





# DOLPHIN STAKES

THE great Dolphin Stakes starts today, folks, and YOU could win £1,000 in games AND prove you're the best joypad basher in the land!!

YOUR big-money Mega Guide will give 25 Mega Drive games worth £39.99 each to the first person in Britain to FINISH Ecco The Dolphin.

FIVE runners-up will get a SWISHY limited edition dolphin pack, including a personalised Ecco Mega Drive, a game, a dolphin book and a soopa doopa Ecco T-shirt.

The next TEN to cross the FINISH line get a cuddly toy dolphin and the soopa doopa T-shirt.

The next TEN get the soopa doopa T-shirt. And everyone else gets... SORE fingers!!

## Finish Ecco first and win £1,000 in games

To PROVE you have finished the game send us the password for the final level and tell us what is the last thing you see before the game either tells you to switch off or returns to the title screen. BUT you must be a registered racer to win. To register, simply write to the DOLPHIN STAKES, THE SUN, 1, VIRGINIA STREET, LONDON, E1 9XP.

You can enter if you have already started Ecco, but please tell us what level you have reached. If you're a beginner don't worry - the last levels are the real toughies and you've plenty of time to catch up.

ALL entries must be registered by Monday February 8. So flex those crazy flippin' fingers - and WIN, WIN, WIN!!!

## THE MEGA CREW

We've put our own team together to join the race. Watch their progress week by week but don't worry, they can't win the prizes!

### KILLER DAVID

NO-ONE knows who Killer David really is. He sneaks into the Mega Guide office, racks up incredible scores on our machines and then disappears. He has a fierce temper and has already SMASHED three Mega Drives reaching level SEVEN on Ecco. The Killer is widely tipped to finish at the front of the pack. But if you spot him, steer clear - he's nine years old and DANGEROUS. OUR ODDS: 4-1

### ANDREA HOPKINS

THE girl in the hat is the Mega Guide's dolphin expert. Whenever we write about dolphins or whales Andrea is on hand to help out with research. Asked about her race strategy, Andrea said: "Dolphins may look cute but they are also extremely intelligent and talk to each other across huge distances using song." OUR ODDS: 6,000-1

### ANTHONY GRIFFITH

UNLIKE Andrea, Anthony knows sod all about dolphins. Or computer games. He claims to be a dab hand at motor racing and strategy games but we have our doubts. We asked Anthony for his race strategy and he said: "Oh my Gawd! I'm not up against a load of kids am I? If you're entering me just to make me look stupid I'm going to quit." OUR ODDS: 40-1

### THE MEAN TEAM

CHRIS and Katie Chivrell have already started the game and are on level NINE after just over a week. This pair, aged 12 and 13, are hot tips to be first Mega Guiders past the post. However mum Jane is also an Ecco addict and they can't get her off the Mega Drive to practice. Also, she keeps sending them to school which is totally unfair during an important race like this. OUR ODDS: 3-1

I'm racing too, folks!

Last week's Ecco phone line raised £373 for the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Fund. (Big deal - Ed)

# MEGA GUIDE

If you want to contact us, write (don't phone!) to Mega Guide, The Sun, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XP.

Edited by MARK GREGORY

STREETS of Rage II smashes into the top slot, knocking Ecco into third place. Here's the full console top ten:

- 1 STREETS OF RAGE II (MEGA DRIVE)
- 2 ROAD RASH II (MEGA DRIVE)
- 3 ECCO (MEGA DRIVE)
- 4 SUPER MARIO KART (SUPER NES)
- 5 SONIC 2 (MEGA DRIVE)
- 6 SONIC 2 (MASTER SYSTEM)
- 7 SUPER MARIO LAND 2 (GAME BOY)
- 8 MICKEY AND DONALD (MEGA DRIVE)
- 9 STRIDER (MEGA DRIVE)
- 10 DESERT STRIKE (MEGA DRIVE)

## Nintendo

### NO-HOPER

By STEVE READ  
Sun System Editor



LOADS of you got Super Mario World for Christmas, so here are a few quickies...

In Donut Ghost House, wear a cape, walk to the first gap, then run back and fly up. Run along to find secret area with free Power-Ups etc.

In Donut Plains 2, just before the Way Out sign, throw a shell at the highest block, then climb up for the key to the Green Switch Palace.

In Vanilla Dome 2, before the hallway gate go back over the top, dive down through a 3x3 set of blocks for the key to the Red Switch Palace.

In Forest Of Illusion 2, on the floor near the end there is a wall you can walk through to get the key to the Blue Switch Palace.

To hit Star Road, go into Donut Secret House, hit the block above the door and climb the vine. Beat Big Boo by belting him with three blocks.

To get through Wendy's Castle on Chocolate Island, keep spin-jumping at the Spikes, Grinders and L'I Sparkies won't hurt you. In the battle room, stand between the second and third pipes, then hit the real Wendy three times.

★ Despite what The Cheat says below, at least one reader is rooting for me in the Ecco race. Thank you, Natalie.

## THE CHEAT



HALLO fans! I've got a brill tip today to help you in the great dolphin race - cheat, cheat and CHEAT like mad! Best laugh of the week so far? It has to be that idiot No-Hoper thinking he may have a chance. I can't wait to see him finish LAST!! Remember, do NOT send him any tips. I know you will all be wondering why I'm not taking part - well, I'm afraid it would be a bit EASY for me and the editor knows that. Here's my latest batch of deft dodges:

### AMIGA

3D POOL: Here are some of the settings for a few of the trick shots: Shot 10-0948 091 63 20/ Shot 13-0006 043 39 10/ Shot 19-0617 100 57 06 - R.Wong, Clwyd, N.Wales.

PANG: On the map screen type WHAT A NICE CHEAT to select any level 1 - John Berridge.

### MEGA DRIVE

MICKEY AND DONALD, WORLD OF ILLUSION: Passwords: Level 2-king spades, king diamonds, king clubs, queen spades/ level 3-king clubs, king hearts, queen hearts, king spades/ level 4-queen hearts, king diamonds, king hearts, king spades/ level 5-king spades, king hearts, king clubs, king diamonds - Stacey Morton, Presthill, Glasgow.

### MASTER SYSTEM

DOUBLE DRAGON: To get invincibility jump 30 times at the beginning of the fourth level - Anthony Butler, Newport, Isle of Wight.

### GAME BOY

BILL AND TED: To get to level 10 type 555-1881 or 555 8118 - Chris Muckell, Dover, Kent.

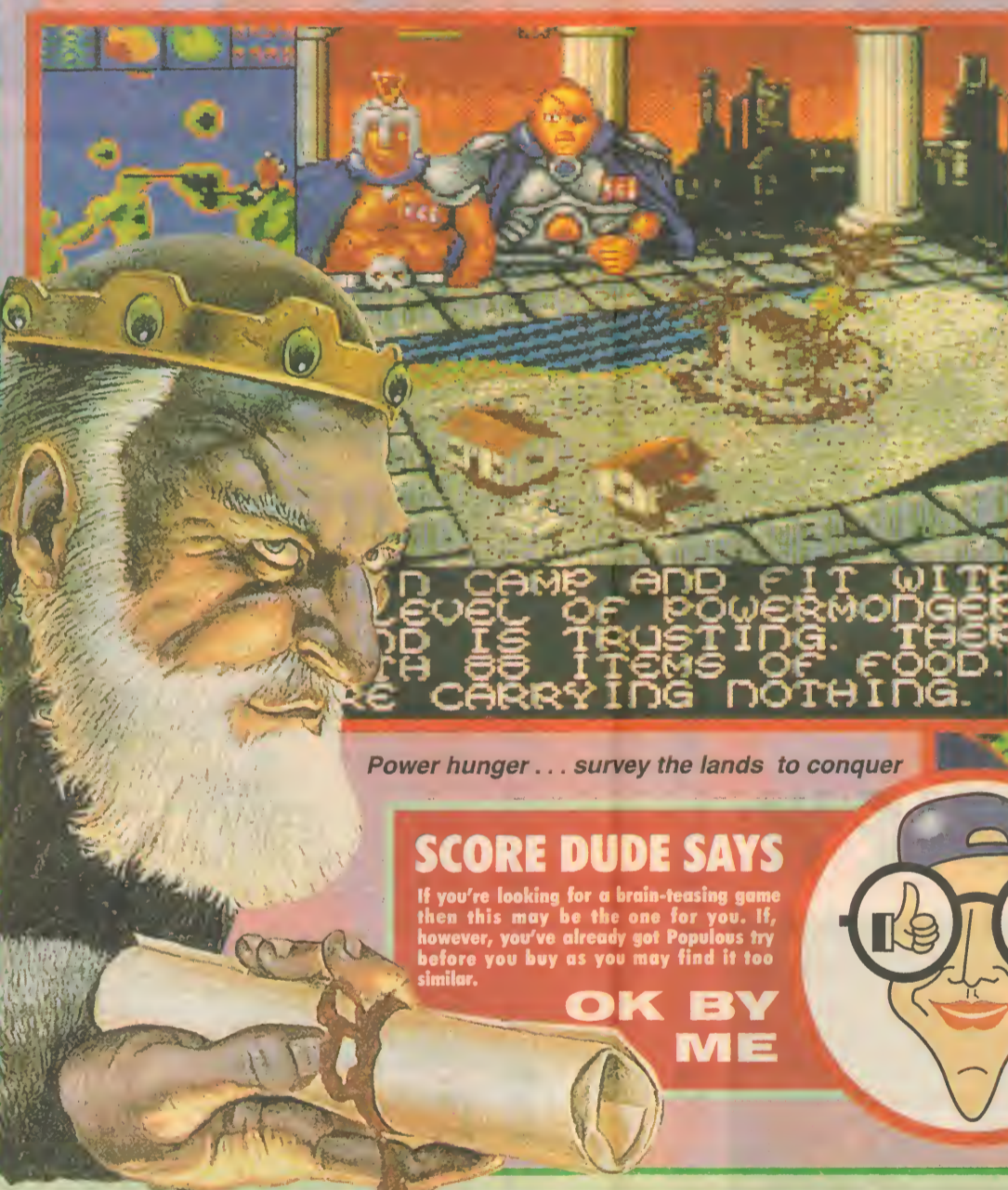
### NINTENDO

TURTLES 2: For 19 lives press on the title screen B, A, B, A, DOWN, B, A, LEFT, RIGHT, B, A and START - Michael McDade, Strathclyde, Scotland.

### SUPER NINTENDO

FACEBALL 2000: On title screen press L, R and START together to get a secret game - Michael McDade, Strathclyde, Scotland.

# STOOP TO ICON-QUER!



## POWERMONGER, MEGA DRIVE

By Anthony Griffith  
FANCY knocking over a few old biddies and taking over the Isle of Wight? That's basically what this Electronic Art's game is all about.

Powermonger was programmed by Bullfrog, the same people that brought you Populous and will be bringing you Populous 2 soon.

You play a king who lost his land to the evil forces of mother nature.

You escaped from the ruins and drifted to a land of rich pickings. Trouble was, it already had a leader - quite a few in fact.

You land on the North West coast and set about conquering your new kingdom. There are 196 lands but you don't have to conquer all of

them to win. Like Populous, this is an icon-driven game and as you conquer more lands your strength increases, giving you a wider range of skills.

You recruit men, feed them, make weapons, and spy on the opposition among other things.

Powermonger has some great still pictures but some of the action is a bit hard to see. Sound consists of some good mood-setting tunes and battlefield sound effects.

Gameplay is smooth, once you've worked out all the icons. By Electronic Arts, £39.99

Power hunger... survey the lands to conquer

## SCORE DUDE SAYS

If you're looking for a brain-teasing game then this may be the one for you. If, however, you've already got Populous try before you buy as you may find it too similar.

OK BY ME



Mega-lomania... try and take over the world in this smart power sim

## THE RUN SCOOPEMAN

IS it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it one of the hottest titles on the Super Nintendo? It's Superman and it's coming soon!

He may wear his undies outside his trousers but the man of steel doesn't mess about in this scrolling beat and shoot 'em up where he is never caught with his trousers down.

Not due until later this year, we've had a sneaky peak and this is going to be one of the hottest cartridges on the Nintendo.

It's stunning stuff from Sunsoft, who have a ton of skill titles lined up. More news soon!

Buzz quiz: The answer to last week's quiz was Street Fighter 2, because there's STILL no sign of the game! This week's Buzz puzzler: Where is Lord Lucan and does he have a copy?

THEY'RE lean and green and coming to the screen! Get set for the Turtles on Mega Drive, because they're going to be big.

Okay the sad shell boys are about as hot as a frozen pizza these days, but the game is excellent with huge sprites and fast fighting action. It's coming from Konami and could prove a surprise Sega hit.

Graphics and sound are a treat and this one really is shaping up for stardom. We'd put our money on it, without a Shredder of a doubt!

## WOWABUNGA

## WRITE OFF!

WATCH OUT for Cybernator on the Super Nintendo. It may be one of the greatest games ever, but it has a massive (and we mean MASSIVE) problem.

Just as you get stuck into the thick of the action, up pops a load of text which freezes the game!

You have to wade through this waffle before you can carry on blasting, and you can't even turn the wretched text off!

Someone must have had a brainstorm when they programmed this one - it takes all the pace away. The game itself is brilliant but do beware of that sad and boring text. Watch the Mega Guide for a full review soon.



\* This headline first appeared on September 12, 1992.



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**The Score Dude says, That's outtasight! It's Arsenal goal ace Ian Wright**

# OFF! OFF! OFF!

**Arsenal goal ace Ian Wright plays Super Off Road**

**DURING** my enforced three match absence from football I decided to bash out my frustrations on my Game Gear.

I think I'll stick to scoring goals. There I was ready to whizz around the track Nigel Mansell style, breaking lap records on the way - until I found myself in a truck.

### Goal

Even so, I thought I would be SMASHING and CRASHING around the many levels but in fact it was me who was on the end of the rough treatment.

At the first corner of the opening level, three other trucks came charging at me, cutting me up and sending me into the wall. Wallop!

I never recovered and it was downhill from then on. The truck was hard to control and I found myself constantly going backwards. Graphics were good but I got bored very



**By IAN WRIGHT**

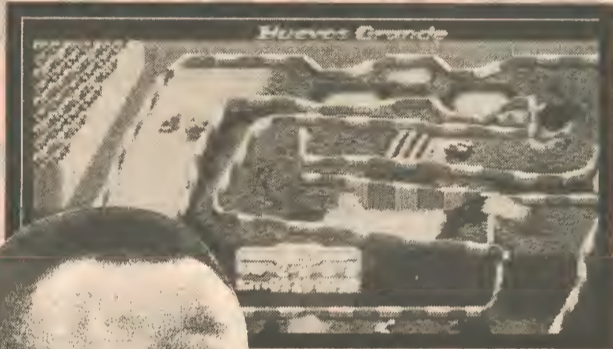
quickly because I kept losing.

The white truck, driven by Flash, had a 100 per cent record against me getting the good-looking girl at the end and a 100 dollar cheque to go with it.

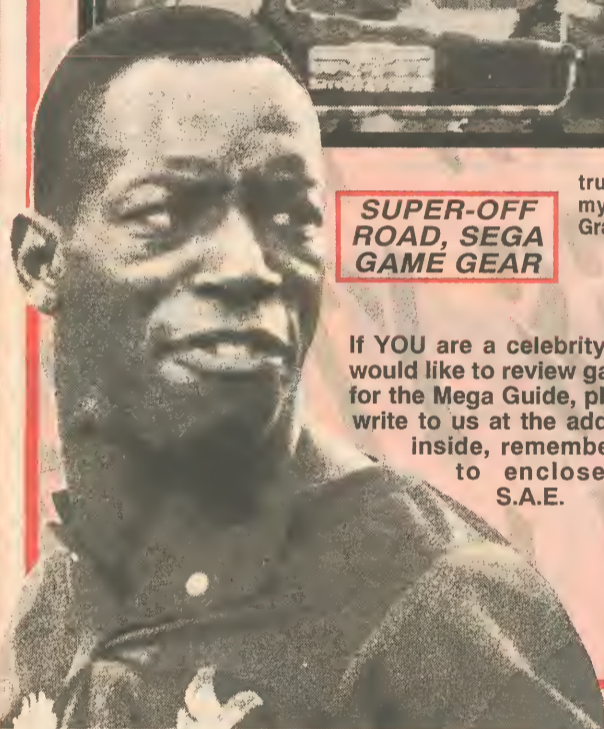
### Ace

You can always call on your nitros for a burst of speed - but that just sent me heading into the nearest wall even quicker.

Now where are those boots?



**SUPER-OFF ROAD, SEGA GAME GEAR**



If YOU are a celebrity and would like to review games for the Mega Guide, please write to us at the address inside, remembering to enclose an S.A.E.



## SCORE DUDE SAYS

Super Off Road is a neat piece of kit, whatever your average Arsenal goal ace may say.

**OK BY ME**

# CELEBRITY REVIEW

## THE BORING BIT

By Garfield Lucas, BA  
I UNBOXED Microsoft's BallPoint Mouse and found the weirdest computer accessory imaginable. But I decided to try it for a week - and now I won't part with it!

You move a conventional rodent around a mat to move the pointer around the screen.

But BallPoint Mouse is clamped to your keyboard and you move the ball with a finger or thumb.

If your PC is already set up for a mouse you simply unplug the old one, plug in the new and go.

But if you want to use BallPoint Mouse's more advanced features you must install the software supplied.

I was surprised to find you had to set up from DOS rather than Windows. But installation was easy and the manual concise and informative.

Using the new mouse-driver program, any of the four buttons can be set to the equivalent of the left and right buttons on a normal mouse.

Hit the other two buttons together and it has the same effect as holding down the primary button. This is smart for precise drawing. Switch on

your pen and gently move the ball for accurate on-screen artwork.

If you suffer from computer-generated anger and belt the mouse in a fit of peak the keyboard clamp is equipped with a breakaway device.

This allows BallPoint Mouse to fall away from the clamp rather than completely trashing your keyboard. When you feel a little calmer, BallPoint Mouse simply clips back in.

The only really annoying feature is the lack of generosity in the cable department - It's too short as the mouse is designed for laptops. Using it on my desktop PC meant straining the cord.

I have found lead length an irritating Achilles heel with Microsoft pointing devices. My conventional MS mouse has a cumbersome lead over 6ft long (that's enough about leads, Ed).

In all, BallPoint Mouse is a super rodent and though it takes a bit of getting used to the effort will be well-rewarded. Graphic artists and laptop computer users will love it.

Bore Dude Says: Bit pricey at £99 but bargains may be had for those who shop around.



On track . . . great Grand Prix action

# Gear we go

TOP GEAR, SUPER NINTENDO  
By Paul Kirton

TOP GEAR (also known as Top Racer) is a mean driving game that rivals the Amiga's great Lotus Challenge trio.

It has a great two-player option which makes for even more fun while racing all over the world. You race on several races in each country starting in the USA.

The options section is massive. You can have two different gearboxes, different cars and much more. On the road the speed is brilliant with no jerky

graphics and smooth scrolling. Graphics are slick and colourful with beautiful cars and backgrounds. Watch as you go into light speed when using a nitro because you'll almost feel the G force.

But lookout - there's fiendishly-placed obstacles round every bend. Screeches, bumps and revs seem like real and you'll crack open the cartridge to see if there's a Grand Prix going on inside it. Real quality.

By Kemco, £45.

SCORE DUDE SAYS: Excellent, every driving fan will love it.