatted lemmings, and let's face it – who doesn't? Don't give them a parachute. It's that simple





PRO SCORE

PRICE: £19.99
PUBLISHER: Psygnosis
GENRE: Strategy

RENT IT

ANALOGUE | MEMORY CARD | MOUSE | ONE PLAYER | PRO

Although the Lemmings games have been around for years, they still remain a classic in the eyes of many gamers. Like Worms, Lemmings combines strategy tactics with cute and humorous fun that everyone is sure to enjoy. However, if you're one of those bloodthirsty types for whom blood, guts and gore are a prerequisite, you're better off sticking to the C&C series, as the cheery chirping of the lemmings as you release them is sure to send you screaming. For the rest of you though, this is well worth checking out.

KAY

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	5
SOUND	5
GAMEPLAY	8
LASTABILITY	8

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PRO PANEL

SAM I have a real problem with this game. I wasted too much of my life with this piece of shit when I was a kid. Suicide may be painless, but it tends to get boring after the first time

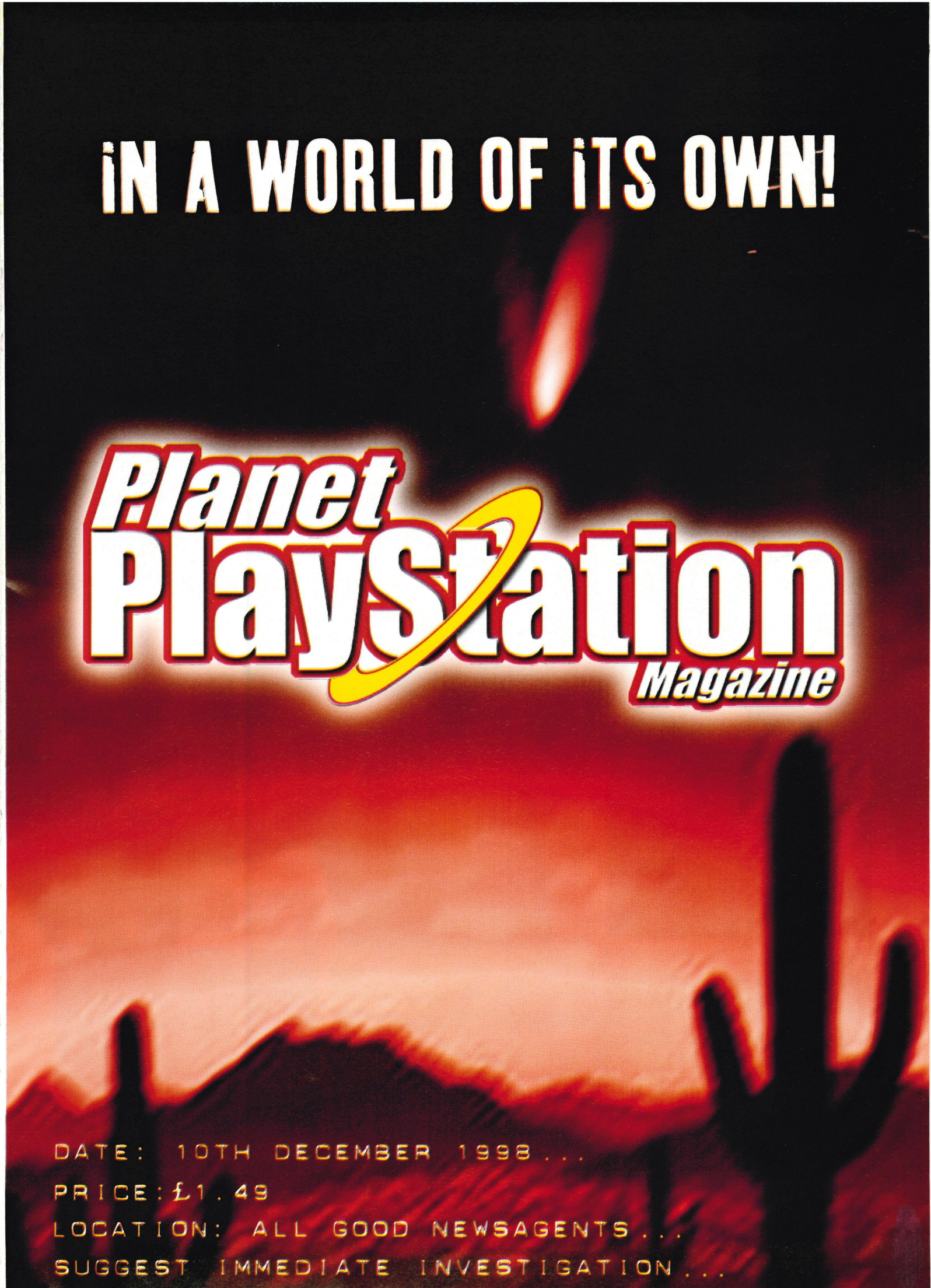
JAMES Still one of the most brain-taxing games after all this time, but loses a lot because of the dated appearance. Brought back the memories, but I'd rather play Tenchu

LEWIS I simply can't stand these green-topped rodent suicide freaks, and I just enjoy killing all the little bastards, which I don't think is the point. Definitely not for me

CHICKEN I remember this from my Amiga days and hearing them brought back nightmares. It's a good puzzle game, but it should be left to die now. Sort your life out Kay, this is overmarked



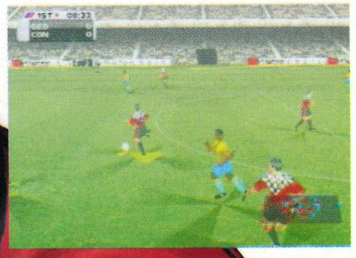
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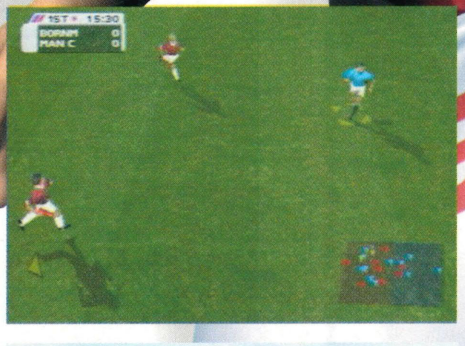
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The panoramic views of the stadia are amongst the best we've ever seen. Actua Soccer 3 gives us 30 to play in at a variety of times during the day



The Argies have gone a goal behind and we're obviously all gutted for them. Hope they get it back soon





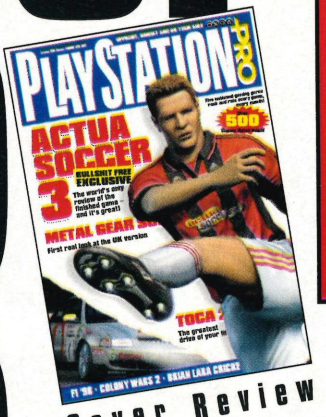




Actua Soccer 3 opens with classic footy action over the past few years all accompanied by uplifting classical strains to set the scene

Actua Soccer 3

Football overload? Surely there's no such thing. Gremlin certainly hope so, because they've just released their best game yet...



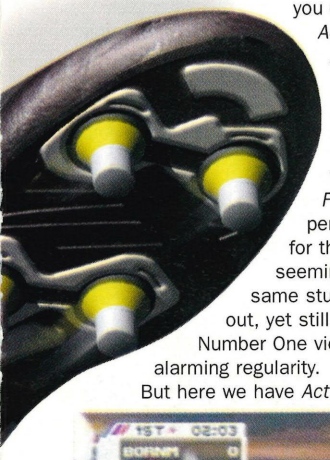
Cover Review

When a game gets to its third instalment you know it must be doing something right. It's usually also the point where the more cynical amongst us start wagging accusatory fingers at software houses and suggesting that maybe there's a little bit of money-making going on.

What it does prove though is that once a software house gets a winning brand they're sure as hell going to stick to it rather than risk it all on releasing a ton of untried games. *Core Design* are probably the best example of this with *Tomb Raider*, but *Gremlin Interactive* are probably close behind with their *Actua Sports* series. Elsewhere in this magazine you can read about *Actua Golf 3* and *Actua Sports Pool Shark*. No sport it seems is safe.







Brands like *Electronic Arts'* football competitor, *FIFA Soccer*, are perhaps most to blame for this scepticism, seemingly re-hashing the same stuff year in and year out, yet still claiming the Number One videogame spot with alarming regularity.

But here we have *Actua Soccer*, now in its third guise (although there have been a couple of other outings that don't seem to get counted like *Euro '96* and *Actua Soccer: Club Edition*), but at least you can genuinely chart its improvement over the course of the years.

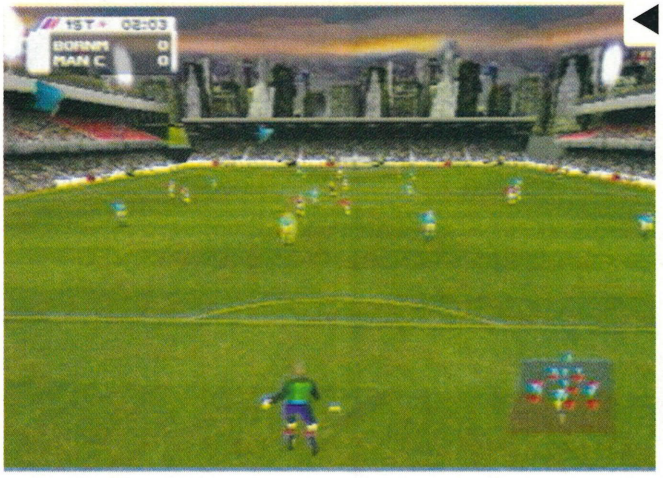
NEW YEAR'S HIGHER RESOLUTION

Last year's *Actua Soccer 2* was pretty much the best footy game out there in our opinion. It was certainly the one we were still playing after Santa had disappeared for yet another year. Competition 12 months later though seems to be a lot stronger, so *Actua Soccer 3* is going to have to be pretty special to get away with it again.

Thankfully, *Actua Soccer 3* does a fine job of taking the series on yet again. 1997's offering could perhaps have been accused of being a bit too arcadey, but while the option is there to play number three like its predecessor, a whole new element of reality has been introduced, and the game is all the better for it.

So what have we? Well first of all there's a vast array of accurately reproduced teams from England and the rest of Europe, as well as all the major teams world-wide. I picked Manchester City and was pretty surprised to find that the rag-tag bag of losers that I was given to play with was in fact the real team I have to endure every week. Where's the fun in that I hear you ask? I've been saying the same thing for years myself!

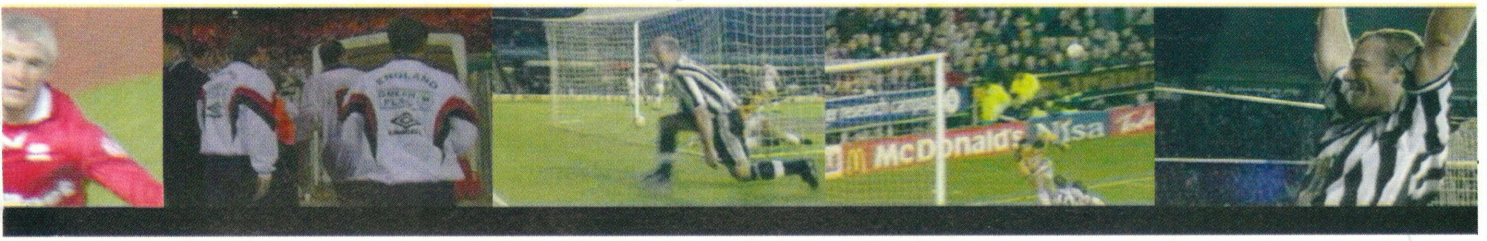
The Man City team here is actually the rag tag bag of losers I endure every week. Where's the fun in that?



Here's a cityscape at night for you to cast a glance over. This time it's Bournemouth playing Man City in a friendly in Spain



I was even more surprised, when I was flicking through the available stadiums, to find a more or less realistic Maine Road to play at. Alright, so the names of the 30 grounds aren't correct for legal reasons,







but the pseudonyms they go by make it pretty easy to work out what's what. For example, when you get a stadium called Twin Peaks that looks like Wembley, it doesn't take Columbo to detect that you're supposed to be in London.

Going back to the number of teams included, besides the ones I've already mentioned, there are quite a number of "hidden" teams that you will unlock after you achieve certain goals (sic) like winning cups and leagues. Once you've accessed them, a save to the memory card will let you play with them in future games. So if you fancy a dabble with the Shearer All-Stars, you've got a bit of work to do first.

BALL ON A WIRE

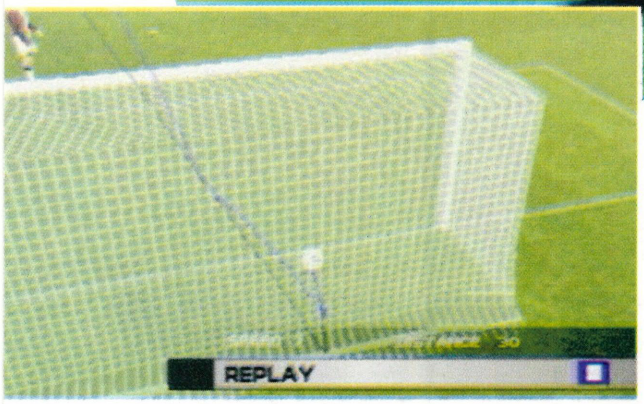
Down to the game then, which is, after all, the most important bit. We've got a couple of new camera angles in there, in fact the default one is slightly different to last year, but it's also a bitch to play with as it's tricky to know where minor things like the goals are when you're in a rush to get a shot off. I found myself switching back to the more familiar Wire-





The isometric camera angle is a good starting point for beginners in the game. It allows you a good view of the surrounding areas





PICK & MIX



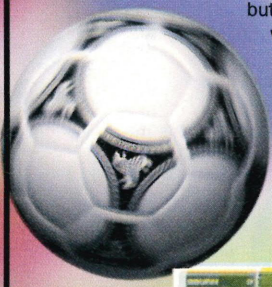


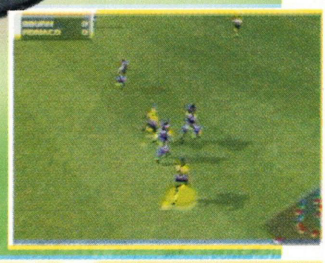


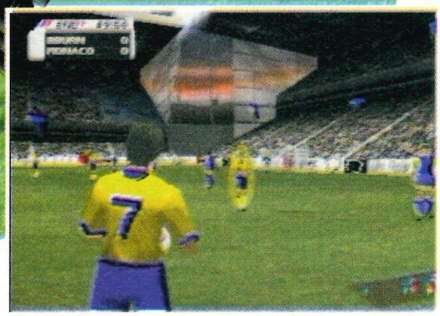




If the 100 players included in the database aren't enough, you can craft your own to make the team of your dreams











An Argie getting booked? Surely not. They're all too busy snorting coke to play footy these days

Cam of *Actua Soccer 2* to play with.

The football itself is considerably improved. Some of the inherent problems with player selection have been ironed out, as well as tweaks to the control system, and this provides the player with more control than ever before. A couple of faults remain, but if they didn't there wouldn't be an *Actua Soccer 4* and we couldn't have that now could we?

BILLY VARIABLE

The default pace of the game has been slowed down a little to get rid of the arcade feeling of *Actua Soccer 2* I mentioned earlier, but the option is still there if you like. Making the speed a little more sedate also serves the purpose of giving you more time on the ball, rather than involving you in frantic button-tapping. You still have to have your wits about you, but you do get the chance to play a more cultured standard of football, which is obviously good. Your classy brand of Total Football is, as ever, commentated on by Match Of The Day's Barry Davies, who is this time joined by Leicester City manager Martin O'Neill.

Before you stumble headlong into oblivion, it's wise to cut your teeth on the training ground

There are competitions and leagues galore, but before you stumble headlong into oblivion it might be wise to cut your teeth on the training ground. Here you can practice just about anything from tackling to bending free kicks around a wall of cardboard players.

There's also the option to practice the all-important penalties, but in about a million that I took I never missed once and the goalie only managed to save a couple. This probably succeeds in removing a little frustration from the game, but it would be hugely satisfying to see your mate blast a vital spot kick over the bar, if only to allow the opportunity for a sporting hand gesture aimed in their direction!

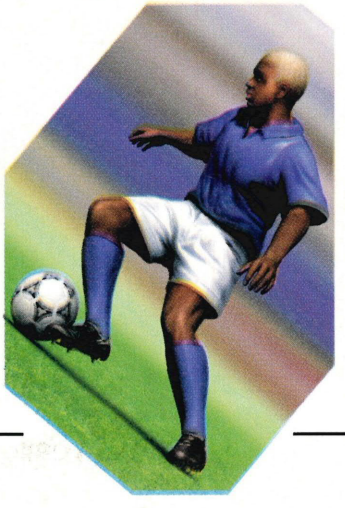
The big question then: Is it worth it if you already own *Actua Soccer 2*? Personally I'd say yes. In my opinion, *AS2* is beaten these days in the arcade stakes by *ISS Pro 98*. It was probably beaten in the general best footy game stakes too by *World League Soccer* from *Eidos230*.

What *Actua Soccer 3* manages to successfully do is throw the gauntlet back down for the challengers to pick up with their next round of games. It's not as simple as *Actua Soccer 2* to pick up and play, so the instant gratification isn't as high, but there's more to be gained in the long-run PRO



It's Georgia versus the mighty Congo at the renamed home of Manchester City FC. This should be a cracker Des





PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Gremlin
GENRE: Sports

MUST BUY

ANALOGUE · MEMORY CARD · TWO PLAYER · PRO · PRO

Good stuff from Gremlin's sports team. Some of the other Actua titles haven't reached the heady heights of their early Soccer titles, but Actua Soccer 3 is Gremlin's best Actua game to date. It plays a good game of football, has nice graphics, great commentary and is completely up to date. These all add up to a fine game that you'll like if you regularly have your dose of footy served up on your PlayStation. Well worth getting as a pressie or spending your Christmas money on.

CHICKEN

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	8
SOUND	8
GAMEPLAY	9
LASTABILITY	9

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PRO PANEL

LEWIS I played Actua Soccer 2 more than any other footy game, so I'm biased. This improves upon all of my complaints and delivers once again some of the finest PSX football

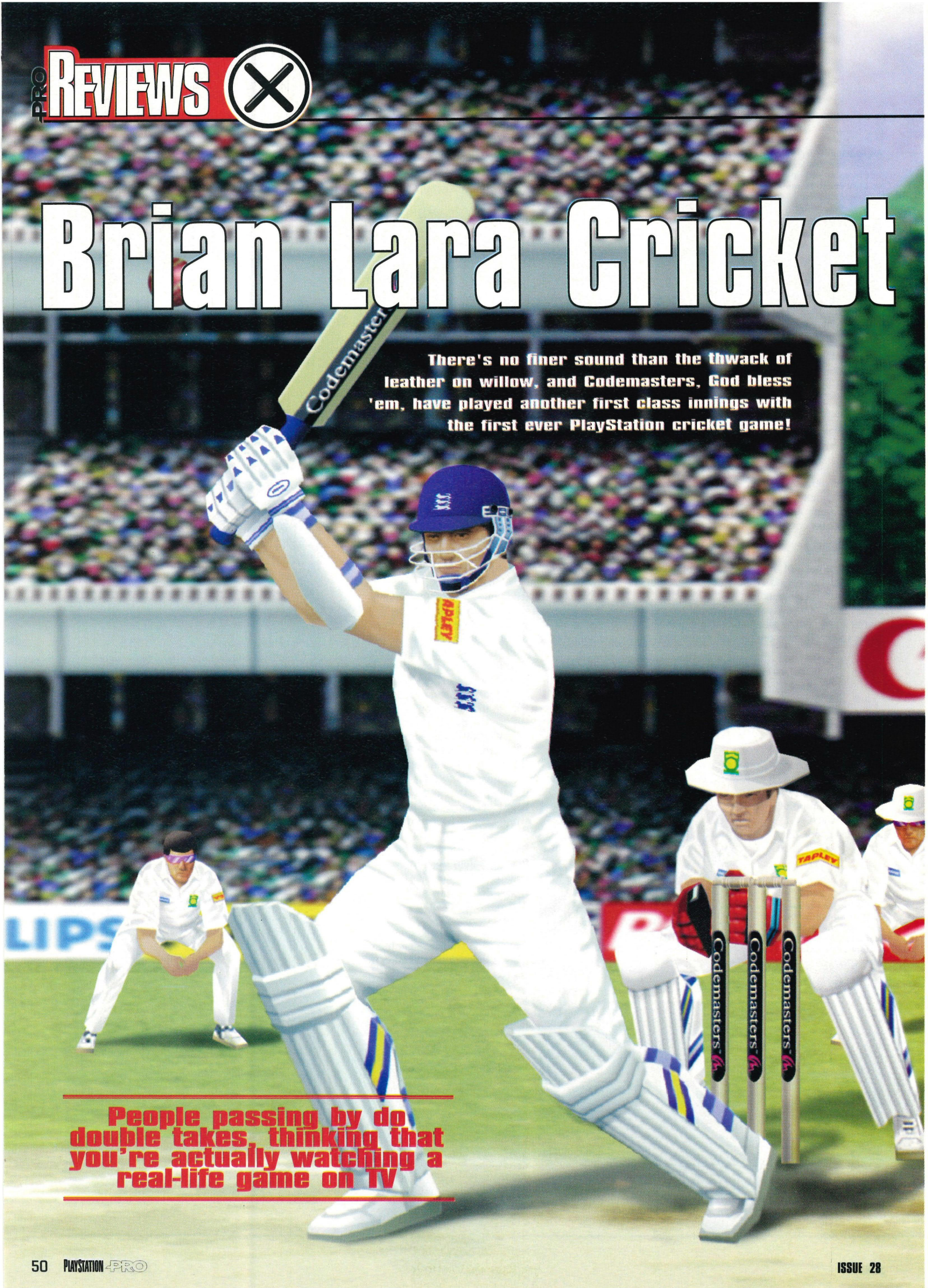
JAMES A much improved version of one of the PlayStation's finest soccer brands. Gremlin have excelled themselves this time and the result is another feast for football fans

SAM This is the best footy game I've played on the PlayStation, kicking FIFA and World League Soccer back on to the bench. Accept no substitute, you're gonna dribble all over this

KAY Although I've always been more of a FIFA fan, this is a fine footy game which gives you improved graphics, bearable commentary and even more ball-kicking pleasure. Go get it!

Brian Lara Cricket

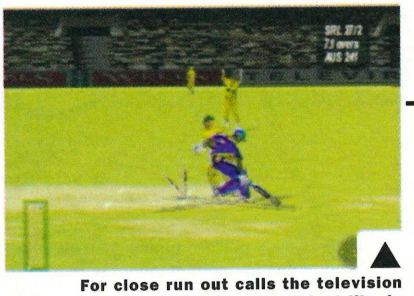
There's no finer sound than the thwack of leather on willow, and Codemasters, God bless 'em, have played another first class innings with the first ever PlayStation cricket game!



People passing by do double takes, thinking that you're actually watching a real-life game on TV







For close run out calls the television umpire can be called on, and just like in the real thing a green light indicates in, but if it's red then you're on your way back to the pavilion

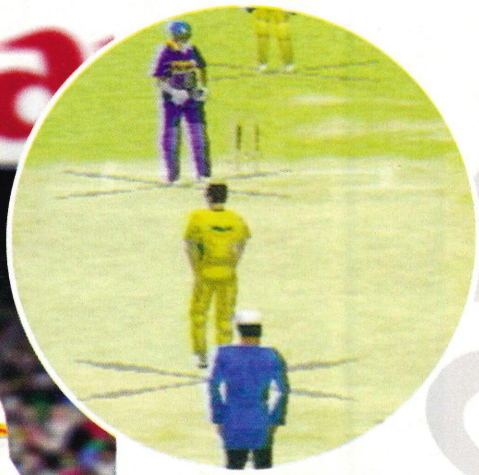


Codemasters are on a bit of a roll these days and can't seem to do any wrong. Maybe that's why they've got the confidence now to try and prise open the narrow minds of many PlayStation owners that little bit wider and get them to give this cricket lark a bit of a bash.

Naturally, if you're reading PlayStation Pro, you're obviously a well rounded person anyway, but you'd be surprised at some of the riff-raff that read the other mags. And they're the ones that it'll be a battle to convince.

It'd be a real shame if anyone were to dismiss *Brian Lara Cricket*, because rarely these days does a game set such high standards. Imagine your ideal cricket simulation (or if you can't get your head around that particular sport, imagine a footy game if you must). Now think what it would be like if it had everything. Every little feature your heart could desire was in there. It'd be brilliant wouldn't it? Like all your birthdays coming at once.

Well *BLC* (sounds like a sandwich) is that game. The perfect sporting simulation, for cricket fans at least, and it's almost impossible to see how it could be done a better than this.



WIND IN THE WILLOWS

There's a wealth of options richer than Richard Branson, including all of the Test teams from the major cricket playing nations, and the chance to pit them in competitions ranging from a friendly match, to a full test series, knock-out cup and faithful recreation of the World Cup.

There's also a fantastic Classic Match mode where you're landed in the middle of a dire situation from a match gone by and given a target to meet (there's more on this in the Match of the Century on the next page).

The best place to start for the novice is in the nets, where you can polish up your batting and bowling skills under little or no pressure whatsoever. You start off on village difficulty level, where the bowlers are about as accurate as Stevie Wonder would be after you've spun him around a few times.

Batting against the likes of these blokes will give you the confidence to step up a level, but don't get too flash with your strokeplay, because once you make the move up to test cricket, or even county level, you'll soon find that loose, hittable balls are much fewer and farther between. So get practicing those forward defensives folks!

BATMEN AND BOBBINS

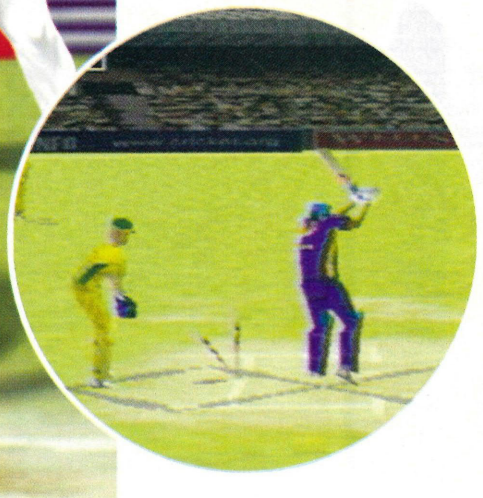
You'll soon get the hang of the timing required to play the majority of balls, and by then you'll be ready to have a go at a proper match. Now, let's face it, initially at least, most people aren't going to want to be arsed with all that bowling and fielding nonsense. And in the past, attempts at cricket games have been dragged down by forcing the player to spend far too long doing something they really don't want to do (ie. fielding). Not *Codemasters*.

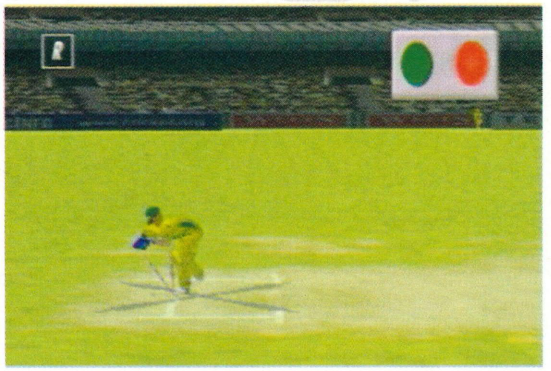
Firstly, you can have the fielding on automatic if you want, so that you just do the batting and bowling. Which is nice. But even better is the 'Generate Innings' option, where a simple press of the A button sends your PlayStation into a thought frenzy, from which it emerges with a compete, simulated innings.

All this leaves you free to thrash away with the bat as much as you like. Lovely. Of course, in time you'll want to explore the greater depth provided by bowling and fielding, but by the time you've mastered the batting, the game has you well and truly hooked and looking for a fresh challenge to extend the longevity.

Village bowlers are as accurate as Stevie Wonder after you've spun him 'round a few times

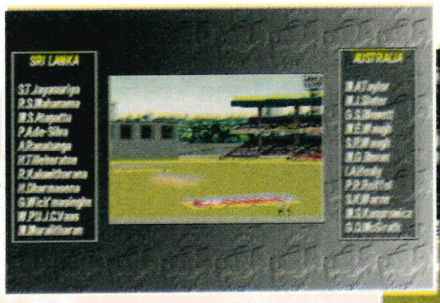
Batting is a true joy. The X button, in conjunction with a direction on the D-pad will select a shot that hopefully, if you've timed it well enough will race away and give you a chance to score some runs. The ▶







Fail to trouble the scorers and you'll suffer the humiliation of seeing this fella accompanying you on the long walk back to the pavilion





shot selection system is wonderfully intuitive, with even a cricket virgin having an idea of the most logical direction to choose right from the off. In slightly more technical terms, cricket fans will get the idea if I just say pushing down on the D-pad is a straight drive, diagonally down (depending on whether the batsman is right or left handed) will play a cover drive, up is a defensive shot, and so on.

For the more adventurous, pressing the circle instead of X button causes the batsmen to launch into the shot with all his might and try to slog the ball out of the ground. Much riskier with a greater chance of being caught out, but incredibly satisfying when you time one well and see the ball sailing into the crowd.

Presentation, as always in *Codemasters'* games these days, is superb. Jonathan 'Aggers' Agnew provides the bulk of the commentary, with Geoffrey 'Slugger' Boycott passing comment on the play as it unfolds. The game looks fantastic and the motion-captured animation is of such a high quality that I've seen plenty of people do a double take, initially thinking that someone was watching a game on TV (bit dodgy to review when there're bosses wandering about the office I can tell you! I almost got sacked at least twice!)

Sadly, I suspect that people who aren't into cricket won't be swayed by my appreciative words, but who cares eh? Those who know will be able to get their hands on one of the finest sporting simulations of all time, and if you miss it then it's only you that's missing out! PRO



Brian Lara Cricket accurately recreates all the great cricketing venues from around the world, including realistic pitch and weather conditions. Expect it to be dusty and dry in the West Indies, damp and cloudy in England etc.

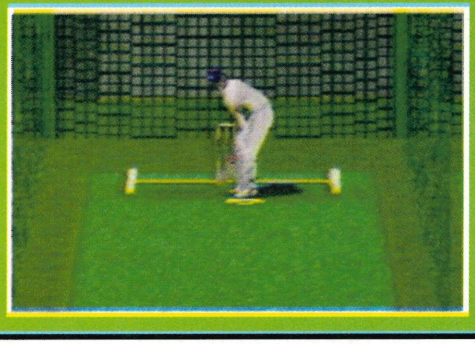
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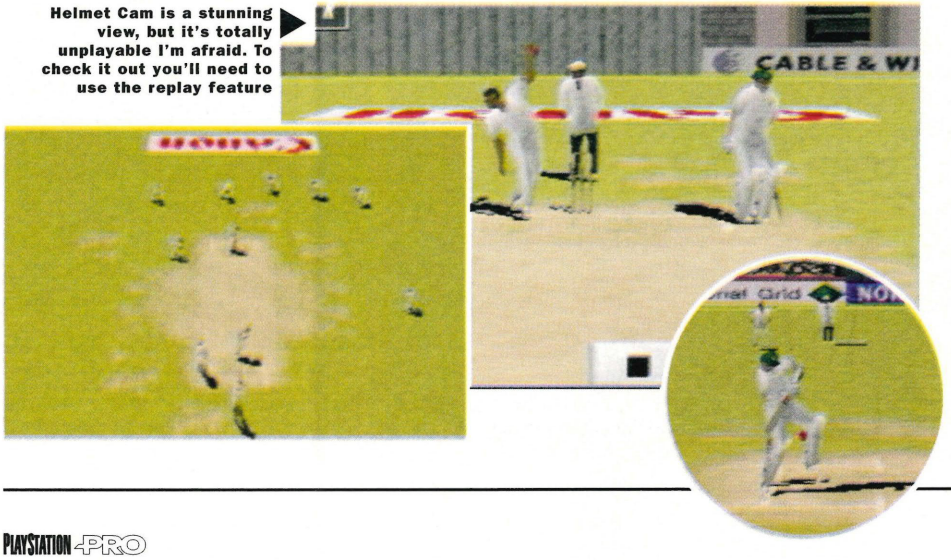
Remember Botham's Ashes? Or Gooch's 333? Maybe you've seen a belter of a Test Match on the telly and thought, 'I wish I'd practiced harder at school instead of nicking cars and getting my classmates pregnant! Then maybe I could have played in that game!' Well now you can have the best of both worlds as Codemasters provide you with the opportunity to play a part in some of the best matches of all time, and when you finish one, another even harder challenge is unlocked! Get out there, your country needs you!

NET A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT!

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Helmet Cam is a stunning view, but it's totally unplayable I'm afraid. To check it out you'll need to use the replay feature



PRO SCORE

PRICE: £44.99
PUBLISHER: Codemasters
GENRE: Sports

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Certainly not for everyone, but cricket fans will appreciate all the hard work that's gone into creating the greatest cricketing videogame ever. Every option is in there, the batting and bowling systems are so easy that even a retarded chimp could suss them out. The only thing missing is Richie Benaud (can't be doing with that Public School toff Agnew), but then you can't have everything. Essential for cricket fans. Indeed, essential for anyone who likes a good game!

STEVE

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	9
SOUND	8
GAMEPLAY	9
LASTABILITY	8

9

PRO PANEL

JAMES Fans of Gooch's old cricket game on the Amiga will love this, it looks amazing and is really easy to play, but it's still boring old cricket. A dross game done incredibly well

LEWIS Cricket bores the hell out of me, but like virtual golf, I got into this after a few tries and began to enjoy what has always been the sporting equivalent of watching my hair grow

CHICKEN I actually quite like cricket and this is as fine an example of a game of the sport as you're going to get. It's complex and packed with features, so it gets my vote

KAY A game that only my cricket-mad antipodean relations (and maybe my dad) would love. I can't see the attraction of this, as the game is incredibly dull in the first place

The new music creator from Codemasters gives you the chance to compose rhythmic, funky masterpieces with your PlayStation, rejecting the need to invest in banks of keyboards and whistling boxes



Music

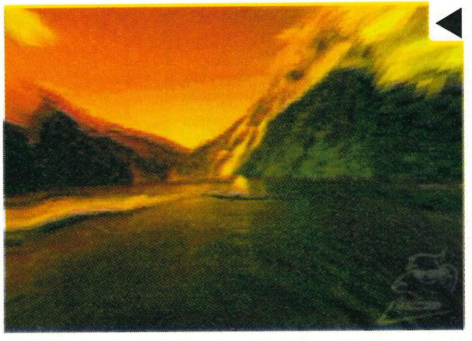
Music creation for the PlayStation

Ever listened to dance music and thought you could do a better job with a spoon and a saucepan? Well put down your cutlery, because Codemasters have made it even easier

It's taken a long time for publishers to start thinking about the PlayStation's musical potential. Up until the release of *Fluid*, the music connection consisted of those annoying kaleidoscope things that flit about the screen to your favourite CDs. *Fluid* (reviewed in issue 24) provided a limited, but interesting, interface for creating musical loops, and threw in a dolphin simulator for good measure (don't worry, it's a drug thing). But until now it's not been possible to actually build up your own music from scratch.

BOSS TUNES

Music Creation For The PlayStation, to use its full, unwieldy title, provides a simple canvas for the composition of a dance track and video. When you load it up, you immediately notice the lack of flashy graphics. *Codemasters* have programmed *Music* as a serious piece of software rather than a game. There're no FMV intros, tutorials or gun-wielding assassins to distract you from the matter in hand. What you have here is a proper soundstudio with a collection of samples and more editing facilities than you can shake a musical wand at.



A snazzy music video can be created by using the many effects available. Backgrounds, movies and starfields are among the effects on offer

There are 3000 individual instruments available to the music creator, with 750 pre-set riffs and the option to make your own riffs. *Music* users simply place riffs on the 16 tracks in any order they wish. A video can be laid out in the same way, by choosing from a selection of patterns, backgrounds, objects, chases, starfields and colours, before you begin setting them out on the matrix.

All manner of effects and tweaks can be applied to both the musical tracks and video tracks, giving the software a limitless appeal and providing infinite possibilities in the area of music creation.

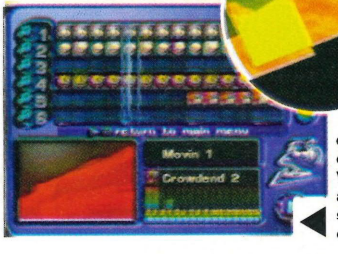
All this makes for a very interesting bit of software, which shows off the PlayStation's massive audio capabilities to the full. Whilst there's little here that could be termed as gameplay and some of the instruments do sound a little out of date, due to their synthesized effect, there are enough interesting sounds to make some high quality dance tracks. All in all, Music is a fine piece of work and one that should encourage more developers to work on more 'serious' releases PRO

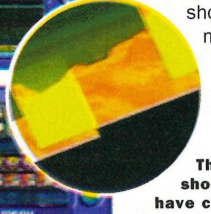












The matrix clearly shows the riffs you have compiled, and the current state of your video at each point in the track. Videos can also be generated automatically, with changes in sounds and tempo taken into consideration

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £34.99
PUBLISHER: Codemasters
GENRE: Miscellaneous

TRY B4 U BUY

MUSIC is another title that exploits the hidden capabilities of the PlayStation and adds to the constantly varying range of software available. Expert musicians should be happy with the tools available, but may find the synthesized samples a little out of date. The rest of us, however, will find a lot of interesting options to play about with and should be able to get at least one decent track out of it. For anyone interested in making dance music, this is a more than suitable starting point.

SAM

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	6
SOUND	8
GAMEPLAY	N/A
LASTABILITY	8

8

PRO PANEL

CHICKEN Clever stuff. There's loads of samples, but you may eventually find it restricting. Having said that it's great to see this kind of PC 'toy' for the PlayStation

JAMES The best 'mixer' we've seen so far. Sadly you have to make do with the samples provided, but there are more than enough of them to keep your 'choones' sounding well 'ard

LEWIS Pure fun for annoying the whole family. It gives you the chance to take out your revenge for all those piano lessons by creating music you'll love, but everyone else'll hate

KAY If you fancy yourself as a bit of a mixmaster, this is ideal for knocking out some 'bangin' toons'. I'm not so hot for the puke-provoking, migraine-inducing videos though

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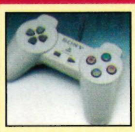
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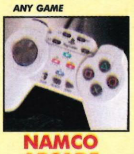


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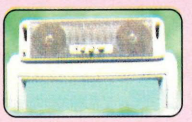
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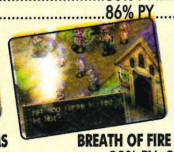
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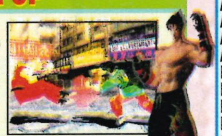

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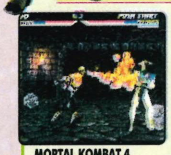


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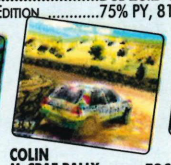






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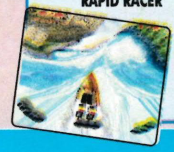
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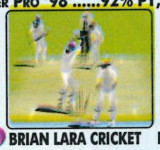


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VICTORY BOXING 2


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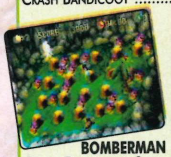
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There's no time to get used to your environment, walk up that ramp and the car park is overrun with criminal psychopaths. A serious crowd control situation





The radar at the top-left of the screen provides vital information on the location of enemies, power-ups and switches





Future















In true arcade tradition, each level ends with a boss challenge, but unlike past attempts, the bosses in Future Cop require more than a wholesale twatting to bring them down

Put the controller down and step away from the PlayStation. There's a new cop in town, and he's about to squish some crims

If *Electronic Arts* aren't remembered for anything else in history, they will be remembered for bringing us the likes of *Soviet* and *Nuclear Strike*, the nearest we've come to playing war on the PlayStation.

Both these games put the armchair soldier in charge of a helicopter and presented one fat bastard of a challenge, throwing thousands upon thousands of enemies at your whirlybird, guns blazing and nuclear rocket launchers blasting. In fact, if the author of the PSX dictionary (if such a sad individual existed) had to define shoot'em-up, he would be wise to re-visit the *Strike* series.

If you are the proud owner of a copy of *Nuclear Strike*, you may have seen the added trailer film for the next episode, *Future Strike*. This was a short predictive look at the next game in the series and featured a fleeting appearance by a robot figure (looking a bit like an ED-209 out of Robocop). This next episode has arrived at the time predicted, with a slight name change and as a separate entity from the other *Strike* games. Gone are the noisy American army generals and radar hackers, you're not out on the battle field anymore. This is much more dangerous. This is Los Angeles.



LAPD BLACK & BLUE

The year is 2098, and chaos reigns on the streets of LA. Mob bosses maintain a tight hold on the city's provisions, filling the streets with criminals and spreading a disease of death and crime across the land. The police have been driven to despair, constantly searching for a solution to curb the massive crimewave spreading across the city.

Their only hope is a brand new vehicle, the TAC X-1 Alpha (still looking a bit like ED-209), which is more than capable of taking on the hordes of technologically advanced criminal element. Your job is to take control of this state-of-the-art equipment and bring the evildoers to justice.

Miss a trick and you'll be ejected from your vehicle before you can say "Starsky and Hutch"

The TAC X-1 Alpha is a revolutionary miracle of modern science. It's durable, armed to the teeth and capable of handling the worst the crime lords have to offer. It also has the ability to transform into two unique vehicles; the walker and the hovercraft, each with their own strengths and weaknesses.

The walker effortlessly stomps through the districts of L.A. leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. Enemies can be squished under its feet and valleys can be jumped over with the greatest of ease. For high-speed pursuits, however, the hovercraft is the expert's option. The hovercraft can skim across water and avoid minefields, as it can slip over the top without disturbing them.

MENACE TO SOCIETY

Future Cop puts you in the shoes of a patrol officer, dispatched on a series of missions to bring eight powerful crimelords to justice. Your dispatcher, Lieutenant Ryder, stays in constant contact with your vehicle, giving you information and advice when you need it, and cracking wise when you don't. She will be your companion as you seek out the eight bosses.

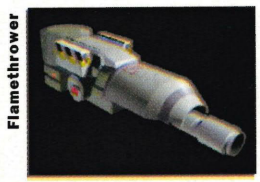
The eight urban battlefields are overflowing with enemy installations (a characteristic that *Future Cop* shares with *EA's Strike* games). ▶

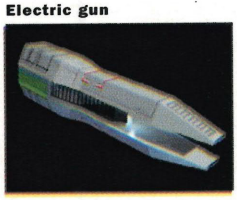
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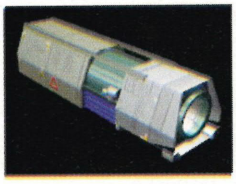
ALPHA WAVES



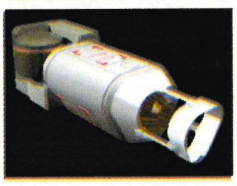
The TAC X-1 Alpha can't just walk down the street, dodging pedestrians and vehicles. Oh no, he has to clear a safe passage to make sure he can get to the scene of a crime quickly. He tends to do this by wupping the ass of anything that stands in his way, and these are the tools of his trade

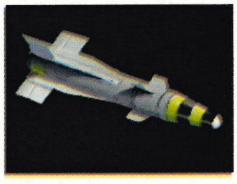

Flamethrower

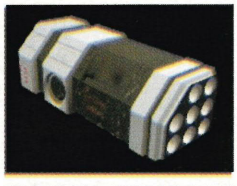

Electric gun

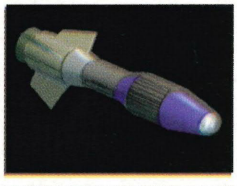

Concussion beam


Standard mini-gun

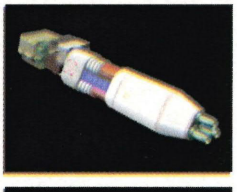

Fusion torpedo


Hellfire 2000

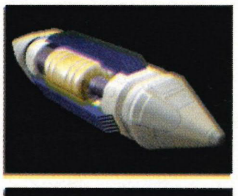

Hi velocity rockets

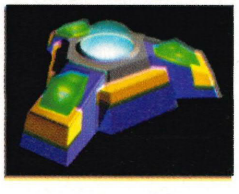

Heavy rockets


Gatling laser

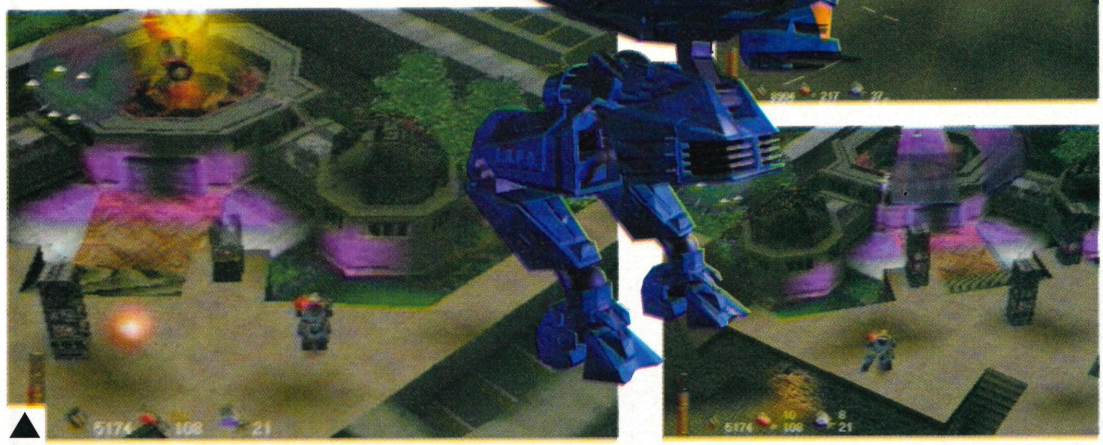

Chain gun


Mortar


Shockwave


Bounce mines





To end the first level, you must attack the planetarium, destroying the dome and annihilating the supergun installation

Strategy and firepower are the name of the game here, lose your concentration and you'll be ejected from your vehicle before you can say "Starsky and Hutch". You also have to avoid squishing innocent citizens, going about their daily business of running around screaming with their arms in the air.

PREPARE TO BE JUDGED

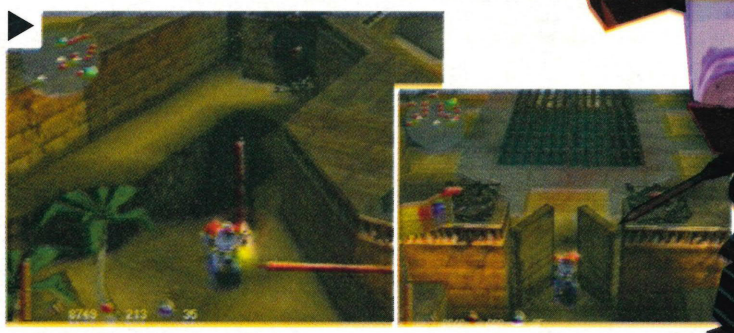
Future Cop: LAPD is a very solid affair. It uses a new graphics engine, the likes of which haven't been seen on the PlayStation before. The 3D effects produced by this engine are nothing short of astounding and reflect the quality we've come to expect from the creators of *Soviet Strike*. All the pyrotechnics and firepower are as intensely illustrated as in the earlier games, with over 15 weapons available. But, what really stands out are the game modes.

Crime War is the mode described above, a one-man fight to rid L.A. of eight crimelords. Then there's the two-player cooperative mode, in which you can join a friend in the fight to save the city. On top of this, *EA* have added what can only be described as a masterstroke. The Precinct Assault mode is a completely different game from the Crime War option. This is a direct battle between two X-1 Alpha's, each with their own precinct. The content of this game is unique. Each of the players are challenged with getting at least one of their tanks inside the perimeter of the opposite player's base.

From within each base, players can use their collected points to buy planes and tanks, which automatically head for the other player's perimeter. Players can also take control of the many gun turrets placed around the battlefield by turning them into their own colour (red or blue), so they will automatically fire at the opposite colour's vehicles. Confused? To be honest it is a bit complex to begin with, but once the rules have been picked up, this is a fine addition to a game that already surpasses all expectations PRO

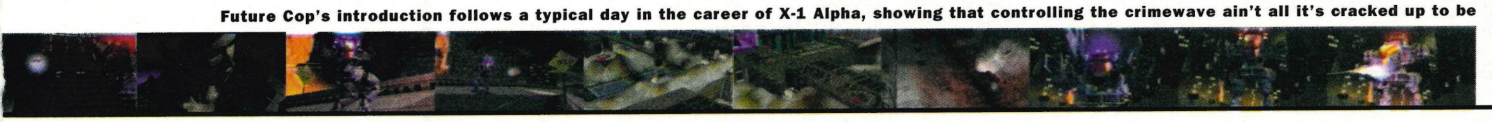


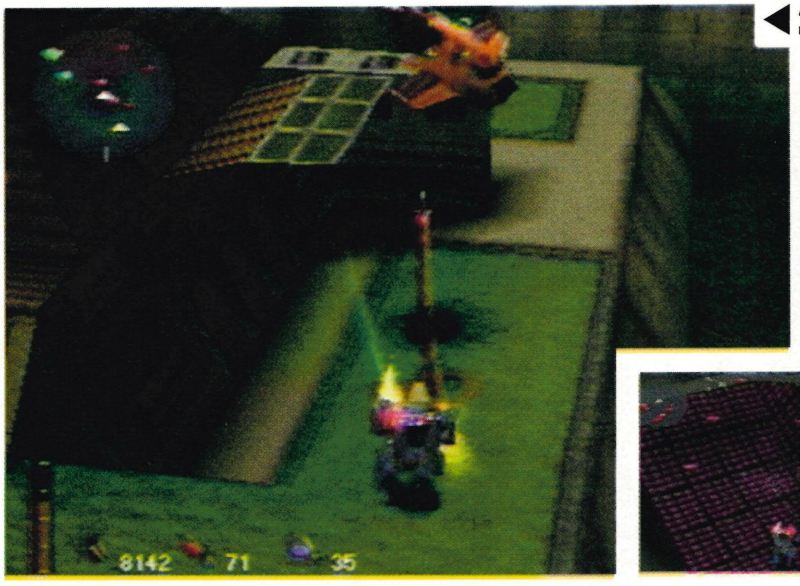




To gain access to certain areas on each level, it is necessary to trigger switches. Here, the X-1 Alpha has to destroy an electricity generator to trigger the main gate mechanism

Future Cop's introduction follows a typical day in the career of X-1 Alpha, showing that controlling the crimewave ain't all it's cracked up to be





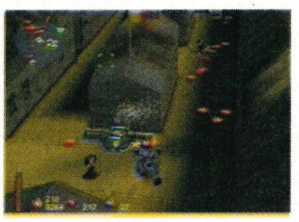
Air attacks are common as you attempt to achieve finish missions. Your fate is usually sealed by these bastards



The stunning pyrotechnics can't be faulted in this game. Just look at the detail in that explosion







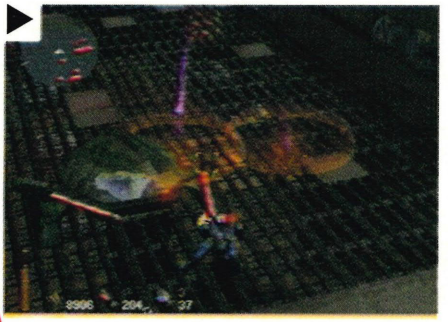


EA have gone all out on the backgrounds in Future Cop. Each level is highly detailed





The big ships can be devilishly difficult to dispose of. The art of 'strafe and shoot' is a vital skill in situations such as these.





PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Electronic Arts
GENRE: Shoot'em-up

MUST BUY

EA have really done the business, creating something far superior to anything they've produced for aeons. The two-player modes are startlingly original, and with a unique graphical engine, character development, cut scenes that fit in perfectly with the game and more action than Bill Clinton's slacks, Future Cop: LAPD will no doubt be on Santa's fantastical shopping list this Christmas. Buy this and you won't have to go out into the crime-filled streets for a long time.

SAM

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	9
SOUND	9
GAMEPLAY	9
LASTABILITY	9

9

PRO PANEL

CHICKEN Surprisingly excellent. Play this two-player and you're in for a rare old time. Nobody will buy it though because it's not a big enough brand, but that's your loss!

JAMES A quality mech stomper that'll have your fingers working overtime. EA have success oozing from every orifice and Futurecop is just another droplet of genius

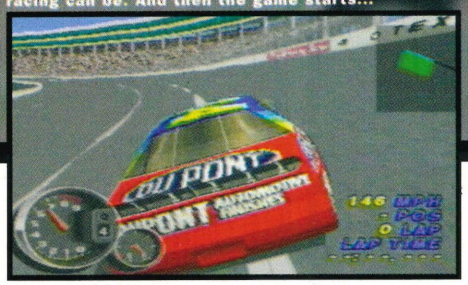
LEWIS EA's 'Strike' team have turned out a stunning game, with constant terrorist shredding action and a superb two-player option. Comply, and you won't regret it

KAY I'm not so sure about the Robocop resemblance, but this is still a blast of a game. On your own or with a mate, you're in for a totally zap-tastic time

NASCAR '99



The intro (above) shows how exciting stock car racing can be. And then the game starts...



Gasp as cars crash into each other, resulting in the same damage every single time...



Scream as you hurtle around oval speedway tracks experiencing the darker regions of boredom



The metal-twisting antics of Destruction Derby stormed the PlayStation into the world of stock car racing. Will EA's new racer take away its trophy?

The PlayStation has seen its fair share of racing games. Every aspect of the genre has had its classics; *Gran Turismo* for road cars, *Formula One '97* with F1 cars, *Colin McRae* with rally and *Formula Karts* with, er... karts to name but a few. PlayStation has also seen a fair amount of really bad racing games. What's more, these poor racers always seem to be trying to muscle in on the success of another racing game, but at least this isn't a criticism that can be levelled at *NASCAR '99.* Unfortunately, there's a big, fat, blossoming bunch of criticisms levelled at *NASCAR '99.*

Stock car racing hasn't really been explored on our favourite console as much as it deserves.



Destruction Derby 2 currently holds the title of car-crushing bonanza of all time, a worthy purchase for anyone interested in wasting a few motors in a care-free fashion. *NASCAR '96* and '98, though aiming for a different market than *DD,* didn't come up with the goods.

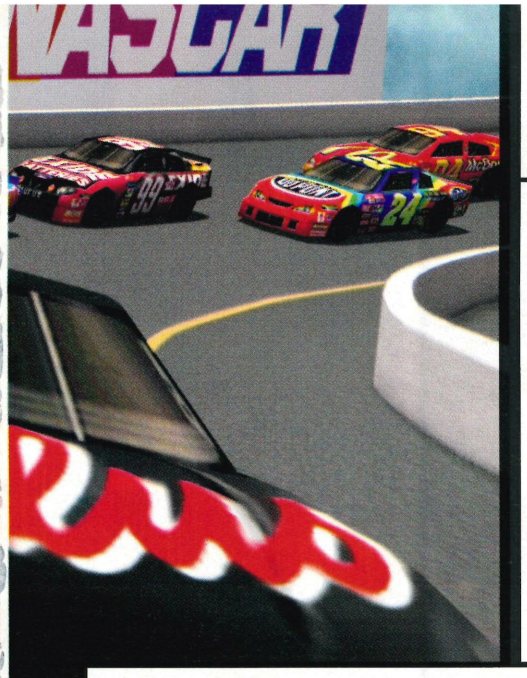
You'll be wishing you hadn't called Murray Walker a squealing old badger last Sunday

BANGERS & SMASH

At the time, the *NASCAR* games had already done great things on the PC and seemed like the perfect choice for the consoles. *NASCAR '96* turned out to be a very average racer, and *NASCAR '98* looked great and played okay, but never really broke through that very average barrier. Now comes *NASCAR '99,* all jazzed up with posh graphics, loads of new cars and drivers, and a crazy soundtrack. But, unfortunately, in quality terms it rests between the two earlier games.

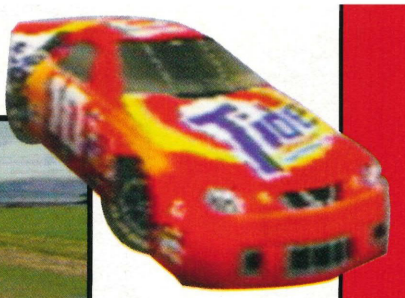
On loading up *NASCAR '99,* it's immediately apparent that this is a wholly American product. The souped-up country and western music kicks in, flashy colourful cars start flying about and the most irritating commentators in the world joke and jibe like the jolly old codgers they are. You have now entered Yanksville USA, and after a mere five minutes you'll be wishing you hadn't called Murray Walker a squealing old badger in last Sunday's F1 performance.

Presentation aside, the racing options are your run-of-the-mill features. There's a single race option and a championship mode. You can choose from 37 cars, each with their own expert NASCAR driver (31 current stars and six racing





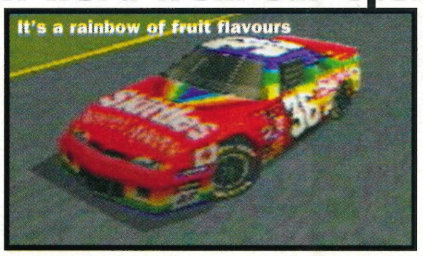
You may find that driving one of these cars is not dissimilar to negotiating a treacle sponge with a one-wheeled rubber bicycle. Well, I did anyway



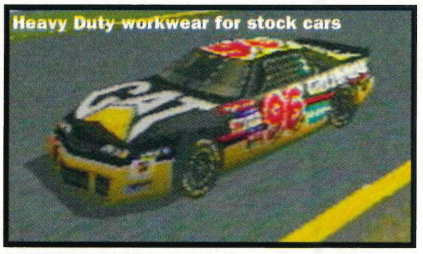
The chancer on the left fancies a bit of a tussle, but no matter how hard you bash his sides the damage will be minimal, causing you to take out your anger on the cat

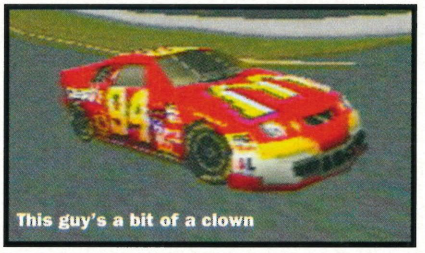


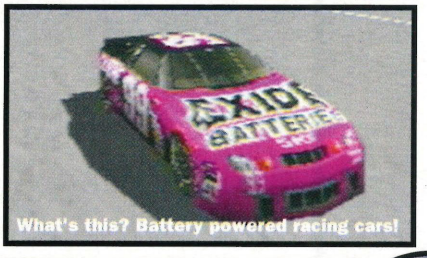
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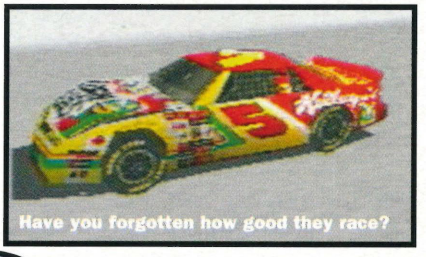












legends), and race them on one of 17 licensed tracks. Each of the cars is accurate to its real-life counterpart, you can adjust the car's setup right down to the spoilers, complete with the most outspoken advertising emblems you're ever likely to see this side of ITV.



Out of the 17 tracks available, 11 are speedways and six are raceways. Its a good job you can set the number of laps on each race, because the speedways can get very boring, very quickly. Continually steering to the left tends to make you feel like a one-winged fly trying to find the off-ramp at the spaghetti junction.

TIN CAN ALLEY

As this is stock car racing, it seems sensible to assume that most of the fun will be had by crashing into other cars on the track. But this is where my disappointment begins, as the damage on the cars isn't quite the tyre-tearin,' test-crash dummy rippin' action that I was expecting.

After a few hits, the cars do suffer a slight distortion. You can take the bonnets off the cars after repeated beatings, but then you're simply left with a square fronted car, it's hardly Mad Max out there. The crashes should leave debris strewn across the track, shattered windscreens and wheels flying, sans car, into the crowd. But the most twisted metal action you'll find here is a few polygons gently floating into the air and a few bonnetless cars.

In terms of racing, *NASCAR '99* doesn't touch earlier PlayStation racers. Admittedly, the likes of *Gran Turismo*, *TOCA* and *Colin McRae Rally* have set extremely high standards, but even *NASCAR '98* was more fun than this. The trouble is, controlling the cars in *NASCAR '99* is like trying to push a trolley with a dodgy wheel around a supermarket made out of cake (if you can imagine doing your weekly shop in one of the country's many sponge supermarkets). Which means simply – T-H-I-S G-A-M-E S-U-C-K-S PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Electronic Arts
GENRE: Sports

AVOID!

ANALOGUE | MEMORY CARD | STEERING WHEEL | ONE PLAYER | TWO PLAYER

If you have any interest in the world of PlayStation, you'll already know that it leads the pack when it comes to racing games. That's why we don't need any of this rubbish. Fans of NASCAR (if there are any at all in this country) may have been looking forward to the release of this game ever since the infinitely better NASCAR '98 came out er... last year. I'm pretty sure that even these few will be disappointed with Electronic Arts' new release. Purchase at your peril.

SAM

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	5
SOUND	4
GAMEPLAY	4
LASTABILITY	4

4

PRO PANEL

KAY Not exactly the Lamborghini of racing games, this is more akin to my clapped-out Mini. Erm, actually, I think even my car in all its rustbucket glory has more to offer than this

CHICKEN Wasn't into last year's offering and the competition is much stiffer this year. I'd never buy this, too many hillbillies and rednecks for my liking

JAMES This has average written all over it with a capital 'A'. Not the worst game around, but falls well short of the race leaders for this particular sport. Go for TOCA 2 instead

LEWIS As much fun as tying your dog to a wooden post and watching it go round and round in circles. Actually that sounds much better, I think I'll go and do that instead

TOCA 2

Touring Cars

Codemasters predict that this is the future of motor racing games. So screw Nostradamus, we've got a new cult to follow

This isn't Formula One – aeroplanes stripped of their wings forming a procession around a track, where the merest contact tears them apart like wet tissue paper. This is real racing – 16 cars leathering it round some of the harshest tracks the British Isles can throw at them. This is TOCA.

TOCA – real cars with super-powered engines as capable of ripping through the air, as they are of shredding windscreens and sending their drivers spinning uncontrollably off the track. These cars are the real ingredients of racing and the perfect combination for a driving game.

If you enjoy racing games, then you'll already own *TOCA* (it's £19.99 for Christ's sake!). So in many ways I'm preaching to the converted. It may not have the glamour, money and following of Formula One, but it's won over the PlayStation faithful with its non-stop action, incredible speed and spectacular car mangling accidents.

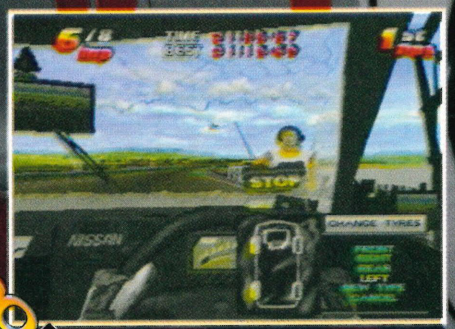
Codemasters original game flew off the shelves as quickly as the cars screwball off the circuit. Before *Gran Turismo* captivated us all with its silky graphics, *TOCA* was the greatest racing game on the PlayStation. So, how have *Codemasters* bettered such a supreme racer? Well, *TOCA 2* is quite simply twice the game of the original.

More tracks, more cars, hi-res visuals, 1-4 players and comprehensive car set-up options are all stuffed into the new game. Whilst the TOCA element of the game has received a wax, shine and buff, a support car championship has been added to broaden the appeal of the game and offer rabid racers the opportunity to sit behind the wheel of a Jaguar XJ220, TVR Speed 12, Lister Storm GT car, AC Superblower, the three wheeler Grinnall Scorpion, Formula Ford (F1 wannabe) and even your mum's favourite, the Ford Fiesta.

At the beginning you can only race the



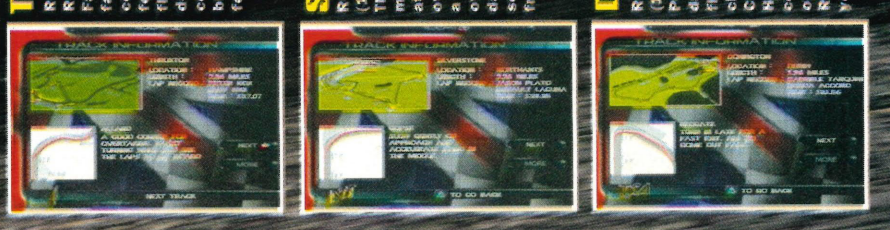
Take a hammering at the back of the grid will send you (above) and you'll quickly be heading into the pits (below) to fix the damage. Although your windscreen stays smashed for the whole race

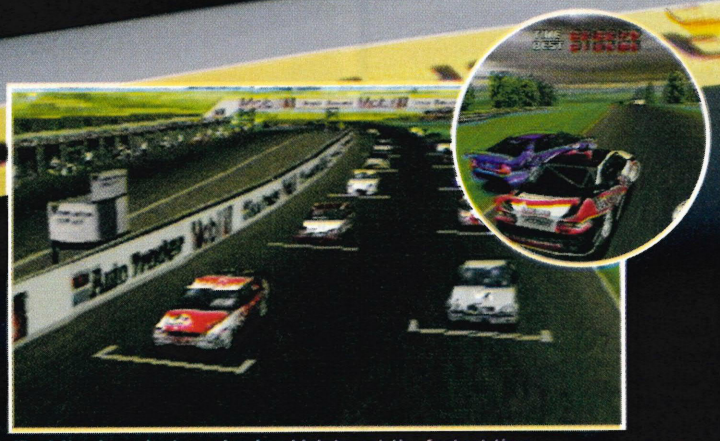


Thruxton
Record – Anthony Reid (1:17.015)
Fantastic circuit, the fastest in the country, and a place for the brave. Fast flowing track which demands commitment and bravery on a drip-feed

Silverstone
Record – Alain Menu (1:23.257)
The home of British motor racing with an atmosphere all its own. Abbey hairpin is a great place for overtaking and the daunting Bridge-bend sorts out the men from the boys

Donington
Record – David Leslie (1:11.048)
Popular with the drivers due to its undulating, flowing nature and a real challenge with the Craner Curves and old Hairpin being crippling obrmers. Short on overtaking opportunities. Redgate and the Chicane your only chances





(Top) You have just one lap in which to set the fastest time which determines your grid position for the start of the race. A good position is vital to your chances of a win

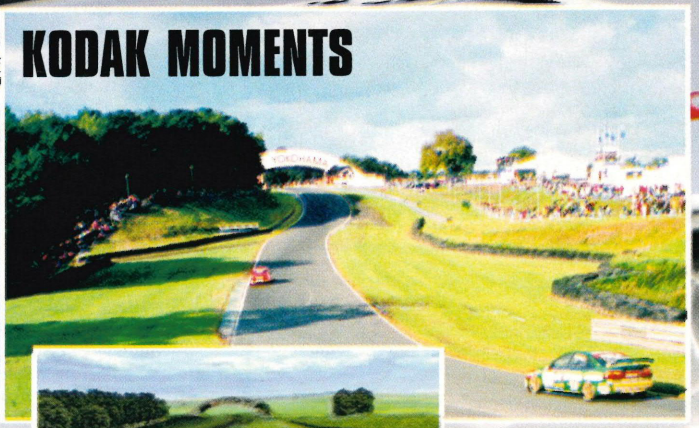
THE REAL PROS



David Addison
Touring Car Championship Race day commentator

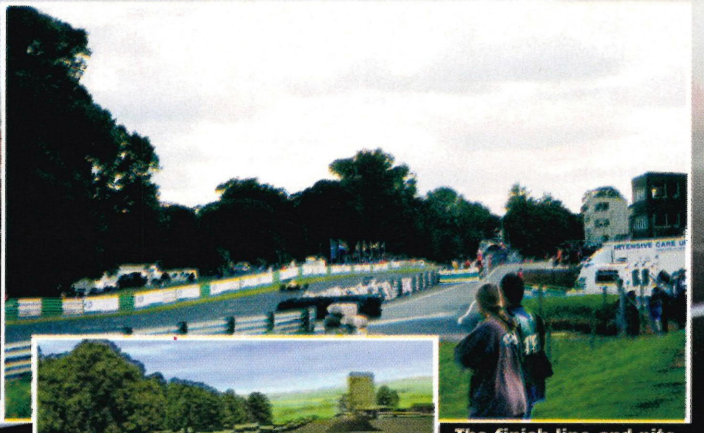
"The best just got better. Codemasters hasn't sat on its laurels, and has actively looked at ways of making it better. The inclusion of pit-stops and support races is an excellent idea and the detail of the Touring Car livery is commendable. The replays from different angles, the realism of the circuits and the more controllable nature of the cars are the icing on the cake – a must-buy game!

KODAK MOMENTS





Knicker Brook at Oulton Park is perfectly recreated in the game, complete with bridge and winding barricades





The finish line and pits at Oulton Park, sans spectators, but including all the other details. Brilliant!

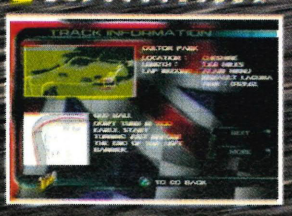
Brands Hatch

Record – Anthony Reid (1:44.674)
Motor racing's natural amphi-theatre. Paddock Hill bend with its blind entry and downhill exit is one of the best corners in the country. However, get Druids wrong and you can undo all your good work.



Oulton Park

Record – Alain Menu (0:59.815)
Very popular with the drivers, but the short circuit doesn't have enough overtaking opportunities. The tight right-hander of Fosters is crucial to get right, whilst the Lodge Corner will ask to measure the size of your tackle



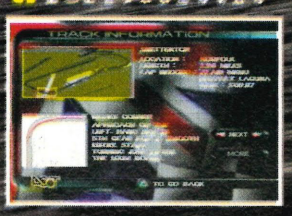
Croft

Record – Alain Menu (1:22.048)
Particularly demanding circuit with an intriguing mix of slow and fast corners, making car set-up far from easy. A circuit with everything, including an enormous and supportive crowd



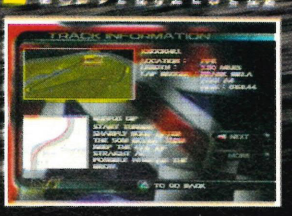
Snetterton

Record – Alain Menu (1:19.872)
Formerly an army airbase, now popular as a test venue for the teams. From the start all the way round to the finish you'll get the idea of which cars are the quickest thanks to the long straights, but the rest of the lap highlights which cars handle best

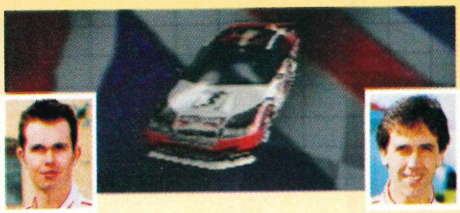


Knockhill

Record – Frank Biela (0:53.44)
Tight and narrow, and very short on straights, make it one of the most physical circuits of the championship. Kinks, hairpins and humid brows make it a challenge for the drivers, but again it needs more overtaking places than just the Paddock



Honda Accord – Team Position – 4th
Fatally flawed by a lack of rear-end grip, which meant that the tyres had to work harder, so they took greater abuse – they lost there edge, giving less traction and the downward spiral continued.



James Thompson – British – Placing 4th
Very quick, very focused, takes no prisoners and is a great defensive driver. He did a fine job in a car not 100% up to the task.

Peter Kox – Dutch – Placing 12th
Disappointing but quick driver, comprehensively overshadowed by younger team–mate. Maybe the culture shock from long-distance races last year to shorter races was too great? Should have done better.

Audi A4 – Team Position 6th
As nervous as a virgin at a rapists convention. Oversteers badly, making it difficult to control, so only Muller, with gonads like watermelons, got the best out of it. A shadow of its former great self – good-night '99.



John Bintcliffe – British – Place 15th
A better driver than his results indicate. A lot tidier in his driving and a much more mature racer in '98, let down by a wayward handling car. Deserves a drive in '99, but Audi's withdrawal may leave him on the sidelines for good.

Yvan Muller – French – Placing 7th
The find of the year, he either is committed or he should be committed. He did things with the Audi that in theory weren't feasible. Tremendously spectacular on a quick lap and exceptionally brave, Muller is a man to watch.

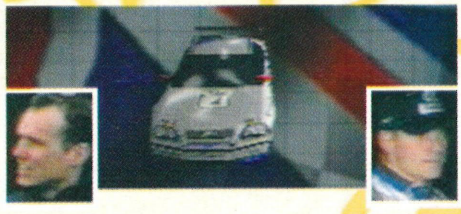
Vauxhall Vectra - Team Position 5th
New aerodynamic package helped in part, but the team still played catch-up from last year. Has slight grip problem, meaning that tyres lose their edge quicker, but it's slowly beginning to get there.



Derek Warwick British – Place 9th
Director of the team that races the cars, Warwick was a popular winner at Knockhill. Vectra not the best car in the field, but his results didn't match those of his team-mate and so he's at team P45 next year.

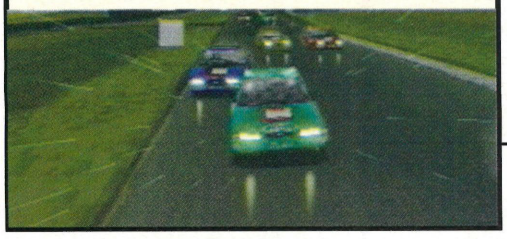
John Cleland – British – Place 8th
Gritty, determined fighter, who injured ribs in Snetterton smash. One of the toughest competitors out there, despite not being in the first flush of youth and a driver who hates being near the back. Lightening starts were an integral part in his two victories.

Volvo S40 – Team Position 2nd
Top dog. A year's development behind it, the S40 hit the ground with all wheels spinning for the first race. The rest were either still developing or were past developing. And this year everything clicked for the Swedish team.



Rickard Rydell Swedish – Place 1st
The smiling assassin. Quiet, calm man off the track, ruthless competitor on it. Smooth and quick, experience of the circuits and the car plus the support of a good team were the perfect ingredients for success. Star quality.

Gianni Morbidelli Italian – Place 11th
Mamma Mia! The ex-Ferrari Gran Prix racer was desperately disappointing. Never as quick as Rydell, never looked at ease in a Touring Car and became more dispirited as the year progressed. Proof that an F1 car doesn't make you a Touring car driver







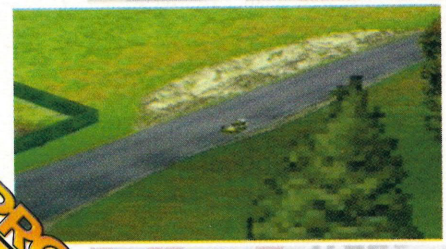
The replays are more than spectacular, giving you sweeping camera angles from cranes high above the track

▶ Fiestas and the Formula Fords. But gain points in these races and you'll be able to unlock all the cars available. Each one has been modelled realistically on the real cars and handles uniquely. In the plodding Fiestas you'll be swiping at other cars, whose AI has been refined to cut-out your overtaking moves, whilst in the Jaguar you'll be seeking the best racing line to utilise the car's incredible speed.

As I've mentioned, the AI of the competitor cars has been greatly improved. Your opponents will sway about the track, not just sticking to the racing line – here they actively try to slam you off the track. When you pass one of these guys you'll have gained a significant victory, but when one creams you into a wall, even you driver takes his hand off the wheel to shake a fist in disgust (or is it a finger? I can't quite tell).

HEAP BIG ACCIDENT

In true *TOCA* fashion, your opponents can also make the kind of rash decisions and bad judgements that will see them spinning like a pissed-up Indian in a John Wayne movie. Get too close and they'll take you with them. Which brings me neatly to the handling. It's brilliant. Codemasters have refined the controls so that each car is now more communicative, responding to your commands with pinpoint precision. If you smash into a wall, your windscreen explodes with the impact, your driver braces himself with his hand against the dashboard, but you'll know exactly what went wrong and can learn for the next time.





The Micro Machines cheat code gives you a ridiculous, but fun view of the action that you'll be able to cope with for about five seconds

The tracks are as detailed as ever, but now come in crisp hi-res that when racing looks magnificent, but in the replay – now giving you the option of over 10 different camera angles – is truly televisual. Pre-race commentary is courtesy of the sickly-smooth Tiff Needell, whilst in-car your pit-crew will inform you of the state of your vehicle and your need to pit-in.

Pit-stops are an integral part of this new *TOCA* experience, as they are in the real event, where in the feature race (the longer second race) cars must make one stop and change at least two tyres or face disqualification. It adds an element of strategy and increases the realism ten-fold with a perfectly recreated pit-crew. Further details in the sound department include the roaring sound of your tyres, as each generates its own individual noise against the road







Muller knocks me for a six at Lodge corner, sending me to the back of the pack. Time to head the wrong way and cream his car on the next lap ▶



Slick movie like visuals display the cars on the intro hammering round the track, cracking into tyre walls and tumbling over – just like in the game!







In the TOCA feature race (the longer second race) you'll need to change at least two tyres in a single pit-stop or else you'll be disqualified. Bummer!



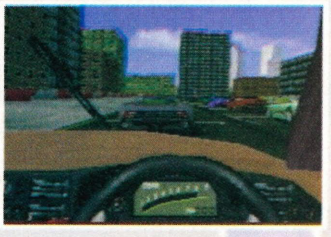


Q: If Mr Jones leaves Cranoch heading west travelling at 200mph and Mr Smith heads east at 156mph around the loch, at what point will they pass each other?
A: Never

My car's shagged, I'm in 9th position and there's a force nine gale hitting me in the face. Things don't get much better than this









surfaces. It simply boggles the mind.

In addition to the TOCA circuits, *Codemasters* have included a series of fictitious beautifully depicted circuits. A Scottish Loch can be terrorised by the infernal din of the TVR Speed 12, an American city is evacuated for you to obliterate it in your AC Blower, and a German town and Alpine climb are there for you to negotiate in Alain Menu's Renault Laguna, scattering pigeons from the circuit in a mad panic as you approach.

ALL-SINGING, ALL-DANCING, ALL-WEATHER

If you're feeling social you can compete against a mate split-screen with the full 16 cars in a TOCA championship season, with just the barest loss of detail and only the faintest slow-down. It's an incredible achievement, and when you think that you can then play link-up with full-screen glory or compete in a four-player championship, you can only be twitching on your seat in pure lust to play this game.

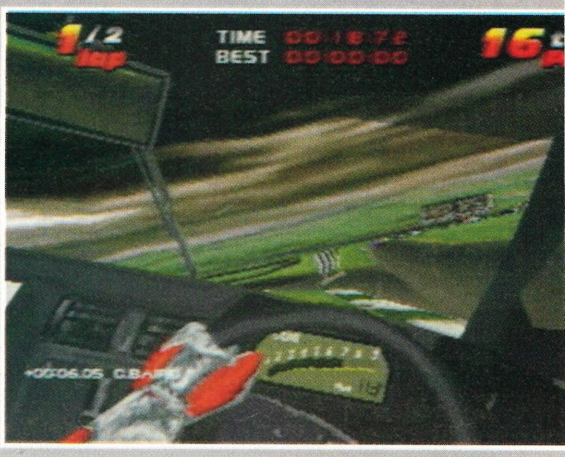
Colin McRae Rally introduced the notion of a test track, and *TOCA 2* delivers a similar proving ground were you can take one of your vehicles for a spin against the clock or the ghost car in any weather condition from fog, snow, rain, sunshine and storm. There's even an variable option when you select rain, which during a race necessitates a pit-stop to change tyres from either slick, to wets or intermediates.

And now before a race – *ala Gran Turismo* – you have the option to tweak with your car's set-up. Altering the downforce on the car, the braking bias, gear ratios and suspension stiffening, makes sure that you have the perfect combination for whatever the circuit throws at you. It's not as comprehensive as Gran Turismo, but then you no longer don't need a Jeremy Clarkson afro and an automotive science degree to find the right set-up for your car.

Make a rash decision and you'll be spinning round like a pissed-up Indian in a John Wayne movie

Whilst racing you can chose between in-car





Nissan Primera – Team Position 1st
If the championship had started in May, Reid would have been champion. In only its second year, it lagged behind a fraction in development, but once up to speed, there was nothing wrong with the Primera.



Anthony Reid – British – Place 2nd
An excellent driver, neat and tidy, quick in a smooth manner. Superb for sponsors, and would have been world champion had the Nissan showed the same promise at the start of the season as it did towards the end. A future champion given the right car.

David Leslie – British – Place 6th
An ideal test driver, who seemed to get the team's share of bad luck. Certainly capable of winning races, but was overshadowed by Reid as the year wore on. Next year he has to prove he can win as well as develop cars.

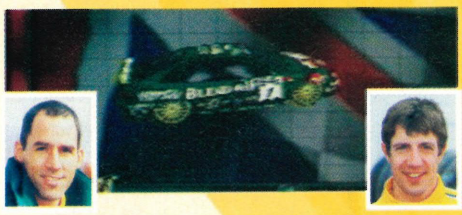
Peugeot 406 – Team Position 8th
Suffered on two counts, chassis and engine. The chassis wasn't stiff enough giving poor handling and grip, and the engines were down on power and unreliable. Sadly after seven years in the championship, the team has failed to win a single race and withdraw next year.



Tim Harvey – British – Place 17th
Good wet weather driver, who suffered from a poor car. Tried his hardest, but was let down by reliability problems, leaving team and driver a little demotivated.

Paul Radisich New Zealander – Place 14
Moved from Ford to Peugeot in the hope of a new start, in truth he moved from the frying pan to the fire. And this once prolific race winner continued to struggle at the back.

Renault Laguna – Team Position 3rd
Should be thinking about retirement soon. The Laguna has become part of the BTCC furniture. The team seem to run out of ideas as to how to make it quicker and so the onus fell upon the drivers. Doesn't bode well for '99.



Alain Menu – Swiss – Place 3rd
The consummate professional. Still one of the best in the business, although in '98 he made more mistakes than expected. This was down to having to drive over the limit occasionally to get the best out of the ageing Laguna.

Jason Plato – British – Place 5th
Should have done better. Blindlingly quick on his day, he often found himself trapped in mid-field battles from which he couldn't escape. Occasionally tried a little too hard, but you can't fault him for speed or commitment.

Ford Mondeo - Team Position 7th
Massive media coverage thanks to Nigel Mansell. Balance and top-end power still lacking, but a change of team and a change of drivers offer fresh hope for the 1999 season (Menu and Reid for half a million each).

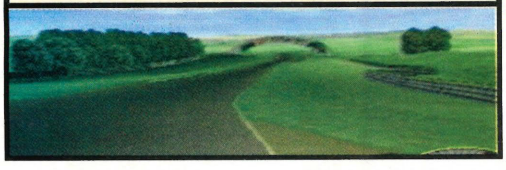


Will Hoy – British – Place 10th
Well judged win at Silverstone, helped by the wet, which hid the Ford's deficiencies. Gritty racer well-suited to the feature race, were strategy is important, but let-down by the equipment.

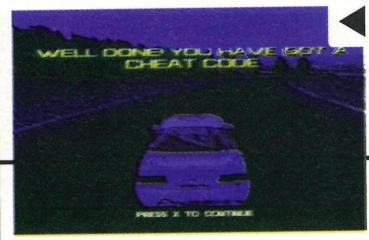
Craig Baird – NZ – Place 20th
Oh dear! Hindered by learning new circuits with a lack of testing in an uncompetitive car. He had one of the steepest learning curves going, and had to make way for Mansell in his three meetings. Early dismissal from the team may effect his future.



Nigel Mansell – British Place 18th
Remember him for the great drive at Donington that was one of the best Touring Car races of the modern era, rather than for his vain attempt to drag the Mondeo out of its misery. Whether we see him in a Touring Car again is doubtful.



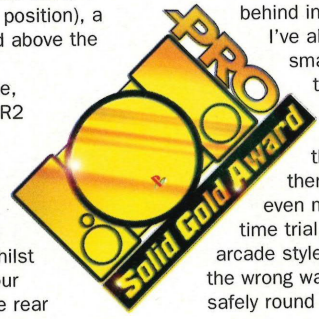




Complete a circuit in a top-placing and you'll be given a cheat code to alter the game in some weird and wacky way

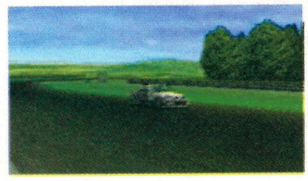
▶ (now available in two views, the driver's perspective and a more central position), a bonnet view, behind the car and above the car perspective.

The in-car view is my favourite, allowing you with the tap of an R2 or L2 button to twist sideways and check out of the side windows and wing-mirrors for overtaking traffic. The rear view is the standard opposite view to the front one, except whilst in the driver's seat, whereby your head will merely tilt towards the rear view mirror, allowing you to see in front and behind in ultra realistic fashion.

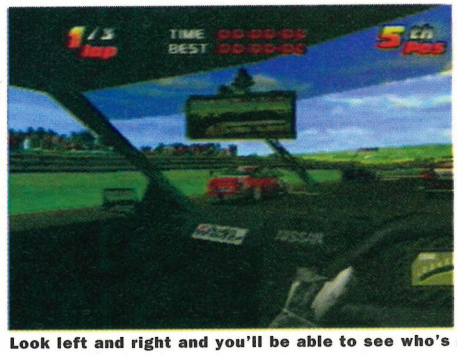


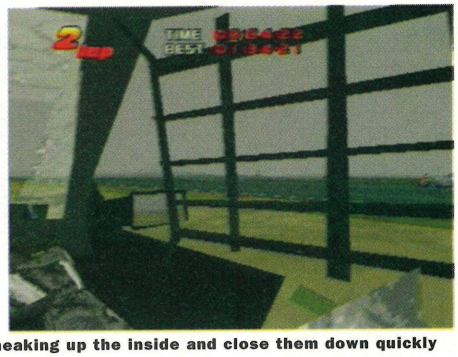
I've already described the windscreen smashes, but then I haven't mentioned the rain splash effects and bug splats, the damage that tears off your wings and bonnet and slings them onto the track (they're still there on the following lap too). I haven't even mentioned the racing options, of time trial, quick play, single race, and an arcade style battle race, where you are facing the wrong way and must head against the traffic safely round the circuit!











Look left and right and you'll be able to see who's sneaking up the inside and close them down quickly

SUPPORT CARS SELECTION



GRINNALL SCORPION
A super-charged Reliant Robin, this is a motor-bike with ideas above its station. The rear is as twitchy as a bulldog in a poodle-parlour, with your ability to slide playing an important factor in your success (or failure).



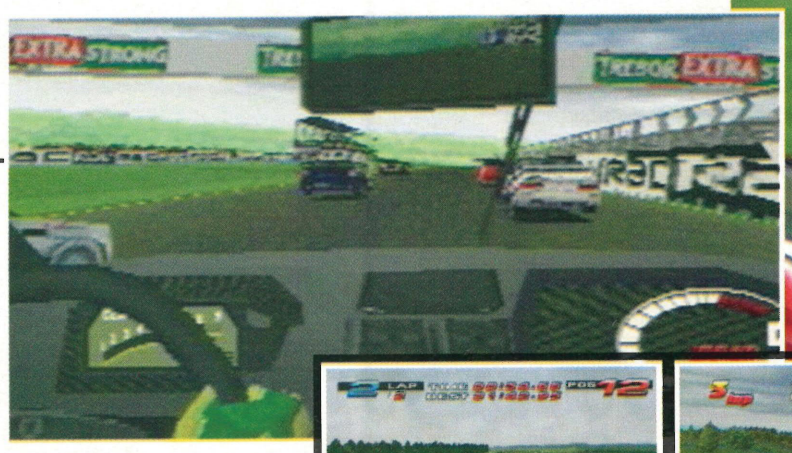
AC SUPERBLOWER
A real sports car – ludicrously over-powered, rear-wheel drive monster that will raise more than a smile as you are catapulted in sling-shot fashion around the circuits with the merest of rubber keeping you out of the morgue. A tough, but thrilling ride.



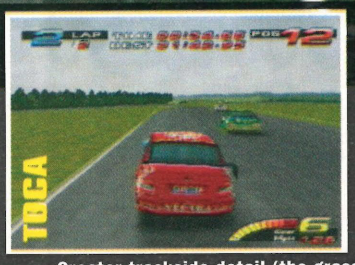
FIESTAS
The family shopper has its own racing event, where mum's battle it out on the way to the M&S sales. Actually, the racing is hectic and the cars great fun to drive – You should easily win this season.



LISTER STORM
A Gran Turismo car with responsive and forgiving handling. These Earth-bound rockets have fine-controls and a gorgeous-looking body kit. This is a nicely balanced racer that should serve you well.







Greater trackside detail (the grass now looks like real turf), transparent windscreens, hi-res cars and track, more views and better lighting effects

CHRISTMAS NO. 1

Codemasters have even included information on each track's corners, detailing the correct racing line, and facts about every car and driver from the complete '98 TOCA championship season. It's all in here, every last bit of it. And all that's left to say is that this is the greatest car racing game I've ever played on any platform.

It doesn't beat *Gran Turismo*, but it does equal it – which is quite a feat. For sheer variety and sporting perfection, *TOCA 2* deserves to steal the Christmas number one spot from *Tomb Raider 3* and *FIFA '99*. I defy anyone to be pissed off with Santa for bring this to your house and slipping it into your expectant stocking PRO

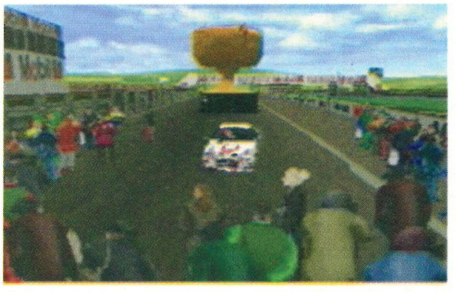




Is it an N64 game? No, it's a blanket of real fog cutting down visibility to nothing. For a second I thought it was Turok







TVR SPEED 12
The thorough-bred of racing – with the kind of throaty roar to the engine that makes you want to park in tunnels and just blip the throttle for hours. You'll be sat behind the wheel with a ridiculous beam on your face as you clock 188mph.









FORMULA FORD
An open-air bug-in-your-teeth ride, with just the bare-essentials – four wheels, feather-weight body and a torque-heavy engine – pure racing thrills for the naturalist race enthusiast. Tricky, but manageable.

AC SUPERBLOWER
A real sports car – ludicrously over-powered, rear-wheel drive monster that will raise more than a smile as you are catapulted in sling-shot fashion around the circuits with the merest of rubber keeping you out of the morgue. A tough, but thrilling ride.

JAGUAR XJ220
Your dad's wet dream. This car looks, sounds and drives like a million (well that's half right). 200mph plus will almost certainly put you into the death zone at any circuit, so just put your foot down, hold on and let someone else pick up the bill.

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £44.99
PUBLISHER: Racing
GENRE: Codemasters

MUST BUY



For pure racing realism you can't beat TOCA 2. For sheer variety of racing styles and exact handling of the cars, no other game compares. If you loved Gran Turismo, you'll love this, they are both equally perfect games. Codemasters are on a definite roll, and long may it continue when they are producing such sublime software as this. If you are pondering which game to buy for Christmas – just tear up the list right now. This is the only game you're gonna need for '99 – well at least until TOCA 3

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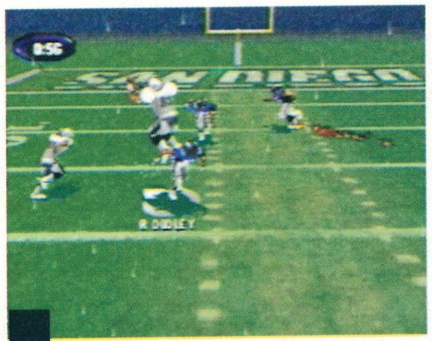
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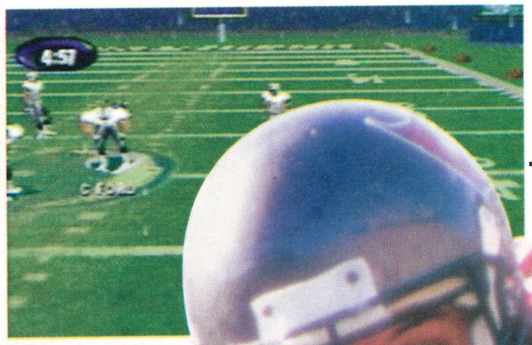
JAMES So realistic you'll be able to smell the singed rubber on the track and the skid marks in your undies. Makes Gran Turismo look like the real 'Driving Miss Daisy' simulator

KAY This failed to impress me as much as it impressed the lads, but it's still a first-class racer. If you loved the first TOCA, don't hesitate in buying this very worthy sequel

CHICKEN Codemasters are producing some of the best games available for the PlayStation, and TOCA 2 is a shining example of their supremacy at the moment. Superb stuff

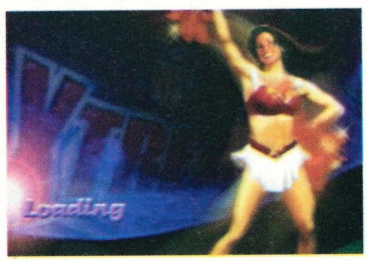
SAM Everything you could ever wish for in a racing game. It's a perfect example of the PlayStation beating everything else into submission. Just go out and buy this today





NFL Xtreme

Stuff some extra padding in the changing rooms for this one. The referees are all on vacation and the football is about to turn nasty



Think American football. I bet you're mulling over the brain draining tactics, overly expanded use of statistics, the countless offensive and defensive lines and some pretty bizarre gameplay rules aren't you. But surely there's more to it than that, isn't there?

I mean, there's a bunch of man mountains out there, wearing tights and trying to tear each other apart, put that scenario in a ring with some make-up and you've got Wrestlemania; camp and complete bollocks it may be, but you can't deny it's a laugh to watch. So why are all other Yank sports duller than the decor at the Rovers Return? Aha, that's where I've caught you out, because they aren't all incredibly dull! You've just been watching, or playing, the wrong game.

PLAYSCHOOL

Sony began their console quest a little tamely on the games side, they made the best hardware, but never really managed to release any amount of hit titles. However there's no doubt that they have well and truly got their act together with the likes of *Gran Turismo, Spyro The Dragon* and *Bust-A-Groove* now stocking their library, and *NFL Xtreme* could do alright for itself too.

The game does away with all the complications of American Football, in favour of the more exciting aspects of the sport. Now your hardcore fan will probably be put off by a game which goes more for arcade enjoyment than technical accuracy, but for an indifferent player like myself, this is an enjoyable alternative to the likes of the ultra realistic *EA Sports Madden* series of games.

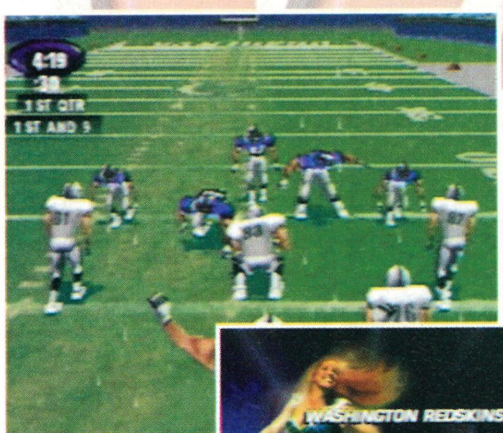
It's being billed by *Sony* as an American footy game that can be picked up and played by a complete newcomer to the sport, and I'd have to go along with that. You choose from 30 of the NHL's top teams, select the mode in which you wish to play from exhibition, season or playoffs and basically get down to the gridiron. Plays are selected in the now familiar way; cycling through a series of windows before heading onto the pitch. Nothing unusual so far I know, but patience is a virtue.

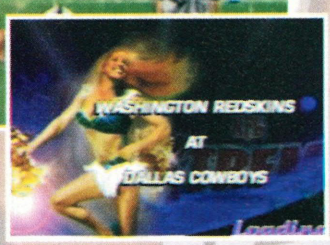
EASE OF EXECUTION

The teams line up in the customary heads down, arse in air way. You hit the X button to snap the ball back then once more to highlight your Quarterback's receiving options. All this is done using the controller's button symbols, so if the left wide receiver has a square symbol hanging about his heels, you hit the corresponding button to pass it to him. Simple enough? Sure it is, but wait, there's more to it than that.

NFL Xtreme does away with penalties. So there are no offsides, no penalties for violent play, and no unnecessary stoppages;

Man mountains wearing tights and trying to tear each other apart. It's Wrestlemania with a pig-skin



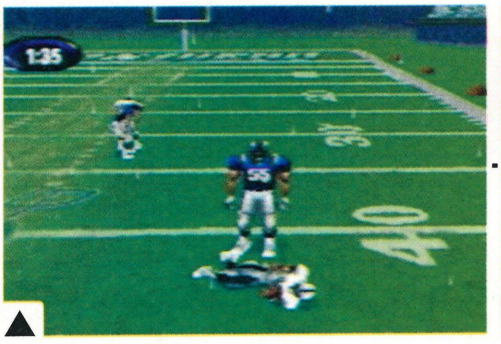






There you go, easy to use windows for a quickfire game. I've still got no idea what circle, post and sweep plays are all about, but the diagrams are pretty self explanatory. Sam did have problems though, bless him

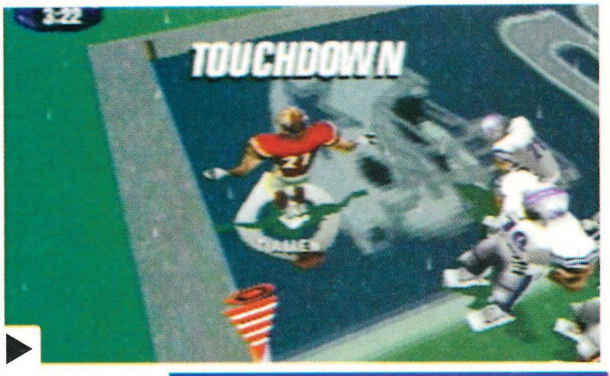




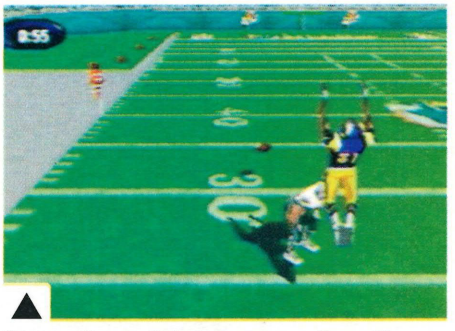


Expect to take some severe hits for the sake of a few precious yards. Once the important stuff is out of the way, get back up and put the likes of this sorry Cowboy on his fat, steroid bloated, pig skin kicking ass.





Over 50 end-zone celebrations should keep the crowd in good voice, if they've bothered to bear the rain



"Excuse the smell, but can you see it now?" Calvin Klein's designer jock strap range makes its NFL debut. Say goodbye to your feet!



ensuring a high paced, flowing game. Obviously it still takes a little time to get used to the varying plays, but you'll soon be streaming down the line with a trail of flames behind you, palming off the defensemen, spinning away from challenges or even somersaulting over the top of them.

Should you find your face in the dirt and an opposing player rubbing it in with their "Stay down!" taunts, you just get up and give them a crack around the head, much to the approval of everyone inside the 30 re-created NFL stadiums. Though you'll get nothing but an outburst from the commentary team (maybe it's not so much like wrestling after all then).

NFL Xtreme doesn't really dazzle you, and I can see how the appeal may wane, but for a short term buzz it's well worthwhile checking out PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Sony
GENRE: Sports

RENT IT

ANALOGUE · MEMORY CARD · TWO PLAYER · PRO · PRO

Sony have hit a rich vein of form of late and NFL Xtreme is the latest game to offer something new. Taking the most exciting aspects of the sport and doing away with the tiresome logistics is an approach us non-Yanks have been crying out for, but for all of the arcade action it's not real football. Although I suppose if you were even remotely interested you'd have checked out the competition and figured out the rules by now anyway. Great for the novice, and to that end I'd look at it as more of a learning tool.

JAMES

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	7.5
SOUND	6.5
GAMEPLAY	8
LASTABILITY	5

7

PRO PANEL

SAM If NFL Blitz hadn't shown its ugly face, this might have been a contender for the best no-rules football game. As it stands though, it passes in a healthy second place

KAY This is perfect for me, as I'm a complete novice at the game, but more experienced fans might find it a little to simple and not in-depth enough for their tastes. Try it for a night

LEWIS Beaten into a bloody mush by the meaner and more vicious NFL Blitz, NFL Xtreme carries a slight limp after the confrontation. But it's still a fine game

CHICKEN Pretty run-of-the-mill in my opinion. There are better American football games out there. If you need another then why not, otherwise you should try get Madden '99



Upon scoring the teams will sometimes spontaneously start maypole dancing practice, those crazy Americans eh?





With the Stick of Steel and these, my Pads of Power... I am invincible!

NHL '99

Keep out of the cold this winter and get the blood circulating with EA's ice cool blast from the hockey past

Whenever an ice hockey game lands on my desk it usually sparks off a nostalgia flashback about the old *MegaDrive* versions of *EA's NHL* series, though in those days it was *NHLPA Hockey*. The captivating factor for me back then was that the machine was pretty average at supporting football games. Most footie titles were abysmal and few were playable for any great length of time, which meant either persevering for the sake of a two-player contest or idly waiting for your turn on *Sonic*. However, *Electronic Arts* changed all of that when they introduced ice hockey to the console system, and I said goodbye to thumb twiddling.

It was an ultra playable game which was virtually spot on from day one and to this day I still regard those early appearances in console sport from *EA* as some of their finest, perhaps that's why ice hockey on the PlayStation has so far failed to captivate me. Why? Well, I guess it's mainly because of the polygon techniques favoured by PlayStation programmers, which have so far restricted the gameplay, but that's all changing. *Electronic Arts* seemed to have got back into the ice hockey groove, improving upon the quality *NHL '98* with the frosty delight that is the new *NHL '99*.

NHL '99 has recaptured the essence of those MegaDrive hockey classics with near perfection

LUSH PUPPIES

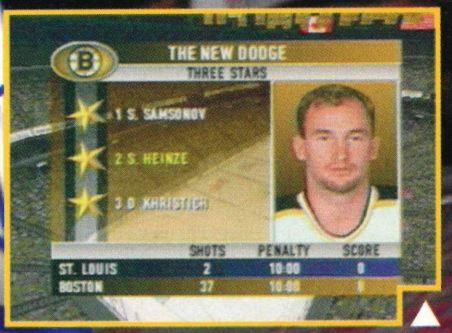
What I want from my ice hockey is a game where the players look, move and feel as though they actually are on ice without the over exaggerated momentum you'd find in *Actua Hockey* (after all, you'd imagine that hockey players would be quite useful in the skating department). I want graphics that look as good in close-up replays as they do when the camera is at a safe distance to hide all the gaps and sharp edges which are so typical of polygon characters. I want to see mid-game scraps winding the crowd up into a wild frenzy and decent commentary that seamlessly gels with the action on the rink. And what did I get? I got all of the above and more besides

BACK TRACKING

NHL '99 is simply the best ice hockey game on

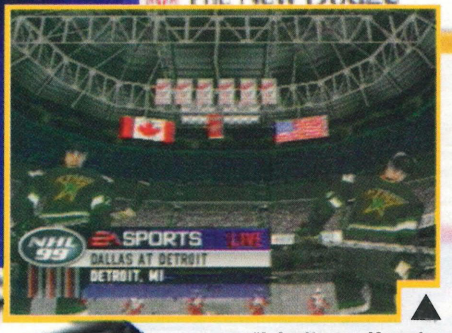


Once in the attacking third of the rink your team cannot leave until a shot has been attempted or possession is lost, if this guy's boots cross the line, it's offside



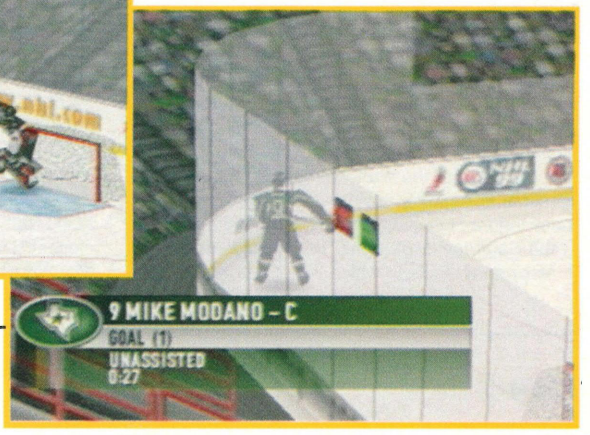
At the end of each match the three brightest players are honoured with star man awards, this time it's a clean sweep for Boston

The New Dodge



"I don't care if you're the Detroit netminder, if your name's not down, you're not coming in" The Dallas doormen: Well 'ard



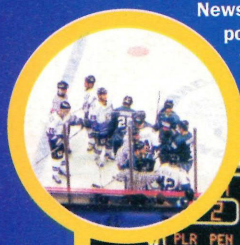


the PlayStation and has indeed recaptured the essence of those classic *MegaDrive* titles with near perfection. The speed of play, the size of the rink and the players, the graphics and the sound all combine to produce a game which plays with that age old arcade charm. The humour is back with over-the-top stick barges and on ice brawls erupting whenever the action boils over. It's not exactly *Tekken*, but it's still a fantastic element of the game that'll have you gritting your teeth at the prospect of a ▶

STORM FRONT

In our opinion, NHL '99 is the best ice hockey game available, certainly the most realistic in terms of looks, sound and gameplay. But then we don't really know all that much about the sport on the whole, so why should you take our word for it? Well, you don't have to, but you should take on board what these guys have to say; they certainly know their 'ice hockey' onions (that can't be right surely?).

We took a copy of EA's brand spanking ice hockey sim to the Manchester Evening News Arena and (very politely) asked a few of the players from the Manchester Storm, Britain's premier ice hockey team, to play test it for us. They weren't about to turn down the UK's best PlayStation mag, and as expected our esteemed opinion of NHL '99 was confirmed by the experts. Star players Blair Scott, Darren Hurley, Stefan Ketola and Collum Cavilla were suitably impressed.



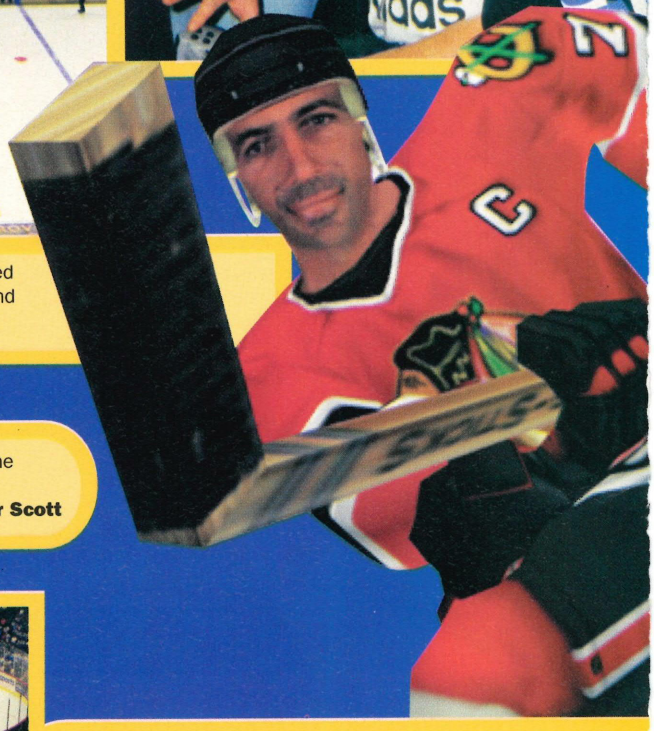


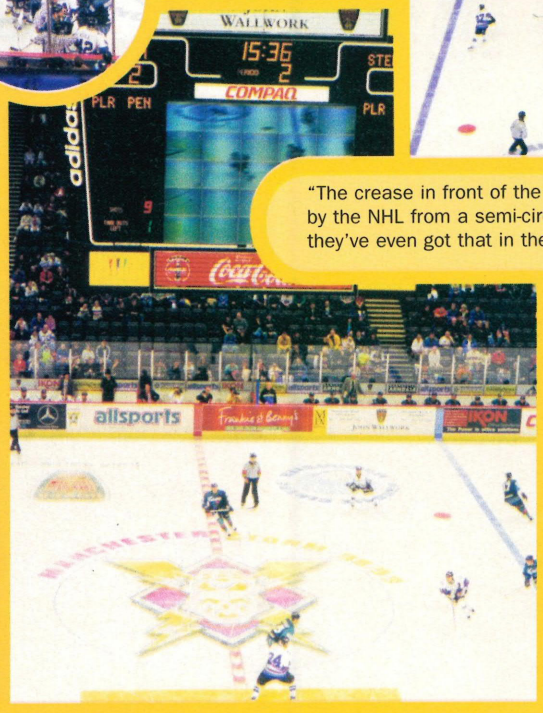
"You get good control over the passing and such" **Darren Hurley**





"The crease in front of the net has only just been changed by the NHL from a semi-circle to more of a box shape, and they've even got that in there!" **Collum Cavilla**





"All the little touches like the detail on the ice and the commentary are cool" **Blair Scott**



"The graphics are amazing, the attention to detail on the stadia and accurate. They've even gone as far as to put the correct clock/scor they have got some of the names wrong!" **Collum Cavilla**

"It's very good. The commentating is really up to the speed of play" **Darren Hurley**

famous victory in front of the fans. Imagine Alan Shearer getting his ass kicked by Roy Keane and you'll understand the buzz it gives you seeing an arsehole opponent squirming on the ice in an embarrassing heap.

You can say hello again to smashed glass after wayward slapshots, as well as a fine piece of plexi-wobble after ramming an opposing player into the protective shield surrounding the rink (creating a quality "whudoopoopoop" sound capable of whipping Rolf Harris into a "Sun-A-Rise" frenzy – God forbid).

COLD FEET

Don't get me wrong, this isn't the perfect game by any means. For instance, while you'd be hard pushed to find a better looking game where the on-ice action is concerned, the detail in the crowd is bloody awful. It looks fine when the puck is in play, but as soon as you score and the first few rows of the audience get up close and personal, it's plainly obvious that they're nothing more than a collection of blurred ink blots taking in the Saturday night game. Very poor indeed.

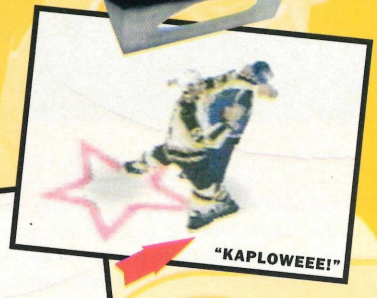
Also, on a machine which is home to some of the most brutal beat'em-ups and goriest adventure games on the face of the planet, you'd expect to see a bit of blood on the ice now and then wouldn't you, just like the good old days? No such luck I'm afraid. A bit of fisticuffs is yer lot, no matter how much you bay for their blood.

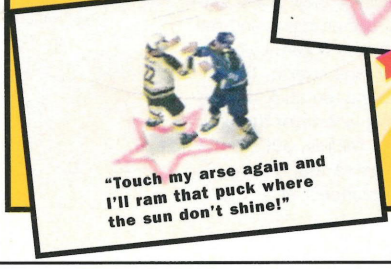
ICED OVER

This is the yearly update we've come to expect from *EA*, and it's easily the best one of the lot. You can still get 'hands on' with the line editor and change offensive and defensive strategies during play as well as create your own players. We've seen all these features before, and now there's little that could be done to improve them further. Slowly, but surely we're getting to the point where we'll be treated to the definitive game, but for now *NHL '99* is the closest to ice hockey perfection that you can imagine PRO

IN THE RED CORNER

Ice Hockey's a physical game played by big blokes, it was bound to kick off sooner or later!

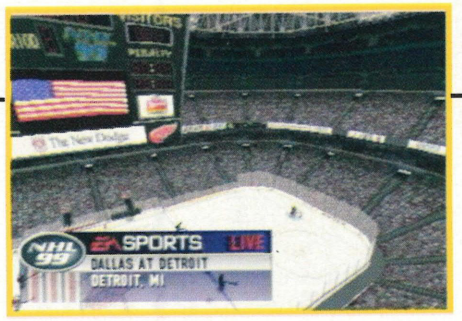








the rinks is very
boards in there, though

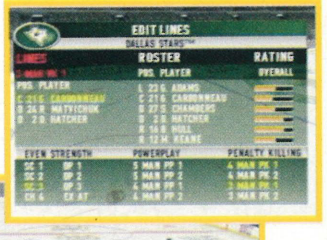


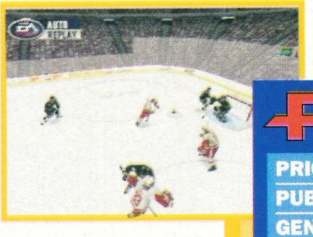




Pass or shoot? I'd go for glory every time, but then my track record at winning isn't anything to be proud of!

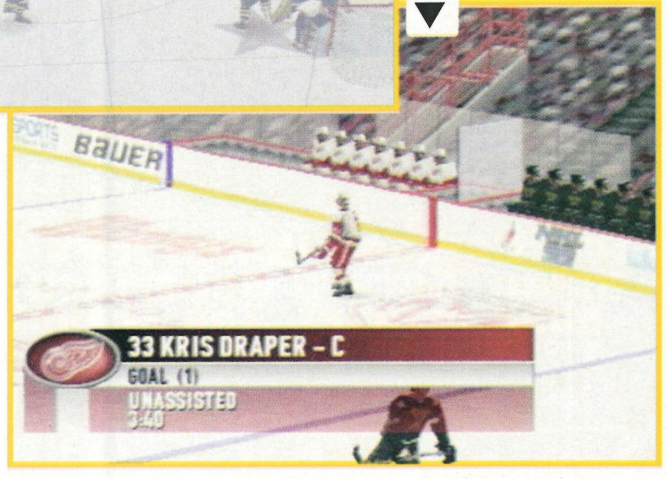
Check out the different camera angles and look out for the excellent views from the crowd's side of the screen when shooting at close range

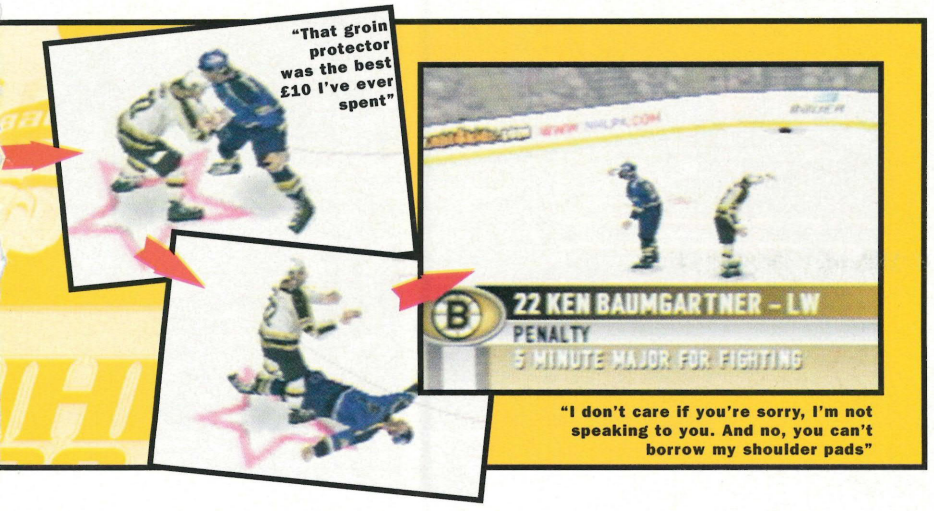






A curious Kris Draper swings by the sidings to check if the rumours of a communal hot-water jacuzzis are true





"I don't care if you're sorry, I'm not speaking to you. And no, you can't borrow my shoulder pads"

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £44.99
PUBLISHER: EA
GENRE: Sports

MUST BUY

ANALOGUE · MEMORY CARD · ONE PLAYER · TWO PLAYER · FOUR PLAYER

This has everything you could want from a sports game. The action is fast, the control intuitive and the looks rarely flawed. Novices can pick up and play immediately, whereas the vets can get all in-depth and go through season rosters and line changes. The commentary is a big improvement on the previous titles with a huge amount of variation to keep it sounding fresh, and it also manages to stay relevant to the action too. EA have got this spot, if you're a hockey fan you simply must own this game.

JAMES

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	9
SOUND	8.5
GAMEPLAY	9
LASTABILITY	9

9

PRO PANEL

SAM Now, I don't know much about ice hockey, but I know a good game when I see it, and this a bloody good game about ice hockey. Buy it, it kicks ass

CHICKEN More mind-blowing stuff from EA. NHL '98 was probably my favourite game last year and this just improves on it yet again. Sports fans should just get it. No questions!

LEWIS This must be the definitive ice hockey game on any platform. The graphics, playability and non-stop action make this a must buy for the sport fanatic and casual player alike

KAY Like Sam, I know very little about the sport, but you don't need much knowledge to get a kick out of the fast and furious pucking fun. A 'must buy' for experts and novices alike





ODT

Psygnosis get nautical with their latest wet and wild adventure on the high seas

Eric Cantona thinks he's an actor, Gerard Depardieu a babe magnet. The French fail at everything

THE French are a nation of wannabes. I mean, Eric Cantona wants to be an actor after trying so hard to be a friendly footballer; Vanessa Paradis wanted to be a fantastic chanteuse and Gerard Depardieu hankers for the title of 'handsome babe magnet'. Unfortunately, the Gallic desire to be something other than what they are has never really been pulled off successfully, and what's worse, it's not just restricted to people, as you'll witness in *ODT* (or, to give it it's full title, *Or Die Trying*). *ODT* sees *Psygnosis'* French development team attempting to emulate the third-person perspective, 3D adventure formula of *Tomb Raider*. But I'm afraid it's a case of *ODT* doing an FFM (French Fail Miserably).

ODT focuses on a group of intrepid adventurers who are on their way to the infection-ridden island of Calli with a health-giving magic green pearl. However, before they reach their destination, their flying ship is sucked in by a strange force which not only makes it to crash, but also causes the pearl to mysteriously disappear.



Searching for elusive keys and collecting items from hard-to-reach places is all part of ODT's highly adventurous fun. Supposedly



Each character specialises in one of the guns available – check out Ike taking out a few enemies with his 'bluejizz' blaster



TO DIE FOR...?

Taking on the persona of one of the four crew-members (each one having different skills and strengths), your mission is to retrieve the missing pearl from the clutches of the mutant, gun-toting entities which lurk outside your ship. Add to this torrential rain, dark skies and howling winds (just the sort of climates you want to be witnessing in the middle of winter), plus a few dollops of atmospheric music and sound effects, and you've got all the ingredients of an adventure that should take your breath away.

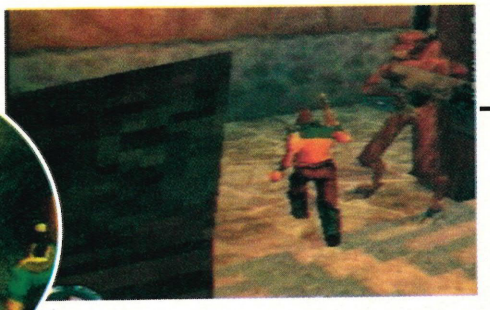
However, no matter how much this combination of features may sound thoroughly

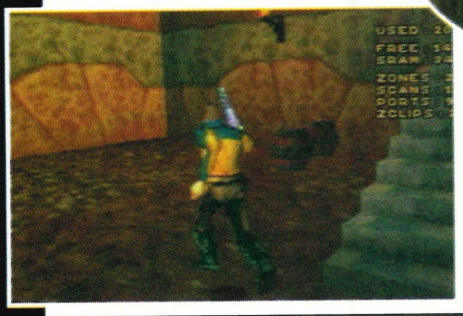


This lot should have known that they were doomed to failure, particularly when they employed Jean Paul Gaultier to steer the ship

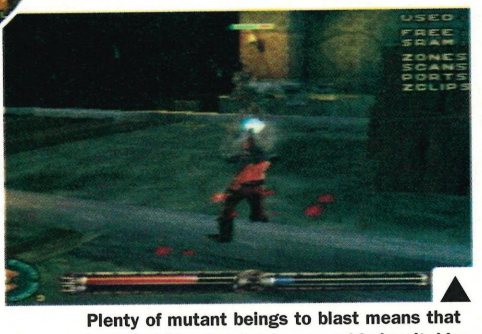










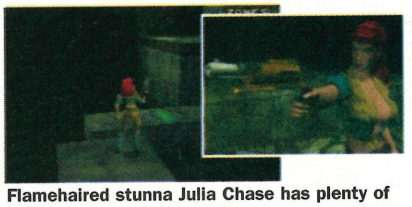


Plenty of mutant beings to blast means that splattering blood and guts around is inevitable

SEAMEN STAINS



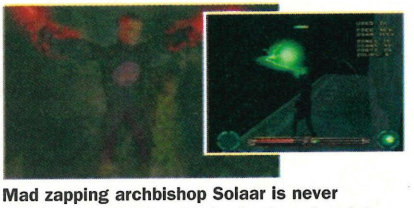
Despite being a miserable git, Corporal Ike Hawkins is pretty tough on the athletic front



Flamehaired stunna Julia Chase has plenty of experience (oo-er), as well as large shooters



29 year-old Maxx Havok is musclebound, mean, moody and a lot of other 'm' words



Mad zapping archbishop Solaar is never without his pet bird. Of the feathered variety

thrilling, there's no escaping the fact that *ODT* is incredibly dull. Even though there are areas galore to explore, it's nothing more than a constant round of ambling about, killing enemies and picking up things – there are (unfortunately) very few puzzles to tease and tantalise you in *ODT*.

The mutants that come up against you are both lacklustre and incredibly stupid, as their response to you running up to them and giving them a good kicking is one of surprise rather than retaliation. If you don't fancy booting the enemy (although this is an effective way of dealing with them), then the small selection of weapons that you're provided with will also do the trick, but these can be tricky to aim and quite unspectacular to use.

However, to add a little interest to the game, *ODT* also features several RPG elements. This includes your ability to collect spells, which can be used at various points throughout the game. How effective these are depends on the character you have chosen – each one has different amounts of skill and experience, which in turn affects your character's Paul Daniels-esque talents. Thankfully, this doesn't mean that you're going to turn into a humourless bald midget with a penchant for ridiculous catch-phrases).



Despite *ODT* resembling *Tomb Raider* in many ways, especially in the fact that tasks such as climbing and shimmying can be performed, the game lacks other useful functions that everyone now takes for granted, such as carefully walking up to the edge of ledges. This means that in a previously unexplored area, you're highly likely to end up falling off a ledge and plummeting down into darkness. This is made doubly frustrating because there are very few checkpoints and save options, and as you're only given two lives to play with, you'll be tearing your hair faster than a diminutive magician.

As well as all these negative points, *ODT* can't be described as the hottest game in terms of its graphics either (apart from the fine FMV sequences), but it does redeems itself slightly with the fact that each character has been developed using motion-capture technology, making their scampering antics more of a treat to the eye.

However, this hardly makes up for the game's dull presentation, so if you're looking for a *TR* substitute, with a dark side, you're better off sticking to *Resident Evil* PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Adventure
GENRE: Psygnosis

RENT IT

ANALOGUE | MEMORY CARD | ONE PLAYER | PRO | PRO

ODT is a disappointing adventure, particularly when it contains all the ingredients needed to be an absolute corker. Although the RPG elements give the game a different twist on the adventure genre, it lacks the 'je ne sais quoi' that other adventures offer, particularly when they take you to exotic locations with equally exotic enemies. I'm sorry, but picking your way through a load of barnacles to find lost treasure is about as appealing as diving off Blackpool pier in the middle of January.

KAY

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	5
SOUND	6
GAMEPLAY	5
LASTABILITY	5

5

PRO PANEL

LEWIS This is a stumbling attempt at producing a Tomb Raider substitute, which fails due to poor graphics and a weak plot. Only consider renting Lara's distant cousin

SAM This is another stab at the trusty 3D adventure game. Unfortunately, it contains none of the elements that made games like Tomb Raider masters of the genre

CHICKEN Or die of boredom. ODT looks nice enough, but after a few seconds you realise you'd rather be playing something else. Like chicken with a lorry (er... not me of course)

JAMES A nice attempt at something a little bit different in the genre, but unfortunately the end result is duller than a mole's dining room. I'd wait for Small Soldiers if I were you



Keeping your balance while trying to jump across icy Arctic islands can be a pretty tricky task

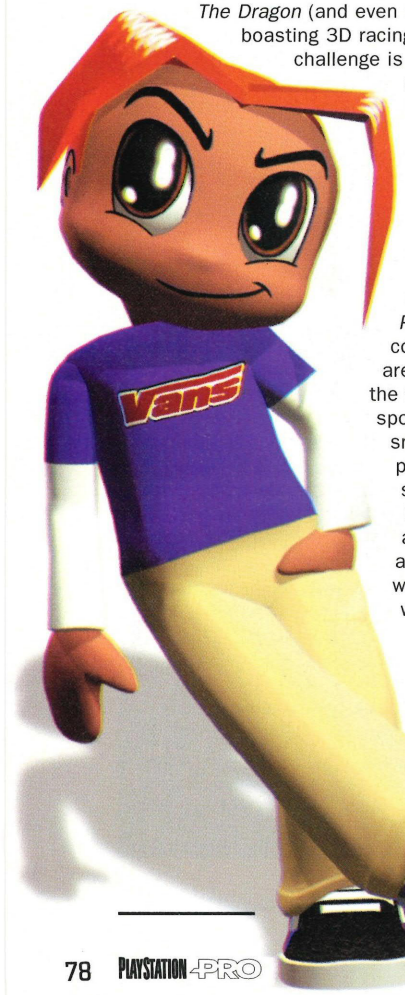
Psybadek

Snowboarding takes on a new twist with Psygnosis' latest platform adventure



P-P-Pick off a penguin-firing eggs at the monochrome marauders finishes them off and, if you obliterate enough, will let you complete the level

Time and tide, they say, waits for no man; nor, it seems, for platform games. With more and more platformers breaking away from their 2D, side-scrolling shackles, it's good to see a new wave of original styles bursting loose. With titles such as *Spyro The Dragon* (and even *Crash 3* boasting 3D racing levels), the challenge is on to produce something original that will rival (if not better) the likes of *Mario 64*. *Psygnosis* have definitely had their originality caps on with *Psybadek*, where colourful levels are combined with the fashionable sport of snowboarding to produce something that is phat, phunky and phresh (and any other "in" words beginning with 'ph').



The story of the game is focused around two kids, Mia and Xako, both snowboarding prodigies. Their task is to get to grips with the evil Krakken, purveyor of all things amoral and kidnapper of Mia and Xako's mates. You take control of one of the kids and must do battle with Krakken's cronies. These include a motley crew of mutant penguins and bosses such as Phat Boy, a character with a particularly delicious lung-scraping cough not dissimilar to that of our dear departed editor, Jay.

All this is done whilst whizzing round such locations as ice and snow world, all the time dodging the obligatory obstacles and collecting stars which, if you collect enough, will take you to worlds unknown (well, bonus levels anyway).

DEKKED OUT

Despite the game's originality, however, *Psybadek* does possess one or two flaws. Firstly, if you've ever been driven to distraction by fiddly jumps and precarious ledges on previously-played platformers, you're not going to fare well with this. Trying to negotiate obstacles with a character stood on his own two feet can be challenging at times, but attempting the same thing whilst perched atop a slippery snowboard is like trying to steer around a supermarket whilst pushing a wonky-wheeled trolley.

The result is hardly a candidate for precision movement, as you'll find in *Psybadek* that the board has a tendency to slip off its ledge at the most awkward moments. The only way to deal with this is to take things slowly, but if you do this, it's unlikely that you'll finish each level within the time required to access the bonus levels.

Secondly, although the originality of the game is pretty obvious, it's clear that all the brainpower has gone into this element and not into the level content. Although they're set in different situations, you'll find that the tasks become monotonous and predictable, with themes such as jumping and shooting being repeated over and over again.

If you're a bit of a platform addict, you'll find this really boring as the thrill of a platform game is not knowing what's around the next corner.

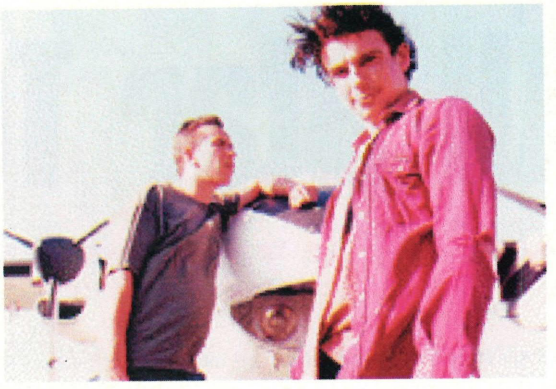




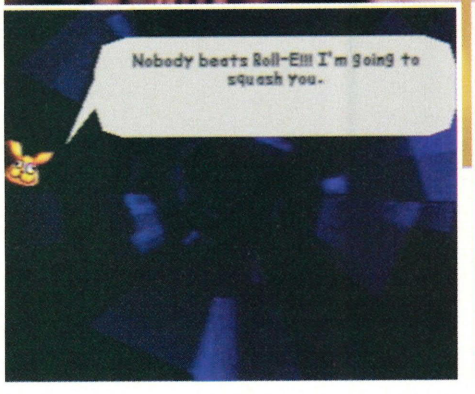


Mia is the boarding babe who, with her boyfriend Xako, is out to get the evil Krakken

WHO'S BRA?



Bentley Rhythm Ace are the dynamic duo who dish out some of the aural delights in Psybadek. The funksters' album "Bentley Rhythm Ace" (on Skint/Parlophone) contains the tracks featured in the game, as well as a load of other groovy stuff

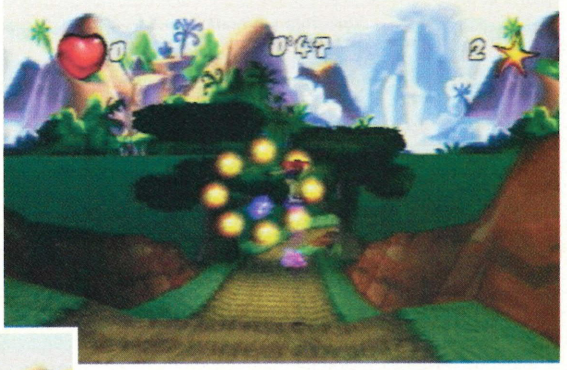




However, the game has one unmistakable funky element, and that's the music, which is provided by Lords of the Dance Bentley Rhythm Ace and David Holmes. Their bass-friendly, chilled-out tunes are a great relief from the oh-so-irritating cacophony that usually accompanies platform games. It's so funky, in fact, the trees don't simply sway in the wind, but get down and boogie to the groove.

The game has another fashionable aspect, which is the featuring of the VANS clothing label, makers of fine snowboarding attire. Although it does have its flaws, *Psybadek* proves that keeping up with the times and presenting a new and trendy look to the world of platform games does have its appeal after all PRO

Psybadek is so funky, trees don't sway in the wind, they get down and boogie to the groove





Phat-Boy may look like a cross between a duck and a scrotum, but he's one hell of a tough boss character to beat



PRO SCORE

PRICE: £39.99
PUBLISHER: Psygnosis
GENRE: Platform/ Adventure

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Psybadek has some cool and original elements which platform fans will surely find a refreshing change from scrolling, spinning and all the other shenanigans that you'd usually expect, despite the greater degree of manual dexterity needed to keep you from sliding off into the great unknown. Although Psybadek proves that Psygnosis have got the market cornered when it comes to cool background music, some people might find the combination of colourful characters and chaotic content a little too much for their stomachs to take.

KAY

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	8
SOUND	9
GAMEPLAY	7
LASTABILITY	7

7½

PRO PANEL

LEWIS Hip, funky and down-right playable, this is definitely aimed at a younger audience with its psychedelic and odd-ball cast of characters. But it's the music that'll keep you boardin'

CHICKEN Colourful, addictive and won't engage a single brain cell, Psybadek is perfect kids' fodder that will score heavily with fans of rad' sports and David Holmes grooves

JAMES Imagine Sonic The Hedgehog on a lazy Sunday and you'll not be too far away from this. It's eye-catching, playable and enjoyable, but doesn't really do anything special

SAM If your eyes and brain can stand the psychedelic strain you'll find Psygnosis' Psybadek a lovely trip to undertake. Just don't go dropping any tabs beforehand

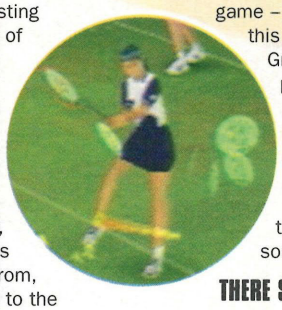




All Star Tennis '99

The rain is pouring, the sky is grey, and it's bloody freezing outside, so what do Ubisoft do? Try and rub it better with a little tennis ointment, that's what...

If there's one thing guaranteed to get me mad, it's releasing a seasonal game in the wrong season. I mean, imagine if you'd been playing a tennis game, featuring bright sunshine, blue skies and skimpy outfits, and then looked out of the window - well, you'd be a little depressed at what you saw, wouldn't you? Unfortunately, once again, like *Actua Tennis* before it, *All Star Tennis '99* is bursting onto your PlayStation in the middle of bloody winter. Please excuse me while I, in all my flu-filled melancholy, crawl off and lament the lost days of summer...



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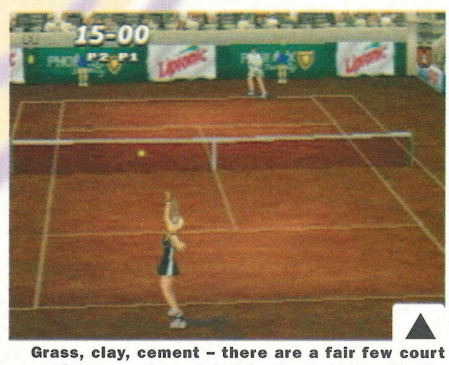
All Star Tennis '99 is, to be honest, a bit of a misnomer. Firstly, there are only eight licensed players (two male, two female) to choose from, which is a huge let-down compared to the 30+ featured in *Actua Tennis*. Secondly, there are four invented players, most of whom look like they've either escaped from a mental institution or from an outer-space holiday camp, and are hardly the 'all star' players you'd expect from the game's title. The motion-captured players do look nice and move very smoothly, but, and this is unfortunate for the women, they all walk like they've been shagged bandy.

The good-looking elements don't just stop at the players, as you've also got eight different (and graphically lush) courts from around the world to scuff your trainers on. Although they aren't specific locations from each country (such as Wimbledon), they give you a fair choice of court types, including cement, grass and clay.

Now the downside of this trans-Atlantic tennis tournament trekking is that you get an authentically-accented umpire to watch over your game – well, that's the idea. Unfortunately, this hasn't been pulled off too well. The Greek umpire sounds like the proprietor of my local kebab shop (who is about as Mediterranean as the chips and gravy he serves on the side), and the Italian umpire's vocal warblings sound like Bob Hoskins' Super Mario being pulled through a wringer. Realism – sometimes it just goes too far...

THERE SHE BLOWS

Sadly, *All Star Tennis '99's* gameplay is pretty limited, with only a handful of playable options to choose from, these being smash tennis, arcade and bomb modes. Where the arcade mode pits your volleying skills against each of the computer-controlled players in turn, the smash tennis mode allows you to play in either singles or doubles matches, with up to four of your friends competing with you (using the trusty multi-tap, of course). This can be increased to up to an eight-player battle in the Smash Tennis Tournament mode, where players work through to become a smashing supremo.



Grass, clay, cement – there are a fair few court surfaces to play on, but in the end, they hardly make a radical difference to the gameplay

Although these features are pretty bog-

Motion-captured players move smoothly, but when they walk, it's as if they've been shagged bandy



Throwing yourself at the ball is a regular occurrence, particularly if your original intention was to run for it. Still, it's always amusing to watch players throwing themselves about like chimps





Four player mode means even more racquet-thwacking fun, but to get the most out of this, get hold of a multi-tap and a few mates, and try battling a game out between you







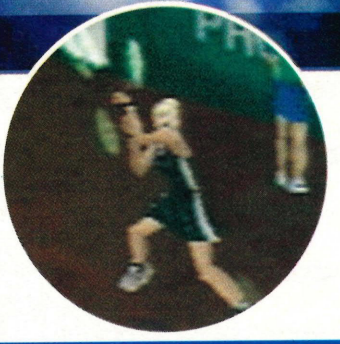


The novelty delights of bomb tennis are a treat for anyone with a penchant for explosives and sweeping their opponents off their feet

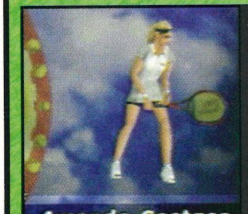


The crowd are waiting, the umpire is warmed up and the players are ambling onto the court- Yup, that's the excitement of tennis for you





MEMBERS OF THE COURT



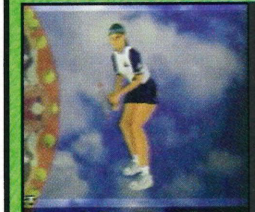
Amanda Coetzer

She may be petite at only 5'2", but South African belle Coetzer has been soaring higher since turning professional in 1988, hitting the heady heights of number 3 seed in 1997



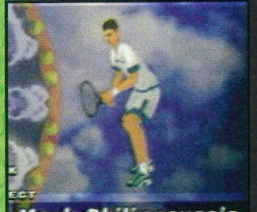
Jonas Björkman

Sweden's becoming a regular birthplace of talent, and Bjorkman is a prime example of this. Working his way rapidly through the ranks, at this rate, he'll be bigger than Abba in no time



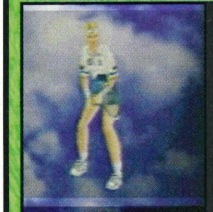
Conchita Martinez

Raven-haired tennis temptress Martinez has been a professional player for 10 years, but can still cut the mustard when it comes down to serving the goods



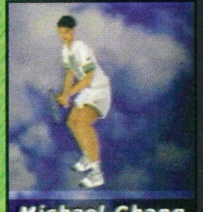
Mark Philippoussis

Although he's one of the youngest players about, Philippoussis regularly makes his mark by clocking up high speed serves of around a whopping 142mph



Jana Novotna

Currently the women's champion of that tennis mecca Wimbledon, Czech Novotna is definitely at the top of the female tennis tree. Look out for her inevitable attempts to hold on to her position in the future



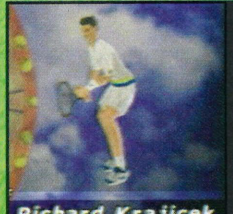
Michael Chang

26 year- old Chang may not be the fastest nor the most sturdily built player in the pack, but he's caused more than a fair share of hindrances to top seed-hungry rivals during his career



Gustavo Kuerten

Brazilian- born Kuerten is proving to be a hard nut to crack on the courts, judging by the way he's whizzing up the rankings board



Richard Krajicek

Despite losing out in the final rounds of Wimbledon, Dutch Krajicek is definitely a player on which to place your bets when it comes to future tennis tournaments

standard for a tennis game, the third mode, Bomb Tennis, is a novelty two-player challenge where players have to be quick to dodge as well as to return. Basically, wherever the ball hits the ground, a bomb is laid, which is timed to go off after a couple of seconds.

If, by some unfortunate chance, you're standing near it when it blows up, you hit the deck and are left scraping together the pieces of your wasted limbs while your opponent performs a victory dance around you (well, perhaps I am exaggerating slightly here, but never mind).

All Star Tennis '99 has got all the potential to be really good tennis game (including graphics that surpass those of its closest rival *Actua Tennis*), but it lets itself down with a lack of decent players and limited gameplay. However, if *All Star Tennis 2000* ever makes an appearance with these niggly bits improved, it'll surely be a number one seed in the top tennis game tournament in the Pro office.

Only next time lads, please release it at an appropriate time – I might be a little more welcoming to it PRO

PRO SCORE

PRICE: £TBA
PUBLISHER: Ubisoft
GENRE: Sports Sim

RENT IT



To be honest, I've not been charmed by the delights of All Star Tennis '99, particularly when you're limited by both player choices and gameplay options. For the racquet wielder who fancies a quick knockabout, this would be the ideal solution, were it not for Smash Court Tennis and its 'quick and playable' appeal. If stats and big names are what you look for in sports games, this also is found lacking, and you'd be better off with Actua Tennis. Rent it for eight-player matches only.

KAY

WHAT'S THE SCORE

GRAPHICS	8
SOUND	6
GAMEPLAY	6
LASTABILITY	7

6½

PRO PANEL

JAMES I think Kay's been a bit harsh here, the PlayStation hasn't exactly been flooded by tennis titles and this plays as well as anything else on offer, and looks much better too

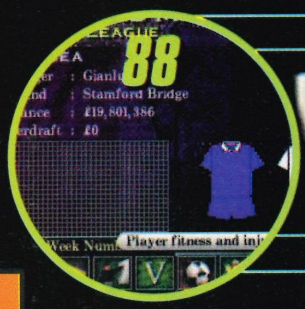
CHICKEN One of the better tennis games available for the PlayStation (you simply can't buy Smash Court). If it's a challenging game with your mates that you're after, try this

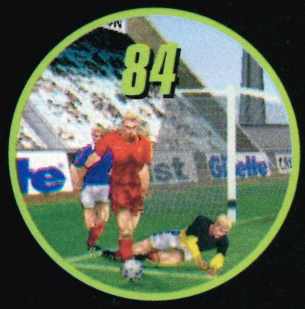
SAM It plays a fine game alright, but the all stars you really want to play with are sadly missing, which is where Ubi-Soft's celebrity court drama is a bit of a let down

LEWIS Kay's been cruel on what is a very playable tennis game. Okay, so it's not Smash Court Tennis, but who wants to play such a dated game anyway? Worth renting at least

EXPOSURE

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We're well into the new football season now, and as ever there'll be a glut of prime togga titles hoping to be nestled amongst your tangerines and Brazil nuts come Christmas this year. With the yuletide goalmouth begging, this month's Exposure zone is dedicated to two such hotshots, namely Viva Footy and the official FA Manager game. Viva Football is a tough tackling newcomer from the guys at Virgin promising an interactive footballing banquet like no other with over 1,000 teams available for all of your pitchside frolics. Eidos on the other hand have gone the way of Bryan Robson, John Gregory and Ruud Gullit and have moved into management. Carrying the official FA license, FA Manager is destined to be in greater demand than a convincing England victory so we've all the best bits from both of these dark horses for your privileged perusal.

We've a pretty packed Prospects area this month, also kicking off with a footballing flavour in the shape of Michael Owen's World league Soccer '99, and the bizarre platform fantasy Dreams from French company Cryo Interactive is hot on the heels of that. Konami's Metal Gear Solid has been on the tip of everyone's tongue since this Summer's E3 show, so we've splashed out on an extra page of screen shots for you to drool over as MGS will undoubtedly be one of the hottest games in the early part of next year, whilst they'll be hoping that their other Prospects contribution, Deep Blue, can keep them afloat in the meantime. Gremlin are keeping their fingers crossed for some pot luck with Pool Shark and the Blunder from Down Under pops in for a final appearance before Crash 3 hits the review section. Rounding off this issue's dream team of potential footballing greats is the very impressive Libero Grande from Namco, the first soccer game to confine you to a single player and position on the field. Devil Dice is the latest teaser sent to test the grey matter whereas our final guest, Moto Racer 2, attempts to finally provide the PlayStation with a decent two wheeled racer.

Well that's all for this month, enough to be getting on with till next month. Make sure you make it back for next issue's festive special. We're looking to fill your stockings full of Xmas treats, both of them.

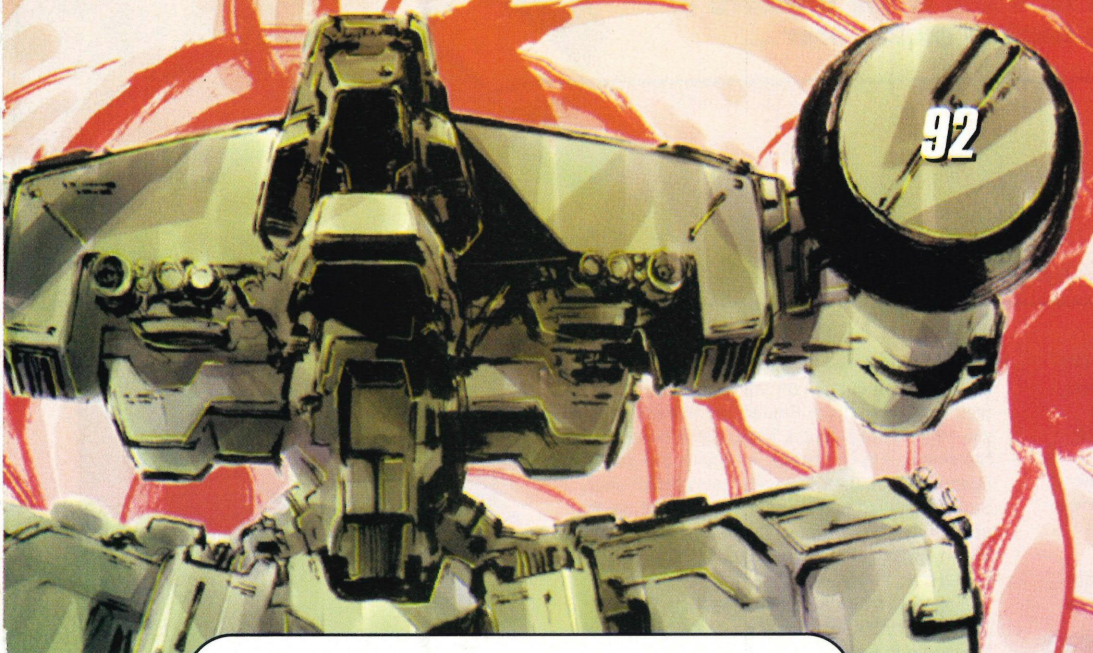


James Cannon
Reviews Editor









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The chance for our esteemed Editor to see some champagne football, rather than his second division dross, even in virtual form, was too good for him to turn down. So off he went on a trip to the creators of one of the most promising football games ever...

Viva Football

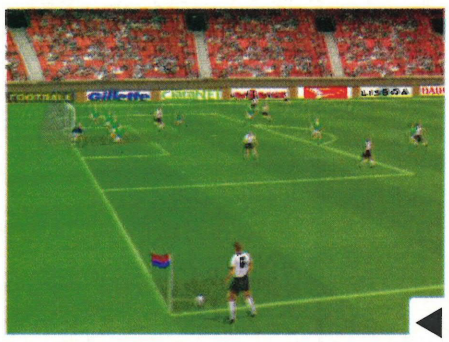
There was a time, not that long ago, where it seemed that every game arriving in our office was a bloody football game. The World Cup in France has a lot to answer for. Here at PlayStation Pro we like our football as much as the next bloke, but by the time Beckham did his party piece and let's face it, stopped us caring, it's fair to say we were getting well fed up of it.

Where's this going you're probably thinking? Well the thing about *Viva Football* is that it was the one football game that wasn't being rushed out in time to cash-in on the tournament. In fact, it was due for a September release, which you might have noticed, what with it being November, it didn't make. In reality, the game's been put back until the early part of next year. So we travelled to *Virgin Interactive* and caught up with Designer, Simon Humber, to quiz him on what's been going on and what's happened during the development.

"*Viva* has been in full development for just over 18 months," he told us. "Prior to forming the whole team, the Lead Programmer, Andi Eades, and I spent a long period prototyping the AI system. Both of us being enormous football fans (and British) we could see where the competition was going wrong. So we developed a system which calculated how much space a player owns on the pitch.

"Attacking players then look for higher scoring space in dangerous areas whilst obeying rules such as offside. Having got this working we then needed to implement a control method that allowed the user the freedom to play the ball into these areas of space rather than the "on-rails, tap a button, pinball" approach of less complex and less footbally games."

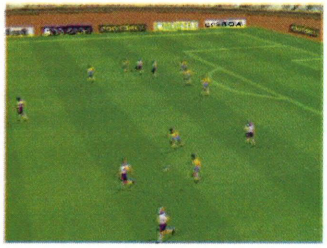
"On the development side, at its height we had about 12 people working on the game. Five programmers, five artists, a researcher and myself the designer. Now we're down to less as the art is almost complete and there's just a few new features to add. And then there's those pesky bugs to get rid of. Oh and I better not forget that we had the editor of World Soccer magazine burning the midnight oil pouring over old books and press cuttings to make sure we got all our statistics correct."

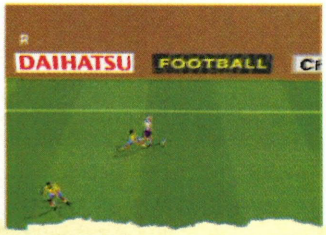


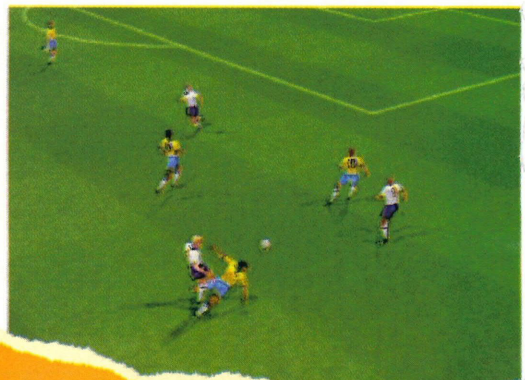
All the World Cup teams for the last 40 odd years are included, so you can match up some of the great teams over the years







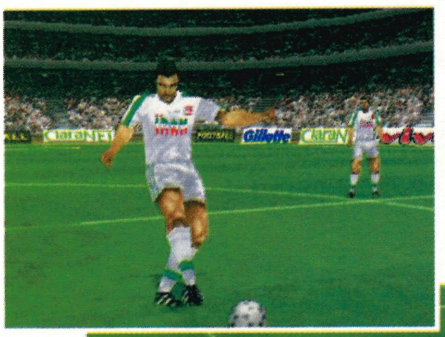




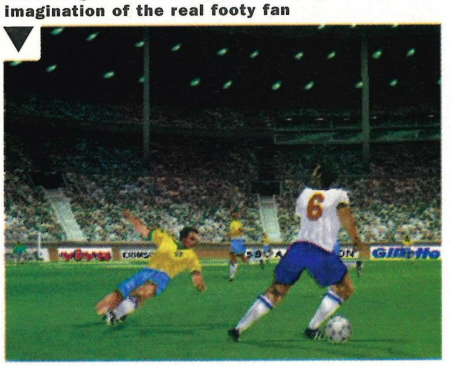








Featuring a type of engine not seen before in football games Viva hopes it will capture the imagination of the real footy fan



One of the big things we keep hearing about *Viva Football* is about the way it plays. We saw it in London months ago and thought then it was looking like the most realistic representation of the game we'd seen so far. We asked Simon to elaborate a bit more, "We're very pleased with the way everything plays. As a member of another team here at *Crimson* said, when we held our internal tournament 'it truly breaks the mould!' He's mad about football games, so we were very pleased with that. The version he was playing was really poor too!

"It does take a little bit of time to pick up the subtleties of the game. The more you try and play like a real football team, the stronger the game becomes. If you continually hoof the ball forward, the likelihood is it will come straight back at you. So a bit of tactical know-how is certainly called for (it's worth noting then that if you play for Manchester City you'll be wasting your 45 quid!), but it is possible to play any style you like. Short passing, long balls, using the wings and counter attacking are all valid strategies if played well.

"I like to mix it up a bit. Usually stick to a short passing game, but occasionally if I've been defending on the edge of my own box. I'll clear it quickly up to halfway and my two front men will run at the centre backs. You've got to be ▶



As usual there will be a multitude of camera angles to play with, it's better to get one where you can see as much of the pitch as possible







▲ **Viva Football is promising to deliver a type of play we've not seen before on the PlayStation**

▶ careful with tackling too. As in real life, flying in from behind is going to upset the ref, so either stay on your feet or make sure those slides are from the side at worst.

"Some of the goals and near misses that occur in the game just lift you from your seat. I had a fabulous match against one of the programmers the other day. I played Republic of Ireland 1990 against his West Germany 90. Outclassed on paper I battled away and got the winner in the 90th minute in a goal-mouth scramble thanks to substitute Bernie Slaven. That's another thing that's so great about the game, it gives you the chance to take the fringe players and make them the stars. I recommend dropping Mr C Palmer from the England 90 team for instance."

Simon's just managed to sum up the other great thing about *Viva*. All the international sides for the last 40-odd years are included, so you can play the games mentioned above and try out hundreds of 'What If?' scenarios. The presentation of the game depends on the era of the team you choose too. For example, picking the 1950s England team will result in the match being played in Black and White. Cool eh?

So what is he particularly pleased with? "Not any one thing, but the whole thing. The way it plays. The freedom it gives. The enormous number of teams and famous players. Being able to play any World Cup from 1958 through to the present day. An overhead kick which goes in off the post in the last few minutes."

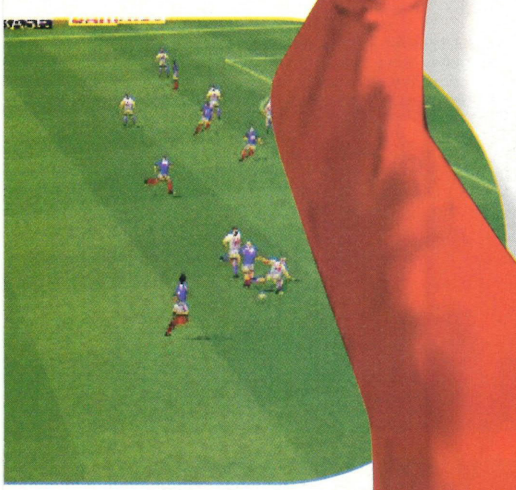
And on the "Had to leave out list"? "An absolute stack of features and subtleties. Probably enough to fill the next two versions. We're certainly not short of ideas as to where we're taking this game. The reason it didn't make it in? The usual one of time. We could have gone on programming for another couple of years making our perfect game, but we have to draw the line somewhere. It's time to release *Viva* and start to re-educate the football gaming public."

On a real life note, we asked Simon to tell us who the development team follow on a week-to-week basis, without mentioning inevitable Man City gags, "That's a shame, because as a Portsmouth fan I love to tell the tale of how we sent Man (Div 2) City down last season. We won't mention that though, Paul, eh?" Now let's just get something straight, just because you sold your souls to the devil in the shape of Alan Ball, you'll regret taking the squeaky little sod back this season, just you wait...

"Our list of teams is diverse and includes: Portsmouth, Millwall x2, Ipswich, West Bromwich Albion, Notts Forest, Newcastle, Sheffield Utd, Chelsea, QPR and Rangers. So all of us, apart from the Millwall boys, know the qualities that separate a good football game from a bad one. We just give them crayons when we're having a discussion about it."

With all the football games out there, we asked Simon to spend the next paragraph trying to persuade you lot to buy it, "They should buy it because "it truly breaks the mould." Because it's brand new. Because it's not spending 45 quid on exactly the same game you bought last year, oops sorry, I meant radically updated sequel." Bit bitchy mate, but from what we've seen he certainly has a point.

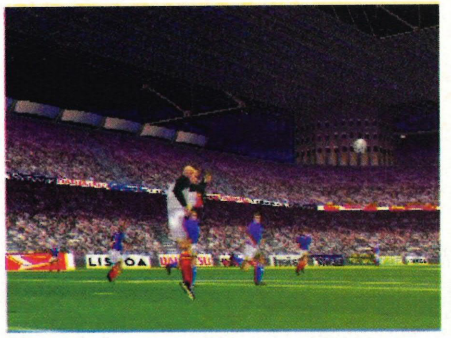
Whether the gaming world will take to this particular brand of Total Football, we'll have to wait until February to see, but as ever we'll leave the final word to Simon and give him a final opportunity to be bitter. "Well I would like to deliver a personal message to Southampton fans, but as they can't read it would be pointless wasting the ink."
Tsk, Alan Ball indeed





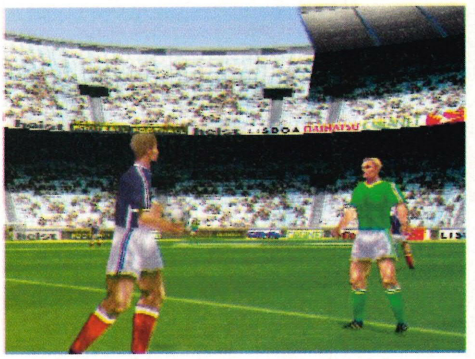






If recreating the great football matches is something you've always wanted to do, then you'll be glad to know you can match up teams from different eras very easily in Viva Football

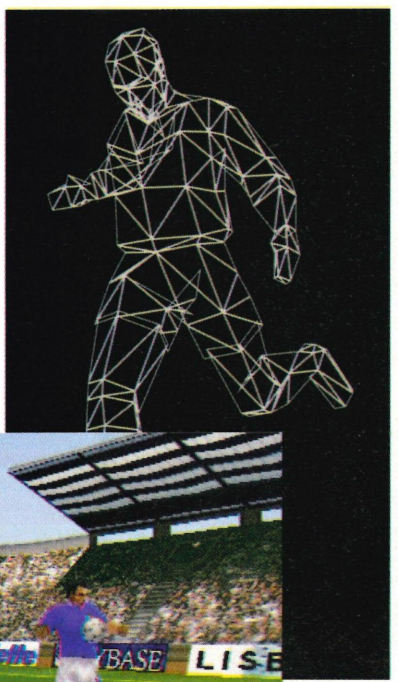




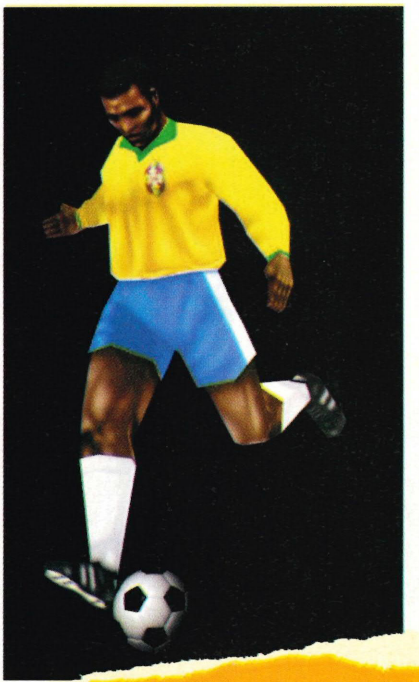


TOTALLY WIRED

Here we take you through the design of the characters in Viva Football. First we have the original wireframe drawing which is imported into a PC 3D program, then we have the player graphics drawn onto the frame. Finally, the frame is removed leaving us with the finished article, ready to be placed into the game and be played with.









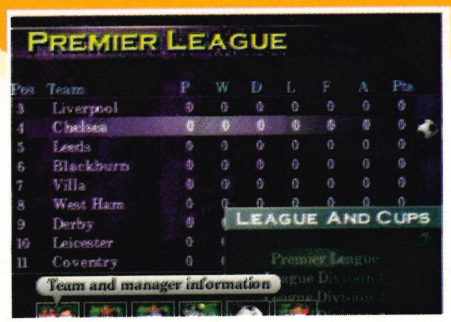
Gremlin have left a nation of 'gaffers' hungry for more hotbed action from the cut-throat world of football management, but it's Eidos who're emerging as the wealthy benefactors of PlayStation soccer. Get your cheque books at the ready, this is one sensational signing you don't want to miss out on

FA MANAGER

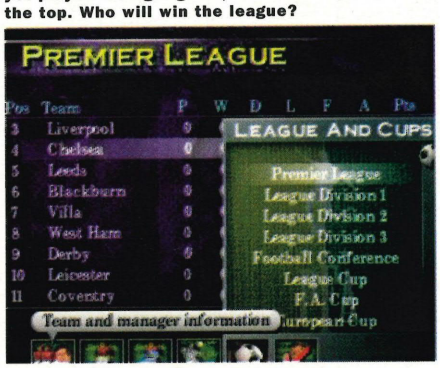


Okay, so the screenshots are not the most interesting specimens of PlayStation graphics, but then what did you expect? Here we have us choosing a team to take control of. This time we'll go for Chelsea's because today Matthew, we're going to be a load of Cockney wide-boys.





Er, it's League Table time, but since no one has yet played a single game, it's still very close at the top. Who will win the league?



The wait for *Gremlin's Premier Manager* was phenomenal. It seemed as though the whole PlayStation universe wanted to know when it was coming out so that they could take their favourite team to the top of the footballing tree. Then it came out, and while being quite good, it didn't always live up to peoples' expectations because of the amount of hype it had been subjected to.

Enter *Eidos*. They already have the amazing *Championship Manager* series on the PC, far and away the best football management game of all time, so we should hardly be surprised that they now want to emulate that success for the PlayStation. It's obviously unrealistic to expect the kind of detail that *Championship Manager* contains on a tiny old PlayStation, so rather than port a sub-standard version of that over, they've looked elsewhere for a specialist, and that specialist is Yorkshire based *Krisalis*.

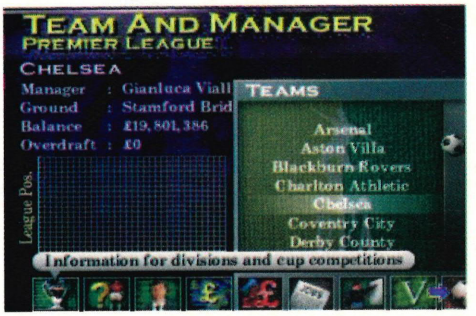
Now these guys were once the envy on the computer world (we're talking about the time of the Amiga) as they held the license to do the Official Manchester United games, something which no other company currently owns and for a couple of years we had some cracking football games.

Now after a quiet period *Krisalis* are back, keen to take the PlayStation by storm with *FA Manager. Eidos* have seen the potential and will be publishing the title, but we spoke to all-round *Krisalis* good bloke, Tim James, for the low-down on the game. We started by finding out how many people had worked on the game











and whether they were happy with what they'd achieved so far.

"In total, across the PC and PlayStation formats, about 15 people, but not all at once. Plus about 50-60 contributors who helped us compile the stats. Now a football management game on the PlayStation is no easy task, which is why they are rarer than a home win at Maine Road (Well Tim, that's already two marks off the final review score for being a smart-arse – Ed).

STAT-HAPPY

"One of the main things that people are looking for are stats on all the players, which obviously change over time, and which have to be saveable to a memory card. An easy way around this is to only provide full stats for your own team, but we have managed to provide stats for all the players.

"Also we researched player contracts and bonuses and implemented it properly so we know that this aspect of the game is very accurate as well."

All sounds very good, and we know *Eidos* secretly believe that *FA Manager* is good enough to wipe *Gremlin's Premier Manager* out of the equation. As for Tim, he's getting quite frisky about certain aspects of his game too. "The in-game highlights section is very exciting. We motion-captured the moves, then used an editor to build up about 2,000 highlight sequences and added Brian Moore doing the commentary. We play these scenes as the action happens, not after the final whistle, so things can get very tense." Sounds like a minor dig at his major rival.

As is the case with huge projects like this, there are usually some features that the programmers were desperate to get in but simply had to sacrifice, Tim disputed this when we asked him, "No there was nothing like that, but there was something I wanted to leave out but had to put in. Arsenal!"

No surprise there when you realise that most of the programming team support Sheffield Wednesday, who of course had their recent altercation that ended up with one of their players knocking the referee over.

To round it all up we asked Tim to tell us why you lot should go out and spend your hard-earned cash on the game, "Because if you want a footy management game it's the best by miles." Easy really. We'll be reviewing *FA Manager* in our next issue, so you'll be able to see how it measures up to Premier manager then. In the meantime, we'll leave the last word to Mr. James who had one last thing to tell our readers, "I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers." Boom Boom. Don't call us PSG



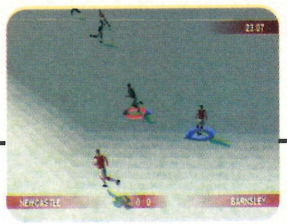
Highlights of the games are displayed in the centre of the screen and when completed should give a fairly accurate account of the match





All the text based commentary is yet to be added, as well as the vocals by Brian Moore. Once these are in, FA Manager looks like being the bee's knees







Michael Owen's World League Soccer '99

The Anfield whiz kid spearheads another sensational partnership

What's it all about? Last year *Eidos* teamed up with software developers *Silicon Dreams* to produce a football game, the idea was to steer away from the arcade roots of console sport and attempt more of a soccer simulation, something with a real long-term challenge.

The result must have been beyond even their expectations as *World League Soccer '98* was one of the finest footballing releases of last year, a truly great game.

CREME DE LA PREM?

The game just had much more realism than anything else, it required a higher skill factor for success and the learning curve to winning a game was such that even the most seasoned gamer would have struggled against the computer for the first few matches.

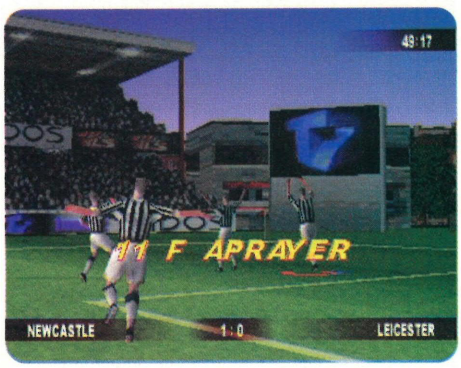
It was exactly what we'd been waiting for, after overdosing on the enjoyable, but ridiculously easy *FIFA: Road to World Cup '98*, and though we still rank *WLS '98* as the best PlayStation footy game, it's looking like that may all change very soon, with new kids *Actua Soccer 3* and *Viva Footy* swelling the ranks.

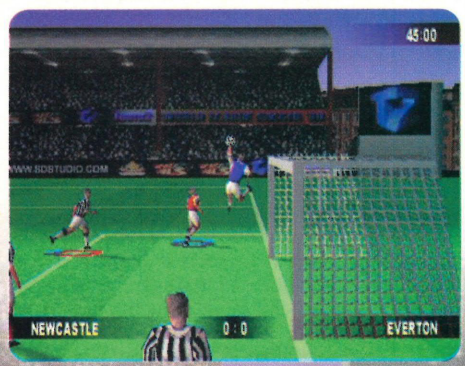
OWEN GOAL

The new and improved *WLS* is on its way and we're obviously expecting it to be a stonker. *Eidos* are certain it will be, and with England's very own boy wonder slapping his ultra-endorsable name all over the place you'll be hard pushed to question such judgement.

Owen is very much the man of the moment and when you combine his selling power with the expertise of *Eidos,* in a top brand game with new high resolution graphics, texture mapped players, new animations and a general quality control overhaul, you can just about guarantee you're onto a winner. We'll be waiting with baited breath for the review version of this one to arrive.

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





Now come on, there's absolutely no need for the 'keeper to make a save there, the flash git

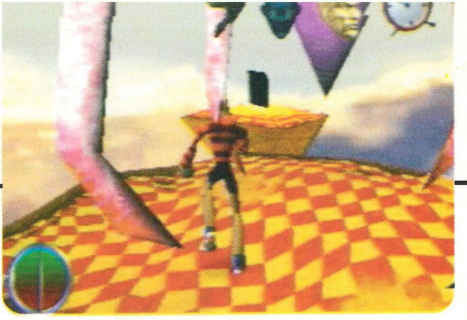


At this early stage the player's real names have yet to be programmed into the game, but at least this year they are going to be included

I know the kit on this guy should obviously be red, (which is still the wrong colour!) but the game isn't finished yet, and you're supposed to be admiring the hi-res graphics. Nice eh?







Dreams

Fed up of those Anthea Turner nightmares? Well, wake up and prepare for vengeance





Some missions require you to find other trapped dreamers and bringing them back to reality







The enemies in Dreams tend to take on more of a surreal form than most other games. This giant stone head can only be killed by destroying its golden brain. Yeah, right







What's it all about? The new platform adventure from *Cryo* may be the weirdest game to appear on the PlayStation since *MDK*. Have you ever woken up and wondered why all those blue aliens were cooking a barbecue in your next door neighbours garden, or wondered how you managed to fly over the local shopping centre and kill ten foot killer rabbits with a banana? If you have, then its time to get yourself some serious psychiatric help. On the other hand, *Cryo's Dreams* may be a healthy alternative to the world of the subconscious.

Mindfields

Dreams is a bizarre journey through several dream-like and nightmarish scenarios. The story concerns four priests who gather round the well of mankind's dreams, a place called Blue Water. You take on the role of a young man who plunges into Blue Water to save the well of dreams from one of the priests who has become host to a dark force. The adventure becomes a mission to save both dreams and reality from the clutches of the evil priest.

Beginning with a choice of three characters (each with their own skills), the game places you in one of over 100 dream scenarios. In these worlds, you have the power to fly, fight, cast spells and transport from one character's body to another, via the art of thought.

There are over 100 varied characters in each of these dreamworlds. Monsters, phantoms, super-beings and other dreamers haunt the mysterious landscapes. Some of the characters exist with the soul aim of hindering your progress, whereas others are there to lend a hand and give you clues.

At this stage, it's obvious that *Dreams* is not mega-hit material. Some of the features displayed in *Dreams* (such as the flying option), however, do give the game a different angle and make the whole thing look mighty interesting. Stay tuned for more on this bizarre game.

Who's responsible? Cryo Interactive
When's it due? January



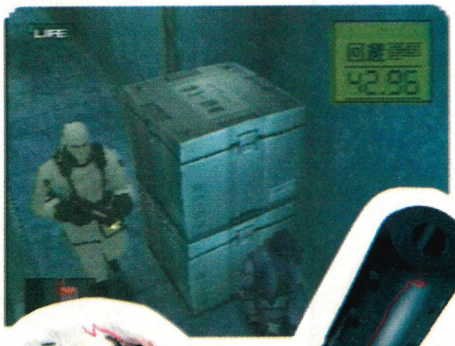
Women in just their panties appear in many of the scenarios, and strangely enough feature large in most our our fantasies too



Metal Gear Solid

Take on the terrorists single-handed in Konami's covert cracker





What's it all about? Well it isn't anything to do with shit-kicking robotic junkies for a start. It's about a state-of-the-art mechanised assault system which has fallen into the wrong hands and it follows the attempts of lone operative, Solid Snake, who's sent to neutralise the terrorist threat now posed by the weaponry of the Metal Gear project. It's about covert operations, infiltration, threat neutralisation, and it's about time this baby got released, 'cause after playing the Japanese version of *Metal Gear Solid*, the whole of the Pro office is simply gagging to get hold of a PAL copy of the game.

As this tidal wave of interest washes onto our shores, *MGS* looks set to become the most hyped game since *Gran Turismo*. And whilst *Konami* have not been forthcoming with a PAL copy, after playing the import we can confirm that this is going to live up to all of your expectations.

Konami have been involved in the ultimate tease campaign, short of Lara Croft appearing on page 3 of the Sun in just her birthday-suit, the ultra playable demo, free with ISS Pro '98, and now the mechamical delights of the import are tickling everyones' taste-buds. Who needs Christmas when you've got this kind of hype?

Gearing Up

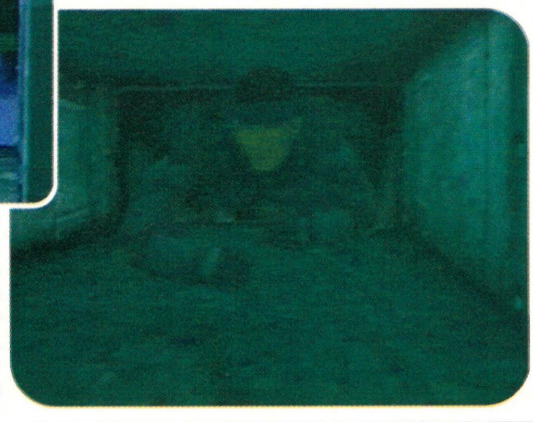
It all begins with Snake, your typical one man army type hero, en route to the terrorist stronghold after a 24hr ultimatum has been delivered with the threat of a nuclear strike. As Snake gets nearer to his drop-off point, courtesy of an army submarine, he receives his mission brief by way of Codec, a miniature device implanted in his ear which directly stimulates the bones of the ear – in effect a totally silent stealth communication device.

It doesn't take long before Snake is beneath the enemy's hideout in a dock basement area climbing out of his scuba gear. He's under orders to rescue the two VIP hostages and de-arm all nuclear warheads at the facility, and with this guy's talents, you'll feel more than capable of meeting your agenda.





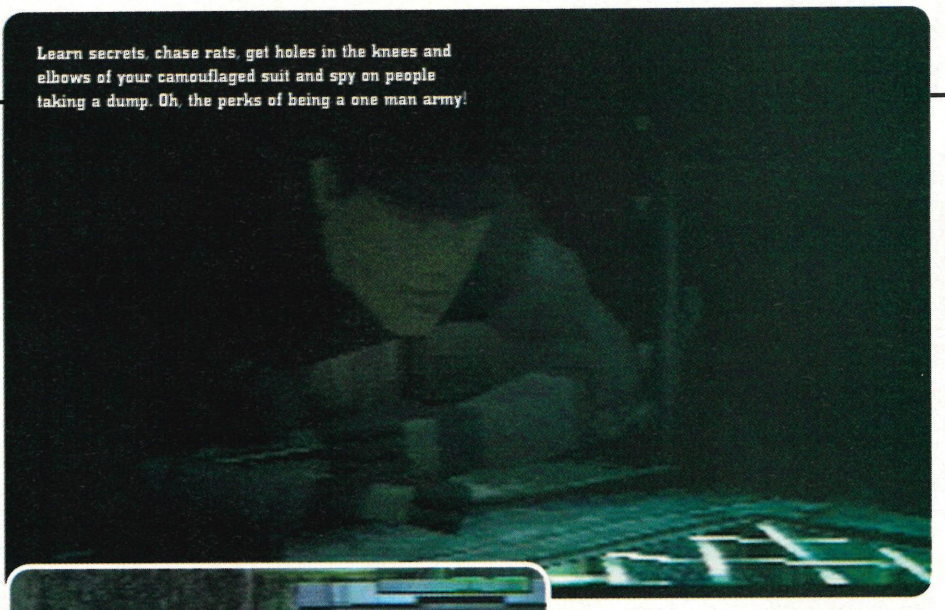




Looks like you'll be using the airducts quite a lot, but don't worry about the mice and rats, they're your clue to finding an exit

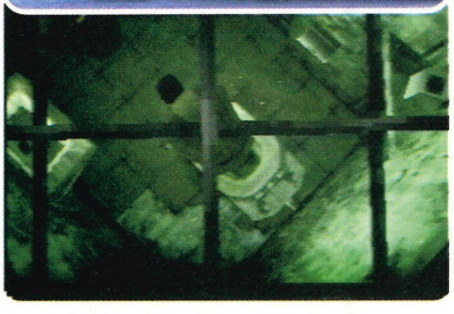


See Snake tapping with his right arm? This sucker's going to feel a slight pressure on his windpipe very shortly, gun or no gun!

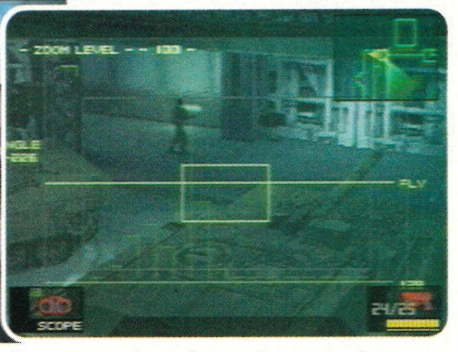


Learn secrets, chase rats, get holes in the knees and elbows of your camouflaged suit and spy on people taking a dump. Oh, the perks of being a one man army!









Your scope can be used at any time to scan the area and figure out your next move. Be aware of the guards' movements and you'll stand a much better chance

It really is knockout stuff. Snake's first task after clambering out of the deep is to make his way upstairs past a handful of guards and via a cargo elevator, only at this point the slithering soloist is unarmed and at a distinct disadvantage. The solution – stealth.

Solid gold

Drop Snake to the ground and crawl commando style under the cover of nearby scenery until you've studied the guard's security route. Tapping against the walls will lure the enemy into your trap before throttling the poor bugger. Get it wrong and his screams will be answered by gunfire from his buddies; there's not much room for error in *Metal Gear Solid.*

The elevator takes you up to the front door of the terrorist facility, but it's not as if Snake's just going to go and knock on the door now is it? Nope, you'll have to find another way inside, past a platoon of guards, countless motion detecting security cameras and search-lights. Think that's easy do you? Well, I haven't told you that footprints in the snow is all that's needed to get the frost-bitten sentries suspicious have I? Now try going unnoticed Rambo!

Similarly to *Activision's Tenchu, Metal Gear Solid* provides an addictively accurate taste of special forces action, and we can guarantee (should it ever get a bloody release date) that *MGS* will be in greater demand than Viagra at an impotency clinic. Honest, Chicken told me!

Who's responsible? Konami

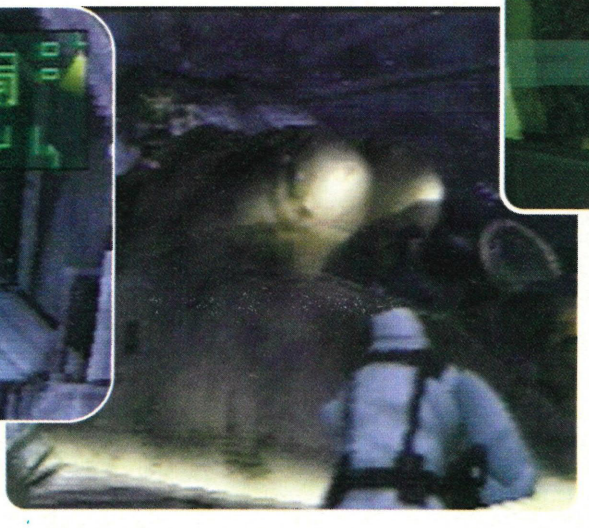
When's it due? 1st Quarter 1999





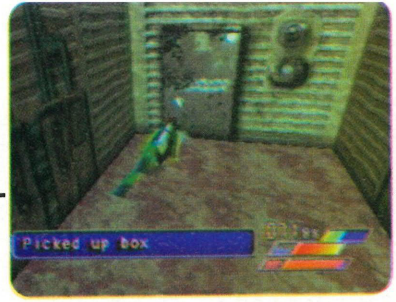


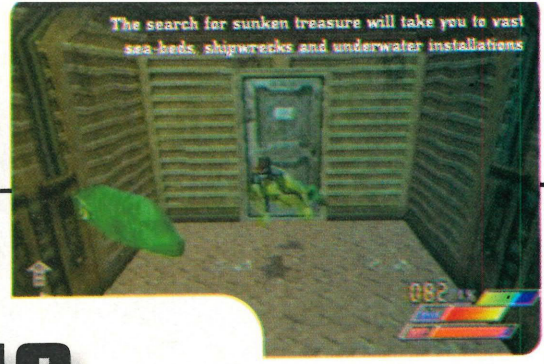
"You looking at me...? You, looking at me...?" Your first weapon is this rapid fire laser sighted pistol, useless for long range attacks but deadly at close quarters

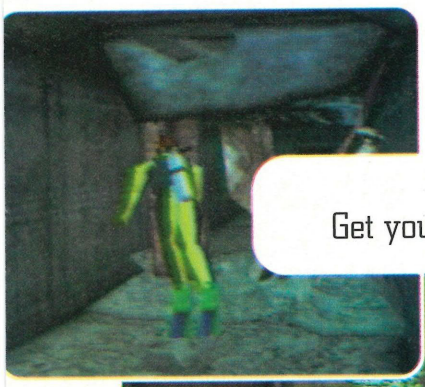




Another one of these bloody hostages has gone and died on me! That's the third this week, can we order a couple more? They just don't make them like they used to



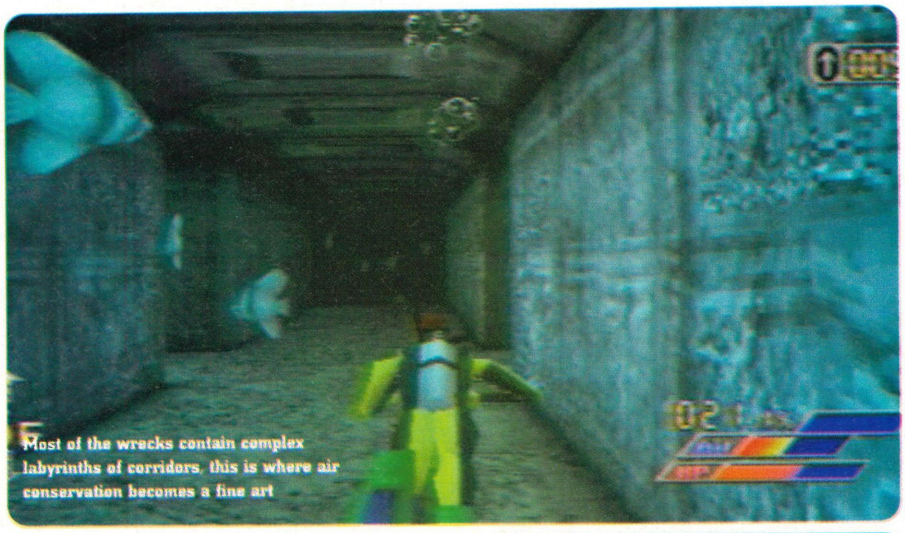

The search for sunken treasure will take you to vast sea-beds, shipwrecks and underwater installations



Deep Blue

Get your hands on deep sea treasure in Konami's new salvage bonanza




Most of the wrecks contain complex labyrinths of corridors, this is where air conservation becomes a fine art

What's it all about? If you were forced to come up with an idea for a PlayStation game, it's likely you wouldn't have pitched the plot of *Deep Blue* to a development team. On first look, it strikes you as the worst possible idea for a game, but see what *Konami* have done with this idea and you would be forgiven for changing your mind.

The vast cruise liner, Gigantic Matilda (not the porn star), has become the victim of an oceanic disaster. Its hull, and the contents within have sunk to the bottom of the ocean to be forgotten forever. Years later, an old man tries to build up a team to salvage the treasure from the sunken wreck. The first person he comes to is you, a young diver with a thirst for adventure.

Deep sea fishing

The best way to describe the gameplay in *Deep Blue* (as with most third person games), is to compare it to *Tomb Raider.* Take out all the dry-land antics in that game and you've got the basis of *Deep Blue*. Now, that may sound like taking the jam out of Jammy Dodgers, but bear with me.

The game's action centres around missions given to you by different people. Once in the water, you swim around, looking for prizes and collecting random items from the sea bed. Poisonous fish have to be avoided and your air supply must be topped up by finding hidden pockets beneath the rocks.

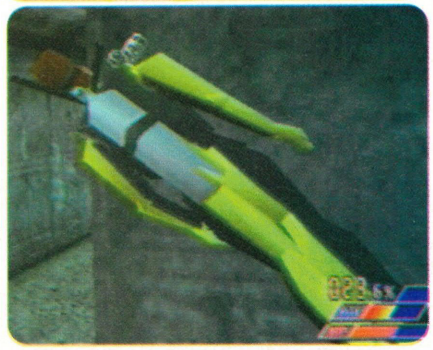
Once you have made a few friends around the village, you will be given equipment such as air tanks and weapons, which will give you access to deeper waters and gradually more complex missions.

All this depth in gameplay (weak pun intended) makes *Deep Blue* more than just a variation on the underwater levels of *Tomb Raider*, and with the complex role playing elements occurring on dry land, this title could be another absorbing offering from the creators of the spectacular *Metal Gear Solid*. We'll bring you more deep-sea information in a full review soon.

Who's responsible? Konami

When's it due? January

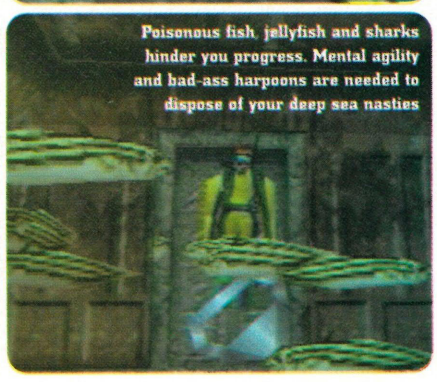






(Above) Many of the underwater set-pieces take on an eerie appearance, such as this shark-ridden ballroom




Poisonous fish, jellyfish and sharks hinder you progress. Mental agility and bad-ass harpoons are needed to dispose of your deep sea nasties

Pool Shark

You don't need a fancy waistcoat and a bow tie to play this big baize bonanza...

What's it all about? With simulations of all shapes and sizes becoming more and more popular these days, who better to present the latest simulation creation than those kings of sim, *Gremlin.* However, instead of heading straight for the lush green grasses of the tennis courts, football pitches and golf courses featured in their Actua series, *Gremlin* have dived into the murky environment of the pool room to show off the hot pot spectacular that is *Pool Shark.*

Right On Cue

Developers *Mirage* have been working on *Pool Shark* for two years, and much of this time has been spent on creating the full 3D maths/physics engine which is used in the game. This allows ball movements to be as true to life as possible, and even allows for such actions as the ball being chipped off the table.

However, it's not just about science. The main thing here is playability, and with *Pool Shark* there's a wide variety of game styles, tables and rules which will keep you busy for ages, including 8 Ball US, speed pool and killer games. You've also got the option of playing against either human or personality-laden AI opponents in a variety of skill levels. Even the most novice of players are catered for, as a 'School of Pool' option is available for potting apprentices.

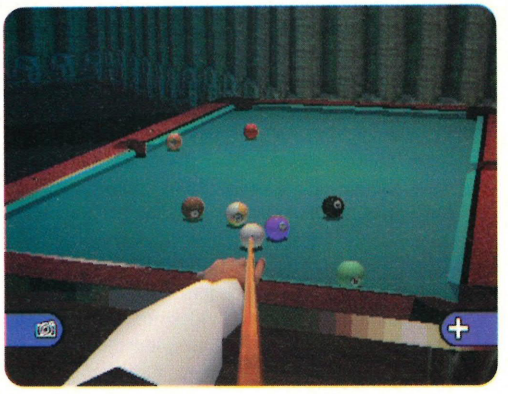
Of course, *Pool Shark* isn't just about the competition, you can also try your hand at a few John Virgo-style trick shots. The man himself isn't there to guide you, but a description and a play-through of each cueing technique should be more than enough to send you on your way to trick shot success. We can't wait.

With all this ball-potting pleasure (and more), *Gremlin* are hoping that they'll rack up another simulation success with *Pool Shark.*

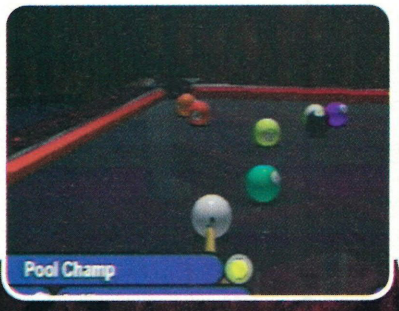
Who's responsible? Gremlin

When's it due? November

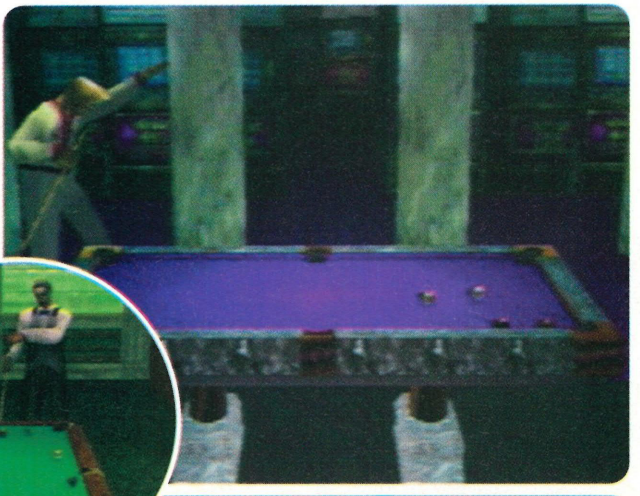
Precision potting is made a lot easier with the first-person viewpoint, and as you line up your shot, you'll also find that a steadying arm will appear in view



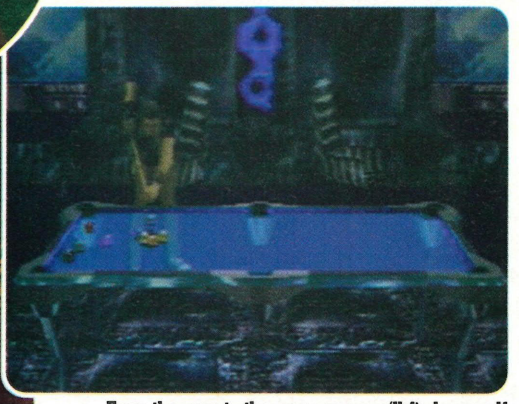
Below: Elvis lives! And it looks as though he's still got all his marbles as he starts warbling into his pool cue. If he asks you to love him tender, crack him over the head with a pool ball



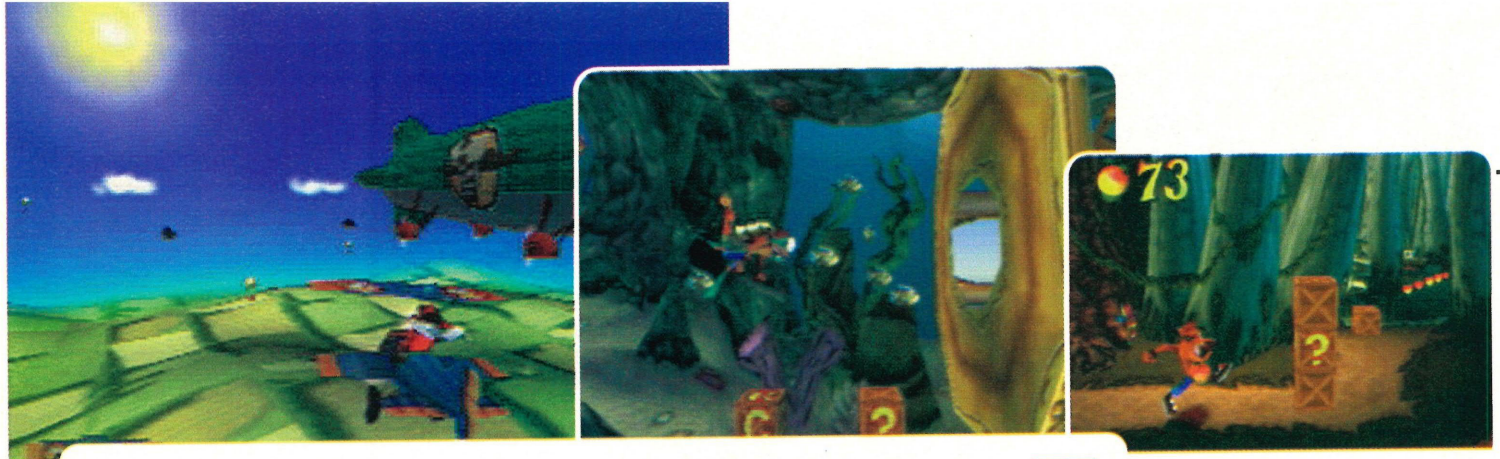








From the sane to the space-age, you'll find yourself transported to a variety of venues, each one boasting its own unique pool table and perfect potting purveyor



Crash Bandicoot 3 Warped!

Everyone's favourite furry freak is back to kick even more psychotic scientist butt

What's it all about? If you saw our Exposure in issue 26, you'll know that Neo Cortex, evil-eyebrowed mad doctor type, has appeared once again to get on everyone's nerves. This time, Cortex has travelled back in time (with the aid of a time warp created by his new assistant N. Trophy) to collect the crystals that Crash (also no stranger to overgrown eyebrows) has previously kept from him.

With the help of his silky-haired sibling Coco, Crash's task is, as usual, to undermine Cortex's wicked plans and get him under control. However, this time Cortex has an added wicked streak, thanks to a voodoo mask which, in true 'Jim Carrey Cinema feast' style, turns him into even more of a pain in the arse than he was before. Lucky old Crash.

Boxing Clever

In this, the third *Bandicoot* escapade, don't expect things to be 'more of the same' box-bouncing business. As well as all the classic features of *Crash's* adventures, there are also several free-roaming 3D levels, where either Crash or Coco get to go about their business upon such vehicles as biplanes, jetskis and motorbikes.

On top of the 3D levels, there are also a variety of new locations, from murky ocean depths to the dizzy heights of the Great Wall of China. These not only give Crash the chance to show off his nifty new moves, such as double jumps and bellyflops, but also to parade his skills at such activities as scuba-diving.

Crash is not the only one with talents on show – although she appeared in *Crash 2*, this is the first time you'll be able to take control of Coco and her blonde-bouncing barnet.

With *Crash Bandicoot: Warped!* looking bigger and better than ever before, we wait with baited breath for the Big Cheese of platform games to make his furry foray into the limelight once more.

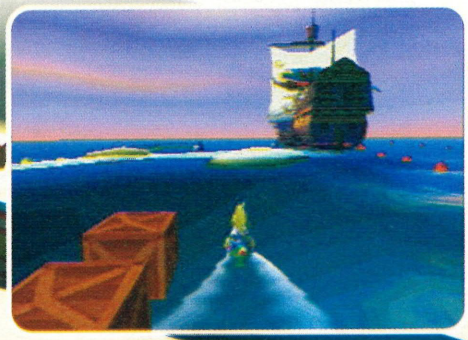
Who's responsible? Sony/ Naughty Dog

When's it due? December

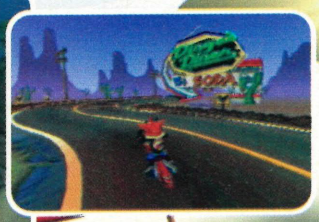
From junior dinosaurs to adolescent tigers, Crash and Coco have a new posse of animal friends to transport them around, in an attempt to save their shoe leather



(Below) Coco can't help getting wet, especially when she's straddling something large, hot and throbbing- in this case, she's seen cavorting with a jetski



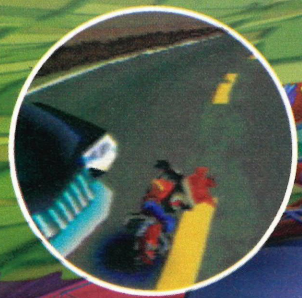






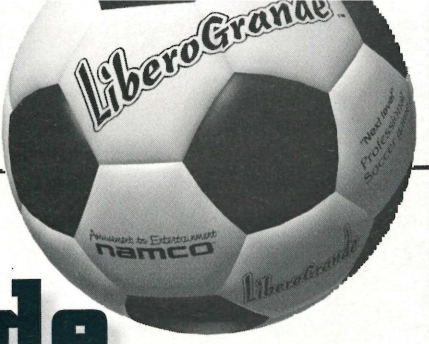






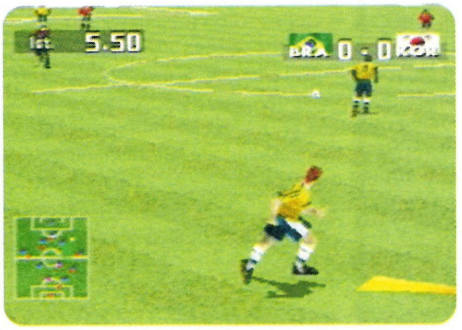
Racing along the Great Wall Of China on the back of a tiger is just one of the many activities you can expect from Coco





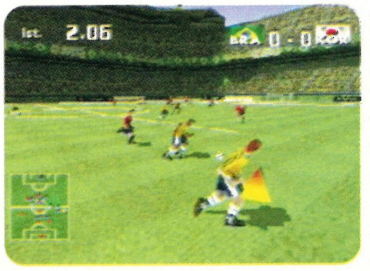
Libero Grande

Yes it sounds like a town in Mexico but so what, it's a bloody good football game



Here you are running around like a headless chicken without sight nor sound of the football anywhere near you. Bit like playing for Man City really

What's it all about? Okay, so it may not sound like a football game, but it bloody well is right. Except it's not much like any football game you'll have played on your PlayStation so far. It's quite possible you'll have been getting fully fed up of football games since the World Cup. It's been a never-ending stream, but *Libero Grande* at least tries to offer something a little different.



Developed by the masters at *Namco* and released through *Sony LG*, the game puts you in the boots of just one footballer on the field rather than controlling the whole team in the usual god-like manner.

A whole host of footballing caricatures based on the likes of world class players such as Ronaldo, Zidane and Shearer are included and you'll soon find yourself strutting your footie stuff on the pitch with the best football stars money can buy in all-out international sporting competition.

When we first got our preview copy we were running around chasing the ball like you used to do when you were playing at school – running your little legs off, but rarely getting a touch – but after a while you begin to get used to both the controls and the style and you start to get in the right positions and actually make a difference. When that happens, you'll instantly realise that *Libero Grande* is a fine game.

It's got a very Japanese feeling to it, sort of in the way that *ISS Pro* has on the N64, but that doesn't matter because you'll be so tied up playing a game that makes you think a bit more than the usual virtual footy title.

This may have sneaked up out of nowhere, but as far as football games go, this will be one of the most innovative we've seen. Ask Santa for a full review next month and you never know what you'll find in your stocking.

Who's responsible? Sony
When's it due? December



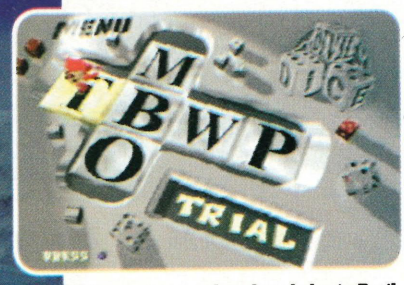
All the players you can choose to play as are based on the famous names you will have seen in the World Cup tournament in France. So now you can make them look like the most useless player on the planet. Sweet revenge!





Devil Dice

Fancy tearing your hair out? Of course you do!



There are several modes of play in Devil Dice ranging from time-trials to two-player battles. Each of them totally frantic and will have you as frustrated as a eunuch at a Hugh Heffner barby

What's it all about? *Sony* would appear to be cornering the PlayStation puzzle game market quite admirably at the moment. Following on the back of the excellent *Kula World* comes another highly original brain-teaser in the form of *Devil Dice*.

From what we've seen so far, be warned that this is going to tax not only your intellect, but your reflexes too. You take control of a cute little devil running around a game board covered in dice. All of the dice have to be turned over by the devil in order to make them disappear. This is done by rolling a single die next to another so that the number facing upwards matches those next to it.

For example, you have to roll twos together, threes together etc. To get rid of a group of dice you need to roll the same number together as the number on the dice. That means, if you want to get rid of a five, you need to get five fives together and then all five will vanish.

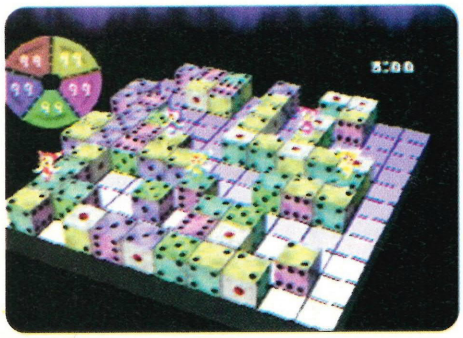
Dicing with death

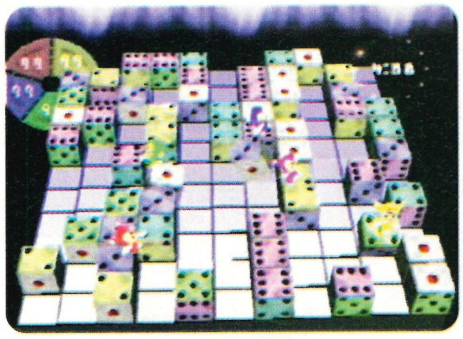
All the while you are being put under pressure with new dice arriving on the board. When the board is full of dice it's game over. If that all sounds like gibberish, then remember puzzle games are always the hardest to explain, but usually the simplest to play. *Devil Dice* is fiendishly difficult and highly addictive.

Other goodies are chucked in there as well, like a two-player battle mode with two devils running around the board trying to spoil it for each other and that's where the ding-dong battles really begin. We're hoping to get a final copy in for review before Christmas, so if you're a puzzle fan then watch out for that.

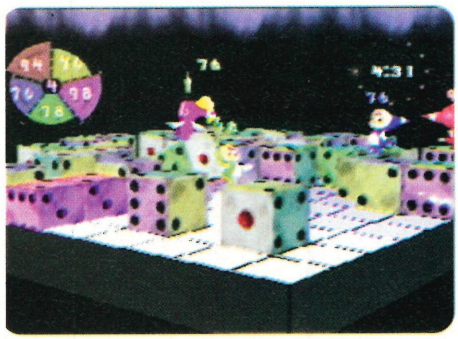
Who's responsible? Sony

When's it due? December

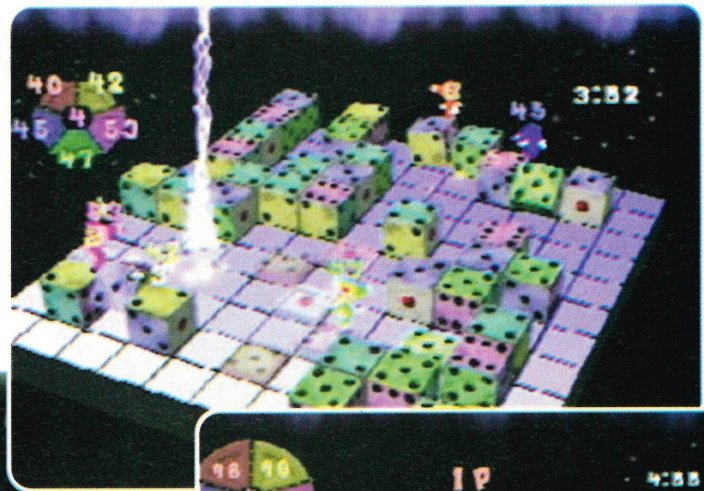




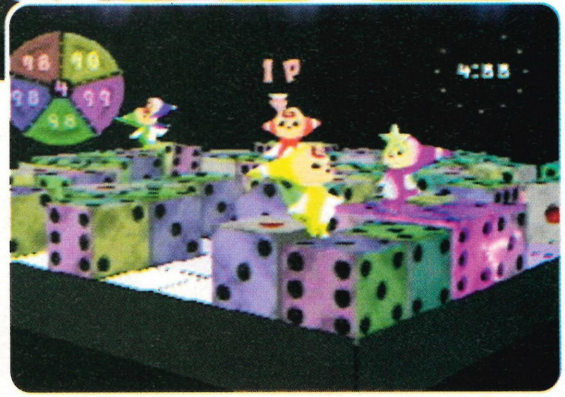




The board can be viewed from several different angles, but as you can see, Devil Dice still looks a bit weird, however you choose to play the game







Looking like an orgy in the house of Yahtzee!, Devil Dice will provide the kind of high rolling action that the PlayStation is screaming out for



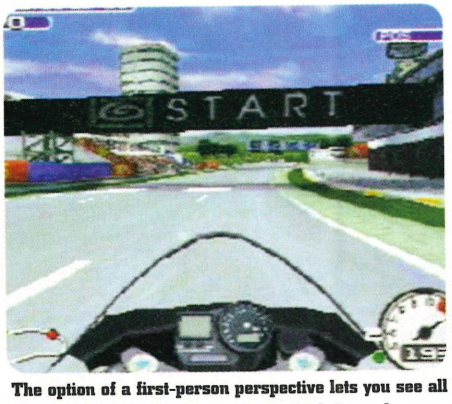
Moto Racer 2

Shiny helmets? Throbbing between your legs? Yes it's more inappropriate innuendo









The option of a first-person perspective lets you see all the action from behind your visor, which is good news for adrenaline junkies who want to feel part of the race





Moto Racer 2 won't just appeal to greasy, long-haired fat bastards – a variety of bikes means there's something for everyone

What's it all about? We're back in sequel territory again. This time for a game that rather disappointed us on our first encounter, but hopes are high for *Moto Racer 2* since the PlayStation is still lacking a really good motorbike racing game.

The signs are looking promising from our early version. The graphics and general game speed have been improved dramatically. More tracks (14 to be exact) have been stuffed into *Moto Racer 2* and there's now a wealth of licensed horsepower on which you can tear off your knee-caps.

The racing (which is obviously a rather major part of the game) can be viewed from any of three cameras including the rather sexy in-helmet view, where you get to look through your little plastic windshield as you hammer along like there's no tomorrow. Indeed, there might not be if you crash too badly.

Also, the obligatory fantastic looking replay section has been included, so you can sit back and relax while you watch your glorious moments after you finish a race. It looks very nice indeed, and we can thank *Gran Turismo* for starting all of that off in the first place.

In fact, about the only thing that's off putting is *EA's* insistence upon including a heavy metal-style guitar soundtrack in all their racing games. We suppose that's what TV volume buttons were designed for, although it's certainly not the same racing along in silence.

Moto Racer 2 will be reviewed soon in the pre-Christmas panic to get games into the shops for you to buy, so if we manage to squash it into next month's jam packed issue, we'll tell you all about it.

Who's responsible? Electronic Arts
When's it Due? November





As you can see, this is going to be a wheely, wheely good game. (Sorry, did I just turn into Jonathan Ross there?)

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PRO Q&A

There are more tasty tit bits in this month's relief pages than in a chorus-line of Penthouse lovelies (and I should know). Blast Radius, C&C: Retaliation, TOCA, GTA and Resident Evil have all been tipped to perfection, and your feeble attempts at obtaining my underwear slagged off at each turn. Better luck next time...

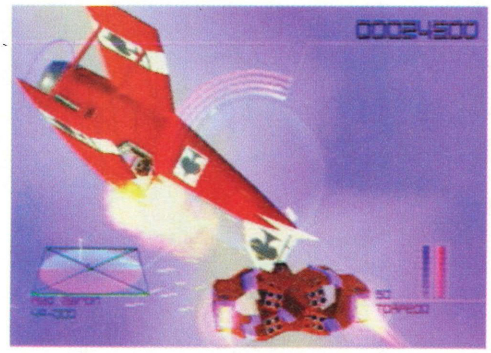
BLAST RADIUS

Dear Missus

Q&A I bought Psygnosis's excellent space blaster (I thought you were a bit harsh on it in your review) and linked it up with my mate and have massive Star Wars style battles. However, can you tell me if there are any cheats for this out-of-this-world game? Thanks a lot.

Kenneth Mosley, Warrington

Q&A Yes I do have plenty of cheats for spaced out epic Blast Radius (although it remains a stripped down version of the max-power Colony Wars), so you and your mate can fill your black holes to your heart's content...





ALL SHIPS POWERED UP

Press ➡, **L1**, ⬆(2), ⬇, ➡, **R2**, **L2**, **R2**, ⬇, ⬆, ⬇ at the main menu. The sound of an explosion will confirm correct code entry. Select any ship, begin game play, then quit. All four ships will now be powered-up and Sector 5 will be available for game play.

WRAITH SHIP

Enable the "All ships powered up" code. Then, press ⬅, ➡, **L1**, ⬅, ➡, **L1**, **R2**, **R2**, **L2**, ⬅, ➡, ⬆ at the main menu. The sound of an explosion will confirm correct code entry. Select any ship, begin game play, then quit. The Wraith ship and Sector 8 will be available for game play.

ALTERNATE PLANETS

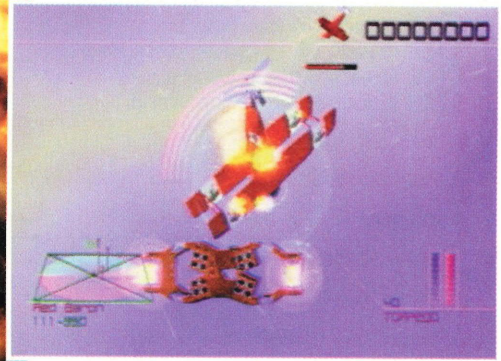
Press ⬇, ⬆, **L1**, ➡, **L1**, ⬆, ➡, **SELECT**, ➡, **R2**, **L1**, **L2** at the main menu. The sound of an explosion will confirm correct code entry. Faces of the development team will appear in the place of the planets in the first four levels.

The next four levels will have other objects replacing the planets. **NB** This code may not be enabled with the "All ships powered up" or "Wraith ship" code.



BONUS LEVELS

Press **L1**, ⬅, **L2**, ⬇, **SELECT**, ⬅, ⬇, **R2**(3), **SELECT**, ⬆ at the main menu. The sound of an explosion will confirm correct code entry. Four bonus missions that feature World War II aircraft and other hidden targets will be accessible. **NB** This code may not work when you have already entered the "All ships powered up" or "Wraith ship" code.



BUST-A-GROOVE

This is a fabulous little game, and one that I'm personally hooked on, so you may want these handy cheats that I was able to lay my mitts on.

LEVEL SKIP
Complete the game once with any character, then begin a game in single player mode and press **L2**+ **SELECT** when a song begins. You'll now jump to the next level.

PLAY AS ALTERNATE CHARACTER
Highlight a character, then hold **SELECT** and press ●.

DANCE PREVIEW
Complete the game under the easy difficulty

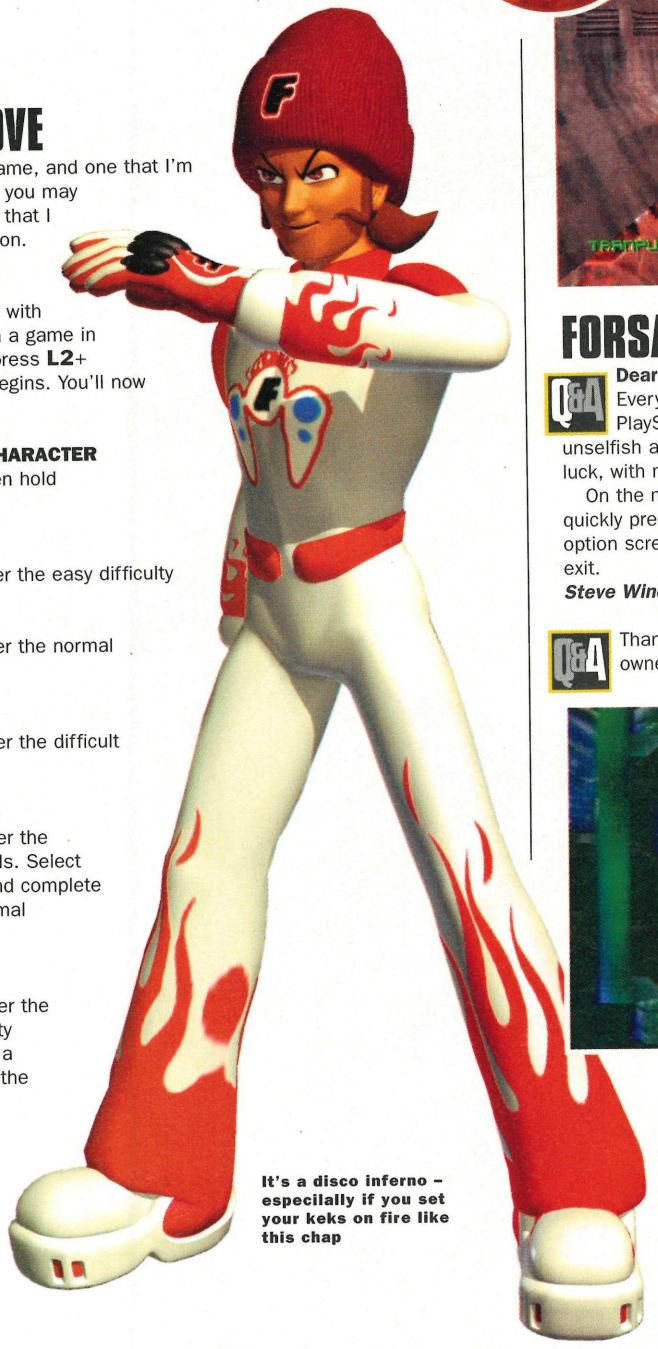
PLAY AS CAPOEIRA
Complete the game under the normal difficulty level

PLAY AS ROBO-Z
Complete the game under the difficult level to get metallic

PLAY AS BURGER DOG
Complete the game under the normal and difficult levels. Select Hamm as a character and complete the game under the normal difficulty level again

PLAY AS COLUMBO
Complete the game under the normal and hard difficulty levels. Select Shorty as a character and complete the game under the normal difficulty again.

WINNING POSE CLOSE-UP
Hold ● after winning a stage



It's a disco inferno – especially if you set your keks on fire like this chap



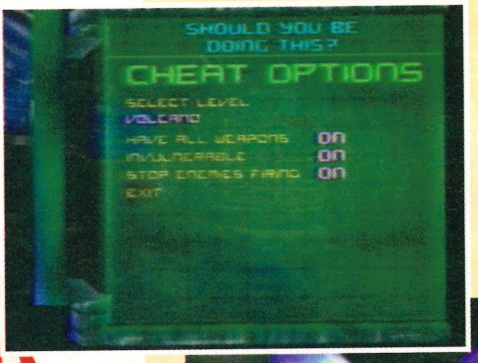
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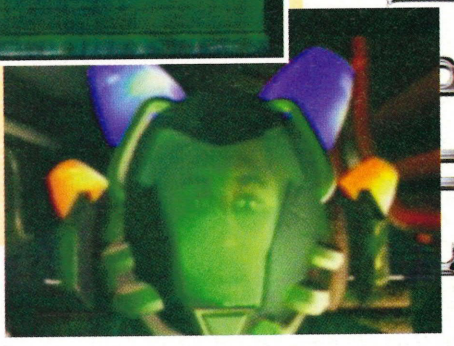
Q&A **Dear PSX Pro,**
Everyone who has played Acclaim's Forsaken on the PlayStation must agree how intense and difficult it can get. As unselfish as I am, I would like to share this cheat I found by sheer luck, with my fellow gamers.

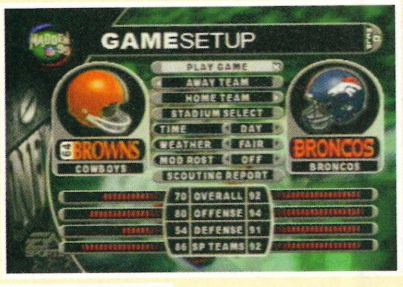
On the main menu highlight 'Options' and using the directional pad quickly press –, →, ←, ← and ✖. This will take you into the global option screen where you will now find a 'Cheat option' just beneath exit.

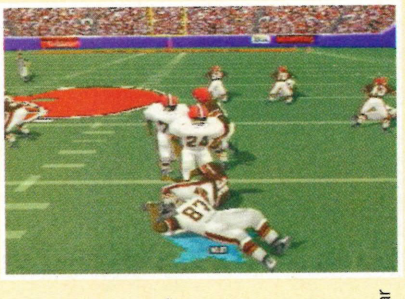
Steve Windsor, Liverpool

Q&A Thanks for the cheat Steve, I'm sure Forsaken owners will just cream over your generosity.















MADDEN '99

Q&A **Dear Pro**
After last month's review, I rushed out and purchased Madden '99, which is an excellent game. I'm not bored of it yet, but if you had any cheats I'd be able to play this game for even longer. Cheers.
Adam B. Lincoln

Q&A I don't quite understand your reasoning, but I certainly happy to oblige the criminally insane. Here are your codes...

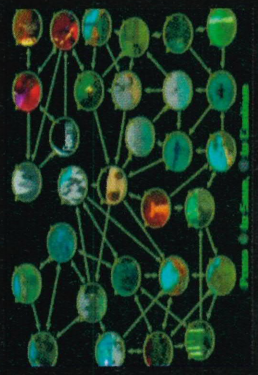
NEW TEAM
Enter on the add code screen just off the main menu "WELCOMEBACK". After entering this code; the Cleveland Browns will appear on your list of teams.

EIGHTIES' TEAM
Enter on the add code screen just off the main menu "SPRBWLSHUFL" to get the 80's team.

ANNIVERSARY TEAM
Enter on the add code screen just off the main menu "THROWBACK" to get the 75th anniversary team.

V2000





Dear Miss Bea,
I was a big fan of Elite okay! I didn't think this would be so shite, okay! I'm in need of cheats and I can't think of who else will help me. Save me from V2000!
Jason Tripper, London

Yes, yes, very melodramatic, but Sam did warn you last month that V2000 was 'nothing more than a slack update of a classic game.' So you've no one but yourself to blame. But I can't be cruel for long, so here are a few cheats to relieve the pain...

While holding the R1 button:
FULL ON CHEATS
↓, ■, ↑, ●, ✖, R2, ↑, L2



C&C: RETALIATION

Dear Bea-utiful
I'm in desperate need of codes and cheats for the criminally tough C&C: Retaliation. Can you sort me out you absolutely Bea-utifully breasted babe?
Daniel West, Liverpool

Thanks for the drawing Daniel, I'm not sure that I (nor any other human) could achieve that position, but I'm game for anything. As for your cheats, here they are...

ANT MISSIONS
Complete the game once. Then, set the difficulty level to "hard" select "campaigns," and go to England to access the ant missions.

CHEAT MODE
Click on the "teams" button menu with ●. Then, move the pointer over the following icons on the tool bar and press ● ("Cancel").

FULL MAP
Press ● when the pointer is over "▲", "▲", "✖", "●", "▲", and "■".

PARABOMB
Press ● when the pointer is over "✖", "✖", "✖", "●", "▲", and "■."



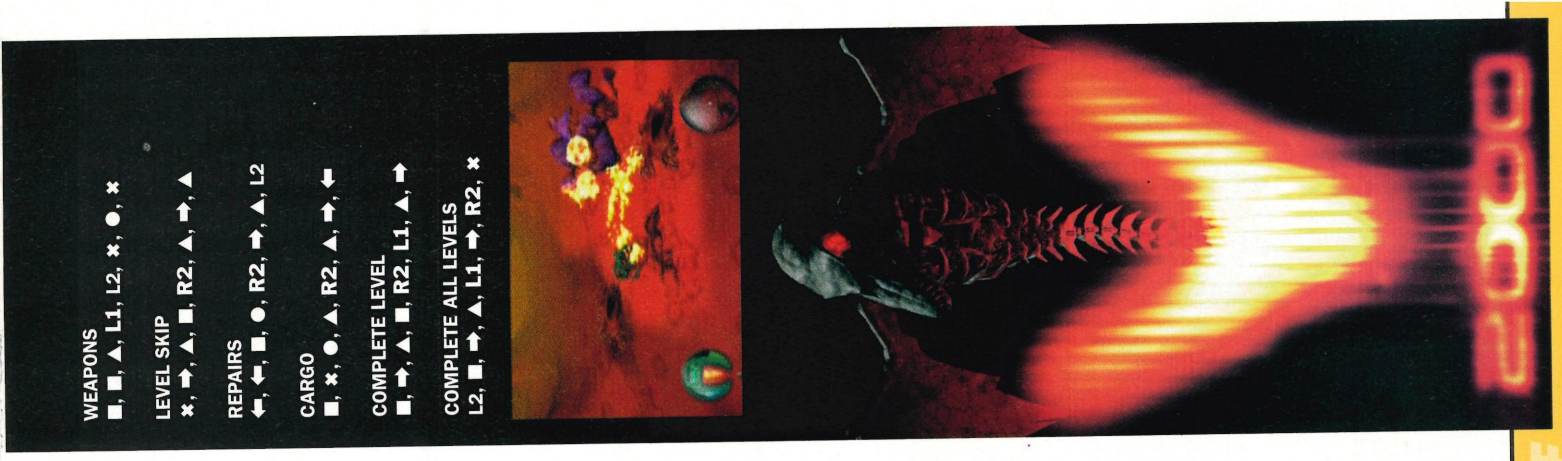




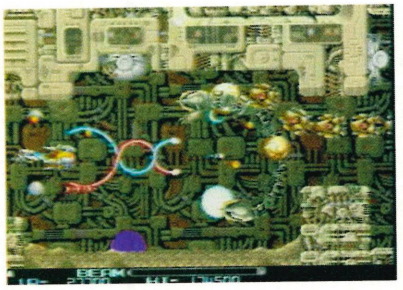


Frenzy!

Enter PICKLE as a password and ignore the incorrect password message. Press ▲ to return to the main menu. Select the "Cheat menu" option to access a level select feature.



R-TYPES



Miss Bea Havin,
I'm a long-time gamer, (okay so that's code for being a bit of an old cock), who loves the classics. I recently bought R-Types, which I consider to be the greatest shoot'em-up ever programmed, and I'm still finding it too damn hard. Can you help out?
Keith Waddington, Wilts

I'm always here for you ageing old cocks, so don't despair, he's your relief...

LEVEL SELECT
Highlight either the "R-Type" or "R-Type II" options at the title screen. Quickly press **L2**(10), **R2**(10). Begin game play and press Start. Any level, including the ending FMV sequences, may now be accessed.

TURBO MODE
Press Start to pause game play in R-Type or R-Type II. Hold **L2** and press ➡, ⬆, ➡, ⬆, ⬇, ⬅, ⬇, ⬅, ●.

SLOW MOTION
Press Start to pause game play in R-Type or R-Type II. Hold **L2** and press ➡, ⬆, ➡, ⬆, ⬇, ⬅, ⬇, ⬅, ✖.

ALL WEAPONS
Press Start to pause game play in R-Type or R-Type II. Hold **L2** and press ➡, ⬆, ⬅, ➡, ⬇, ⬅, ⬆, ➡ followed by one of the following buttons for various weapons: ▲, ■, ✖, ●, or **R1**.



NFL XTREME

Dear Miss,
I've got NFL Xtreme on import and think it's great. Do you have any codes for it since none of the other mags do?
Alison Phillips, Dartmouth

The game's only just been released, however, I've gathered a few cheats that you'll love Alison. Try these on for size:

Enter all these codes the name creation screen:

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Enter BIGHEAD BOBBY.

FLAT HEAD
Enter COINHEAD COREY.

LONG NECK
Enter GEORGE GIRAFFE.

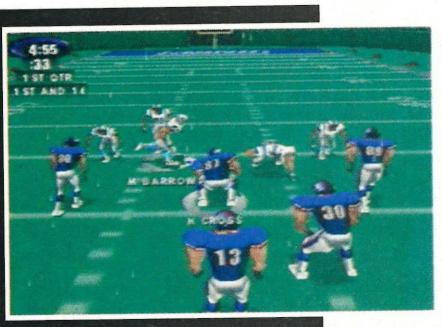
LONG ARMS
Enter MONKEY MICKEY.

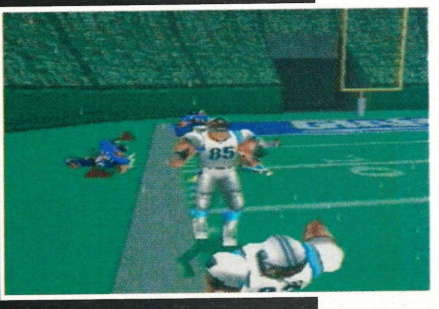
SHORT ARMS
Enter SHRIMPY SEAN.

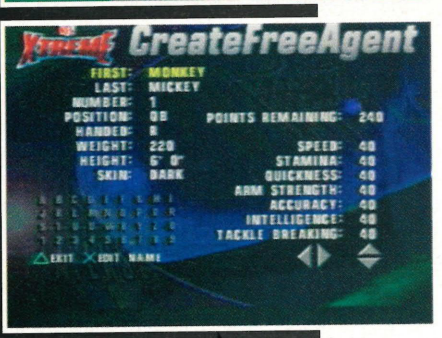
BIG PLAYERS
Enter BIG BEN.

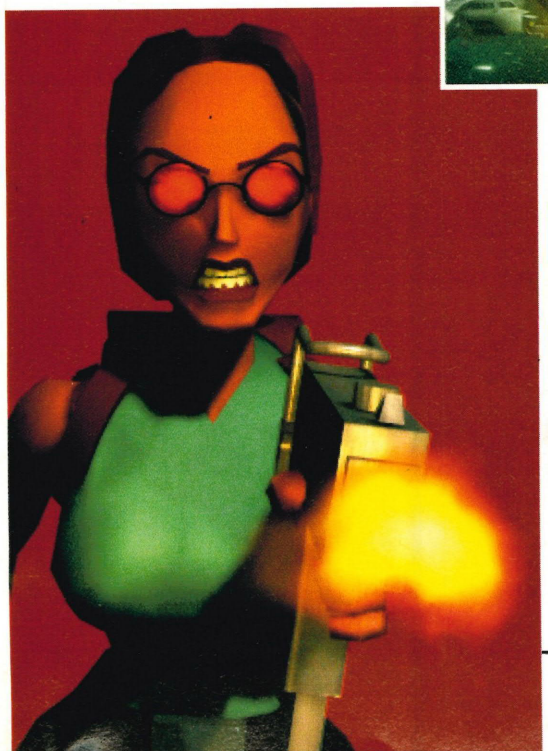
SMALL PLAYERS
Enter TINY TOM.

REVERSED ANIMATIONS
Enter LAMEBOY LENNY.









TOMB RAIDER II (tit-bits)

Miss Bea Havin,
Please will you send me the nude cheats for Tomb Raider II.
Adam Blackmore-Heal, Oxfordshire

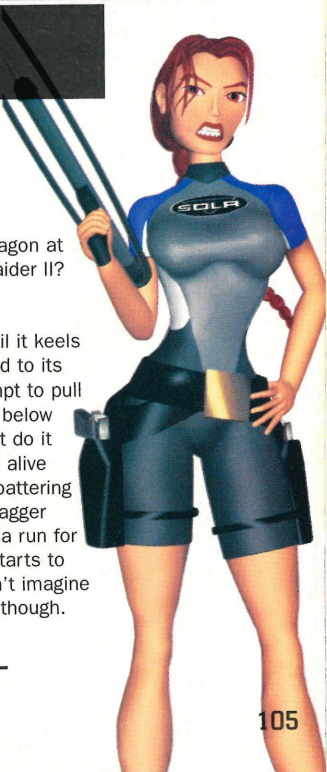
There aren't any cheats to get Lara nude, so stop asking for them and go out and do something social for Christ's sake.

To Miss Bea,
I am writing to ask you what is the secret room in Lara's home for?
Tony Laurence, Wolverton

It's where she tortures weirdos asking for nude codes

Dear Bea,
How do I kill the dragon at the end of Tomb Raider II?
Lauren N, London

Pelt the dragon until it keels over, then run round to its stomach and attempt to pull out the dagger from just below its front legs. If you don't do it quickly enough it'll come alive and you'll have to start battering it again. If you pull the dagger out you must now make a run for the far exit as the roof starts to collapse on you. But don't imagine that it's all over just yet though.



PRO PLATINUM











TOCA – TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Q&A **Dear Bea**
TOCA is a brilliant racing game. I've also got Colin McRae Rally and thought your tips were brilliant, so have you got any more for Codemasters latest Platinum game?
PS. You're brilliant!
Andrew Harvey, Brighton

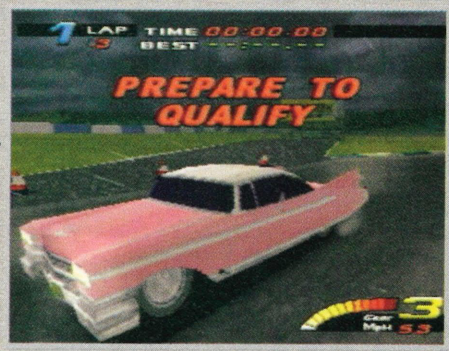
Q&A Are you related to Paul Whitehouse by any chance? Yes, I have your codes and I'm sure you'll be just as delighted with these.

ENTER YOU NAME AS

JHAMMO	Access all tracks
CMMAYHEM	Makes other cars drive like maniacs!
CMHANDY	Larger hands on in-car view
CMLOCK	Lock tracks back up
PATSCREEM	Play TOCA Showdown
TANK	Horn button shoots weapons
FLEXMOBILE	Pink car
CMMICRO	Micro machines view
CMNOHITS	No crashes
CMGARAGE	Two extra cars
XBOOSTME	Double speed
CMCOPTER	Helicopter view via camera



CMSTARS	Starry sky
CMCHUN	Go-Cart view
CMDISCO	Disco fog
CMFOLLOW	Film camera view (one player mode only)
CMLOGRAV	Low gravity
CMTOON	Cartoon background
CMRAINUP	Rain falls up the screen
CMUPSIDE	Upside down screen.



RESIDENT EVIL

Q&A **Bea, Bea, Bea!**
Have they made this game harder, or has Resident Evil always been this friggin' difficult to complete? Give me some cheats and I'll love ya forever.
Pete Brill, Dundee

Q&A It's always been difficult Pete, so you've no excuse at being crap at such an old game. However, if you really do need help, check out these delicious hints.

DOUBLE ITEMS
Highlight the "Arrange" option on the game mode screen and hold ➡ until that option turns green. Begin game play and double the normal amount of ink ribbons and ammunition will be available. Note: This does not effect other items, such as health sprays or herbs.

CHANGE CLOTHES
Rescue the other two players and finish the game. "You've got the special key" will appear after the credits. Save the game. Start the game that was just saved. Enter the room with the large mirror on the second floor of the mansion. Unlock the door in the back. Enter the closet and move all the way to the end of the rack of clothes. A message asking "There is an outfit that fits you perfectly, do you want to put it on?" will appear. Select "Yes" to change your character's clothes.

KILLING PLANT 42
Chris can save ammunition when fighting Plant 42 by using the combat knife. Only about a dozen hits with the knife are needed to kill it.





GRAND THEFT AUTO

Q&A **Dear Miss Bea Havin,**
Would it be possible for you to send me or print in the next issue any cheats you might have for Grand Theft Auto?
Many thanks, Adrian Pilbeam, Kent

Q&A Not got enough time (or inclination) to answer all your questions Adrian, so I hope these cheat codes for the ultra violent classic GTA will do...

CHEAT ME TO DEATH
Input at the character selection screen:

BSTARD	All guns, infinite ammo, Level select, 99 lives, x5 multiplier, get-outta-jail-key, armour,
THESHIT	All guns + infinite ammo Level-Select 99 lives x5 multiplier get-outta-jail-key armour
MADEMAN	All guns + infinite ammo, Level-Select, get-outta-jail-key, armour,
GROOVY	All guns + infinite ammo, get-outta-jail-key, armour,
WEYHEY	9999990 points
EATTHIS	Wanted Level 4

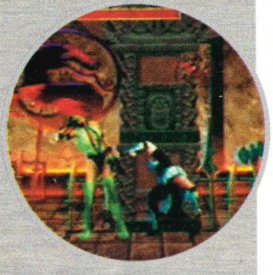


MORTAL KOMBAT TRILOGY

Q&A **Dear Sexy Ms Bea Havin,**
Do you have any death moves or secret codes for Mortal Kombat Trilogy?
PS. What are you doing Friday night?
MSM

Q&A Ooh! A man of mystery. Well, MSM, I do have a few MK Trilogy cheats, although I think the game's a pile of festering pus. As for Friday night, well that's my stripping night, so forget it.

KOMBAT ZONE SELECT
At the Player Select screen, highlight Sonya and push ⬆ + **START**. You will hear a boom and see the screen shake. Now, after you select your fighters, you can select the stage to fight on.



CHAMELEON
At the Player Select screen, select any Ninja. Immediately hold away + **R1** + **R2** + ▲+ ■. When the fight begins, your Ninja will explode and change into Chameleon!

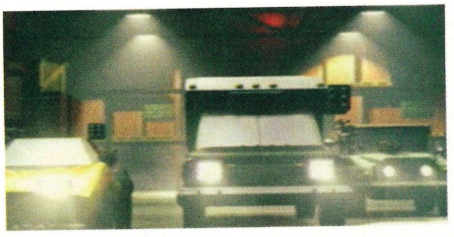
SECRET KONFIGURE
At the Options screen, there is a **?** menu in the middle of the options boxes. To enable it, simply hold ⬆ + **L1** + **L2** + **R1** + **R2** for one second. You will hear a boom and see the screen shake. In this menu, you will be able to toggle the following options:

INSTANT AGGRESSOR
The Aggressor Meter will fill up after one hit

NORMAL BOSS DAMAGE
A boss's damage is that of a normal fighter's damage

LOW DAMAGE
The fighters' damage after each hit is extremely minimal

HEALTH RECOVERY
The health meters will replenish themselves a little after every hit





Vigilante 8

Q&A **Dear Miss Bea,**
My brother gave me a game of Vigilante 8 for my birthday. I have played a lot of it and it is starting to get boring. I was wondering if you have any cheats for it?
Farham Yousat, London

Q&A Fine brother you have there Farham, Vigilante 8 is an excellent game, but as you say, it can get a little samey after a while (one exploding articulated lorry is pretty much the same as another) so here are your cheats...

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

BIG WHEELS
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **MONSTER_WHEELS** as a password.

HOMING MISSILE POWER-UP
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **DEADLY_MISSILE** as a password.

LOW GRAVITY
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **REDUCE_GRAVITY** as a password.

NO ENEMIES
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **GO_SIGHTSEEING** as a password. Then, begin game play in arcade mode.

INVINCIBILITY
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **I_WILL_NOT_DIE** as a password.

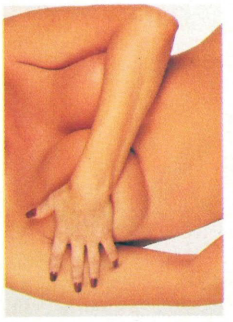
VIEW FMV SEQUENCES
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **SEE_ALL_MOVIES** as a password. Then, highlight a character on the game status screen and press ✖.

Two of same vehicle in two player mode:
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **SAME_CHARACTER** as a password.

EXPERT MODE
Select the "Game Status" option. Choose any character, then enter **HARDEST_OF_ALL** as a password.





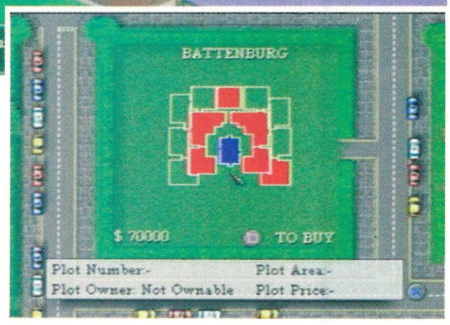


BRA-FACED CHEEK

Q&A **Dear Bea,**
After flicking through the numerous PlayStation magazines I buy every month, in PlayStation Power issue 31, I found a picture of Miss Bea Havin, only she isn't called Miss Bea Havin, she was called Dr. Amber Dextrous. Please could you send me a signed photo of Miss Bea for my troubles?
Adrian Porter, Rocdale

Q&A Comparing me to that slapper in PlayStation Power will not win you any favours with me, and you can just whistle for the picture Adrian. If you're still confused, just compare the bust-lines, if you think I could get into that pair of walnut husks you're not concentrating hard enough!





THEME HOSPITAL

Dear Miss Bea Havin,
Being a nine year old gamer and lover of strategy games, I was wondering, could you help by printing some cheats for Theme Hospital and Worms. Many Thanks,
Ian Cassidy, Offaly, Ireland



Sure thing Ian, hope you have fun with this little collection I've compiled just for you for both Theme Hospital and Worms. I'm just too kind to you.

CLEAN HOSPITAL
Save the game and reload when the hospital becomes full. All of the garbage and patients will disappear, allowing a fresh start.

LEVEL PASSWORD

1	■, ■, ▲, ●, ■, ✖, ■, ✖
2	✖, ●, ■, ▲, ▲, ●, ■, ✖
3	●, ●, ▲, ■, ✖, ▲, ●, ▲
4	■, ▲, ●, ■, ✖, ✖, ▲, ●
5	●, ▲, ■, ●, ✖, ▲, ●, ■
6	■, ▲, ■, ●, ✖, ■, ✖, ●
7	■, ▲, ▲, ●, ✖, ■, ▲, ●
8	✖, ▲, ■, ●, ▲, ●, ■, ✖
9	▲, ■, ✖, ▲, ●, ✖, ▲, ■
10	●, ■, ✖, ▲, ■, ✖, ●, ■
11	▲, ●, ■, ●, ▲, ■, ●, ✖
12	●, ■, ✖, ✖, ■, ●, ■, ▲

WORMS

UNLIMITED STUFF
To get unlimited sheep,banana bombs, and the minigun, you have to go to the weapons options. Then on you have to push ✖ + ■ at the same time eight times. They should come on to the screen after that.



Wild Arms

Dear Miss,
I thought your review of Wild Arms was well harsh. Six and a half for what is an RPG classic is not fair. That rant out of the way – do you have any cowboy type tips for it?
John Hoeksma, Macclesfield

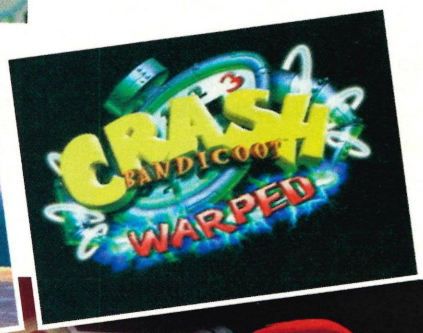
What are you talking about John? Playing Wild Arms is like being tortured with continuous re-runs of Bonanza and the High Chaparral, whilst being hog-tied and gagged. Actually, that's starting to appeal to me, I'm sure I've got a cowgirl outfit somewhere...

MULTIPLE ITEMS
This trick works when only one of the item to be duplicated is present. Enter a battle and perform the following actions.

1. Have the first character (typically Jack) use a healing item, such as a berry or you could try the medicine.
2. Have the second character (typically Cecille) also use exactly the same healing item.
3. Have the final character (typically Rudy), exchange the positions of the healing item and the item to be multiplied in the inventory. Then, have Rudy use the healing item. After winning the battle, the inventory will contain 255 of the item that was multiplied.









SPYRO THE DRAGON

The little purple-headed beast is taking plenty of abuse in the bedrooms of PlayStation Pros – oh the gag potential is just enormous – but I'm restraining myself and instead supplying you with this gorgeous little extra that will sate your appetite until Crash Bandicoot 3 is available in the shops.

CRASH BANDICOOT: WARPED DEMO
When 'Press Start' appears, press L1 + ▲ to sample Coco's jet-ski level in all its glory (although you'll have to watch the advert for the game first which is a bit of a downer, but then it is free after all).

FELONY 11-79

Dear Miss Bea Havin,
Recently I bought Felony 11-79. I have got out the six cars when you complete all the missions, but I don't know how you get the other 12 cars. So can you help me please. I am really desperate for help.
Lee Williams (custard), Rhondda, South Wales

Felony 11-79 is a great little racing game, which was mostly ignored when it was released, so it's good to hear that you're enjoying the challenge. To get all the cars (there's a few more than 12) you need to complete the following...

SECRET VEHICLES:
Complete the following goals to unlock the corresponding vehicles

360
Complete the Metro City track with over $2.5 million.

BUS (CITY BUS)
Complete the Seaside track.

CIV (HONDA CIVIC)
Complete the Downtown track within 4 minutes.

DAM
Complete the Metro City track.

DBL (DIABLO)
Complete the Metro City track within four minutes.

DTK (DIESEL TRUCK)
Complete the Metro City track.

ELS
Complete the Seaside track with over $2.5 million.

FD7
Complete the Downtown track within 4 minutes.

FML (INDY CAR)
Complete the Downtown track with no accumulated money and no damage.

GT1
Complete the Seaside track within 4 minutes.

GTK (GARBAGE TRUCK)
Break the speed limit on the freeway section of the Seaside track by at least 60 to 75 mph.

GTR
Complete the Seaside track.

GTS
Complete the Downtown track with over $1 million. Alternatively, Complete the Seaside track.

LIM (LIMOUSINE)
Complete the Metro City track.

NSR (ACURA NSR)
Complete the Downtown track within 4 minutes.

PLC (POLICE CRUISER)
Complete the Seaside track with no accumulated money and no damage.

PCS
Complete the Downtown track within 4 minutes.

RCC (R/C CAR)
Destroy the displays on the left wall at the shopping mall in the Metro City level, then complete the track before time runs out.

SIR
Complete the Downtown track.





SSP (STREET SWEEPER)
Exceed 144 mph at the speed checkpoint on the Seaside track.

TAC
Complete the Metro City track within 4 minutes.

TNK (TANK)
Complete the Metro City track with no accumulated money and no damage.





RELIEF

Quirky Corner



Just a little quirky tip that is completely stupid, but you may find it tickles your spokes a little...

ROAD RASH 3D

This tip won't help you win any races, but it will take the stress out of racing as you let others take the strain

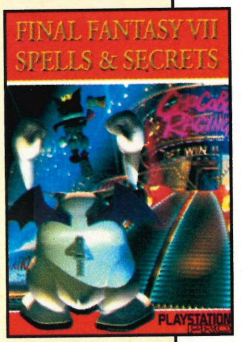
THE HITCHER
First approach a car very slowly (it won't work on a truck) and do a wheelie (press ✖ twice). Keep trying to wheelie and once you're on top of the car quickly press brake. From here you can ride atop the motor all the way to the finish. Where you'll arrive in a sedate last place.

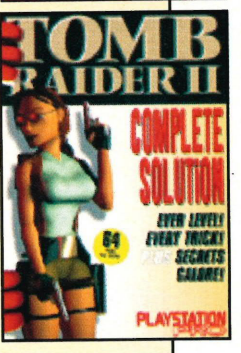


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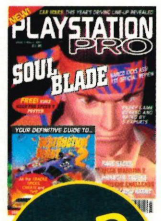
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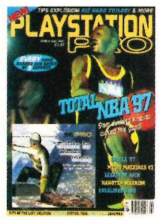
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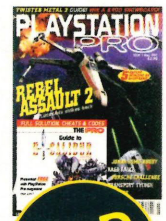
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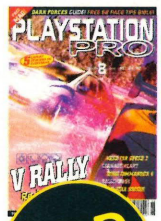




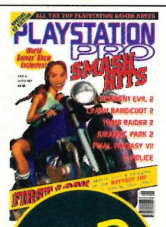


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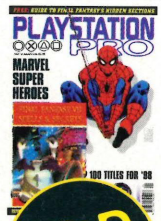














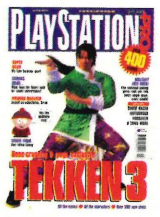
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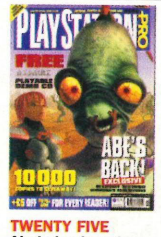
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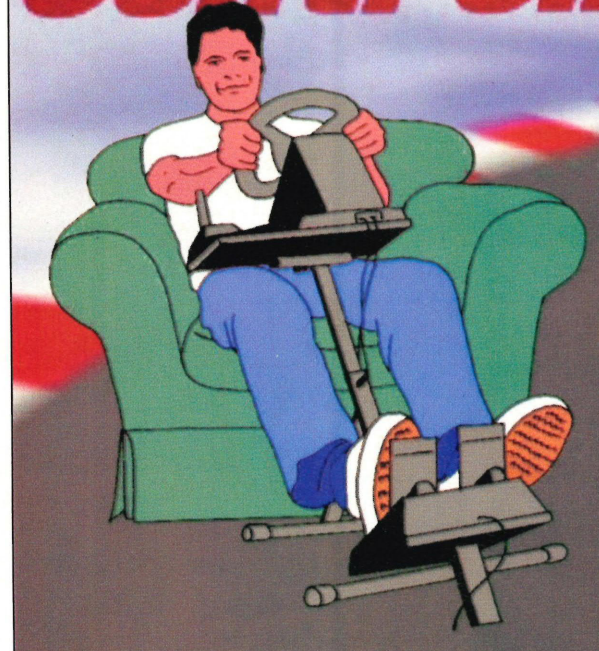
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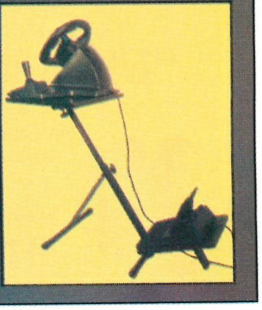


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PRO DIRECTORY

If you're wondering how us professionals come up with the Pro scores for each game listed, the box below should explain things in more detail

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

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

RACING

Put your foot down and avoid those corners! Yes, it's that popular genre that seems to double in size as each month goes by. Full on driving action ahoy!

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



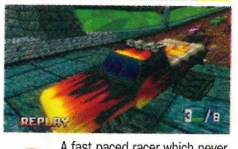
AVOID! — Amazingly poor racer that should never have been ressurected. Ayrton would be turning in his grave!

Buggy 7.5



RENT IT — An altogether too realistic simulation of RC racing that can be impossible to control. It's alright for a change, but little more

Burning Road 6



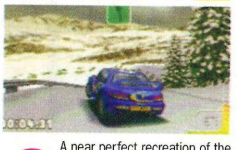
RENT IT — A fast paced racer which never performed as well as it should. Check out its improved sequel Explosive Racing

Circuit Breakers 8



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

Colin McRae Rally 9



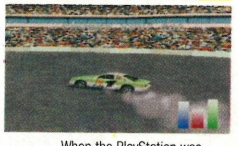
MUST BUY — A near perfect recreation of the real thing. Plays and looks better than all of its rivals and should be bought immediately

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



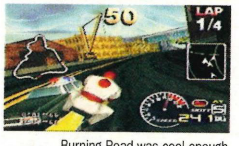
MUST BUY — When the PlayStation was launced this ruled the roost. Today it looks dated and shoddy, but it's worth £20

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



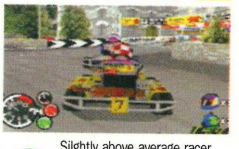
TRY B4 U BUY — Grand Prix racing as it should be, tons of action and speed a plenty. But it's now time to check out F1 '97

Formula One '97 9



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 6



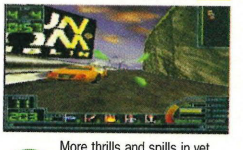
RENT IT — Ever wondered why people drive their trucks around in the dirt? Neither have we, but this title offers just that

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

Jeremy McGrath Supercross 3.5



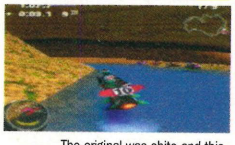
AVOID! Dire dirt-biking disaster which offers very little in the way of gameplay. Even if you're a huge motorcross fan, don't bother

Jet Rider 4



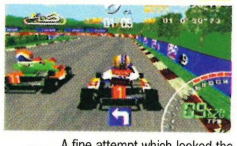
AVOID! Awful jet ski racer that promised to be Sony's answer to Wave Race64. Of course, it wasn't and we hate it

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

Megaman Battle and Chase 4



RENT IT Pastel coloured karting crap with virtually no redeeming qualities whatsoever. It really is that bad. Don't even consider it

Micro Machines V3 Platinum 9



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



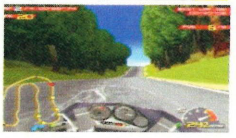
TRY B4 U BUY Big wheels can only mean big fun in this trucking great game. You even get to crush cars in front of a big crowd too!

Motorhead 9



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



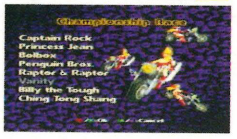
AVOID! Full on motorcycle racing. Looks reasonable and plays well, but ends up being a little too samey to be essential

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 6



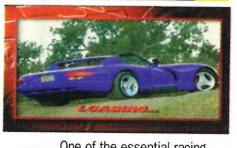
RENT IT An average racer which looks and plays much the same as Andretti Racing. Rent it for the night and then decide

NASCAR '98 7



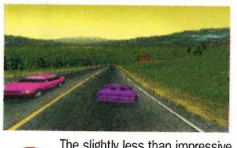
TRY B4 U BUY It's another stunning case of so near yet so far for a NASCAR game. It looks top but has a few niggling faults

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



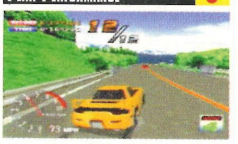
TRY B4 U BUY Having more speed than F1 '97 yet less depth makes this a game for those who love the frantic pace of the sport

Off World Interceptor 3



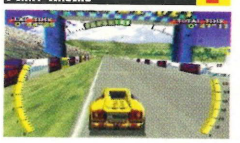
AVOID! Buy this and we'll hunt you down and beat you to a bloody pulp. This is awful and must be avoided at all costs!

Peak Performance 6



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 9



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



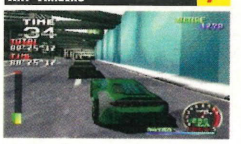
RENT IT A bouncy rally game from Sony that went head to head with the excellent VRally. It's a good laugh, but VRally offers more

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



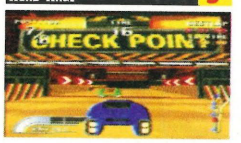
MUST BUY The original PSX racer still takes some beating and for £20, you ain't gonna get a better drivng title on your grey box

Ridge Racer Rev. Platinum 7



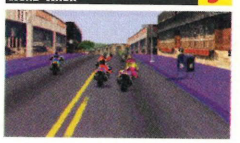
MUST BUY The sequel to Ridge Racer packs a mean punch, but failed to be a classic due to the limited course on offer

Road Rage 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



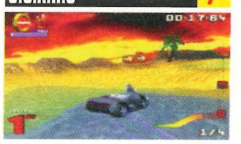
TRY B4 U BUY More two wheeled road rage in this enjoyable third instalment of the popular Road Rash series from EA

Rock 'N' Roll Racing 2 4



RENT IT This looks amazing until you actually start racing, then you'll find this is one of the worst games you've ever played

S.C.A.R.S 7



RENT IT A novelty racer in the Mario Kart mould. You must make use of sneaky power-ups in order to finish first. Not bad

Speedster 4



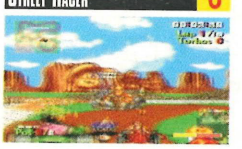
AVOID! A racing game with a weird overhead view point. Original maybe, but it's still a required taste if driving's your game

Starwinder 6



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 6



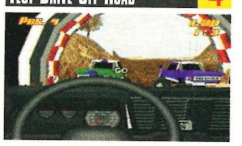
RENT IT Mario Kart was an obvious influence with its development but this four player cartoon racer looks extremely dated

Supersonic Racers 6



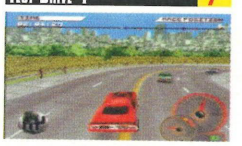
RENT IT Wacky races style romp which owed plenty to MM V3. Watch out for the sequel, Circuit Breakers, that's coming soon

Test Drive Off Road 4



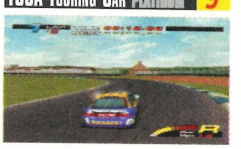
AVOID! Limited but quite enjoyable 4X4 racer giving you the chance to drive Land Rovers at high speed – just like posh people!

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 Platinum 9



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

TEASER

Good day, you lucky, lucky people. As if you didn't have enough fun in your lives, we're bringing you the finest magazine-based PlayStation-themed,multiple-choice quiz this side of the Milky Way. What's more, we're even giving some top prizes away to three lucky winners.

All you have to do to be within a badger's nadger of collecting a fine bundle of software, answer the puzzling mind-munchers below and send your answers (on a postcard) to the usual address. I hope you've been paying attention because all the answers are tucked away in the up-to-the-minute, gripping articles within this very multi-papered item.

1 The X-1 Alpha prototype vehicle from Future Cop: LAPD has a similar look to a character from a film. Which character, from which film?

a) C3PO from Star Wars
b) ED-209 from Robocop
c) The Gimp from Pulp Fiction
d) Spiderman

2 According to the new puzzler from Sony, the devil's chosen form of gambling is:

a) Roulette
b) Strip poker
c) Dice
d) Dogs

3 Who the hell is Mertens?

a) The hapless hero of Colony Wars: Vengeance
b) An A-list American footballing beefcake
c) The man who originally brought Lemmings to an unsuspecting public
d) Brian Lara's best mate

4 What is the title of the device used by Snake Solid to receive communications from base?

a) Radio
b) Magic
c) Codec
d) Toca

5 How does Libero Grande differ from most football games?

a) Pitch invasions are featured heavily, complete with police action and stretchers
b) When a goal is scored, the players have sex
c) The game is played from the perspective of a single player
d) It's a driving game

6 What racing genre does NASCAR belong to?

a) Formula One Racing
b) Moon buggy racing
c) Gipsy Caravan Racing
d) Stock Car Racing

7 Hover-board bonanza, Psybadek features bangin' tunes by which dance combo?

a) Bentley Rhythm Ace
b) The Shamen
c) Aqua
d) The Poynton All-Stars

8 Which kooky character has a sister called Coco?

a) Lara Croft
b) Crash Bandicoot
c) Chicken
d) Pet In TV

9 The intrepid adventurers in ODT are carrying something to the island of Calli. What is it?

a) A picnic
b) Marmite
c) A magic green pearl
d) Six golden orbs

10 A platform game featuring one of those freaky blue-haired suicide cases was released for the PlayStation two years ago. Which Lemming did it feature?

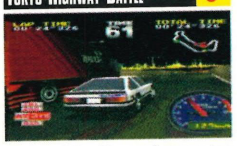
a) Lemming No.5
b) Brian
c) Lomax
d) Kurt



11 Can you identify this game which can be found within this magazine?

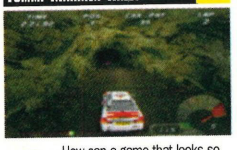
a) Colony Wars: Vengeance
b) Future Cop: LAPD
c) ODT
d) Metal Gear Solid

Tokyo Highway Battle 6



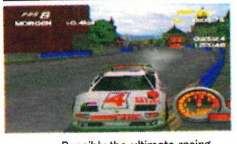
RENT IT A Rage Racer style game where you must build your car to improve your overall racing performance. Enjoyable

Tommi Makinen Rally 4.5



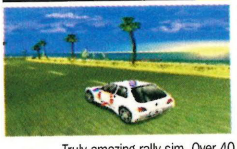
AVOID! How can a game that looks so good turn out to be such utter shite? A truly awful attempt at a rally sim. Avoid at all costs

Total Drivin 8



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

V Rally Platinum 9



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 6



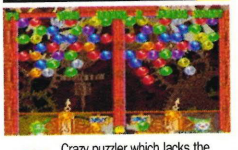
TRY B4 U BUY An updated and special 3D addition to the on going Lemmings family. Save the suicidal green haired fops

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 6



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 Platinum 9



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 9

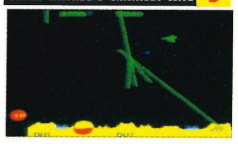


MUST BUY A bizarre Street Fighter/ Tetris combintion which will zap your social life into extinction within minutes. A must buy!

COMPILATIONS

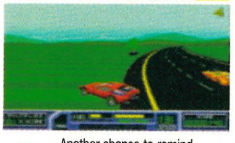
Here we have the ancient arcade beasts brought back from the brink of extintion. Old bags of cack or classic coin-guzzlers from yesteryear? Read on to find out...

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

Atari's Greatest Hits 2 6.5



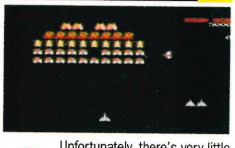
RENT IT — Another chance to remind yourself just how far games have advanced in such a short space of time. Nostalgia, but little else

Namco Museum Vol 1 7



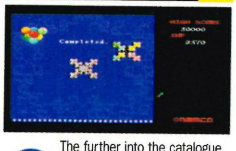
MUST BUY — Depending on your age, you'll either love or hate these arcade classics from the guys that gave you Tekken 2

Namco Museum Vol 2 6



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

Namco Museum Vol 3 4



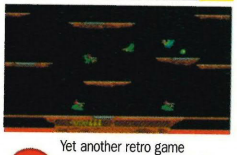
AVOID! — The further into the catalogue you go the fewer classic games there are it seems. Why do they still churn these out?

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



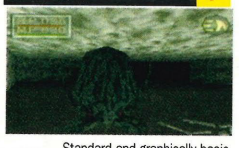
TRY B4 U BUY — EA convert their successful PC slash 'em-up cum RPG very successfully onto the console format. Check it out

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



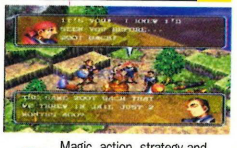
TRY B4 U BUY — Standard and graphically basic role playing romp from Sony HQ. Despite it's looks though, the gameplay is impressive

Suikoden 6



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

Wild Arms 6.5



RENT IT — This Wild West themed RPG may be pretty mediocre, but it has some nice touches which roleplay fans will undoubtedly lap

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

Captain Blasto 7



RENT IT — Basic platform action that amuses and entertains without excelling at either. You could do much worse, so take a look

Casper 6



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

Castlevania 6



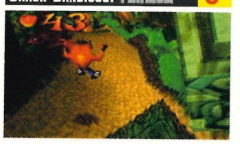
RENT IT — Probably the only game to have never changed since its initial release back in the Dark Ages. Not taxing and not clever

Cheesy 4



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

Crash Bandicoot Platinum 8



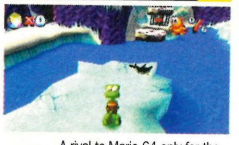
MUST BUY — A classic platformer soon to be revamped in a stunning sequel. Until then, enjoy this laugh a minute adventure

Crash Bandicoot 2 9



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



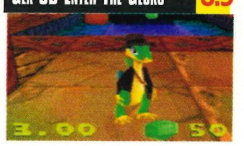
RENT IT — An unimpressive update of a SNES platform hero. But Jim's 2D PSX outing shows its age and should have been better

Gex 7



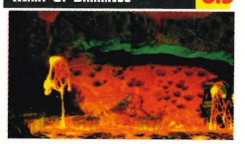
RENT IT — One of the best early platform games available. Bags of fun all round with a wise cracking comedy American lizard

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 6



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



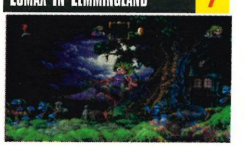
RENT IT — An improvement on its predecessor with more depth and originality. But again, this is easy to complete

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 6



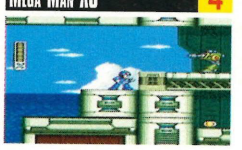
TRY B4 U BUY — Jurassic Park 2 hits the PSX and gives you five varying characters to play with, including a massive T Rex

Lucky Luke 6



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



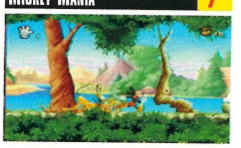
AVOID! — Uninteresting platformer from the age-old Japanese super hero. This would have looked out of date on the SNES. Avoid!

Megaman 8 5



RENT IT — Megaman hasn't changed since its SNES days and is badly in need of a makeover. It's time Megaman called it a day

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

Oddworld Abe's Exoddus 9



MUST BUY — The Gimp with the gift of the gab returns with more vocals to continue his puzzle solving frolics in this superb adventure

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



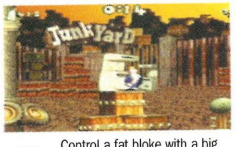
RENT IT — Arachnid platformer which could have and should have been so much better. Rent it before spending cash though

Spot Goes To Hollywood — 6



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

Tombi — 7.5



TRY B4 U BUY — Some puzzle solving and a hint of rpg add a little variety to this somewhat 2D platformer, making it well worth a look

Wild 9 — 8.5



MUST BUY — The world's first torture'em-up provides for many a laugh, ploding through this platform game using your 'victims' to aid

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



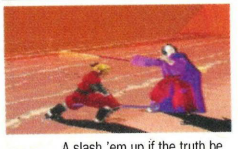
RENT IT — The third member of the Tohshinden family gives you everything the other two games did and lots more

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 — 6



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 — 9



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 — 6



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

Mortal Kombat 4 — 8



TRY B4 U BUY — After finally making it into 3D the MK series has come full circle but still lacks the greatness to be found in rival beat 'em ups

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



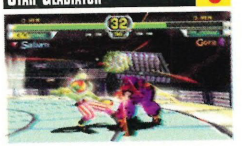
AVOID! — An improvement on the original but still lacks that killer punch needed to take it storming into everyone's game collection

Soul Blade Platinum — 9



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



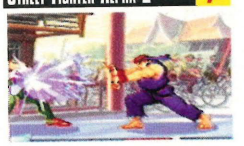
TRY B4 U BUY — Instantly playable scrap fest with lasting appeal and tongue-in-cheek Star Wars inspiration. Well worth a look

Star Wars: Teras Kasi — 8.5



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



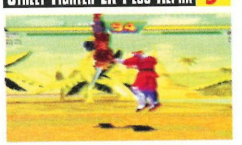
RENT IT — the all time classic beat 'em-up makes a welcome second appearance on the PlayStation. It's still a classic

Street Fighter Collection — 6



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 — 9



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 9



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 9.5



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

Tekken 3 10



MUST BUY Drop-dead gorgeous graphics and unrivalled gameplay make this the best Tekken title to date, and the finest fighting experience ever

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

Yoshi 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

X Men Vs Street Fighter 6



RENT IT The SF engine is vaguely tweaked once again for another dated fighting affair, this time with the bonus of the X Men

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.

Acile Warrior 7



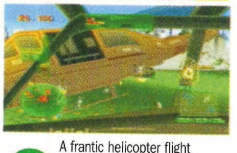
RENT IT An action packed flight simulator which has you blowing things out of the sky left, right and centre. Good fun

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

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 6



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 6



TRY B4 U BUY An early helicopter simulator which looks basic but manages to enthrall with its 'must finish' airborne missions

Wing Commander 3 6



RENT IT Mark Hammill stars in the third of the ongoing space dog-fighting series. FMV in abundance, little gameplay

Wing Commander 4 6



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 6



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



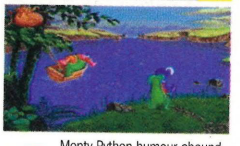
TRY B4 U BUY Ark of Shite would have been more appropriate. Not even worth using the CD for one of those classy clocks

Batman & Robin 6.5



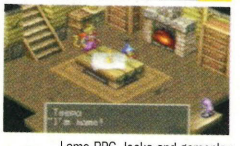
RENT IT A potential monster that grossly undersells itself with many good gameplay elements which, sadly, don't really gel together

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 6.5



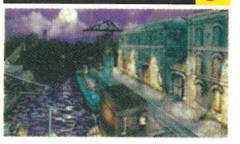
TRY B4 U BUY Lame RPG, looks and gameplay are dated by today's standards. Fans of the SNES versions may enjoy it, but we don't

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



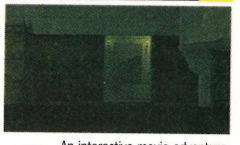
TRY B4 U BUY An epic adventure based on the average French arthouse movie of the same name. Well worth a look, if only for the graphics

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

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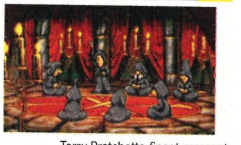
AVOID! An interactive movie adventure which lacks longevity, gameplay, excitement and playability. In a word, Avoid!

Deathtrap Dungeon 8.5



MUST BUY Ian Livingstone's fantasy world is brought into PlayStation heaven by Eidos. Only the strongest need apply

Discworld 6



RENT IT Terry Pratchetts finest moment transformed itself very well onto the PSX and this is simpy amazing.

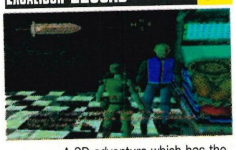
ACCES

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



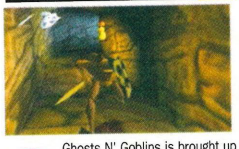
TRY B4 U BUY — Vampire strangeness in this huge and impressive blood sucking adventure. Well worth the money though

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

Medievil — 8.5



MUST BUY — Ghosts N' Goblins is brought up to Nineties' speed in this excellent swashbuckling comedy adventure

Men In Black — 6



RENT IT — A better than usual movie license, but still guilty of major flaws. Could and should have delivered so much more

Myst — 4



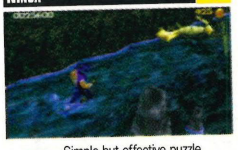
AVOID! — Average static screen jobbie from years ago. It won't amaze by any means, but it still has strong puzzling elements

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

Ninja — 8.5



TRY B4 U BUY — Simple but effective puzzle elements combine with nice visuals to create an action-packed adventure

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 Platinum — 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 — 9.5



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

Spyro The Dragon — 9



MUST BUY — Spyro's the coolest, cutest, kick ass free roaming hero this side of a Crash/Croc hi-bred. Amazing graphics, scorching gameplay

Swagman — 6



RENT IT — A spooky cartoon adventure which owes much to classic Zombies Ate My Neighbours on the SNES

Tenchu — 9



MUST BUY — Stealth and cunning are demanded in this ultra realistic Ninja gorefest where you must fill the assassin's silent shoes



Monster Memory Card

FROM: Wild Things PRICE: £17.99

It's purple and holds 120 saves- fiddly to use, but still an absolute bargain



Sphere 360°

FROM: ASCII Entertainment PRICE: £49.99

Spaceage style controller with crazy controls and an even crazier price

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 — 9



MUST BUY — The game which launched a thousand magazine covers. Still does well thanks to the recent sequel

Tomb Raider 2 — 9.5



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

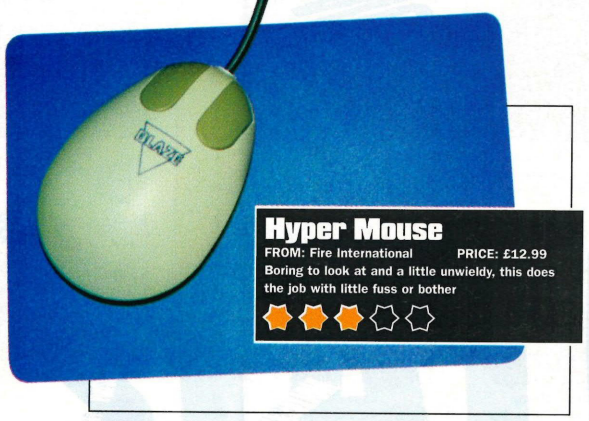
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Analogue Shock 2 Pad

FROM: Guillemot PRICE: £19.99

This pad has different modes to make it compatible with any game. But then, don't they all?



Hyper Mouse

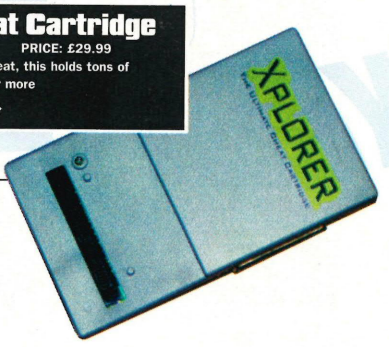
FROM: Fire International PRICE: £12.99

Boring to look at and a little unwieldy, this does the job with little fuss or bother

Xplorer Cheat Cartridge

FROM: Fire International PRICE: £29.99

The lazy person's way to cheat, this holds tons of codes, and still has room for more





2mb Memory Card

FROM: Fire International PRICE: £14.99

Far from glamorous but easy to use- just flick a switch to access the blank page



Dual Force Wheel

FROM: LMP Gamester PRICE: £69.99

It's pretty sturdy and steers well, but it's severely lacking in the rumble department

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 8



TRY B4 U BUY — The best elements from classic shoot'em-ups have been combined with a few fresh ideas to create a fast fragging frenzy

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 basically Battleships for losers who can't be bothered getting the board game out of the loft. Please avoid!

Beast Wars 4



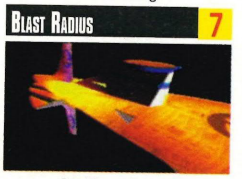
AVOID! — Transformers, more than meets the eye? Not in this game, what you see is what you get, which is very little indeed

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



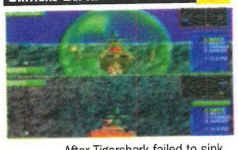
TRY B4 U BUY — A futuristic blaster which sees you following many different paths as you battle your way across the cosmos

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 6



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 9



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

Duke Nukem Time To Kill 9



MUST BUY — Duke fills the hot-pants of Lara Croft in this third-person time-tripping bonanza, that wastes Tomb Raider for sheer action

Epidemic 6



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 9



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.Darius 8



RENT IT — Classic arcade-style gameplay and stunning visuals make this highly playable, but don't expect any long-term satisfaction from it

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 conciderration. 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 6



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

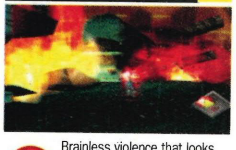
Nuclear Strike 8



TRY B4 U BUY

The eagerly awaited sequel to Soviet Strike which doesn't disappoint. More thrills and spills than previously

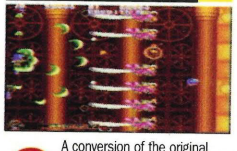
One 6.5



RENT IT

Brainless violence that looks great but becomes monotonous after a while. It'll keep you occupied for the night though

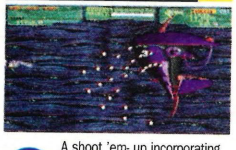
Parodius Deluxe 6



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

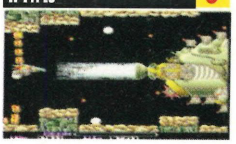
PO'ed 5



AVOID!

Smack walking backsides and the like with frying pans and big sticks in this strange slant on the Doom clones

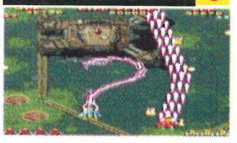
R-Types 6



RENT IT

The classic shoot'em-up joins the PSX's galaxy of games and is left looking very average, if not a little shitty. For hardcore retro fans only

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 6



RENT IT

A fine but standard shoot 'em- up. Not sure it warrants the £40 price tag though. Try it, you might like it

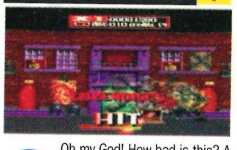
Reloaded 7



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 6



RENT IT

A revamped 3D version of the old arcade game gives you plenty of hours of frantic thumb blistering fun guaranteed!

Rogue Trip 6



RENT IT

Holiday reps come packing heat in this tourist trap. It's Wish You Were Here meets Twisted Metal, without Judith Chalmers

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

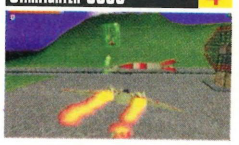
Starblade Alpha 4



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

The Fifth Element 6



AVOID!

Willis may shine at the box office, but this is just another hollow movie license which hints at what it should have been

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 9



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 6



AVOID!

Visually stunning Channel Tunnel simulator that moves hyper fast but is generally too complex to love

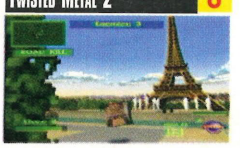
Twisted Metal 7



RENT IT

The original PSX road rage game was a tad disappointing for many, but certain gamers love it to bits. Try it first

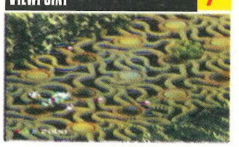
Twisted Metal 2 8



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 9



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

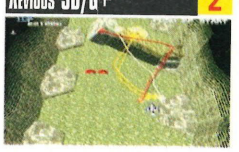
X2 7



RENT IT

Ultra difficult shoot 'em- up with more mayhem and weapons than most and a storming techno soundtrack too

Xevious 3D/G+ 2



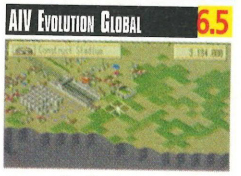
AVOID!

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 6.5



RENT IT

Sim City-esque train network builder which may be boring as hell for most, but PC owners will cream over it

Most Wanted

What? More in-depth Exposure profiles, prospects and amazingly accurate reviews than any other magazine and you still can't decide which games should be on your wish list! You're bloody hopeless you lot! Okay, we'll help you out - again! These are the forthcoming games that we can't wait to get our grubby little mitts on, stay on the look out for these babies, and we reckon you'll do alright for your money. Happy now?



Libero Grande

Namco's footy treat is the first game where you assume the identity of a single player on the pitch. Novel, original and looking like one hell of a game. Order your season tickets now.



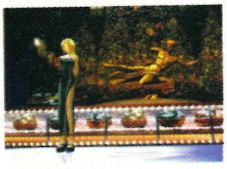
Final Fantasy VIII

Squaresoft's definitive adventure series is set for a big return, the quality of this game is virtually guaranteed and we'll be counting the days until it arrives on our dirty doormat.



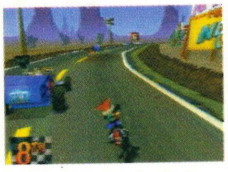
Metal Gear Solid

Assume the role of a top covert operative and infiltrate a terrorist stronghold in this potential record breaker. The wait is almost over for Konami's finest moment.



Parasite Eve

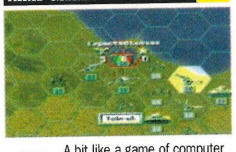
Has Resident Evil had its day? We'll find out when this beautiful looking horror affair finally arrives in this country. Start stocking up on the pop-corn for this B-movie belter.



Crash Bandicoot 3

Everybody's favourite Bandicoot is almost ready to arrive in our office. We can't wait to get this Christmas platform corker up and running for the ultimate PlayStation Pro test

Allied General 4



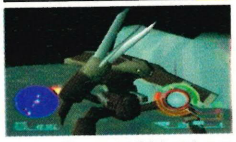
AVOID! A bit like a game of computer Risk at the end of the day. Sorted if you like that kind of thing, We didn't

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

C & C Platinum 8



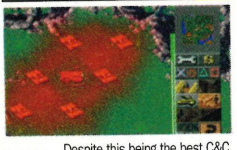
RENT IT The classic war strategy game. Still causing players major headaches and still worth every second of your time

C&C: Red Alert 9



MUST BUY The second installment of C&C is a huge improvement with more action and strategy than ever before

C&C Retaliation 8.5



TRY B4 U BUY Despite this being the best C&C incarnation to date, the originality has disappeared. Only for the most dedicated C&C fans

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 aqcuired 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 9



MUST BUY Controversial game which endorses bad behaviour in cars. Hurrah for all concerned. Over 18s only though

Magic Carpet 7.5



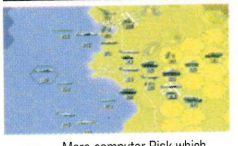
TRY B4 U BUY Mystical carpet flying. A very strange strategy/ action game. One of Bullfrog's fine early moments in gaming.

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 6



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



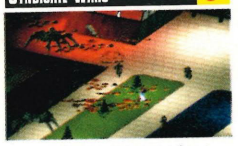
TRY B4 U BUY The ultimate in megalomania. Play is a little jerky however but if you can put up with that then you're laughing

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!

Wargames 7



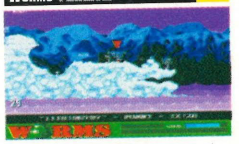
RENT IT Shallow and mindless strategy title with little in the way of excitement for onr player, but it's great for blasting your mates

Warhammer 7



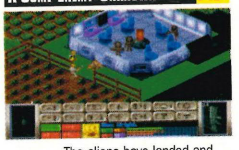
TRY B4 U BUY Strategy in abundance in this one. Go to war with your hammer and leather those goblin scum to oblivion

Worms Platinum 9



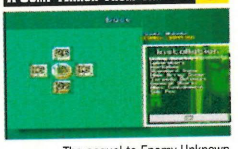
MUST BUY The slimy blighters star in the best multi-player game available on any format in our opinion. Get your mates in

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



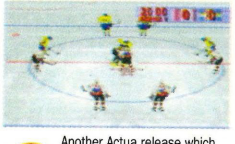
RENT IT — The original golf game had a few minor faults but still did the business for the sport on the PlayStation initiall

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



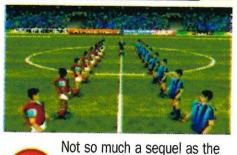
MUST BUY — The first classic footy game for the PlayStation has dated a little since its arrival. Still worth a peek though

Actua Soccer 2 9



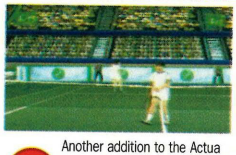
MUST BUY — If you love your football, then you'll love this. If you despise football, you'll love this. It's that bloody fantastic

Actua Soccer: Club Edition 6



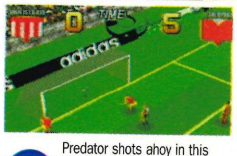
RENT IT — Not so much a sequel as the same game with league teams included. What more do you need Wolves fans?

Actua Tennis 7.5



RENT IT — Another addition to the Actua series further swells Gremlin's sporting library. Not the best of its genre, but far from the worst

Adidas Power Soccer 5



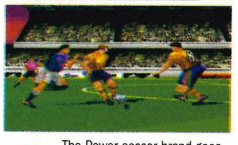
AVOID! — Predator shots ahoy in this bizarre footy fest with a high profile sporty gear licence. Sporty Spice here we come

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



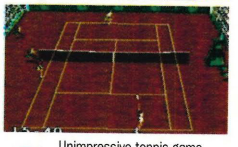
AVOID! — An average footy game which doesn't take itself too seriously. But it's hated by most people who play it

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 9



TRY B4 U BUY — Wonderfully playable golf game that ditches photoOralism for playability in the Smash Court Tennis style

FIFA '96 Platinum 6



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 camparison with RTWC. Average at just about everything. Footy fans should check the bargain bins

FIFA RTWC '98 9



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 6



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



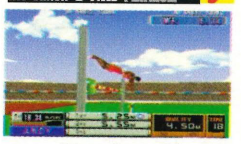
RENT IT — Perhaps the most overated football game ever. Check out the N64 version for instance for how it should have been

ISS Pro '98 7.5



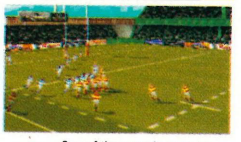
RENT IT — Despite being a big improvement on its predecessor, this fails to stand up to the competition and lacks in the longevity stakes

Nt. Track & Field Platinum 9



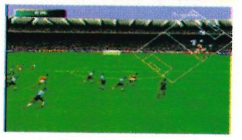
MUST BUY — This remains one of the most playable and addictive games available. Still an office favourite even now

Jonah Lomu Rugby 9



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



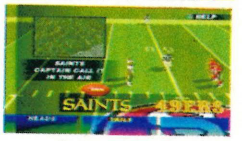
AVOID! — Tries a little too hard to be something special but ends up being as dull as they come. Should be better

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



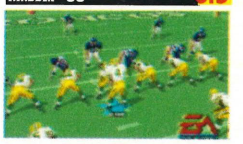
TRY B4 U BUY — Looking very dated, this has been bettered in just about every department by Madden '98. Get the sequel instead

Madden NFL '98 8



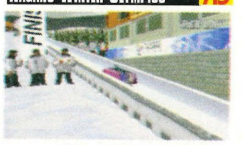
TRY B4 U BUY — As fantastic a game as there has been for this sport. Yet another update which goes from strength to strength

Madden '99 8.5



RENT IT — The series goes from strength to strength. This is the finest incarnation yet, but just rent if you've got an earlier game

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 9



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



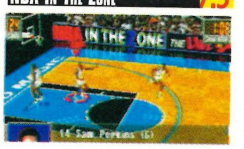
TRY B4 U BUY — Gt Interactive look for some hang time with this offering. Looks the part but complicated gameplay lets it down a little

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



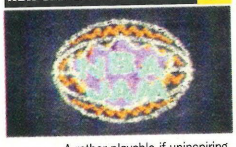
RENT IT — Good old basketball games, they're the best. Go to end, shoot, score repeat as necessary until completion

NBA In The Zone 2 — 8



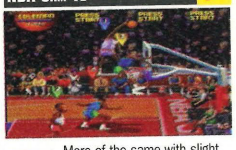
RENT IT — Yet another basketball sequel which is practically identical to the original and every other game of Basketball

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



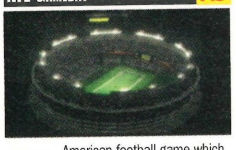
TRY B4 U BUY — Slight improvement on its predecessor. Pretty wicked in an American sport type way. Where are the girls again?

NBA Pro '98 — 5



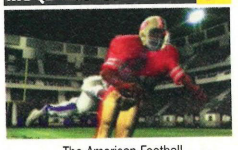
RENT IT — Basketball games are usually pretty good, but this is a bland affair all round that offers the genre nothing new at all

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 — 6



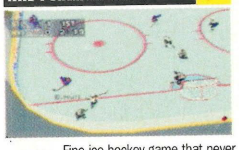
AVOID! — This sequel was a real disappointment when you consider the quality of the original. Steer clear

Nhl Faceoff '98 — 7



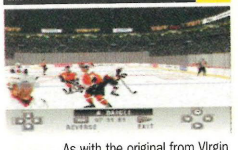
RENT IT — The third Faceoff release is a worthy sequel but to be honest, the original still has the best gameplay and playability

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 — 6.5



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



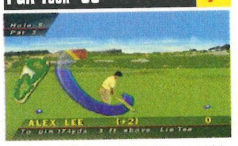
RENT IT — Yet another reasonable football game that gives it a go but loses in the last minute to a dodgy ref decision!

Open Ice — 6



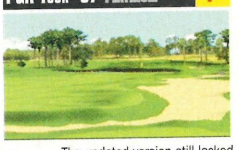
RENT IT — Yet another take on ice hockey which tries to gain all of the excitement of the sport and add some fun. It fails slightly

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



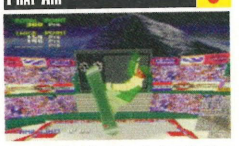
MUST BUY — The updated version still lacked the killer drive that we've come to expect from the likes of EA Sports games

PGA Tour Golf '98 — 8



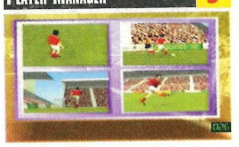
TRY B4 U BUY — Releasing an update as often as Paul has cheese and beetroot butties is pushing it a little, even if it is a treat

Phat Air — 6



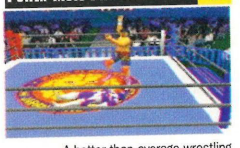
RENT IT — Cool Boarders 2 clone that has some nice touches but ultimately fails to impress the judges. Big Air with little else

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



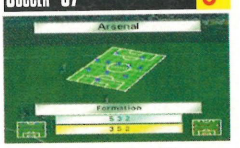
RENT IT — Another fine attempt to bring basketball onto the PlayStation. Not that different from the others though really

Snow Racer '98 — 8.5



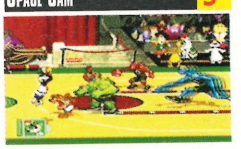
TRY B4 U BUY — The fastest mountain racer on the PlayStation. Infogrames have surprised us all with the quality of this

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



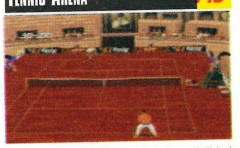
AVOID! — Movie license shenanegins which combine basketball and cartoons. Absolute crap in every sense! Avoid, avoid

Striker '96 — 5



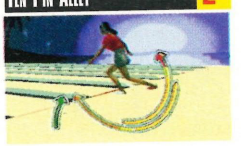
AVOID! — The first football game to impress. Dated by todays standards. A bit repetitive too. Let's be careful out there

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



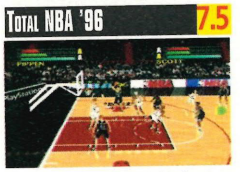
AVOID! — Bowling from your armchair doesn't sound like much fun. And it isn't. At all. In any way shape or form. Honestly

Three Lions — 7



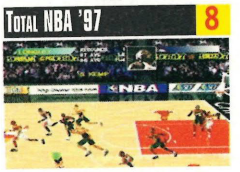
TRY B4 U BUY — This plays a little differently to most, but is still instantly forgettable despite the official licence. Nothing to roar about

Total NBA '96 — 7.5



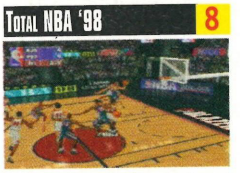
RENT IT — Perhaps basketball's finest moment until its sequel. This is now a little redundant thanks to the '97 update

Total NBA '97 — 8



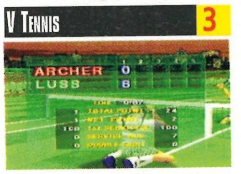
TRY B4 U BUY — Taking the original one step further. An absolute slam dunker. If that's what you like of course! Each to their own

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



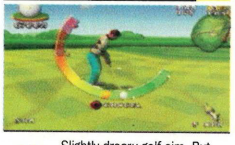
RENT IT — More than a beat 'em- up this actually requires you to build up your boxer to take on the big time pros

Victory Boxing 2 8



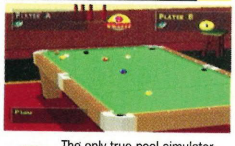
TRY B4 U BUY — An improvement on the original sees you struggling to take your fighter through the ranks to the top of this brutal profession

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



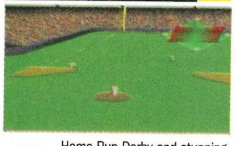
RENT IT — The only true pool simulator available. It's not much cop though but you can't have everything all the time

VMX Racing 2.5



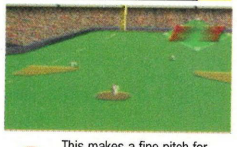
AVOID! — Dirt Bikes on dirt tracks makes for a dirt game. Do yourself a favour and stay well away from this composting pile

VR Baseball 7.5



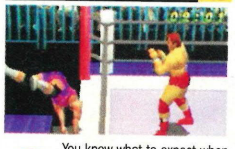
RENT IT — Home Run Derby and stunning graphics are the recommendation points to this bat and ball game

VR Baseball '99 7.5



RENT IT — This makes a fine pitch for baseball on the PSX, but will only appeal to fans of this statistics orientated sport

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 9



MUST BUY — The house that brought us Lara Croft has applied its sultry touch to the soccer pitch to produce a fine footy game

WWF Warzone 8



TRY B4 U BUY — Loads of new options and features make this wrestlefest flesh-slappingly good. Ideal for a good night's gaming with your mates

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?

Aquanaut's Holiday 1



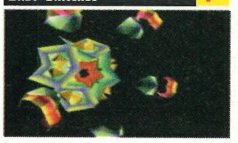
AVOID! — Jacques Cousteau simulator. Build reefs and speak to fish. Great if you like the worst game of all time!

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

Baby Universe 7



RENT IT — Trippy light displays and a pumping soundtrack make this ideal post rave entertainment. Just don't expect any gameplay

Bust A Groove 8



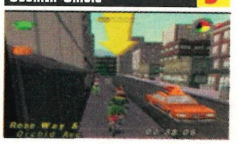
TRY B4 U BUY — Cool Parappa clone that will keep you kickin' thru the night. Funky tunes and hot steps make this a winner

Chessmaster 3D 3



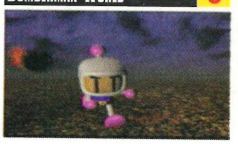
AVOID! — A shabby affair which will never compete with the real thing for grand excitement and tension (is that too sarcastic?)

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 9



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

Fluid 8.5



TRY B4 U BUY — Flipper gets funky in this bizarre yet highly original and playable music mixer from Sony. Tunes and tuna fish all in one game

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 6



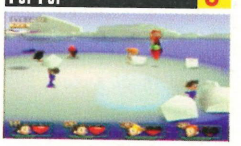
RENT IT — Futuristic sports game which is actually rather good in a rather futuristic sports game type way. Honest! Believe us please

Parappa the Rapper 9



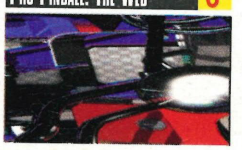
MUST BUY — The most original game on the PlayStation to date. You've never seen anything like this before – beeatch!

Poy Poy 8



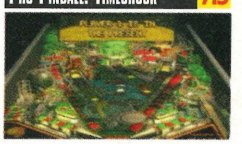
RENT IT — Bomberman influenced, this provides hilarious multi-player fun as you and your pals throw stones at each other

Pro Pinball: The Web 6



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 6



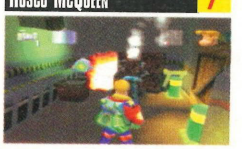
AVOID! — Looks like a dream but can be completed in the time it takes to fart. Depends how much curry you've had I guess

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 9



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

No surprises concerning the number one spot this month, Tekken 3 holding the top position for two months running now. Gran Turismo returns to number three, showing that you can't keep a good game down. Finally, Medievil gets a well deserved four spot for its top walking dead freakshow

1	–	Tekken 3
2	–	TOCA Touring Car Championship
3	▲	Gran Turismo
4	NEW	Medievil
5	▼	Colin McRae Rally
6	▲	Oddworld: Abe's Oddysee
7	▼	Tomb Raider
8	NEW	International Superstar Soccer '98
9	–	Crash Bandicoot
10	▲	V-Rally
11	NEW	Moto Racer 2
12	▲	Command and Conquer
13	NEW	C&C Retaliation
14	▲	Resident Evil
15	▼	Premier Manager '98
16	▼	Tomb Raider 2
17	▼	Rayman
18	▼	Tekken 2
19	▼	Resident Evil 2
20	▼	Die Hard Trilogy
21	▼	WWF: Warzone
22	–	Formula 1 '97
23	▼	World Cup '98
24	NEW	Victory Boxing 2
25	▼	Micro Machines V3
26	▼	Spiceworld
27	▼	FIA Formula One
28	▼	Worms
29	▼	Actua Golf 2
30	▲	Doom
31	▼	International Superstar Soccer Pro
32	▼	Point Blank
33	▼	Bust A Move 2
34	▲	Casper
35	NEW	R-Types
36	▲	Crash Bandicoot 2
37	▼	Grand Theft Auto
38	▼	Soviet Strike
39	▼	Croc
40	▼	Three Lions

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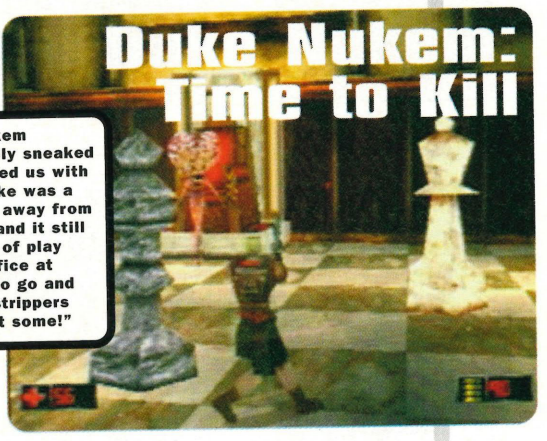
PRO Playmates

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

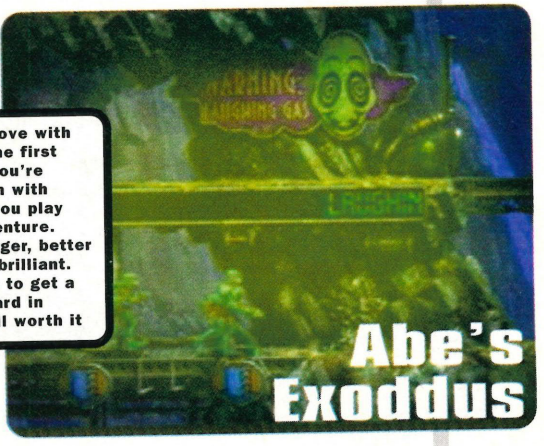
The PlayStation Pro office is swamped in software each and every month. Yet despite having an interactive banquet at our fingertips, we only continue fiddling about with a handful of games after all the hard work has been done. These are the select titles that have tickled our particular fancy into near hysterical proportions with their addictive qualities and general reamness, your games collection is sadly lacking if these babies aren't included, so go and get 'em kids!



The sequel to the excellent Colony Wars has had us hard at it with its ace mission based blasting structure. Vengeance is a far better game than its predecessor and worthy of your attention as much as ours. Go and get yourself a copy now!



This Duke Nukem adventure really sneaked up and surprised us with its quality. Duke was a hair's breadth away from a Gold Award and it still gets a fair bit of play here in the office at lunch times. So go and eye up some strippers and "Come get some!"



If you fell in love with Abe's antics the first time around, you're going to swoon with delight when you play his latest adventure. Exoddus is bigger, better and generally brilliant. The first game to get a Solid Gold award in PSPro and well worth it

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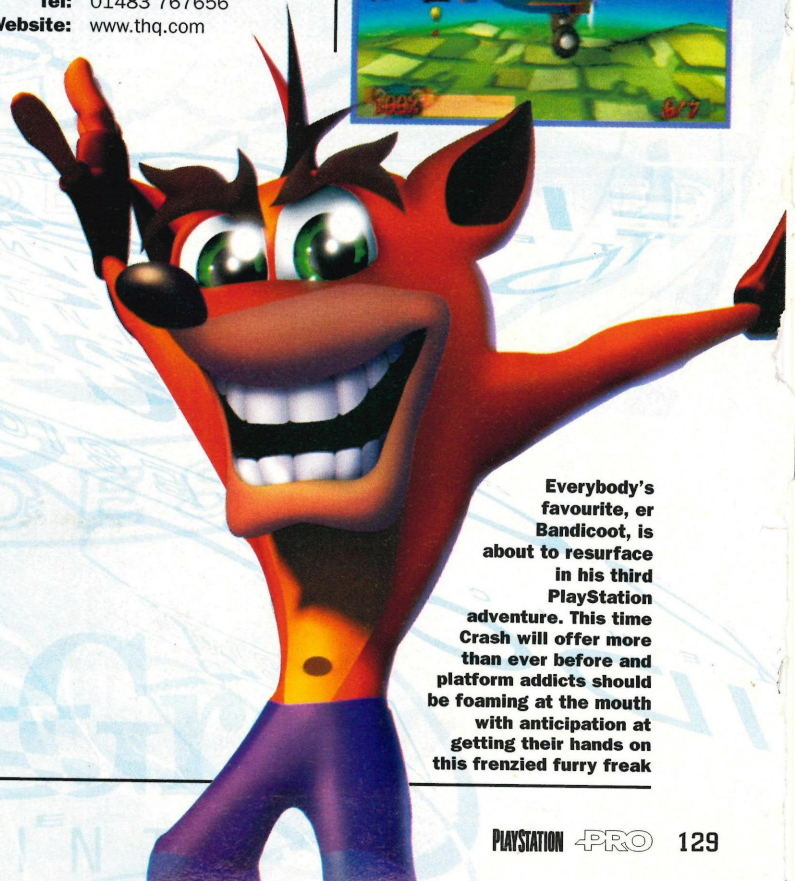
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Everybody's favourite, er Bandicoot, is about to resurface in his third PlayStation adventure. This time Crash will offer more than ever before and platform addicts should be foaming at the mouth with anticipation at getting their hands on this frenzied furry freak

Next Month

We go festive crazy, so put this lot on your Christmas list...



- Three of the biggest games of the year REVIEWED...

Crash Bandicoot 3

Tomb Raider III

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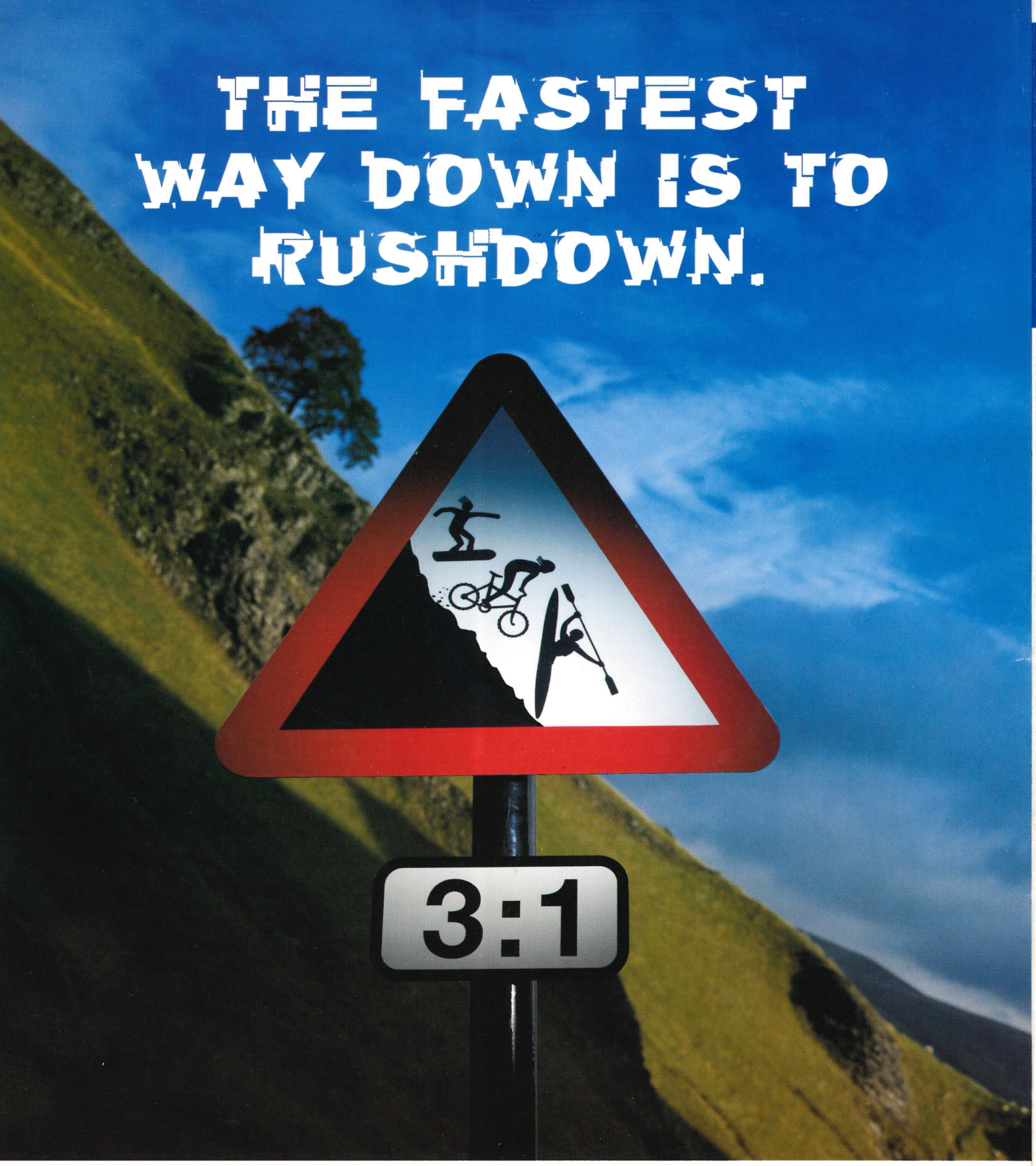
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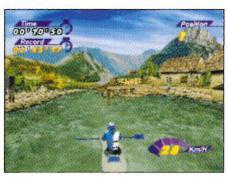
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