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Editorial

The sun has finally decided to

make an appearance and despite a few fitful attempts to prove otherwise, it looks like that old spring/summer thing is happening. Unfortunately, any chance that we might have had to gain some extra Vitamin D has been thwarted by an asthmatic month, when games have appeared in fitful dribs and drabs.

It appears that the pre-E3 lull has kicked into gear and some of the third-party hand-washing of the Dreamcast has done its worst to try to stop us from completing the magazine. However, after removing large clumps of hair, sweating pints of blood and wearing out our vocal chords thanks to the numerous (and mainly pleading) phone calls to the videogame fraternity, we've managed

to fill your favourite gaming tome.
That said, it would seem that the odd bit of stress strengthens the sinews because in spite of all the obvious opposing forces that have come to play this month, we have somehow got our hands on some top Dreamcast games. For starters, the oft-delayed and

highly anticipated *Unreal Tournament* (p50) managed to make an appearance in time to get the full review treatment. What we hoped to be another crowning moment in the Dreamcast calendar was tinged with a small amount of sadness, though, due to the fact that once again, a key title has had its online functions removed at the eleventh hour, which is nice... This trend, which started with Daytona, looks set to become common, so the best policy is to enjoy those online games while you still can.

Elsewhere, you'll find that Spider-Man (p56) has crept in for review, along with some SEGA games, 18Wheeler (p66) and the rather splendid lightgun game, Confidential Mission (p62).

Whilst many of these games have much to offer Dreamcasters, there can be little doubt that in many respects they act as the hors d'oeuvre to the main event. Crazy Taxi 2 paid a visit and reminded us all why we love SEGA games so much. Here is a game that is so bright, chirpy and fun that it almost (but not quite) made up for the lack of real daylight that has encumbered us this month. Though it might not overly deviate from the first game, there are just enough tweaks to ensure that the spirit of the original is evoked whilst offering a bona fide reason to part with some cash and

embark on yet more craziness.
As always, enjoy the mag, keep playing those top games and take it easy on the stairs.

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Forecast

You see, there are more than enough great Dreamcast games on the way, and here's the proof...



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Arcade Special

> SEGA's latest arcade offering hits the streets in a flurry of colour. But is it any good?



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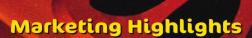
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'This is one of those rare games that will appeal to everyone.'

3/10 PC Gameplay

'Because it's hilarious. Because it looks good. But above all, because it's hilarious.'

PC Format



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- Comprehensive Lifestyle & Specialist PR campaign including blanket demo cover-mounting

Invasion

8th December, 2000

'This looks pretty damn good. It's meticulous, neat and seriously funny.'

PC Gamer

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"Best PC Adventure Game at E3"









Interact All the sevens and it's double lucky for you, as it's packed with gaming loveliness!









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News Editorial

> Well thank God that month's over, banished to the annals of history as one of the worst ever. Not only were we kept sweating, waiting for games to arrive, and looking for any kind of news was like stepping into the shoes of Indiana Jones and searching for the lost Ark. Talk about sweating blood. Still, everything was alright in the end, and once again we've managed to pack the magazine full of exclusives – just check out our massive previews of *Crazy Taxi 2*, Commandos 2 and Alone In The Dark: The New Nightmare if you don't believe us. Then of course there's always the prospects of Cosmic Smash, Virtua Golf, the delirious Monkey Ball (more on that next month) and the now imminent arrival of Bleemcast to look forward to. Worried? Not us.

Alex Warren

BIG ISSUES



Cosmic Smash **Retro gaming coming to Dreamcast**



Conflict Zone Getting ready for war



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Commandos 2 Are you tough enough?



It's finally arrived, and it's the nastiest game we've ever seen!

managed to keep control of

our rectal functions, some of

you might need a change of

underwear after giving it the

Set in the horror theme

park known as IIIBleed, you

anyway) as she ventures into

missing friends who thought

that they had what it took to

number of dead visitors, the

prize money still stands - the cool sum of \$5billion awaits

the park to find her three

assume the role of Eriko

Christy (to begin with,

make it through alive.

Because of the lack of winners and build-up in the

once over... well, we are

made of strong stuff.

· It's not often that a

game catches our

attention simply because of

one short movie clip but for

that late last year. Maybe it

was the thought of another

to play around with, or the

have been because the game

promised to make us 'puke

probably that. Anyway, after

months of impatient waiting we've finally been lucky

enough to play the finished

game and while we've

with pleasure' and 's*@t

with fear'. Yeah, it was

fact that it looked rather

snazzy ... oh, or it could

rather good horror adventure

some reason, IIIBleed did just





anyone who can explore the whole park and not get hacked into bite-sized chunks. Hmm, nice.

Bleed For Me

In truth, IIIBleed doesn't quite live up to the promises it made in the trailer we saw some time back. Yes, it has quite a few jumpy moments but it's certainly not what we'd call wet-your-pants scary (think less Friday The 13th and more Weekend At Bernies). However, that doesn't mean that it is totally scare-free - in fact, they've managed to pack more gore and other gross-out things into the game than we've ever seen before. For example, simply scratching an enemy produces enough blood to make you think you've struck a main vein, and many of the traps are

ridiculously off the chart when it comes to dishing out pain... yep, it's that kind of nasty.

All in all, IIIBleed has managed to find a place in our hearts as a ridiculously over-the-top (and flippin' frustrating) shlock horror romp. Sadly, while the game is already available in Japan and is on the verge of appearing in the US very soon, there still isn't a concrete release date for IIIBleed here in the UK - heck, we haven't even heard if a publisher has picked up the rights to release it over here yet. Nevertheless, we're expecting to hear something soon and if you're very lucky, we might even bring you a full-on review of the whole game in our very next issue... but only if you say 'please'. Understand?

"It's certainly not what we'd call wet-your-pants scary... think less Friday The 13th and more Weekend At Bernies"





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Nurse, The Screens!

If you don't believe us about the gore levels in the game, this should change your mind

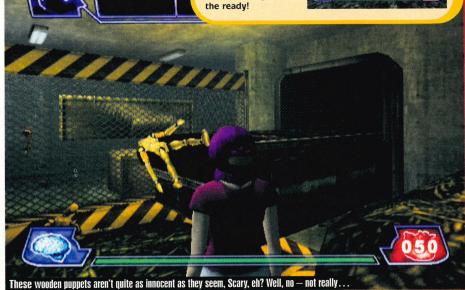
> Searching high and low through each of IIIBleed's stages will reward you with a whole host of body parts - Iron Hearts, BioBodies and Raw Plasma are all par for the course around this theme park. Pick them up and you can drop them into the local ER centre for a bit of a tune-up... if you've got the cash, that is. Just slap yourself down on the operating table and get ready for a bit of slice 'n' dice action, courtesy of the nice house doctor. Forceps at the ready!



Dreamcas







Advanced Phantasies

Phantasy Star Online for the Game Boy Advance. However, no-one at Sonic Team, SEGA or even Nintendo was willing to

X-Concepts

> In a report coming out of America, SEGA has apparently confirmed that the folk at Visual Concepts – the team responsible for NBA2K and games for the Xbox once work on current Dreamcast games had finished. Oh, those lucky people at Microsoft.

SNK Sinks

2D beat-'em-up fans in Japan as SNK, the company behind 38 billion Yen.

Half-Life Shifts On

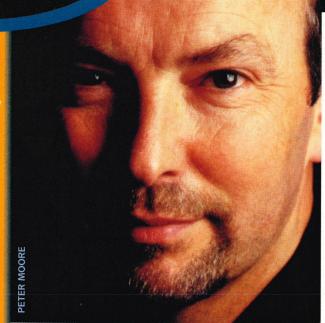
Half-Life now only a matter of weeks away (better late than never), we've discovered that the game's Blue Shift mode that the game will now be available for PC users as well.

Soul On Film

makeover, the rumours that a film based on Namco's Soul Calibur is in the works should Apparently the film has just along - let's just hope that it's no Mortal Kombat...

Island Hopping

Dreamcast version of Gathering Of Developers' *Tropico* has officially been certified dead and buried. Ho-hum... another one bites





Those lucky Xhox gamers will get the sequel to JSR, one of the best DC games.

Jet Grind Radio Future

Gamers should get ready to skate, grind and trick to a new beat. Jet Grind Radio Future is a next-generation street action game for Xbox that delivers fast-paced action, new awesome tunes and an artistic look that's truly ground-breaking.

The Power Of X

SEGA Confirms 11 Xbox Titles

• After months of speculation about whether SEGA would or would not be developing games for Microsoft's Xbox, an official statement has at last confirmed that the two companies will indeed be working together.

Safe X

The announcement came at last month's Tokyo Games Show and represents a huge boost for Microsoft, as some doubts had been cast about the company's ability to recruit enough top game developers to the project. After all, if you're going to get companies developing for your system, you might as

well get the best. Speaking at the show Robbie Bach, Chief Xbox Officer at Microsoft, remarked: " Having SEGA on board with Xbox is a huge win for gamers around the world. The creative artists at SEGA not only are going to deliver great Xbox games, they will help us establish the benchmark for great Xbox gaming experiences both on and offline."

So far 11 SEGA games have been announced for the console including Jet Grind Radio Future (tentative) the follow up to last year's smash title, plus an updated version of SEGA GT and space age game Gun Valkyrie, previously a Dreamcast exclusive title.

Most exciting of all, though, is the announcement of an allnew Panzer Dragoon game, something which Dreamcast and SEGA fans have been clamouring for ever since the Dreamcast was launched. The identity of the other seven titles is, as yet, unknown, but we wouldn't bet against the likes of Crazy Taxi 2, Shenmue 2 and Virtua Fighter 4 being amongst them.

Box Of Dreams

Talking of the collaboration with Microsoft, President and C.O.O. of SEGA America. Peter Moore, commented: "We believe that Microsoft will be very successful with Xbox, which is why we have such a

close, strategic relationship with them. Our worldrenowned development studios have been very impressed with the Xbox hardware, and they are excited to bring new gaming experiences to consumers by utilising the platform's power and network capabilities. We share Microsoft's commitment to broadband online gaming and will work with the company to deliver the best content possible to gamers." All of which leaves SEGA with just one more console to infiltrate before world

domination sets in... Nintendo's GameCube.



> We were beginning to get a bit of a sweat on this month as the arrival of both Crazy Taxi 2 and Sonic Adventure 2 kept on being postponed, to the point that we didn't think we'd get them in time. However, our fears were averted as PR guru Stuart Ledger pulled out his magic wand and cast a spell, producing preview copies out of nowhere. Now that's what

As you can see from our rather full review section we've been having a load of fun playing some top games. Martin is now a fully-fledged member of the Confidential Mission Forces while Alex is a paid up member of the Truckers Union. As for Simon, well he's still sat on his arse.

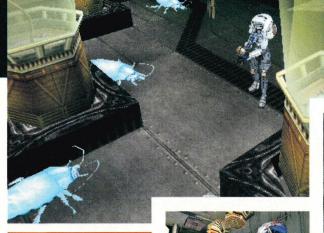
With the summer fast approaching the pretty ladies are already starting to flock to sunny Bournemouth which, surprise, surprise, has brought Alex out in a hot sweat. Calm down fella!

COM

Sitting twiddling your thumbs all day and getting bored out of your mind isn't the most fun experience in the world ever, but that's exactly what the DREAMCAST MAG team has been doing for the greater part of the month. Oh yes, it's been very, very quiet on the Dreamcast front this month, leaving us all comatosed for hours on end. Please put us out of misery!

> Simon's never-ending ranting about his trip to the E3 show in LA has driven Martin and Alex virtually insane. When not shouting about the show, he's been raving about his plans to see his all-time favourite blues hero, John Lee Hooker, while he's over there, as well as treating the team to his harmonica skills... or not, as the case might be.

> This year's CTW Awards took place this month. There we were rooting for SEGA PR guru, Stu Ledger, only to see Eidos' Steve Starvis sneak up from behind him and nick the award for Best PR on the line.



Gun Valkyrie Gun Valkyrie, the nextgeneration shooter for Xbox, takes players to war to ignite the battlefields by joining an elite force of mercenaries who battle it out for ultimate control of the universe.



Sena GT will see numerous improvements for it's Xhox anneara



SEGA GT (Latest version

The most recent version of SEGA GT delivers adrenaline-filled, full-contact auto racing that allows gamers to design, build and customise the world's hottest cars, and capture all the heated thrills found in highperformance driving.



Panzer Dragoon (Latest version)

Xbox owners will be the first to return to the stunning world of Panzer Dragoon. They can take flight to explore the lush beauty, fierce technology and mysterious dragon-breeding culture of one of SEGA's most sought-after franchises.



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The girls are kicking ass in DVD REVIEW this month as we review Charlie's Angels and season two of Buffy The Vampire Slayer! Giving the boys their turn are Romeo

Must Die, the uncut Fist Of Fury and, from the US, the new two-disc special edition of The Rock!



Total Game Boy

ISSN: 1464-5909 £2.99 Talk about EXCLUSIVE! This

issue contains the very first UK reviews of the Japanese GBA titles Mario Advance, F-Zero and loads more! That's not to mention reviews of (among

many) Alone In The Dark and Alice In Wonderland, plus the chance to win a cool BMX!



ISSN: 1471-1192 £3.50 This month, we've got the world exclusive of Reflection's Stuntman and Infogrames' all day brake-fast, Le Mans 24 Hour. Reviews include the

phenomenal Star Wars:

Starfighter, the thrilling Extermination and the loveable Jungle Book: Groove Party. Simply the best!

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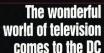
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New Dreamcast Distributor For Europe

SEGA Europe announced an all-new agreement with distributor BigBen Interactive this month which will ensure the continued availability of Dreamcast hardware and software across Europe.

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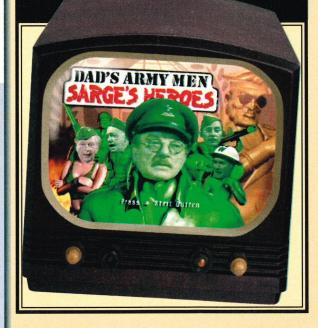
Speaking of the new partnership, SEGA Europe C.O.O. Kazutoshi Miyake said: "SEGA is committed to ensuring that Dreamcast continues to be in full distribution to ensure consumers can enjoy the AAA software line-up already under way for this year. We are delighted to be working with BBI as a proven European Partner." Equally pleased with the deal was BBI's Chairman Alain Falc who said that: "It is an honour to have been chosen by SEGA and we hope that this will be the start of a long-standing partnership with one of the world's leading publishers.' Quite what this means for GEM, SEGA's official UK distributor, is not known as of yet, although it is thought the company will not be affected by the new agreement. What it does mean, though, is that the whole of Europe will be able to get to grips with some quality games, which sounds good to us.

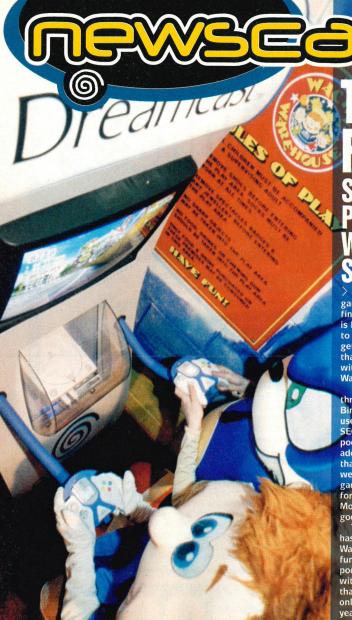




Dad's Army Men – Sarge's Heroes

> With nearly a million games under their belt, Dad's Army Men has become the longest running games franchise... despite the fact that most of them are dead.





With a summer line-up of games so hot we're burning our fingers on them, SEGA Europe is hot on the promotional trail to make sure these top titles get the attention they deserve, thanks to new partnerships with The Sports Café and Wacky Warehouse.

From the end of April, all three Sports Cafés in London, Birmingham and Cardiff will be used as launch venues for all SEGA titles, with Dreamcast pods, posters and banners adorning the stores. On top of that, each venue will host the weekly SEGA Challenge, giving gamers the chance to compete for some exclusive prizes every Monday night... sounds pretty good to us.

That's not all, though. SEGA has also teamed up with Wacky Warehouse, with each of the 96 fun pubs housing Dreamcast pods for kids to get to grips with all the top summer titles that are headed our way. Now if only SEGA had done all this last year before it was too late...

What pixilated pleasures are coming up just around Dreamcast corner...

Sonic Adventure 2

23 June is just around the corner and as we all know, that can only mean one thing... Sonic's back! We've all played the demo that came with Phantasy Star Online (and if you didn't, what's wrong with

you?!) but now the last few days before the finished game us. Woo, and

the country will

be fragging

online for



Black & White

Now that we've had a serious taste of the PC version (and by that, we mean we've played it non-stop since it came out) we're getting more and more excited about Black & White coming to the Dreamcast.

But what if it doesn't? What if SEGA decides to can the whole project? We can't bear it.. aaaaargh!



Commandos 2

Having taken a little jaunt over to Spain and watched the game in action, we can honestly say that Commandos 2 is looking pretty darn fine. In fact, it's looking so fine that we might even be able to forgive

canning Soul Reaver 2 if the game turns out as good as we hope it will. Honest



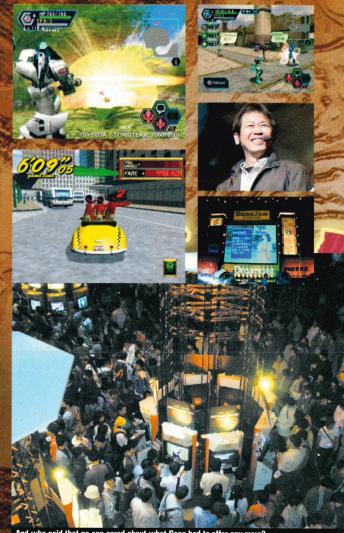
TIMELINE **Unreal Tournament** Crazy Taxi 2 Headhunter > The Dreamcast version of > Hands up who loved the original Crazy Taxi? And hands up who can't wait any longer Infogrames' Quake III Arena trouncer is just around the corner. Having played the game to death there's no doubt in our minds that people for the sequel to arrive? If you haven't got your hand in the air now, you really should get up and down your priorities straight. More

cars, more minigames and more

> Although we're being a bit optimistic about *Headhunter* making an appearance in the next three months, there's nothing wrong with keeping your fingers crossed. Metal Gear Solid

meets bikeriding badass action? Hey, we love it to pieces





And who said that no one cared about what Sega had to offer any more?

Jammy Dod

SEGA Pushes DC In Tokyo

. The world at large might . be against SEGA and its off-white box of wonders, but it seems that someone forgot to let SEGA in on the gag if last month's GameJam in

This Is Jam Hot

Taking place over the Easter weekend, SEGA took over the

Tokyo was anything to go by.

Zepp Exhibition Centre and filled it to bursting with a whole bunch of games that would make any developer green with envy... and who said that the Dreamcast was dead? Among the highlights of the two-day show were the presentations by Sonic Team's Yuji Naka and AM2's Yu Suzuki, along with playable demos of a variety of other AAA SEGA titles.

As well as talking about the imminent arrival of Phantasy Star Online Version 2.0 and

"Once again SEGA has confounded all the critics with a great show"







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the all-new modes (see boxout) Yuji Naka revealed all concerning his other masterpiece, something called Sonic Adventure 2... you might have heard of it. Needless to say the crowd were left begging for more by what Naka had to say, and if you want the full lowdown on Sonic's latest outing, just head on over to page 30. Not to be outdone, however, Yu Suzuki demonstrated some of the all-new features of Shenmue II, including the map system, as well as some of the new mini-games, with gambling being very much the order of the day. Of course,

seeing the game in motion was pleasure enough as it's looking better than ever, and at 80% complete it's not going to be long before we're all traipsing around the streets of Hong Kong.

The Dream Lives On

Aside from the presentations, there were plenty of games to play, and the odd bit of video footage of forthcoming titles thrown into the mixer too. Whether you fancied some lightgun action with Confidential Mission or plain crazy action with Crazy Taxi 2. the chances were that SEGA had it covered.

Apart from all the Dreamcast goodies on show, SEGA also had playable demos of the Game Boy Advance version of Chu Chu Rocket!, as well as a short

video clip of everyone's favourite blue hedgehog giving it his all on the same system. Apart from that, and a number of i-mode mobile games including Space Harrier, the event leaned strongly towards the Dreamcast, which might explain the omission of any of the upcoming PlayStation2 games - Virtua Fighter 4, anyone? Not that anyone particularly missed it though, as the plethora of Dreamcast games was plenty for us, thank you very much. What surprises SEGA might spring at next month's E3 in Los Angeles remain up in the air, but as far as final blowouts go, the GameJam certainly did SEGA proud. Long live







competition

Rumble In The Jungle

> Wrestling – we know you love it. In fact, we know you love it so much, we've talked our good buddies at THO into giving us some copies of WWF Royal Rumble and some lovely WWF T-shirts... all signed by the gorgeous Trish Status, no less! They're incredibly rare items so if you want to acknow here. items, so if you want to get your hands on a pair (the prizes, that is – not Trish's) all you have to do is give us the answer to this rather simple question:

Which of these Tag Teams has a little brother named Spike?

- a) The Dudley Boyz
- b) The Hardy Boyz c) The Monkey Boyz

When you think you know the answer, stick it on a postcard to the following address, making sure that it gets to us no later than 1 July.

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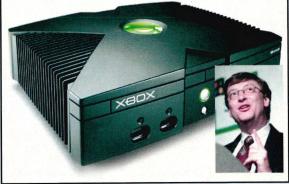
VWF Royal Rumble and T-shirts!

He's been working in the games industry for 30 years, man and boy - it's the hardest job in the world, you know.



This month – Bill Gates, Spawny Git

• If yoo asks me (and yoo shood, seein' as ow I'm • the leadin' awfority on these fings, like), Bill Gates is a bit ov a spawny git. Why? Becoz despite not havin' shown much of 'is new Xbox machine, ee's only gone and got SEGA to sign up to make games for the bleedin' fing, that's why! Just fink of it - while we're all sittin' on arr arses rememberin' the best ov the Dreamcast, anyone hoo buys an Xbox will get ta play upcomin' SEGA classics like Jet Set Radio Futcha, Sega GT 2 and Panzabloody-Dragoon! Lucky barstards! Mind yous, that ain't gonna stop it from bein' an overpriced PC disguised as a console now, is it? Don't listen to Gates - ee's like the devil, I tells ya. If the devil had loads ov money, that is...



Once again we've been out and about bargain-hunting on your behalf!

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If there's one place worth checking out every time you're surfing, it's the DreamArena shop. Why? Because there are things there which you can't get anywhere else, and some minty deals to boot. How does House Of The Dead 2 and a lightgun for £39.99 sound? Oh, yeah and there are no delivery charges either. Needless to say you can get your mitts on all the latest games too and better still, you can buy coloured controllers there, as well as some funky Dreamcast bags and other cool merchandise exclusive to the site. Go on, you know you want to.

Electronics Boutique

We've been up and down the high street a hundred times and we've yet to find a better deal than EB's. For just £119.99 you get a DC, Sonic Adventure, Shadow Man, Jeremy McGrath Supercross 2000, Spirit Of Speed 1937 and Fighting Force 2. Okay, so they're not all great games but you also get Chu Chu Rocket! too, and for that price you can't complain. Of course, there are also plenty of games, like Mr Driller, for as low as £9.99, plus a keyboard and mouse for just £14.99 each. Bargain!





t's A Sma

Cosmic Smash DC Bound

• Over the a half Dreamcast Over the last year and

owners have had a number of arcade-perfect ports from SEGA, including the likes of Crazy Taxi, Virtua Tennis and House Of The Dead to name but a few. Now, yet another game is set to join that list.

SEGA confirmed this month that a home version of the SEGA Rosso-developed Cosmic Smash would be making its merry way to the Dreamcast in Japan some time this summer,

although no European release has been announced. The game, which hit UK shores this year in arcade form, is particularly retro in its graphical style and as such, harks back to the likes of Pong and Arkanoid, relying on its compelling gameplay rather than anything else.

Smashing Job

In the game you control a player who must smash his way through literally



Another chance to look back and remember the games that SEGA really should get around to bringing to the Dreamcast.

This month we've been dreaming about...

Yes, we're well aware that there's more than one Castlevania game - in fact, the rather amazing vampire-hunting series is in double figures with the number of titles it spans! We're also fully aware that before Konami canned it, the company was developing a Castlevania game specifically for the Dreamcast but as we all know, it never appeared. Still, that shouldn't stop someone from resurrecting the series one more time on SEGA's console; what with the recent Game Boy Advance version having held our attention for the past few weeks, we're all vamped up with nowhere to go on the Dreamcast. The question is: which direction should the series take? Should they bring us a 3D game in the style of the slightly lacklustre N64 version, or stick to the classic and revered 2D style that the incredibly-hard-to-find PlayStation version used? Our vote goes to 2D... now snap to it Konami, and make us happy!





New VF4 Chara

UPDATE

. In an update to the . Virtua Fighter 4 Web

site this month, AM2, the game's developer, revealed one of the new characters to the game - the first new

"With more characters and moves, VF4 will be a great game"

Tapped Ou

Last month we brought you the joyous news of a follow-up to Crave's *UFC* in the form of *UFC Tapout*, but it seems now that the game's future isn't quite so clear cut. According to one report the developers are concentrating on the Xbox version of the game, resulting in the Dreamcast version being put on hold. Now call us paranoid, but how many games have we seen 'put on hold' and then never released... too many.



hundreds of levels (well, 50) by destroying various numbers of blocks in a certain amount of time. And that's about it. Simple, yet utterly effective. Okay, so it might just be futuristic squash - call it what you like - but as anyone who's played it in the arcades will tell you, it's as addictive as chocolate covered pretzels... if you're Martin, that is. Nothing has been said about any bonus modes of play yet but being a SEGA port and all, chances are it'll ship with a whole bunch of impressive extras. Needless to say we'll keep you posted on any developments over the next couple of months, so for now get down the arcade and get practising.

Back In The Day

As anyone who's had the pleasure of playing Cosmic Smash will tell you, the game is really a cross between Pong and Arkanoid.



So in homage to those games we thought we'd take you back in time to revel in the days when game graphics were as basic as... well two planks of wood and a single pixel ball.

It's A Sell-Out





PSO Sells By The Bucketload

> When Sonic Team and SEGA said that they wanted *Phantasy Star Online* to revolutionise online gaming, we didn't realise just how great an effect the game would have on the online community.

Get It On!

Word from SEGA this month revealed just how many gamers had taken to the Internet super-highway with the game, leading one member of the SEGA PR team to declare that the game brings more people together than Cilla Black, and that Yuji Naka should win a Nobel Peace

Prize. Call him mad, but the figures speak for themselves. So far 235,000 gamers have registered online with the game – 130,000 from Japan, 70,000 from America and 35,000 more Europeans taking the plunge. More figures from SEGA reveal that a massive 26,000 gamers have been logged on concurrently which, as far as we can make out, is a bit of a record. So, if you're sat there reading this and haven't played the game online, the only question you should be asking yourself is why not? After all, 235,000 people can't be wrong.







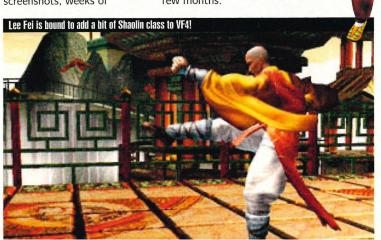
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cter Revealed

character to the series since Aoi Umenokogi and Taka-Arashi were introduced four years ago in *Virtua Fighter 3*.

As you can see from these screenshot he's a Shaolin monk, so he's bound to have some funky moves tucked up his sleeve. Although AM2 had initially declined from releasing the name of the monk along with the screenshots, weeks of

harassment led the company to reveal his name as... wait for it... Lee Fei. His background still remains shrouded in mystery, however, so for now satisfy yourselves with these stunning new screens and be sure to check out our massive arcade feature coming up in the next few months.





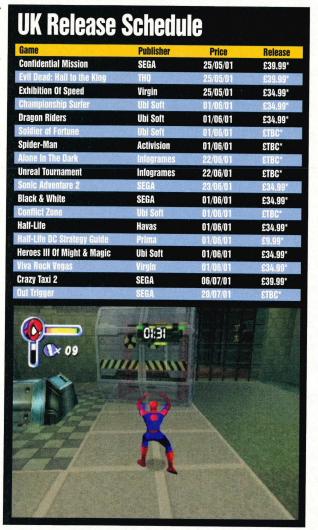
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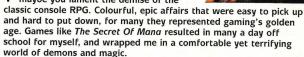




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EB Guide To... RPG Heaven

• If you were a gamer in the 16-bit era,
• maybe you lament the demise of the



Since then, Square appear to have gone nuts, subscribing to the theory that lavish cut-scenes and ropy dialogue are there to replace, rather than enhance, gameplay. Luckily, SEGA has finally got its act together, hi-jacked the RPG ship and steered it back towards salvation with *Skies Of Arcadia*, probably the best game this writer has played for years.

Incredible visuals, a mind-blowing story line that doesn't intrude, a massive world and a deeply satisfying exploration and battle mechanic combine to make this a stunner that no-one in their right mind should miss.

But I'm only halfway through and need time to finish it! Hmmm...actually I am starting to feel a touch of the flu coming on. Better tell my boss I need a week off...

Jon Austin is the Editor/Producer of EB Online

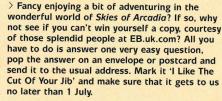
Top Ten Sellers On EB.uk.com

> Looks like the lure of the lightgun has been tempting Dreamcasters, pre-Confidential Mission...

Position	Game	Price	DM Rating	Issue
1	House Of The Dead 2 (with gun)	£29.99*	91%	
2	Hidden And Dangerous	£17.99*	92%	12
3	Phantasy Star Online	£34.99*	90%	19
4	Power Stone 2	£19.99*	92%	13
5	Metropolis Street Racer	£19.99*	96%	15
6	Grandia 2	£34.99*	91%	19
7	Virtua Tennis	£19.99*	94%	12
8	Quake III Arena	£19.99*	90%	16
9	Jeremy McGrath Supercross 2000	£9.99*	29%	14
10	StarLancer	£34.99*	93%	18
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Q. What's a pirate's flag called?

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The Ultimate Emulator

> The first lucky PlayStation game to get the 128-bit Dreamcast makeover is arguably the greatest racing game of them all, the superlative Gran Turismo 2, and as you can see from these screenshots it looks stunning compared to the PlayStation version. Although no announcements have been made regarding other games that will be getting the Bleemcast treatment, it's strongly rumoured that the next two games will be Tekken 3 and, more importantly, Metal Gear Solid. Oh joy!





Bleemcast Is Here!

> It was around about this time last year that Bleem! spectacularly revealed it would be creating a new Bleem! product for Dreamcast, the so-called Bleemcast. A September release was first touted and since then any public airing has been put back and back. So is the darn thing still being made, and more importantly, do we still care?

Bleeming 'Eck

Well, the answer to both questions is a resounding 'Yes' and unless you've been wandering around with your eyes shut you'll already have seen it nestling on the shelves in games shops up and down the country. Released on 1 May for a miserly £5.95, the first

classic Gran Turismo 2 and, yes, it really is even better than ever before. "But", you're asking, "weren't the games supposed to be released in packs of 100?" Well, yes they were, but due to a number of factors the decision was made to release the games individually. In an announcement David Herpolsheimer, President and CEO of Bleem.inc, stated that: "Our decision to change our strategy and the format of Bleemcast was necessary in order to ensure the quality, compatibility and enhancements that console users demand." Which sounds fair enough to us. For more information on Bleemcast, just wait for our massive feature next month where we'll be testing it to the ground to discover just what it means for the Dreamcast. If you can't wait that long then head over to www.bleem.co.uk for everything that you need to know.



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Around The Wo



Import Charts

> Sakura Wars 3 continues its dominance of the Japanese charts (why, oh why?) while our favourite web-slinger swings into first place Stateside... hoorah!

Japanese Dreamcast Top Five

This Month	Last Month	Game	Publisher	DM Score
1	1	Sakura Wars 3	SEGA	
2		Phantasy Star Online	SEGA	90%
3		IIIBleed	Crazy Games	
4	2	Fire Pro Wrestling D	Spike	87%
5	-	SEGA Sports Jam	SEGA	

US Dreamcast Top Five

This Month	Last Month	Game	Publisher	DM Score
		Spider-Man	Activision	79%
2		18Wheeler AmPro Trucker	SEGA	71%
3	5	Phantasy Star Online	SEGA	90%
4	1	Daytona USA 2001	SEGA	90%
5	2	Unreal Tournament	Infogrames	Market Land Committee Comm

Import Release Schedules

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Title	Publisher	Date	
Canvas	NEC	May 2001	
Happy Lesson First	Datam	May 2001	
Marie And Elle's Ateliers	Gust	May 2001	
Ring Age	Takuyo	May 2001	
Romance of 3 Kingdoms VI	Koei	May 2001	
El Dorado Gate Chapter 5	Capcom	6 June	
Cleopatra's Fortune	TBA	7 June	
The Virgin On Megiddo	TBA	14 June	
Confidential Mission	Sega	14 June	
Super Runabout	TBA	21 June	
Princess Maker Collection	TBA	21 June	
Canvas	NEC	May 2001	
Happy Lesson First	Datam	May 2001	
US Release Schedule			

Dreamcast Broadband Adapter	Sega
Soldier Of Fortune	Crave
Stunt GP	Infogrames
Alien Front Online	WOW
Half-Life Half-Life	Sierra
Boarder Zone	Infogrames
Evil Twin: Cyprien's Chronicles	Ubi Soft
HydroSport Racing	Mattel Interactive
Virtual Pool 3	Interplay
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Dan Francisco, the man with the plan, tears himself away from his burger to bring us all the latest gossip from across the pond...

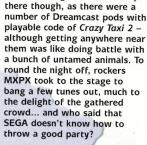
Girl On Top **Dreamcast** Championship's A Winner

> Last month saw the culmination of the second annual SEGA Dreamcast Championships at the rather hip Bimbo's 365 Club in San Francisco, and man was it an event not to be missed. The final brought together the top ten Crazy Taxi drivers from across America, all of whom had competed in the Mobile Assault Tour, to take part in the ultimate challenge. With a top prize of \$15,000, plus a trip to Jamaica up for grabs for the winner, and cheques for \$10,000 and \$5,000 for the second and third places respectively, it was always going to be a heated, tight-run affair.



Craaaa-zy Money

Entering into the final round with three contestants left -Lindsay Gall (Illinois), Roger Mogle (Illinois) and Michael Pirring (San Francisco) - there was all to play for. But just as Michael looked like he was going to run away with the top prize up popped 19-year-old Business Administrator Lindsay to steal it from under his nose, claiming a victory for the girls.



The fun and games didn't stop





SEGA & Sweep

Daytona Sweepstake Launched

> It's all stations go over at SEGA of America at the moment, as the company attempts to give the Dreamcast one final push over here before it's too late. And what's the best way to get

publicity? Competitions of course.

Taking it's lead from the What's Your Handle? sweepstake that was launched last month, SEGA has now launched an all-new sweepstake via its online portal, Sega.com, which gives gamers the chance to win copies of *Daytona USA 2001*, as well as a grand prize of a deluxe linked *Daytona USA* cabinet. Yep, you heard us right – a *Daytona USA* cabinet. Not bad huh? Best of all is that all you have to do to stand a chance of winning is head over to the *Daytona* sweepstakes page over at Sega.com and fill out a registration form. Pure and simple.

"The all-new Sega.com sweepstake gives gamers the chance to win a deluxe linked Daytona USA cabinet"



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Taking time out of her hectic schedule, Tomomi Yu serves up all the latest news from Japan for you to devour.

SEGA Cleans Up

PSO Swipes Top Award

It was almost inevitable. After winning the Best Programmer prize at the AMD Awards earlier in the year for *Phantasy Star Online*, Yuji Naka's online masterpiece has now gone and wiped the board at the annual Japan Entertainment Software Awards.

Naka'd

As well as winning awards for best game design and programming, and New Wave (a prize for originality in a game), *PSO* also managed to scoop the top prize of the night, the Grand Award for Excellence. Up against the likes of

Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask, Dragonquest VII, and Final Fantasy IX it was far from being an easy contest, making the game's win even sweeter for Sonic Team. On collecting the award, Yuji Naka commented that: "I wanted to make an RPG where the world and players were able to become one, and where everything was to scale. I'm very proud of how the game turned out." So, time to work on the sequel then...





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It's All In The Wrist

New Phone Deal Is Announced

> With SEGA already in alliance with Japanese mobile phone firm DoCoMo, producing games for its i-mode 503 series cell phones, the company has now gone and signed a deal with the J-Phone Group. So with Chu Chu Rocket!, NiGHTS and Samba De Amigo already in cell-phone size, what new games can we expect to see from this deal?

Hold On!

Well, it looks as if all of SEGA's developing studios are getting in on the act

this time, with WOW Entertainment working on a *Typing Of The Dead* game as well as a new versions of *Columns*. Meanwhile, United Game Artists (UGA) is busy working on a scaled down version of *Space Channel 5*, so expect even more annoying ring tones blasting through the airwaves. Most intriguing of all, though, is a version of *Jet Set Radio*, although quite how that will work is anybody's guess.



re You The Weakest Link?

Having seen the phenomenal success of Eidos' Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, Activision has picked up the rights to develop and publish games based on the BBC's hit quiz show, The Weakest Link. However, as it stands no Dreamcast version if planned, although it is though every other system should get the game sometime early next year.

Traveller's **Checks**

SEGA Strikes

With a certain amount of restructuring still going on over at SEGA of Japan, employees are still being 'laid off' - although being 'laid off' doesn't really exist in Japan, rather people are asked to voluntarily retire. However, a problem arises with this when the employees don't wish to voluntarily retire, leaving the company to put the troublesome employees in an empty room with nothing to do, in the vain hope that it'll drive them mad and force them to retire. According to reports from Japan, this fate befell 12 SEGA employees who were left to sweat it out in an 'isolation room'... and no, we're not talking about Segagaga.

Games Blasted

It looks like the old • It looks like the old • 'videogames are bad for you' argument has reared its ugly head once again over in the States, this time in a speech from US Attorney General John Ashcroft. Speaking at the American Society of Newspaper Editors convention, Ashcroft took a pop at videogames and their effect on children in the US. According to reports from the Associated Press news service, he remarked: "What does it do to children who see thousands of acts of violence on television, who are conditioned in videogames to do things that are abhorrent to the human spirit? I'm not here to say we shouldn't have videogames, I'm here to say we are poorly situated to deny that these kinds of setting have an impact on what we do." Yawn, yawn heard it all before. First it was grafitti with Jet Grind Radio, then it was the violence in Quake III Arena and now this. So, what are they going to complain about next?

NO EMPTY PROMISES...









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Swinging Into Town

Virtua Golf Confirmed

As you'd expect from a game like this, it's the usual fare when it comes to the different players you can choose from – two guys and two girls, each with their own special skills based around power, technique and

control. Needless to say, they've all got crap names and none are real players, although we can only hope that SEGA adds some more for the Dreamcast version.

. Last month we brought · • you a story regarding WOW Entertainment's latest arcade offering Dynamic Golf, speculating as to whether or not it was the same game as the recently announced Dreamcast game, Virtua Golf. We can now put you out of your misery and confirm that they are indeed one and the

same. Better still, though,

we've managed to squeeze a

rough release date out of SEGA, so if you're a golfing fanatic you'd better pencil October in as the month to take off sick, because you're going to be pretty busy...

Fore-play!

Actually we can go even better than that, as we've actually had a chance to play the game, albeit in arcade form, and we can confirm that it's absolutely blinding. With photo-realistic backdrops and greens harder to judge than an OJ Simpson trial, plus some thoroughly

addictive gameplay, Virtua Golf is another fine addition to the growing SEGA sports range. With four players to choose from (see boxout) and two modes of play, the game is by no means your typical arcade title, and from what we've seen of it we reckon it's far better suited to a life at home on the Dreamcast. As we said, you'll have to wait until October for the home version but if you can't hang on that long, head down the arcade and you might just be lucky enough to find it there.

Hungry Like The Wolf...



SNK Set To Bring Garou: Mark Of The Wolves To The Dreamcast

In a move that has surprised those who believed SNK had pulled out of developing Dreamcast games, the company behind the epic Fatal Fury and King Of The Fighters series is to release another of its arcade smash hits on SEGA's ailing console.

Despite being two years old, Garou: Mark Of The Wolves is a step forwards for SNK as it represents a total overhaul in the company's beat-'em-up development. In the same way that Capcom tried to reinvent the StreetFighter series by bringing in a whole new cast of characters for StreetFighter III, SNK has revamped the Fatal Fury series by introducing a total of 14 unique fighters such as Tizoc the wrestler and Rock Howard the martial-arts expert, as well as cranking up the graphics a notch or two. Not surprisingly, Terry Bogard also makes an appearance in there as well...

Garou: Mark Of The Wolves is expected to appear on Japanese shelves in early June, although a US and European release has not been announced yet.





It's Wheelie Time **Mat Hoffman's Back On Course**

. With every developer
∴ under the sun seemingly dumping production on their Dreamcast games it's amazing to find a company that is keeping faith with SEGA and its console, but one publisher in particular that isn't giving up on SEGA just yet is Activision.

BMX-cellent

With Spider-Man out this month we thought that it would be the last Dreamcast game from the Activision

confirmed this month that a Dreamcast version of Mat Hoffman's Pro BMX would still be making an appearance. This news is all the more surprising considering we'd all but given up on the title since the folks at Activision had been particularly coy about it... not that we're complaining. According to our sources at Activision the gam is currently slated for a September release, alt whether that will



Okay, so this shot is over a year old, but you get the general impression, don't you?

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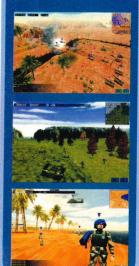






Enemy Intelligence

One of the most remarkable features of the game is the incredible level of the AI, which is provided courtesy of MASA's revolutionary Direct IA technology. For example, your troops will act without instruction from you if they deem the enemy to be in a position that poses a significant threat, and will react accordingly by either retreating or engaging them in battle. Pretty impressive stuff if



Conflict Zone

18 months down the line, over 200 games later and the Dreamcast is about to get its first real-time strategy game... about bloody time!

• Why is it that ever since ∴ the Dreamcast was

launched, a ridiculous amount of the games released have been either racing games or beat-'em-ups? It's boring! Okay, so there have been a few adventure games, sports titles and platformers thrown in for good measure but not nearly enough to balance the rather uneven keel. As for real-time strategy games... not even a sniff – and there was us thinking that variety was the spice of life. So here we are a year and a half since

D-day and it looks as if the Dreamcast is finally going to get its first real taste of strategy gaming in the rather shapely form of *Conflict Zone*. Better late then never...

In The Zone!

It's 2010 and the world is in a never-ending spiral of war and peace, thanks in no small part to a mysterious organisation known only as GHOST. While the rest of the world is happy to be enveloped by the ICP (that's International Corps for Peace to us) and pursue peace

for the world at large, the members of GHOST have a very different agenda – to destabilise the world-wide equilibrium through the means of war. Nasty...

So that's the story, what about the game? Well, depending on your own personal morals you can choose to play as either the self-righteous ICP or the nihilistic GHOST. However, whichever side you choose to take, you're going to need to put your thinking cap on as *Conflict Zone* is all about

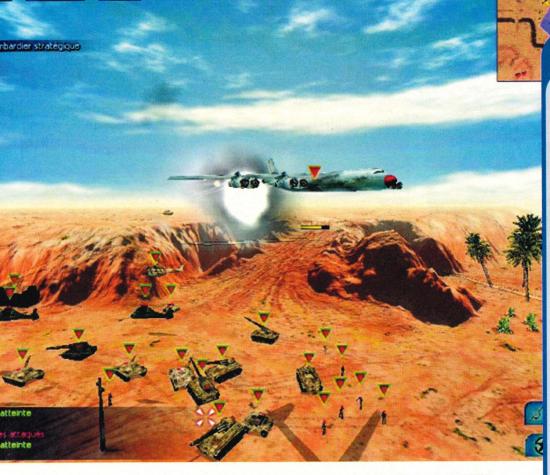
strategy and getting those tactics right, and it sure ain't easy. It isn't just about pummelling the enemy into the ground with your ten inch mortars, tanks and bombs either, as there's more to consider than just winning – you need to do it with the public behind you too.

Stop Press!

The role of the media is paramount to your success as either the ICP or GHOST, and it's this more than anything else which makes *Conflict Zone* a genuinely fascinating prospect. The ability to exploit the media to your advantage is vital to both

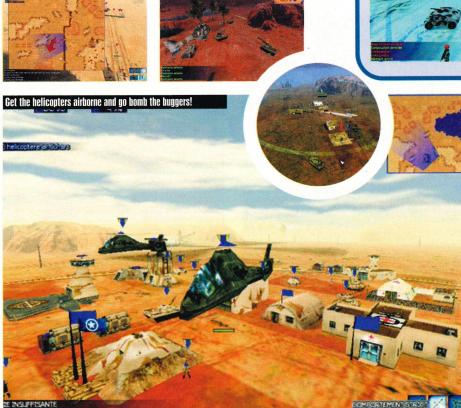
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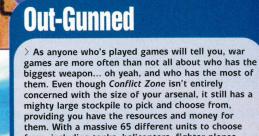




sides – for the ICP because its funding is directly linked to its media image and for GHOST because by manipulating the media, it can make the ICP look weak and gain supporters. Basically the better your media image, the more supporters you have, which in turn means more money and even bigger weapons – and let's face it, that's what it's all about.

There's a fair amount to do before the war is won too, with 17 missions for each side set over a variety of locations - from deserts to the snow-capped mountains and beyond. Add to that a huge array of weapons, vehicles and military units at your disposal and all of a sudden you have a game of impressive depth on your hands. Of course, it might only appeal to those strategy fans among you, but Conflict Zone's variety and novel concept mean that even if you're averse to the genre, it might be well worth checking out... you never know, you might just like it.





providing you have the resources and money for them. With a massive 65 different units to choose from, including tanks, helicopters, fighter planes, bombers and warships to name but a few, you're going to be spoilt for choice.





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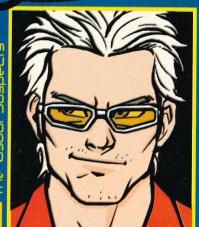






Crazy Taxi Virtua Tennis

Hitmaker



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Slash

MALE BLOOD TYPE

BACKGROUND

Slash has a double personality, nihilistic & cool. yet crazy. Generally, he's very cool but he snaps very easily and once he does, nobody in this world can stop him. People in the town know both sides of him, yet it doesn't stop them from taking his taxi because his driving technique is superior to that of the other drivers. The reason why he became a taxi driver? Nobody has had the courage to ask him such a personal question... though everyone tends to agree that it just happened.



Iceman

ACE MALE 83KC

BACKGROUND

> Iceman, the cool and crazy guy. While on duty he never tries to be friendly with his customers, even if a customer compliments him. However, if a customer dares to criticise him he'll give them a cold glance and say: "What's your problem?". He believes that there is nothing he can't handle in this world – if he makes a mistake he never believes it has anything to do with him. Because of his personality he had never been able to hold down a job until the day he picked up an old hitchhiker, who gave him loads of tips... and the rest, as they say, is history.

"Crazy Taxi 2 has pure, honest damn fine gameplay oozing from every pore"

pure, honest, damn fine gameplay... which is what Crazy Taxi 2 has oozing out of it from every pore. No surprises there, but what might impress you is that the gameplay is far more advanced and, dare we say it, technical, than its predecessor. Of course, the essence of the game is still the same - to make as much money as possible - only this time around it's been refined, tweaked and improved upon, to make an arguably better game. The reason for this is simple - Crazy Taxi was first

and foremost an arcade game and was designed as such, whilst on the other hand, Crazy Taxi 2 has been specifically designed for the home market. The most notable consequence of this is that it's a lot, lot harder to get to grips with, thanks in no small part to the incredibly intricate streets of New York which will leave you very (and we mean very) lost. Put it this way - if you're a lousy map reader you'd better brush up on your skills, or any gaming credentials that you might have will go straight out of the window, never to be seen again. Comprendez? No? Then let us put it another way. If London's taxi drivers found The Knowledge next to impossible to get to grips with, they should try this on for size... it's that confusing.









Don't think that it's just a simple location change that makes the game that much more demanding than its predecessor, though, because that simply isn't the case. The gameplay has also been enhanced by the inclusion of multiple fares, which only add to the overall addictive and utterly manic concoction that is Crazy Taxi 2. As for making seriously big bucks (and let's face it, that's what the game is all about) there's only one way to do it ... and that's by picking up as many passengers as possible, be they in twos, threes or fours.

But there's a catch. High stakes mean high risk, and that means that you really have to know exactly where you're going, because there's no time to beat around the bush. If you don't deliver every one of your passengers in the given time, you don't get any money whatsoever... not even a sniff. Of course, the rewards are greater if you do decide to take the extra passengers, but therein lies the risk and beauty of the game.

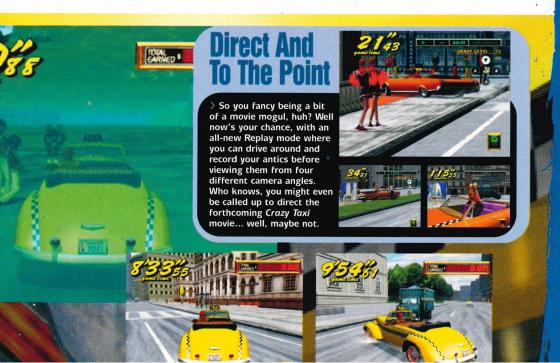
The final piece of the allnew *Crazy Taxi 2* jigsaw lies with the addition of a new move in the form of the Crazy Hop, courtesy of the low ride suspension of the new taxis.

However, whereas before you could get away, to an extent at least, with not using the special skills, the Crazy Hop is vital to your continued career as a cabby in New York - how else do you expect to jump from skyscraper to skyscraper without falling 1000ft? Well, maybe not quite that extreme, but you'll need the Hop to exploit all the short cuts that the city has lurking within its innards, and if you don't find them... well, there's no hope for you.

Sky High

All of which leaves only the small matter of a pyramid to be climbed and conquered.

"The essence of the game is still the same, only this time around it's been refined, tweaked and improved upon to make an arguably better game"





Cinnamon

AGE 18
5EX FEMALE
HEIGHT 5'5'
WEIGHT 52KG

BACKGROUND

> Cinnamon's an outgoing person with a principle to be optimistic at all times. However, she sometimes confuses being positive with recklessness. She tends to forget mistakes she's made, as well as advice she was given in the past. Despite all this, nobody hates her because of her earnest attitude, her ability to listen to other people's advice and her cheerful personality. The reason why she became a taxi driver is so she can meet many people, then it's up to her to make them happy.



Hot-d

AGE 78
SEX MALE
HEIGHT 5'3"
WEIGHT 1980
BLOOD TYPE 8

BACKGROUND

> Hot-D, the guy who is incredibly cheerful and has a large physique – you wouldn't believe that he is over 70 years old. When he was young he was a stunt driver and the only thing on his mind was money. When he visited the west coast for his stunt work a yellow taxi caught his attention, so as soon as he got home he painted his car yellow. He worked hard brushing up his machine-gun talk, something he believes is missing from the taxi drivers on the west coast. His service to his customer is to provide more than the necessary conversation – and to show off his driving skill.

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The Great Pyramid

Considering that it was the Crazy Box mode of the original which, more than anything else, took the game to original which, more than anything else, took the game to an altogether higher echelon, it'll come as no surprise that one of the major features of *Crazy Taxi 2* is the all-singing, all-dancing (well, nearly) Crazy Pyramid. So here we go again – 16 more crazy mini-games to get your teeth into and they're even madder than before. As well as a new version of the Crazy Jump, there's the Crazy 3 Jump which, as you can probably guess, takes inspiration from the triple jump. Also on offer for you sporting types are a spot of Crazy Golf and a little bit of Crazy Hurdling, plus a whole bunch of wacky games that will test you to the limit... but we're not allowed to tell you about those yet. Suffice to say, they're ace! Suffice to say, they're ace!





As in the original, the city of Crazy Taxi 2 is full of instantly recognisable sites from around New York, like the Brooklyn Bridge.



It might be an outdoor theatre, but no one's going to stop Cinnamon driving right through the middle of it.

"Once again Hitmaker has come up with some ingenious ways to abuse the cars"

Off Your Rocker

> The rock riffs of The Offspring helped make the original Crazy Taxi such a manic experience, and the band will be starring on the soundtrack of the sequel too. Songs included in the game are Americana, No Brakes, Walla Walla, Come Out Swinging and One Fine Day, which come from the band's new album, Conspiracy Of One.





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Oh yes, the much-loved minigames are back in the form of the Crazy Pyramid, where you'll have more fun than a chocoholic in a chocolate factory. Once again Hitmaker has come up with some ingenious ways to abuse the cars, most of them incorporating the Crazy Hop, while simultaneously teaching some essential new skills for the wannabe crazy driver, and it's all great, great fun. Addictive wouldn't do it justice, because you really won't know the true meaning of sore thumbs until you've played this.

And, well, that's about it really. Unfortunately the oftrumoured multiplayer mode of the game hasn't made it into the final build, which is a bit of a shame. Not that it matters greatly though, as there's plenty more to keep you busy, like trying to find your way around the damn cities, and perfecting that allimportant Crazy Hop. One other noteworthy feature that has made it into the game is an Internet ranking board, so that you can upload all your best outings to the Crazy Taxi 2 Web site, just to show-off how good

you really are... or not, as the case might be.

Of course, we'd love to tell you more about all the little secrets that the game has lurking beneath its shiny exterior, but we wouldn't want to spoil the fun for you, would we now? Suffice to say that when Crazy Taxi 2 finally hits the shelves in time for the start of the school holidays, you lucky people are going to have an absolutely blinding time...

"The Crazy Hop is vital to your survival and continued career as a cabby in New York"



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Any member of the team can drive a jeep or basic car, but if you want something done properly you need to call on the mechanic - he comes in especially handy with tanks!



This game is one of stealth, and any mission that requires discretion needs Francis on the team. His silenced long-range sniper rifle is a godsend on many a mission.



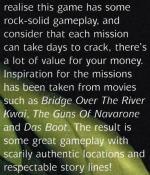
There are certain things that only a woman can do! A professional seductress with lipstick as her weapon, she can charm any soldier, which comes in pretty handy.



Thieves may be bad but in times of war, it's good to have a light-fingered man on your side. A superb pickpocket, Paul also has the handy ability to climb walls.



Grrrrrr

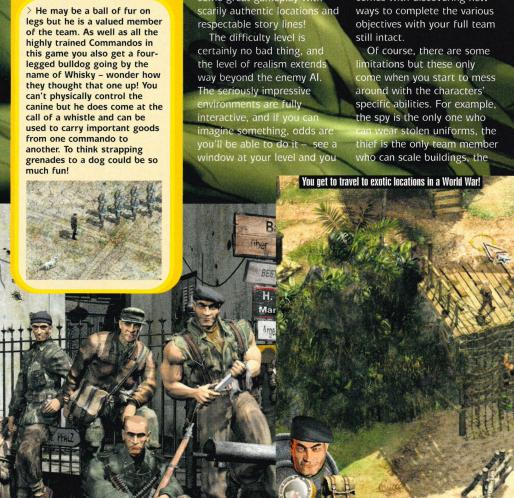


can peak through it before entering (thanks to a pop-up screen), come across a telegraph pole and you can climb it, jump in a vehicle and it can be driven, reach a river and you can dive down under the running water. There is no set way to finish each mission, and half the fun comes with discovering new ways to complete the various

Take a wild guess as to which film this level is ripping off... David Lean would be proud!

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And On Your Left You Can See...

> The buildings and environments in this game may look stunning but anyone who played *Syndicate Wars* will know that this style of game can be a serious pain the arse. The reason? You simply cannot see behind the buildings. However, developer Pyro certainly seems to have thought of everything, because you can rotate the camera through four different views.





"Half the fun of this game comes with discovering new ways to complete the various objectives"

sapper is needed to fire any tank's turret and the diver is the only man who can make use of the scuba gear.

Amusingly, the diver also carries fish food that can be released to attract local schools of wildlife which surround you to provide cover whilst underwater!

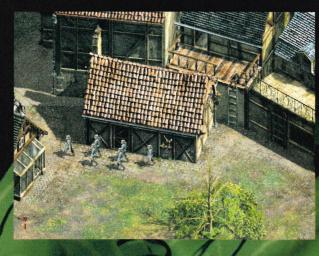
This really is one of the most in-depth strategy style games you're likely to ever play – the number of things you can do is genuinely amazing. On the first level, for example, you have to take out a patrolling enemy who is

guarding a house. To do this you can tempt him out with a thrown pack of cigarettes, then quickly run up, knock him out with ether before he gets the chance to stand up and get him bound and gagged, before stashing the body out of sight. To add insult to injury, you can even strip him butt-naked of weapons and clothes!

Impressively, all the actions

Impressively, all the actions like these can also be performed with ease on the Dreamcast pad, and there is no need for a keyboard and mouse – something the PC

version makes every use of. On this version of the game you don't use a pointer to move the men around, you actually take control of them yourself, and everything you need to do is easily accessible from the pad, thanks to some fairly intuitive controls. But you can find out just how it handles for yourself when the game is released later in the year.



"This game is realistically difficult – shooting your load next to a military base is not a good idea"





Dreamcast

PUBLISHER EIDOS
DEVELOPER PYRO STUDIOS
PLAYERS 1-2
% COMPLETE 89%
RELEASE LATE 2001

ANTICIPATION RATING 89%



strategy game that is full of detail and fun.

WE SAY: The sequel to the best-selling Spanish game of all time is shaping up pretty well for DC.

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Ray of Light

One of the most impressive features in Alone In The Dark: The New Nightmare is the incredible beam effect generated when Edward or Aline use their torches. Sadly, these static screenshots simply cannot convey just how impressive the torchlight effect looks when it's in motion. Take our word for it, this is one of the most attractive Dreamcast titles you're likely to see this year.















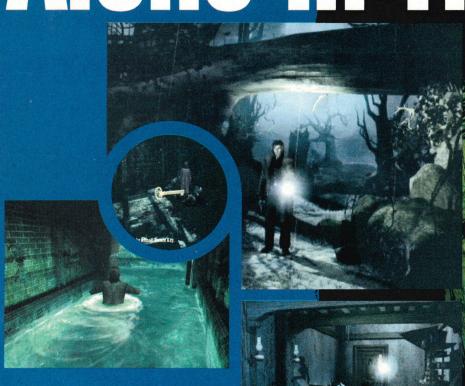
This scene sees Edward being spied on by somebody in the mansion, but who could it be?







Alonen ne Dark



The New Nightmare

Don those brown trousers and get ready for the fright of your life the granddaddy of survival horror is about to visit the Dreamcast...

Imagine being at the Ambassador's party, the it and good are out in full e, the conversation is ng like fine wine and to all, you've just met the your dreams. Things are swimmingly, you've mented her on the sh off-the-shoulder she's sporting and eciprocated your praise with a wry but sincere display of approbation for the cut of rousers. Having returned from the bar (free, of course)

with two pints of woodpecker cider you find your new lady friend engaged in deep conversation with a tall, dark and handsome stranger. You try to get back into the situation but your love rival calmly enquires of the young lady: "Excuse me, but is this man boring you?", to which she replies: "Yes" [For God's she replies: "Yes". [For God's sake, man, tell us about the game – Ed].

Okay, so the metaphor may be somewhat convoluted, but it loosely mimics the fashion

Yes, this is actually an in-game screenshot. Pretty impressive we think you'll agree.

You're Not Alone

> Whilst you may well be in the dark, the title's suggestion that you're alone could not be further from the truth. When playing as Carnaby one of the first characters you encounter is an unfortunate soul who's had one of his arms ripped offwhat could have inflicted such an injury? Don't worry, you'll find out soon enough...





"Some incredible real-time lighting effects are in evidence, with the beam from your torch illuminating the darkness-engulfed locale.

in which Capcom muscled in on (and claimed to have invented) the survival horror genre, when in reality Infogrames kick-started the whole shebang with its seminal 1992 release Alone In The Dark. The Infogrames game contained all the staples that make up the genre (namely a heady mix of exploration, puzzle solving and shotgun-based zombie mauling) yet somehow it wasn't until the debut of Chris Redfield and Jill Valentine that survival horror really gained the public's attention.

Lights Out

However, with the imminent arrival of *Alone In The Dark:* The New Nightmare (the

fourth title in the ser incidentally) the proli French publisher looks step back into the survi horror limelight. Once again you assume the role of hardboiled private dick Edward Carnaby as he picks up the threads of a case that saw the untimely demise of his old buddy Charles Fiske (Fiske met his maker whilst searching for three ancient stone tablets on the ominously named Shadow Island). Fuelled by the desire to avenge his friend's death, our man Carnaby sets off on an adventure that will take him into the world of the mad and macabre. In addition to Mr Carnaby, players can also choose to



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play as Aline Cedrac, a young university professor seeking out the aforementioned stone tablets for research purposes. Whilst en route to the island the two are separated after their plane crash lands, which in terms of gameplay means you get two different adventures depending on the character you select.

House Of Horrors

Carnaby's segment begins with him stumbling around in the woods outside the mansion of the eccentric Professor Obed Morton. Your first task is to gain entry to the mansion so that you can regroup with Aline and continue the investigation. However, things - as always are not quite that simple. The main entrance to the mansion

gained by an alternative route – in this instance an underground network of sewers. Suffice to say that by the time you actually enter the mansion you'll already have encountered a selection of the bizarre creatures that have overrun the island. To begin with you'll simply be attacked by a few rabid hellhounds, but before long the beasts you encounter become far more disturbing. Fortunately, these can be taken out with a few well placed shots from your trusty pistol, with the game's combat system working much like that of most other survival horror titles. Aline's section is a somewhat more cerebral affair, as she doesn't start the game with a weapon. Consequently any

is locked, so access must be

enemies you encounter must be evaded or dispatched in a more creative fashion.

Torch The Place

This may sound like pretty standard survival horror territory so far, and to an extent it is, but with that said, the game is by no means without its innovations. As the title suggests, this is a very dark game (you've probably noticed this from the screenshots on these pages). Luckily, both characters had the foresight to pack torches, which allow them to see (in a limited capacity) what is going on around them. This has allowed the developer DarkWorks to create some incredible real-time lighting effects, with the beam from your torch illuminating the

darkness-engulfed locales you must traverse. Not only does this lend the game an unrivalled feeling of tension and claustrophobia, but it also acts as a crucial gameplay element. Many of the items in the game can only be seen with the torchlight on them, so a thorough search of each area must be made. What's more, your torch also doubles up as a weapon, as many of the game's smaller creatures are afraid of light.

With its engrossing plot, luscious visuals and tried and tested gameplay, Alone In The Dark: The New Nightmare looks set to be a far more interesting title than Capcom's lazy ports of Dino Crisis and Resident Evil 2. The real test, however, will be whether the game can usurp the current benchmark title in the genre, Resident Evil Code: Veronica. Rest assured we'll let you know in our comprehensive review of the game next month. Until then, don't have nightmares...

Dark intentions

> Carnaby's reasons for travelling to the mysterious Shadow Island are based purely on revenge for his murdered colleague Charles Fiske. However, Aline's motives for investigating Professor Morten's mansion are slightly less straightforward. She's been hired by a shady corporation to find out about the mysterious powers of three stone tablets located on the island. For reasons known only to her she's extremely reluctant to let Carnaby know anything about these stones. What could she be hiding?



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Bad cow! Naughty cow! In your bed! Punishing your creature is fun...

First Dreamcast Game

Lionhead

friends are Elizabeth Taylor and a monkey.

Black & White has been on the cards for ages - we've seen more than enough screenshots and information about the game to last us a lifetime, but what we haven't had the chance to do is actually play the damn thing... until now, anyway. Those gamers lucky enough to own a decent enough PC can pick up a copy of the game right now, but sadly the Dreamcast version is still a little way off - despite regular pestering, the best release date we could squeeze out of SEGA's PR bods is 'sometime in August'. Of course, you know how impatient us DREAMCAST MAGAZINE-types are when it comes to telling you about the best games around. That's why we talked our friends on Strategy Gamer into letting us take the finished PC version for a

thorough test-drive instead, just so we could give you the complete lowdown on how amazing Black & White really is. Honestly, the things we do for you people...

In The Garden Of Eden. Honey

If you haven't been paying much attention to the games buzz, you may not know that the biggest thing about Black & White isn't that it's taken more than three years to develop, or the fact that it comes from one of the gurus of the gaming industry, Peter Molyneux... oh no. It's the fact that compared to other similar-styled games, Black & White lets you get away with pretty much anything you care to do. Usually, god games consist of doing the right kind of thing to keep your people happy, while doing the 'wrong thing' and

"What would you do if a game came along that put no restrictions on good or evil... could you cope?"



Once your creature gets bigger, he'll tower over everything, including your followers... don't step on them, will you?





Talk To The Hand

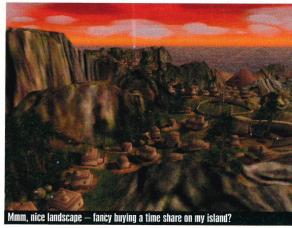
Normally with games of this magnitude you'd expect to see a whole stack of buttons, icons and other things dotted around the screen. Thankfully, this isn't the case with Black & White because everything you need to do has been squeezed into one all-powerful cursor known (not surprisingly) as the Hand of God. The Hand adapts itself to your every need, depending on the situation at hand (boom boom) Throwing, giving, stroking, slapping... it can all be done when the action is called for. Of course, you can do things just for the hell of it too, such is the will of a god whether you feel like knocking down a whole forest or seeing how far you can throw a villager, there's nothing stopping you here!







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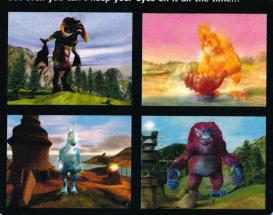


Creature Comforts



you'll get the opportunity to pick your own creature – a godly being that'll come in handy when you need some help convincing the natives to believe in you. You'll only get a small selection of creatures to begin with (that being a cow, an ape and a tiger) but as you complete certain tasks around each island, you'll open up the chance to transfer the personality of your creature into another body – turtles, sheep or polar bears, the opportunity is there if you can find it...

Naturally, your creature evolves over time and as long as you keep it fit and healthy with the right food and regular exercise, he (or she, if you feel that way inclined) will soon grow up to be big and strong. Of course, there's no guarantee that it'll turn out to have the same allegiances as you – while you might be doing your best to keep your followers sweet, a lack of training might lead to your creature being nastier than Hitler himself. Good use of the different leashes might help push it in the right direction, but even you can't keep your eyes on it all the time...



losing their faith is constituted as failure. Indeed, there is a structure of missions and quests that need to be completed in order to progress through Black & White, but only when you feel ready to do so. The lack of time restriction gives you the opportunity to develop your villages and creature as you see fit - although some aspects of the game won't be revealed until you do so, the amount of freedom you have is totally unbounded. Also, there's no such thing as failing to complete a quest correctly – as long as things go the way you've planned, you can consider yourself successful. Was the destruction of half the village, coupled with setting most of the natives on fire your aim in the first place? Then you're a success... well done.

Saying that though, this new-found freedom takes us

back to the question we considered before - given the choice, would you take the side of good or evil? As you might have noticed there are indeed many different ways to complete each quest, representing good, evil and a mixture of the two. The way you treat your followers outside of the set quests also affects your moral allegiance... while choosing to shower your disciples with food and water would win them over for sure and make you seem good, squishing those who fail to come round to your way of thinking could most certainly be perceived as evil. Of course, there's no higher power to prevent you acting in these ways - sure, your in-game conscience (played by a beard-toting angel and a devil complete with rough Brooklyn accent) might try to push you in one direction or the other but for

the most part, there's no arguing with you. You are 'god', after all.

Praise The Lawd!

Still a bit sceptical on how far you can take the whole 'should I be good or should I be bad?' thing? Then, let us give you an example. Shortly after acquiring your creature you'll come across a group of sailors who, rather than take up residence in the village, would rather set sail across the wide-open sea to lands afar. Now, the options available would be pretty obvious to a good and just god - simply bring them everything they need in order to prepare for the voyage (such as wood to build the boat and food to feed them during the journey). Of course, all this means that you'll have to say goodbye to some of your villagers and the last thing you want is to lose believers... since they don't seem to want to change their minds, you might feel like teaching them the hard way. Suggestions? Well, heating up some boulders in the nearby

"The detail in Black & White is so intense, you'll think that someone had a serious obsession about it"







campfire and then chucking them at the half-built boat might be a good place to start. Then you could give the sailors a first-hand taste of what it's like to cross the ocean... by picking them up and tossing them over the horizon, before feeding the remaining traitors to your creature. Nasty, eh? Well, we did say you could do whatever you felt like - the only thing stopping you is how creative you can be in your good or evil ways (though coming up with original evil deeds is much more fun). The decision, as that annoying bloke from Blind Date says, is yours.

God Almighty!

However, although running amok through the land might sound like a nice idea, you might be too busy noticing all the little things that happen without your intervention to keep your mind on the task at hand. Normally, talking about how much attention to detail a developer has paid towards a game is something we'd only mention in passing, but

Black & White is so intense, you get the impression that someone at Lionhead had a serious obsession for detail. Your followers are incredibly detailed and act according to their role in the village, the weather changes constantly from sun and rain to snow and even intense storms, fires are lit when night-time comes... the list goes on and on and what's more, you can zoom right into the heart of any village and watch it all take place. And the best thing of all is that we've had firm assurances that everything from the PC version will be included in the Dreamcast game. Ace!

It should be pretty obvious by now that *Black & White* is a very special game indeed... having taken so long to finally arrive, it's not surprising really. Short of something totally catastrophic happening between now and August though, it's a dead cert that this will be THE game to own on the Dreamcast when it hits the shelves. Guess we'll all have to just wait it out until then...

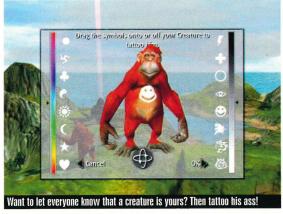


All I Need Is A Miracle

> Being a god, you'd be right to expect that you've got a bit more power than just the ability to pick up rocks and throw them over the heads of your villagers. Although not apparent from the very beginning, you also have the potential to cast a wide variety of Miracles.. however, you'll need to be in possession of enough Prayer Power to cast one, so make sure you've got a constant supply of worshippers in your temple. It takes great skill to use Miracles properly – sure, you won't have much trouble picking up a One-Shot Miracle from any nearby Miracle Dispensers you come across but as the name suggests, you can only use these once. For repeated use, you'll need to master the art of gesturing; by drawing one of many magical symbols on the ground, ou can summon up any of the Miracles you've learnt in an instant. Need some extra trees rather quickly? Just wave your hand and cast a Nature Miracle. Fancy hurling flaming boulders into the nearest non-believing village? Then a Fireball Miracle it is. Even if it's not called for, you'll have a wealth of godly power at your fingertips... how you use it is entirely up to you.









everal Days In The Life Of Black &

Saying how great Black & White is might be all very well, but we're sure you want more. That's why we kept a diary of our adventures during the opening few 'days' of the game...

Day One

Now that we've arrived on the island, the first thing we really want to do is check everything out. By dragging ourselves around the island, we can take a good look at what's going on and where everything is - as well as the main village where all of our followers live, there appear to be several other huts and buildings dotted around the edge of the island that we'll have to come back to later, once our influence has spread. There's also the highlight of the island just outside the village - our sacred temple.

Unfortunately, it's not quite finished yet, but that's nothing that dropping a few planks of wood outside it won't solve. With that out of the way, we can set about opening those huge wooden gates at the far end of the village. Three gate stones are needed here, but we've already seen the first one... some believers were dancing around it earlier. The second one isn't so easy though - a woman wants us to help her lost brother before she'll hand it over. To be honest, we haven't got time for this . . so what do we do? Waste precious time looking for some bloke who wandered too far into the woods? Help the woman find him herself? Why not just drop a rock on her head, then use the same rock to smash her house down and nick the stone from inside? Hmm, a bit harsh we think. . . let's go for the second option. Voila! The second stone!



Hmm, nice!

Serves him right!



The sun appears over the horizon and it's time to go looking for that third gate stone. What? It was destroyed years ago? Bugger. Oh well... we'd better get someone to carve another one. One trip to the local quarry later and the village sculptor can get to work; with the final stone in hand, we can finally go through the gates and pick ourselves a godly creature to serve and protect our people. We could have picked the tiger (just because he's fierce and looks cool) or the cow (because... well, it's a cow) but simply for the comedy value, we plumped for the ape. What's more, we're going to call him spanky. Here, spanky! Come and let daddy put this lovely little collar on you...

Just as soon as we've got Spanky leashed though, there's already a problem for him to help out with - some fishermen are drowning in the ocean after their boat capsized and only our creature is big enough to wade in and rescue them. We think this U be easy; all we have to do is click on the fishermen as they float in the water and spanky will rush to the rescue... we hope. One fisherman back to the shore, two fishermen - so far, so good, sady though, spanky decides that there's a quicker way to get the other two without having to trudge back and forth. . . by promptly throwing the third all the way back to the beach and then eating the fourth one. Spaaaaan keeeeey!



Day Three

After giving Spanky a hearty breakfast of grain and fish (to add to the handful of rocks that he ate early and then vomited back up... dumbass), it's time for some basic training. Nothing too taxing to begin with — using the Leash of Learning to lead him over to the ocean, we thought we'd give him a lesson in rock throwing. Pick up a linfortunately, Spanky wasn't so keen on the idea and after kicking down a few trees nearby, he decided to take a dump on the beach instead. Typical.

Anyway, it's time he had a bit of interaction with some nonbelievers. . . as long as he doesn't eat any of them like he did
yesterday, that is. By leading Spanky into the non-worshipping village
on the other side of the mountain, we can convince them to 'believe'
in us and thus spread our influence. We tied Spanky to the village
take another, somewhat larger dump right on top of the village store.

Needless to say, the villagers weren't happy. Spaaaaaan keeeeey!



Things are going better for the village and our little Spanky – not only has he learnt that crapping on people is a bad thing, but he's also mastered the art of casting Food Miracles, thus leading to the Village store being stocked with grain. Unfortunately, he also seems to have finally picked up on our throwing lesson and now seems to have finally picked up on our throwing lesson and now seems content to pick up anything close to hand (rocks, trees. even content to pick up anything close t

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Once again though, the cries for help from the followers catch our attention, so we rush to see what the problem is. Apparently, someone has been kidnapping the children and locking them away someone has been kidnapping the children and locking them away in a secret place – time to bring Spanky in on the action. Of course, in a secret place – time to bring Spanky in on the action. Of course, the trick here is to get Spanky to catch the culprit but not to let the naughty beast eat him; otherwise, we'll never find out where the naughty beast eat him; otherwise, we'll never find out where the children are. Thankfully, Spanky seems to be listening to us today children are few clicks around the landscape, the children are back in the crèche safe and sound. Hoorah! Well done Spanky! You know, we might be able to train the little critter after all.

Stupid monkey...

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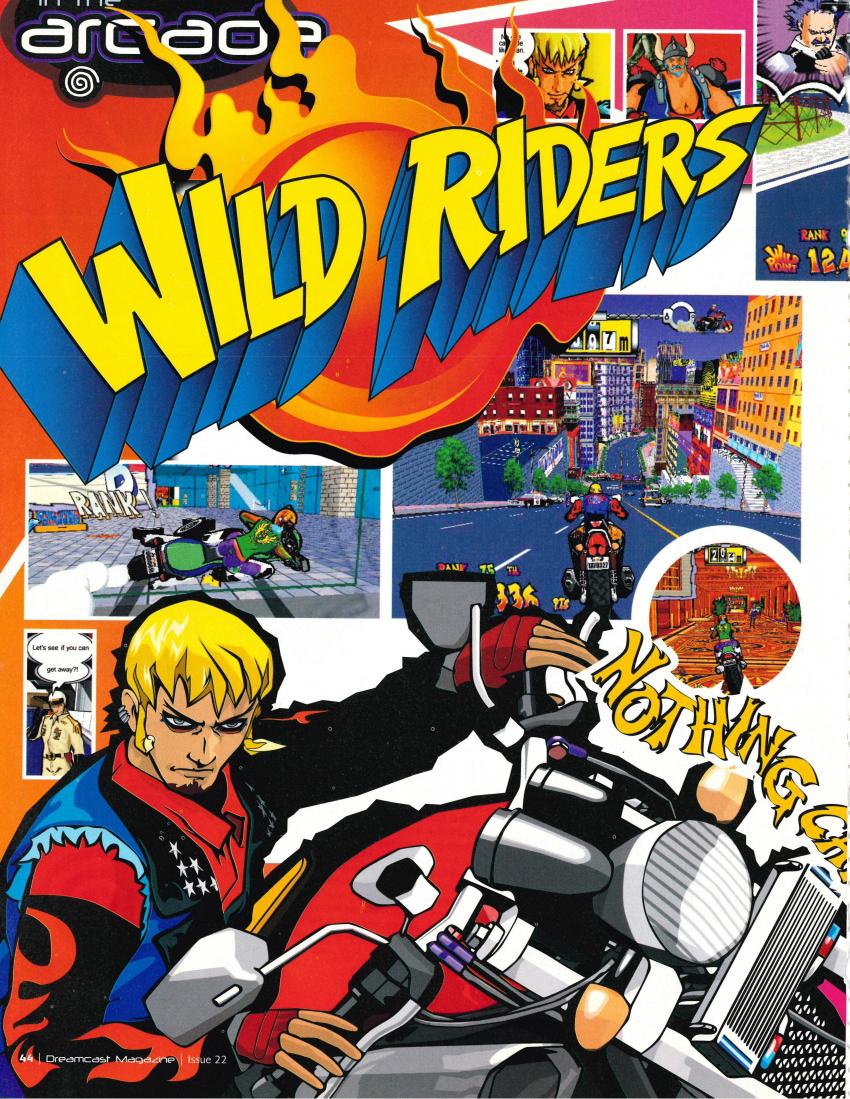
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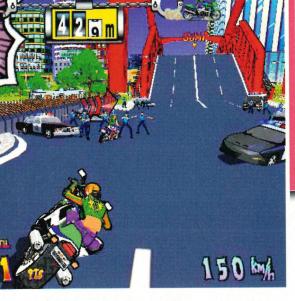


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fanfares start blazing, the red carpet comes out and you can't get anywhere near the double doors to get into the arcade, let alone close to the machine itself. Well, maybe not the first two... oh okay, maybe none of them, but you get the point.

Ride On

Arriving as one of the first games to harness every last drop of the megapowerful Naomi 2 arcade board, Wild Riders is an arcade treat in every respect. It looks awesome, it's great fun to play, is easy to pick up and instantly addictive - what more could you possibly want from an arcade game? First displayed at this year's ATEI Show back in January, the game has been on test in various arcades around the country for a while now and, by all reports, it's been going down an absolute storm.

Best described as the bastard offspring of Crazy Taxi, Harley Davidson (remember that one?) and Jet Set Radio,

Wild Riders plumps you on the back of a throbbing motorbike and demands that you race along at mind-numbingly high speeds, breaking every road law in the book whilst avoiding the cops. After all, you don't fancy spending a night in the nick, do you? So anyway, drive as fast as you can, keep ahead of the police and get to the end of the level without breaking sweat - nothing could be simpler, could it? Well yes, actually. To add an extra dimension to the gameplay, there's a rather large number of obstacles that you have to either jump over by pulling up on the handlebars or slide under by pushing down on them. It might not be the most original idea ever, but the way in which it has been done is rather novel, and more importantly helps make Wild Riders a genuinely enjoyable game to play.

The entertaining, if not sparkling, gameplay is complimented by some of the most stunning graphics you're ever likely to have seen, thanks in no small part to the Naomi 2's ability to deliver 16.77 million colours, 10 million







Wild Riders joins an ever-increasing list of grade A arcade titles spurting forth from the loins of stalwart SEGA developers **WOW Entertainment.** Wow, they really are arcade experts! Virtua Golf Sega Sports Jam Sega Striker Fighter Emergency Call Ambulance

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polygons and 2,000 M pixels per second. If that's not enough to blow you away, nothing will! The obvious Jet Set Radio comparisons will be made, but the artistic style of Wild Riders is far more heavily influenced by the comic book than its predecessor.

Wild, Wild West

However, nothing's perfect, and Wild Riders is no exception to the rule. Since the dawn of time, all of SEGA's motorcycle titles - from Super Hang On all the way to Harley Davidson - have been the real deal in terms of simulation, with sit on bike ét al, yet for some reason any such experience is denied with Wild Riders. Instead all we get is a standard cabinet with fancy handlebars which doesn't quite give the experience you might want. We might be picking holes but it's a valid point and the only explanation for this oversight can be that it would have cost too much... and we all know how strapped for cash SEGA is at the moment. Apart from that though, there's not much that we can hold against SEGA and the game's developer, WOW Entertainment, as they clearly have another winner on their hands.

With Wild Riders currently on test in our very own SEGA Park in Bournemouth, we went to meet the throngs of people to find out what they thought of SEGA's latest arcade offering.





Phil Kennedy :

Occupation: Chef

Thoughts On Wild Riders: It's a good laugh. Obviously it's not gone for the realistic vote but that's not a bad thing as it looks really stunning, really crisp. The vague story line kind of helps as it adds something to it, but I'm not too sure about the control system. It's good but not great.



Occupation: Unemployed

Thoughts On Wild Riders: It's good, much better than I thought it would be. It looked a bit dodgy but when I played it I thought it was actually really good fun. The control was a bit slidey but not enough of a problem to make it too hard to play. Graphically, it's gone for the Jet Set Radio look, and mixed with the Crazy Taxi style of gameplay, it makes for a pretty decent game.



was quite fun to watch and I was looking forward to having a go myself but it just wasn't any fun to play. It's quite hard to get to grips with as the control's a bit weird and unresponsive, especially when you pull up to jump. Visually it's just about average, but it's not really my sort

of game.

Chris Barnard ···

Age:

Occupation: Salesman

Thoughts On Wild Riders: It's a bit like Crazy Taxi, isn't it? It's all right, I guess. It's action-packed and keeps moving all the time so it never really gets boring. The graphics are pretty basic, although what there is is pretty colourful and solid. I didn't think much of the control system - it would probably be better if it was a sit on machine rather than just a stand up one.



Jon Smith :

Age: 18

Occupation: Deliveries

Thoughts On Wild Riders: It's all right, but it's a bit slow. The graphics are okay and stuff, but it's not the sort of game I'd usually play. It might be the kind of thing I'd play every now and again if a mate had it but I don't think I'd pay any money to play it.

Matt Johnson

Occupation: Roofer

Thoughts On Wild Riders: I thought it was good actually pretty fast too. The controls were a bit too unresponsive though - it didn't always jump when you wanted it to so you'd end up getting caught really quickly. Otherwise it's a good, fun game and the sort of thing I'd definitely come and play again. It looks as sweet as a nut too - it's not at all sketchy or blobby - and is really smooth, which helps make it really enjoyable.



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• Despite the stereotype of games fanatics being sad. lonely



Martin Mathers Games Editor

God, noooooo!





After playing the finished game to death, we can honestly say that this is the best damn first-person... oh, wait – it hasn't got online play. Bugger.

DREAM TEAMNow that our old colouring-in chimpy Trenty has passed on, the rest of the team have been adjusting to life without the old codger...



WANTED SIMON PHILLIPS

Since Trenty's passing, Editor Lips has been feeling deeply moved... though that could just be the curry he



CHANDRA NAIR

Having written another huge solution for an RPG, Chandra handed it in only five days late, rather than the usual eight, as a mark of respect.

e Of The Month: Skies Of Arcadia



ALEX WARREN

Poor old Wozza has been hit hardest by the loss. Who will he cuddle up against when the nights are cold and lonely now?



WILL JOHNSTON

Why should Will care what happens to Trenty? Will don't care about nobody... nobody, I tells ya! At least, that's what his mum says.



GAZ 'DONT CALL ME GARY' ADAMS

New boy Gaz has coping under the strain of taking over... by doing Trenty's job even better than he ever could. D'oh!

Speed Designing



SIMON GRIFFIN

The wolfman didn't know Trenty all that well - of course, that hasn't stopped him helping us throw things at Trenty's new desk.



KAREN HOLLOCKS

Brave Karen was so distraught, she even donated some of her boyfriend's personal school crayons to the Design Chimp Appeal.

e Of The Month: Spider-Man



NICK TRENT

As for the man himself... well, he's at peace now. Mind you, he's still within shouting distance of our desks so he's not out of danger yet...

of The Month: Free At Last!



DREAMCAST OPINION

> Yes, it's the only reviews summary worth reading! It's not that hard to understand though... really, it isn't.

A run-down of all the uppers and downers, giving you a breakdown of the best and worst bits that the game has to offer.

Second Opinion

If you need someone else's thoughts on what the game is like, you'd do well to check this little section out.

Alternatively



suitable alternatives for the reviewed

Dreamcast Rating

The obvious bit - a final score, complete with a brief summing up of whether you need to actually bother buying the game or not. It's wise to pay attention here!



Scoring On The Doors

Here's a quick glance at how we like to score the games in DREAMCAST MAG...

The créme de la créme of games – if it's gets one of our lovely Ultra awards, you'll be wanting to get your hands on it sharpish.

It might not have got an amazing score but if you've got cash to spare, getting a game from this category would still be worth it.

50%-74% It gets a bit hazy here; fans of the genre might enjoy these, but everyone else should think twice before buying these games

Games this low are a bit 25% - 49%like those girls that you meet in your local nightclub... they look okay until you actually get them home.

Oooh, no. No, no. A game $\sqrt{\frac{1}{6} - 24\%}$ that deserves a score in this bracket should have been put down at birth, along with anyone that buys it



Spider-Man

56

Spins a web - any size, catches enemies just like flies. Presumably though, he doesn't eat them... that would just be

Confidential Mission

62

Dust off that treasured Dreamcast lightgun - it's time for some spy-related non-stop blasting action. James Bond, eat your heart out!

18Wheeler: American Pro Trucker

It looked great in the arcades, but has SEGA forgotten to offer Dreamcast users anything extra? That's a big ten-four, good buddy...

Stupid Invaders

Bet you never thought you'd see a point 'n' click adventure on the Dreamcast... especially one full of pig-thick aliens. Well, think again!

Import Review Extravaganza!

Mars Matrix

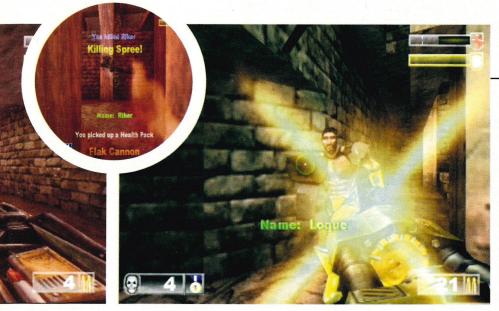
What's that? A scrolling shoot-'em-up from Capcom that lasts more than five minutes? Pull the other one, it's got bells on!

Last Blade 2: Final Edition

Alas, poor SNK... we knew them well. Still, we wish that we didn't after playing this poor excuse for a beat-'em-up...









Unreal Tournament

Big warriors with even bigger guns and more frags than you can shake a stick at - the war of the first-person shoot-'em-ups just got even better...

• Much like many other great

• oppositions in life, be it in

gender (lads or lasses), politics (Labour or Conservative) or soap operas (Eastenders or Coronation Street, obviously), the battle for domination in the world of first-person shoot-'em-ups comes down to two giants - Quake III Arena or Unreal Tournament. Either you go mad for Quake or prefer the action of Unreal... for some reason, there seem to be very few people who go for both in this crazy mixed-up world that we live in. While the pair have clashed several times in the past on other platforms, it's been pretty much a onehorse race over on the Dreamcast, so the petty squabbling has been kept down to

a bare minimum. However, now that Unreal Tournament is finally being unleashed onto the Dreamcast, it's no longer necessary for gamers to side with one game just because it's the only one available. Believe us, this is going to cause some serious arguments before the day is out...

The Un-Real World

Of course, Dreamcast owners have spent a fair old while waiting (as well as watching the game appear on both the

the chance to play Unreal Tournament on their own consoles. Still, we can assure you that the wait has most certainly been worth it... people wanting some serious bloodshed, heavy artillery and even more bloodshed will be in heaven. For the record though, it's worth saying that if you're expecting a PC-perfect conversion then you might as well give up hope now - unless you're some kind of delusional freak, it was pretty clear from the day Infogrames announced it that the Dreamcast version of Unreal Tournament would never live up to its bigger and more powerful PC brother's standards. Mind you, it's a damn sight better to play than the sluggish monstrosity that appeared on the PlayStation2 recently...

PC and the PlayStation2 before it) to get

> There's nothing quite like really laying into your opponent to get some of that frustration out of you – more often than not, it's never quite enough to just frag them and let the game continue. That's why most of the weapons in Unreal Tournament come with secondary firing modes that offer slightly more powerful (yet harder to use) ways of fragging/eviscerating/ splattering your opponent all over the wall. Whether you prefer the Pulse Gun's Energy Beam, the Shock Gun's Plasma Ball or even the Flak Cannon's Deadly Impact, you'll probably need to have a long shower before you can wash the remains of your opponent out of your hair unless you use the Redeemer's Nuclear Strike, in which case you probably won't have any hair left after the blast



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haven't we always told you that Sony machines are bad for your health?

Frag-gle Rock

Aside from a few really irritating omissions that we'll get to in a minute, Unreal Tournament really does seem to be a contender to the title of 'Best First-Person Shoot-'Em-Up'. To the casual observer, there might appear to be little difference between it and Quake III Arena – after all, you just run around an enclosed arena, shooting people like crazy until someone reaches the frag limit and wins the game. Unfortunately, that's the nature of the beast that is the first-person shoot-'em-up genre, but to make Unreal Tournament stand out from the rest of the crowd, Infogrames has done its best to keep things fresh by throwing in a mix of game styles. Along with the obligatory Deathmatch mode (and also Team Deathmatch, which is the regular Deathmatch but in teams... duh), there's also the classic Capture The Flag mode, where stealth and cunning are just as important as using your gun, and the rather special Domination mode - we love it so much, we've dedicated a whole boxout to it over on page 54. All of these modes offer a different type of game to prevent you from tiring of simply blasting enemies to pieces... not that we get tired of that, you understand.

To accommodate the varied styles of gameplay, there's also a huge selection of stages to play on, totalling well over 60 once you've unlocked them all. They're not all selectable within each mode some are specifically Capture The Flag or Domination levels, while the rest are pure Deathmatch arenas - but there's still a lot of arenas on offer, set across a wide variety of locations such as space stations, medieval castles and even the mean streets of the ghetto. Sure, it's true that Quake III Arena also had a good variety of levels within which to blast each other, but where it fell down was in the multiplayer mode - the more players you had, the less levels you got to choose from. Clearly, this is a mistake

"Despite assurances that Unreal Tournament would definitely be playable over the Net, infogrames has removed the option completely"







Grab the Sniper Rifle, then perform the always-wonderful head shot.







that Infogrames has decided not to make, because *Unreal Tournament* offers all of the levels, all of the time... which is great considering that you don't get bored of the same old levels time and time again.

Who's The Daddy?

However, whilst all this information is good to know, what you're probably concerned with isn't the size of the levels or the different characters available – it's what the weapons are like. After all, the most important thing about any game like this is how big the guns are, because you'll be spending most of your time using them to the extreme. Well, don't panic; in comparison to the weedy weapons in *Quake III Arena*, *Unreal Tournament* offers some rather meaty (and in some cases, totally overboard)

devices of destruction for you to play around with. From the basic Enforcer Handgun – although these become more useful once you pick up two of them and the impossible-to-use but very messy Impact Hammer to very cool guns like the Pulse Gun and the Flak Cannon, there's plenty of choice and you're bound to find one that you're entirely happy with using 99 per cent of the time. Throw in some total overkill with devices like the Ripper (spinning razorblades thrown at high velocity) or the over-thetop Redeemer (basically a handheld nuclear device) and the whole thing leaves us feeling incredibly happy with the game indeed.

We are, however, just a bit angry at the omission of one of the best parts of the original PC game – the Assault mode. In contrast to the 'lone gunman' style

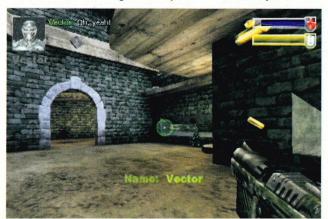
demonstrated in the regular Deathmatch mode, Assault managed to transform a straightforward blasting frenzy into a more strategic and cerebral game. The crux of the game was a number of mission-based levels, with the goal being to go up against a team of opposing warriors and come out on top, either by achieving your goal (rescue the prisoner, stop the train, capture the boat and so on) or preventing the enemy from doing so, depending on the team that you were on. It was, in our opinion, a damn fine addition to the rest of the game, and enhanced its appeal significantly - so naturally, it's been removed for the Dreamcast version. Why? We'll probably never know... or if we do, it'll be some lame excuse about not being able to either do it justice or squeeze it onto the disc. In any case, it has been left out and



Extra information>

- The PlayStation2 version of Unreal Tournament has the advantage over the Dreamcast, because it still has the Assault mode in it.
- However, the PlayStation2 version also has an immense amount of slowdown, so the Dreamcast still manages to come out on top. Ha!
- Of all the weapons in the game, our favourite by far still has to be the Ripper. Being able to slice the heads off your enemies from afar? Excellent!









Domination, That's What You Need

Unlike the rather repetitive modes in *Quake III Arena* (where the goal was always to kill as many people as you could... oh, and that's it), *Unreal Tournament* brings something a little different to the shoot-'em-up table – Domination. For once, the aim of the game isn't to rack up the highest number of frags (although obviously, killing your enemies isn't exactly frowned upon); instead, players are split into two teams of red and blue with a score for each, rather than individual player scores. The goal is to 'dominate' the level by keeping control of certain areas – there are a number of checkpoints dotted around each level that either team can take control of, although control can change at any time by a rival team-member touching the checkpoint. The more checkpoints you control at any one time, the faster your team's score increases, and the first team to reach the target score is the winner. Although blowing people to smithereens is always nice, it's good to get your teeth into something a bit more strategic for once...





"Unreal Tournament offers some rather meaty (and totally overboard) devices of destruction for you to play around with"

that's something that really makes us feel just the tiniest bit disappointed.

Quake III, My Arse!

Other gripes that should be brought up are those that seem to come around simply because of trade-offs made against keeping the game running smoothly. The graphics, while consistently decent, aren't quite as hot as they could be (after all, we've all seen what Out Trigger is looking like on the Dreamcast and that's only preview code) but this was most likely done out of necessity rather than sheer laziness. What's more, playing the game with multiple players on one machine seems to restrict the number of bots you can bring into an arena at the same time – anything from four against two human players to only two when four people are playing at









And this, dear friends, is the one reason why we just can't bring ourselves to recommend Unreal Tournament over Quake III Arena. In truth, we actually feel that the wide selection of weapons, varied game modes and massive selection of levels gives Infogrames' offering the edge. However, without the option to play the game against people on the Net as it was originally meant to be... well, it's only half the game it could have been. It's a sad fact and one we can't really ignore, hence the 'three per cent lower' mark. Basically, you need to ask yourself what you want - if you're looking for an incredibly good first-person shoot-'em-up to play with your mates, get Unreal Tournament. If, however, you're looking for a spot of online play, you've only

really got one option... **Martin Mathers**







2ND OPINION Bugger! There we were getting all excited about another stunning online shooter and *Unreal* looked

THE JUDGEMENT

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FRAG

to be the puppy. Alas, just like Daytona, the online play option was dropped at the eleventh hour. Given that the average amount of time Dreamcasters play Quake online is a mere 30 minutes, this shouldn't be too my shouldn't be too much of a problem, but it's a shame nonetheless. However, it is a top

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nonetheless. However, it is a top first-person shooter and much more enjoyable/playable than *Quake*, so I would heartily recommend that you get yourself a copy so you and your mates can enjoy a nice spot of fragging... Simon Phillips

ALTERNATIVELY

Quake III Arena

wed: Issue 16 least Rating: 90%



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Half-Life

89%

86%

DREAMCAST RATING

VISUALS SOUNDS

> GAMEPLAY > VALUE

95% 82%

You've Got To Accessorise..

once. This seems weird considering you

can have up to seven other bots running

around the place during the single-player

necessary sacrifice if it was to keep the

still a noticeable drop in speed when

The one thing we can't possibly

drop the online play option. Despite

its development, Infogrames has

a major SEGA conspiracy afoot...

performed a complete U-turn and

understand, though, is the decision to

assurances that Unreal Tournament would

definitely be playable online throughout

removed it completely. The reason? They

wouldn't say - rather than trying to make

excuses, the Infogrames folk simply said

that they couldn't talk about it. We sense

the same level together.

speed of the game up... although there's

you've got six people all sprinting around

game, but we can understand the

Don't be fooled into thinking that brute strength is the key to being the best in *Unreal Tournament* – it's not just about picking up the biggest gun and going for broke, you know. The smart Unreal Tournament player takes the time to grab as many other useful items as they can, making sure that they've got at least one backup plan should things go awry. Example? Well, it's only common sense to make sure you get your hands on any Body Armour that's lying around – anything from Thigh Pads to the fullon Shield Belt provide resistance to enemy bullets – and it also goes without saying that Health items of any kind should always be collected. If you're *really* good though, you'll find yourself some Anti-Grav Boots (useful for up to three huge leaps through the air) or even the TransLocator... perfect for when you need to get out of an area immediately.









Spider-Mai

The king of the swingers fires his white sticky stuff all over the Dreamcast, while being heavily disguised as a direct PlayStation port. Call the cops!

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movie. Yay!

soundtrack for the game James Cameron was to direct the new Spider-Man

Sam Raimi has taken over the project – anyone remember *Darkman*? Boo!

dead) spider will not give you super-powers, as Alex

Trying to get yourself bitten by a freshly microwaved (and thus

> from the 1930s Flash Gordon to the special effect tour de force that was last year's X-Men. The trouble is that to separate a super-hero from its printed medium is to remove it from the environment that made it so appealing in the first place. It's like someone producing a photograph that mimics the Mona Lisa; it's just missing the point (and yes, Denise 'Chipmunk' Richards in that shampoo commercial... we mean you). The same could be said for videogames. Super-heroes rarely die and even when they do, they're invariably brought back by some mystical power, or "To talk about Dreamcast Spider-Man is to

• Transposing a well-loved super-• hero from comic to screen is

Hollywood has been trying for decades,

fraught with danger - after all,

their adventures just continue in an alternate universe. Take the ever-present threat of death away from a game character and you take away the game. So, is it really possible to capture the feel of the comic on a Dreamcast? Well, the PlayStation managed to do it brilliantly, so why not just translate that 32-bit code directly onto the 128-bit Dreamcast, eh?

Carbon Copies

discuss the PlayStation version – trouble is, what

To talk about Dreamcast Spider-Man is to discuss the PlayStation version trouble is, what was exceptionally good for the goose comes across as shoddy for the gander. Plot devices that the PlayStation game used to disguise graphical failings in the hardware are still evident, even through we all know the

Dreamcast could perform superior operations while (virtually) urinating up a wooden post. This total disregard for the Dreamcast's talents is never more evident than at the beginning of the game when Dr 'Face me coward, face a worthy foe!' Octopus floods the streets of New York with a green gas. Now, are we to believe that such an action is really to be the backbone for an amazing story, or is it just so the game's graphics engine can run with that most dreaded of visual cons - fogging? With seventy per cent of a building being disguised by this most heinous of crimes and therefore not having to be drawn, the Dreamcast should enter top gear and provide the silkiest of screen rates. Nope, though it's not slow in the turtle sense of the word, Spider-Man is by no means Jet Set Radio fast.

So, true believers, from the outset we have established that we are being sold a piece of old rope for our money - those of you who already have a PlayStation



















and a copy of the game can stop reading right now. Those who don't know their Spider-Arse from their Spider-Elbow, read on, because we've only just begun.

Arachnophobia

Your friendly neighbourhood Spider-Man has already appeared in many games on many platforms, from the Megadrive and Amiga through to the Game Boy. Many hopefuls have tried to capture the character's energy and few have succeeded. Against this backdrop of previous passable efforts strides Neversoft with what has to be said to be the most 'Marvel'ous (sorry) videogame rendition of the character ever seen. Everything you could hope for from the game is here, and all embossed with a level of Marvel comic styling that tells you it was created by people who understand the obscure world view of Stan Lee.

The game starts off as Peter Parker is on a standard photographic assignment at a New York science expo. A reformed Dr Octavious is on stage crooning about how brilliant he is, while explaining his latest safe energy device. Just as he reaches the height of his lecture, Spider-Man leaps in and steals the gadget. You can imagine how concerning this is for



Peter, since not only does he know that he's Spider-Man and that the theft was perpetrated by an impostor - he now has the New York police department after him with big guns at the ready.

From then on in, it's action all the way as you swing, stick, crawl and fight your way through a series of well thought out levels, starting off on the skyscrapers of New York, through buildings and even into the sewers. As you swing from building to building (don't ask what the webs actually stick to, just go with it) you'll encounter armed thugs and police who are in severe need of a good Spiderkicking. Combat is a fast affair, with Spidey being able to perform a series of attacks and combos including punches, kicks and a show-stopping manoeuvre where our boy leaps on the shoulders of an enemy, then proceeds to deliver rapid Spidey-punches to their head.

Ka-Pow! Ka-ching!

As everyone knows, Spider-Man can spin a web any size and catch crooks - just like flies. Since this is a power synonymous with the character, you'd expect it to feature heavily in the game and... well, it does. Spidey can web-up an opponent at a great distance which, depending on the enemy's strength, can







skyscrapers leads to some great cartoon-like set-pieces.





cause temporary paralysis or what can only be described as death. Now, we remember Spider-Man as the guy who ties up the crooks and leaves them hanging from a ceiling for the cops to find, so just why Neversoft decided to turn his web into this death string is a mystery. Oh hang on, in all the excitement about having a playable Spider-Man game we've forgotten that this is a straight port of the PlayStation version. On the PlayStation, you can almost forgive the fact that a severe webbing will cause a crook to vanish into thin air and therefore free up processing power, but on the Dreamcast? Oh well.

Tirade into the nonsense of disappearing baddies over and it's time to consider what else a wrist full of white sticky fluid can do for you. It can be squirted all over Spider-Man's hands

in order to form kevlar-hard boxing gloves and thus increase Spider-Man's punching power. If can be formed into small hard balls and fired at an enemy, and it can be used to form a protective dome around our hero. This web-igloo type structure is impervious to bullets for a short while and can be detonated by a spider-punch to cause a smartbomb effect. And, of course, web can be used to fire a zip line up to a ceiling allowing you to fly across rooms and adhere to the architecture. And yes, Spider-Man's Spider Sense is implemented too. If you're crawling up a building and your pad vibrates while the classic halo appears over Spidey's head,

your Spider Sense is tingling, so be prepared for danger.

Sticky Moments

Spider-Man's story is broken up across a variety of similar yet subtly different playing styles, ranging from plain fisticuff battles to high-speed chases across the skyline of New York. As you progress, you will meet a veritable 'Who's Who' of the Marvel universe. Lining up for the side of truth, justice and the American way are obvious characters like Mary-Jane Watson and J Jonah Jameson, as well as Black Cat (who starts the game by explaining the controls), Captain America, The Punisher, Daredevil (a personal

"Everything you could hope for is here, embossed with an impressive level of Marvel comic styling"







Spin A Web, Any Size Spidey can use his fluid in many ways. Veb slinging through the city. Don't ask how he can do this without attaching his line to a flagpole or whatever, he He can use it to web-up He can lob a ball of web fluid and use it like a projectile weapon. The adies love this one. He can make web boxing gloves to add more impact to his punch. You'd think this was a bit unnecessary considering that he can already bench lift ten tons, but there you go.

He can form a

protective cocoon that will shield him from attacks. When broken it acts like a smart bomb



He can catch a felon with a web and then pull said crook onto his fist, much like Scorpion could in Mortal Kombat



Open the game's hidden bonuses and you can play in a variety of Spidey-Outfits. There's the traditional red and blue, the Secret Wars black costume (that's a living organism that leaves Spidey and becomes the parasitic Venom) and you can even play as plain old Peter Parker.







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favourite) and The Human Torch. Flame on! In opposition you'll find yourself in some extremely frantic battles with a whole Spider-Spectrum of evil. First up come Scorpion, Rhino, Doctor Octopus, Carnage, the insidious Venom, Lizardman and Mystero - who controls perception and therefore can appear as an end-oflevel baddie who is four stories high. Each of these boss characters is set up in the classical manner, with attack patterns to learn, weak points to exploit and a whole load of 'I will destroy you' style mocking to put up with. All the action flows together well, if in a slightly easy manner. Any player with any modicum of gaming clout can expect to finish the entire game during a rainy weekend.

Neversoft has re-used the *Tony Hawk's* graphics engine for the game, which can

"As you progress, you will meet a veritable 'Who's Who' of the Marvel universe"

be seen as a mixed blessing. On the one hand, the animation in *Spider-Man* is spot on – he looks as sleek as you could hope for and he always moves in a suitably sticky manner. Again, this implementation of an old engine is fine for Sony's ageing console, but you can't help but feel that the Dreamcast is just running an emulation rather than an innovation. *Tony Hawk's* washed out colour palette worked well for the grimy world of street skating, but this is Marvel comics we're talking about here and bright gaudy hues are their trademark, so where are they?

Heads Up

Spider-Man is a must for fans of the character and excellent action games alike. From beginning to end, this is a high-class product whose few problems are easily overshadowed by the game's control and style. As hammered on about throughout this review, the game's main failing is that it's not really a Dreamcast game in the strictest sense of the word which causes problems for the score. Yes, this is the best super-hero game out





Dreamcast



THE JUDGEMENT

SWINGING

HANGING

◆ The best Spider-Man game yet

It's an average PlayStation port

Reminds you how duff the PlayStation is • We love our super-heroes, we do...

Oh no, it's a PlayStation port Christ, it's a PlayStation port

2ND OPINION

> We so wanted Spider-Man to be brilliant. However, the sad fact is that despite a few graphical enhancements (and not especially good ones at that) this IS just a direct port of the PlayStation game. This isn't so bad, except for the fact that in doing this, all the shortcomings of the PlayStation version have been brought across shortcomings of the PlayStation version have been brought across as well – mainly the problem that it was far too easy and over too soon. If you're looking for a rather good platform game, this is perfect for you... but don't say we didn't warn you when you finish it in less than a week in less than a week. Martin Mathers

ALTERNATIVELY

Shadow Man

Issue 03



Marvel Vs Capcom 2

Reviewed: Issue 11
Dreamcast Rating: 89%



70%

74%

DREAMCAST RATING

VISUALS SOUNDS

> GAMEPLAY

85% > VALUE 71%

A great PlayStation game that should have been tuned up for the more discerning DC audience.



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Confidential Mission

Tuxedos, vodka martinis and a handful of suave chat-up lines at the ready... it's time to become the ultimate gun-toting spy!

Think back to when you were young (if you're as old as us, that's a whole lot of thinking) and try to remember what you wanted to be when you grew up. A train driver? A fireman? An astronaut? Maybe. For us though, we were raised in the days of black tuxedos, the odd trip to Russia to save the world from nuclear war and men with a licence to kill... you see, back when we were

nippers, everyone wanted to be James Bond. The women, the cars, the excitement and the women – we wanted it all... especially the women. As we got older, though, we had to make do with what we could get – watching the films on video, playing *GoldenEye* on the N64 and mixing vodka martini in a tupperware jug was about as close as we ever got. Now, however, we have the

chance to get dressed up and act all secret agent-like once again... if only to play SEGA's latest shoot-'em-up conversion and escape our drab little lives for five minutes, anyway.

Do You Expect Me To Talk?

Converted from the arcade game of the same name (which we looked at back in issue 18), Confidential Mission is a game that'll bring a big smile to the faces of those of you that own House Of The Dead 2. Why? Because after aeons of waiting, you'll finally get the opportunity to dust off that Dreamcast lightgun and go blasting all over again. Of course, you

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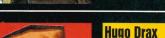






have to remember that arcade games are meant to be quick-fix action affairs that tempt you to shove in a few pound coins for ten minutes fun. If you intend to bring an arcade game to a home console where games cost £40 rather than just one, you need to provide enough incentive to keep gamers coming back for more... something that Hitmaker has obviously put a lot of effort into achieving in the time-honoured SEGA tradition. Ahh, bless 'em.

Harking back to the days of Virtua Cop (the original lightgun game from AM2) Confidential Mission switches back from the task of blasting undead zombies to taking care of evil super-criminals intent on ruling the world... along with their vast army of henchmen, of course. Featuring almost every James Bond cliché in the book - perhaps with the exception of driving around in an Aston Martin - you play the part of either Howard Gibson, the smooth tuxedo-wearing secret agent, or his rather foxy female counterpart Jean Clifford, as you attempt to track down



> The Russian Tank General looks just like... Hugo Drax (from Moonraker). Snappy dress sense, shiftylooking eyes and a rather bushy beard... the pair look so alike. they could have been separated at birth. Except for the Russian bit, of course.

short, fat and incredibly ugly. Unfortunately, there isn't a hattossing Japanese butler anywhere in sight.



ASSAULT RIFLE





> The Agares Ringleader looks just like... Emilio Largo (from Thunderball) Well, a bit anyway... okay, so it's only because he's wearing an eyepatch. Other than that, he

Largo

doesn't look much like him at all. Hey, what more do you want - blood?



Take 35, And... Action!

Play through the whole of the main Arcade mode and you'll be in for a little treat once you manage to blow up the submarine of the Agares Ringleader... ever seen the end of Disney films like Toy Story 2 or A Bug's Life? Then you might have an idea of what we're talking about - watch carefully as the end credits roll and you'll get the chance to see some specially-crafted 'out-takes' from the making of the game, including Gordon crashing into a window and a whole lot of falling over! Hey, they made us laugh when we first saw them...











- Now that we've got Confidential Mission, our eyes turn to the next lightgun game on the list... House Of The Dead 3. We can't wait!
- > Of course, there is also Take The Bullet but sadly, we don't think that will ever, EVER appear. Not in our lifetimes, anyway...
- Not that SEGA has announced that the game has been canned - since we've only seen two screenshots in a year though, it seems pretty obvious





Although there aren't exactly any alternate routes to take, you'll get the opportunity to fight your way out of tricky situations at various points during the game. Every now and then, you'll be set a task to complete within a strict time limit if you succeed, the game will continue on as normal. Of course, failure results in some serious trouble... it could range from having to take on a whole swarm of snowmobiles to being unable to see your enemies properly or even failing the mission entirely and letting the bad guy escape! These make for a welcome break in the action... although we would have liked to see the chance to choose which way to go as well!





the leader of the evil Agares crime syndicate. Not surprisingly, this leads you through a number of locations such as the local museum (this week, featuring a display of Egyptian artefacts), a quick ride on what looks like the Orient Express and then finally winding up in the super-secret 'bad guy hideout hidden on a remote island'. Crikey, it feels like all the movies rolled into one...

Shaken, Not Stirred

Having played through other SEGA arcade conversions like House Of The Dead 2 and Crazy Taxi though, you're probably wondering what sort of extra incentive SEGA has provided to prevent you from getting tired of the same old shooting. Well, don't panic – what there is on offer is quite cool, even if some of it is a little on the predictable side. First up is an all-new Training mode, featuring a variety of tasks that test your skills; everything from timing your shots and scoring Justice Shots to hitting enemies with Combo Shots and keeping the innocent people alive. You'll get the chance to try your hand at these tasks in both training and 'live-action' (or in-game, if you want to be picky) situations, so there's quite a bit to it.

Complete all of the training sections and you'll unlock the Another World mode. This is a variant of the Arcade mode where the enemies appear in different places, and the camera takes you on a slightly different route around









each level. While this isn't that big a deal, it's still enough to inject some variety into the game. Then there's the Partner mode, where two players have to work together in order to beat the bad guys; you can only shoot enemies of your own colour (red or blue respectively) so being alert is essential. There's even an option on the main menu that allows you to connect to the official Confidential Mission Web site and download new missions... once you've managed to complete the original ones, of course,

The Spy Who Loved Me

Considering how many good things there are to say about Confidential Mission, you're probably wondering why it didn't manage to scrape into the 90 per cent category. The reason is that despite being great fun and looking wonderful, there is a major gripe. What is it, you ask? Well, it's that the main Arcade mode is over a bit too quickly for our liking. Yes, the levels are reasonably big but when you consider the fact that you don't get the opportunity to change the route that you take through each stage, the basic game really is rather short. Only three stages? House Of The Dead 2 had six, and even then most of the

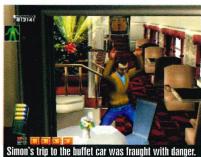
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Arcade mode to keep you busy (even if that does appear to end a bit quickly as well) and it's this fact alone that keeps us from coming down like a ton of bricks on Confidential Mission. If SEGA had taken the route that so many other developers seem to be going down with arcade conversions these days (yes Capcom, we're looking at you) and not made any improvements to the original arcade game, Confidential Mission would be an incredibly shallow and disappointing experience. But hey... this is SEGA we're talking about, isn't it? Exactly. That's why we'd recommend Confidential Mission as another of those games that are worth considering if you're looking for some blasting fun - especially if you've got a lightgun. In fact, why aren't you already on the way to the shop, eh? What's wrong with you?

Martin Mathers

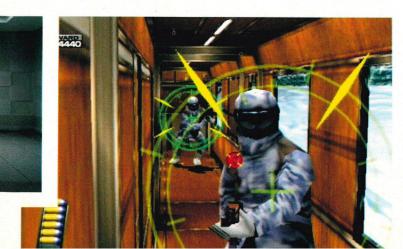
take through them which adds up to... ooh, quite a few we reckon. Needless to say, you'll see pretty much all the original arcade game has to offer (along with those wacky out-takes during the credits) in the space of a few days. Still, there is plenty more besides the







"The fact that you don't get to change the route that you take through each stage means that the basic game is rather short"







THE JUDGEMENT

JAMES

⊕ At last, another

↔ Really, really good

- Plenty of extras to keep you entertained

BASILDON

- lt's a bit too short for
- → No 'proper' alternate routes in the game
- The acting's absolutely awful!

2ND OPINION

It was way back in October last year that we first got to the grips with Confidential Mission in the we've been wetting ourselves in anticipation of its Dreamcast debut. So does it live up to our hopes? Hell yeah! As far as any lightgun game goes, regardless of the system, this is really bloody good. Okay, so it may not quite have the replay value that you might expect, but it's such fun to play you don't really care. It's non-stop action all the way and you can't argue with that. Plus it looks great, of course. Spies like

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House Of The Dead 2

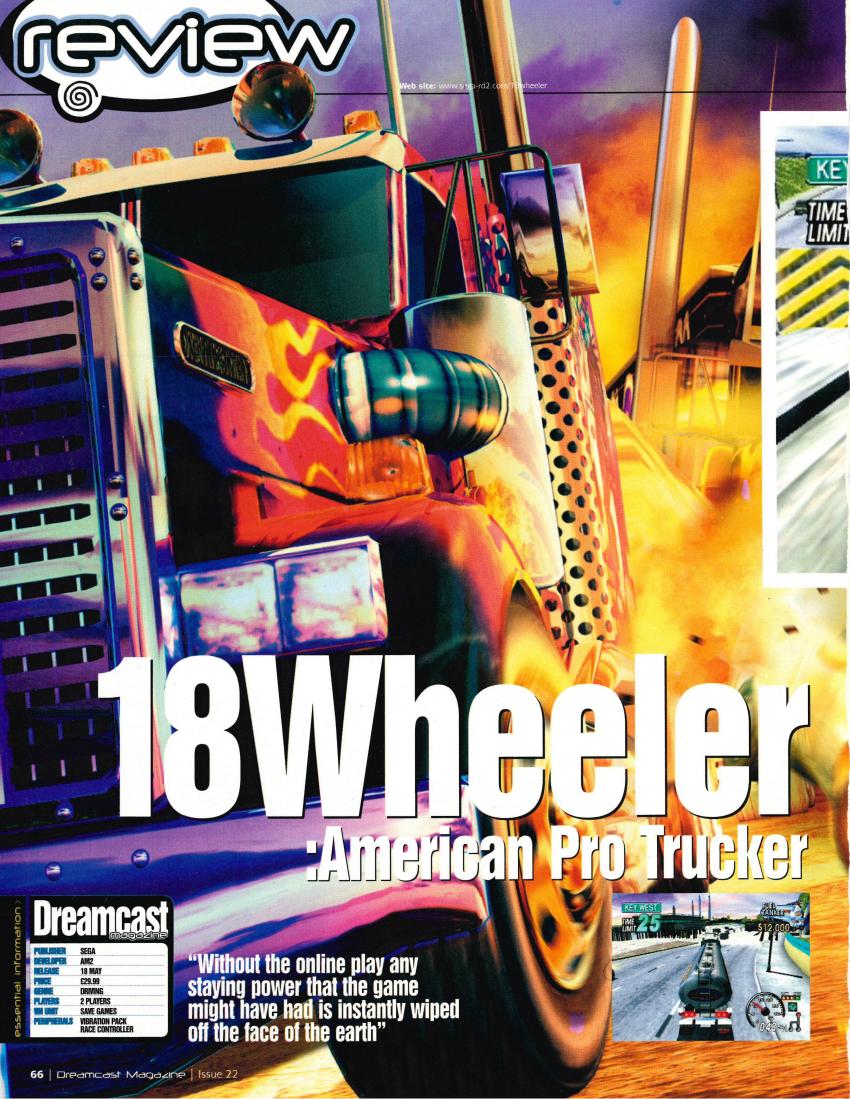




DREAMCAST RATING

VISUALS 93% SOUNDS 86% > GAMEPLAY 88% > VALUE 81%

A worthy companion to (but not uite better than) House Of The ead 2. Get shooting now!







So how much do you really love

TaWheeler? If you're interested in trucking across America for real, here's where to go... but why would you ever do that?

Breaker, breaker. That's a ten-four, good buddy. Turn your CBs on... there's some truckin' to be done.

• You just have to love SEGA, don't
• you? Not only does it come up with some of the most ingenious and innovative arcade games but it then goes and puts them in all their glory onto our beloved Dreamcast. So ladies, gentleman and truckers alike, welcome to arcade perfect port number twelve. 18Wheeler: American Pro Trucker.

Truck That

As you'd expect from a SEGA arcade title 18Wheeler both looks the business and plays like a dream... and who said that driving a 30 ton monster truck wasn't going to be any fun? With five funky trucks and even funkier drivers to choose from, as well as a variety of different cargoes to haul across the country -

including a cable car, big rig and petrol tanker - there's a decent selection of variables to at least make sure that you play the game more than once, irrespective of how quickly you finish it.

With truck and cargo chosen it's time to hit the highway and get steaming across the good ol' US of A, taking in the sights along the way, trouncing your rival, ramming cars off the road, blowing your ear-drum bursting horn, but most importantly making sure your cargo reaches its destination on time and in one piece. Still think you can handle life on the road? It's certainly a blast for as long as it lasts, although it isn't quite as much fun to play as in the arcades... but then you could hardly expect SEGA to manufacture a 48cm steering wheel and



"It both looks the business and plays like a dream"



- If you fancy buying one of the arcade cabinets it's going to set you back around £12,000.
- You can choose different trailers to lug around which gives you the chance to earn more points
- Each of the game's five trucks have different stats, meaning no drive is quite the same... although you could have fooled us.
- Believe it or not, you need certain qualifications to be a truck driver. No really,











The main extra feature that the game has over its arcade counterpart is the Parking mode where you get to test out your precision driving skills rather than your madman ones Spread over six stages, you have to negotiate various tricky situations to get your truck parked. Hit any objects along the way and you'll lose time rapidly, but on the other hand pick up the green balls and you'll get a little bit of extra time

a sub-woofer peripheral especially for it. But then again...

What The Truck?

However, as much fun as 18Wheeler is to play, and it really is ace fun, there isn't nearly enough of it. Whereas, say, Crazy Taxi and Ferrari 355 Challenge had a whole new city and new courses respectively, all you get with 18Wheeler in terms of the main part of the oneplayer game are the four stages from the arcade version of the game. Nothing more, nothing less - and let's face it, that ain't much, especially when you consider that it'll take you a matter of minutes, rather than hours, let alone days, to finish it off. Hardly satisfying stuff. Add to that the enjoyable but all too repetitive Score Attack mode and you start to get the picture that this is a game which won't be keeping you busy for too long. As for the Parking mode... well, let's not go there, shall we? It's not that it's particularly bad, it just isn't nearly as much fun as you'd want it to be and by the time you reach stage number four (of six), it's become somewhat tedious and boring. Everything that a SEGA title shouldn't be, in other words.

Trailer Park Trash

In an attempt to give the main oneplayer game an extra little bit of replayability once you've finished it within the first half an hour of owning it, the game gives you the chance of towing different trailers. The heavier the trailer, the slower your truck will go, thus creating even more of a challenge and demanding the most of your driving skills. Oh... and you get some extra cash too.



But wait... it gets worse. A lot worse. The real crime that 18Wheeler commits, and the one that virtually kills it stone dead in the water, is that like Daytona USA 2001 before it, it's had the promised online play ripped out of its intestines, leaving nothing but an empty carcass behind. Without the online play any staying power that it might have had, considering the brevity of the one-player game, is instantly wiped off the face of the earth. All of which is a bit of shame really, as the multiplayer mode is arguably the best facet of the game, but even that becomes obsolete relatively quickly when you don't have the option of playing against people from around the globe.

Feeling The Horn

On the upside though, the game does look a real treat - as good an arcadeperfect port as all the other games that have made the journey from Naomi to Dreamcast. In fact, the only blemish on

the otherwise gorgeous backdrops and heaving roads is the occasional spot of pop-up, although you'll hardly notice it as all your concentration is focused on the road ahead... obviously. More annoying, though, is the constant hurling of abuse that you get over the radio from your rival, mixed with the usual trad-rock soundtrack that you usually find with SEGA titles. That said, it's not guite as bad as the Van Halen riffs of F355 Challenge – could it be that Yu Suzuki is trying to tell us something about his musical tastes?

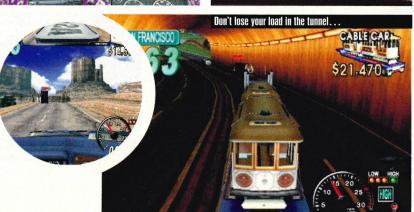
In the end, what we have with 18Wheeler is a game which, though immensely fun in the arcades, just doesn't make the cut in the home market, and as such it represents what is arguably SEGA's first failed arcade-to-Dreamcast port. The full experience simply isn't there, leaving what could have been another magical SEGA experience gathering dust in the corner.

Alex Warren

"In the end, what we have is a game which, though immensely fun in the arcades, just doesn't make the cut in the home market"







THE JUDGEMENT

TRUCK

SCHMUCK

◆ Another arcade-**⊕** Looks an absolute of an hour

Really ace fun

The Parking mode's a bit dull Where's the online

2ND OPINION

> When it first appeared in the arcade, 18Wheeler was ace sitting in a giant truck cab, pushing the huge button that sounded the horn and using the equally huge wheel was a laugh. Now that it's arrived on the Dreamcast though... well, it doesn't seem nearly as great as we thought it would. The main bulk of the game is incredibly easy to complete (heck, even Alex managed to do it) and the Parking Mode, while quite fun, isn't exactly the kind of added extra we were hoping for. And where's the online play, eh? Disappointing. Martin Mathers

ALTERNATIVELY



Crazy Taxi

Daytona USA 2001



DREAMCAST RATING

>VISUALS 88% SOUNDS 76% > GAMEPLAY 81% > VALUE 43%

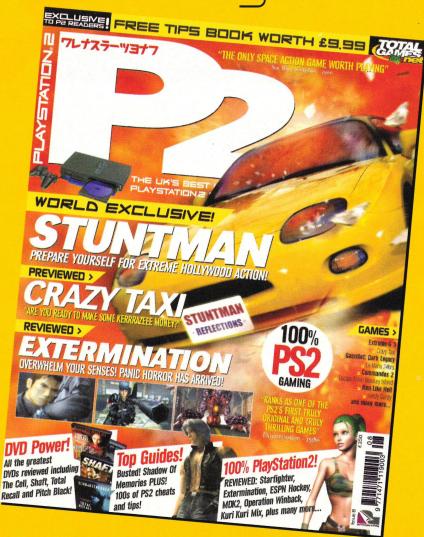
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Stupid Invaders

Always the pioneer, Ubi Soft has decided that you're worthy of a new genre on the Dreamcast... a point 'n' click adventure! Err, hoorah!

. If the truth be told, you can be · nothing but sceptical when a

game comes along that represents the first of its kind on any format. After all, while many might herald this as a revolutionary thing, the more pessimistic people out there (so that's us then) are most likely to be asking questions like 'Why hasn't it been done before?' and 'What's wrong with it?'. In the case of Stupid Invaders, the answers to these questions seem pretty obvious - for the most part, comedy point 'n' click adventures like this have always been restricted to appearing on the PC. Why? Because console gamers want non-stop in-your-face action, that's why. Still, there's always a first time...

So defying convention, Stupid Invaders brings point 'n' click adventuring to the Dreamcast. It's pretty self-explanatory,

really - you point at something with the cursor (a place to walk, an object to pick up and so on) and then you click to do it. In this way, you need to help a group of five hopeless aliens return to their home planet. Aside from escaping the clutches of the evil Dr Sacarin and his bounty hunter friend Bolox (yes, Bolox), you'll need to find your spaceship and solve a whole bundle of puzzles along the way. The game flicks between each alien as the story progresses, so you'll get the chance to experience each one... along with their twisted senses of humour, of course.

Close Encounters Of The Stupid Kind

What you must have noticed by now is how much Stupid Invaders looks like a cartoon. Don't think that this is only an



> Given that Stupid Invaders is based on a cartoon series and features lots of cute alien creatures mixed with rather funny humour, you might think that it's ideal for your kids to play. But you'd be wrong. Leave children alone in a room with this game and their tiny minds will be

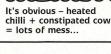
warped as they learn about grown men dressed in bunny costumes with

a taste for people doing jumping jacks, factories that produce cow dung

for profit and bi-gender aliens intent on having a sex change. Believe us,

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occasional thing - they really do look this great all the way through and what's more, the loading time is kept to a bare minimum with only a second or two to wait between each scene that you move through. Unfortunately, you'll need all the time you can get as you play the game, as some of the puzzles are so obscure and off-beat you'll spend ages working out what to do next. Of the more obvious ones, it's just a case of running the cursor over the screen until you find something to pick up before using it nearby... not quite the challenge we were hoping for. Combine this with the incredibly slow pace of the whole game (you click, then wait until you can click again) and you'll find that unless you're really into this style of game or have patience of steel, doing something else will suddenly seem a lot more appealing.

To its credit, Stupid Invaders is certainly a good example of this genre if you wanted to push us for a comparison, we'd certainly rank it up there with the likes of Full Throttle, Grim Fandango and the Monkey Island series (all on the PC, naturally). Unfortunately, the one major hurdle that it probably won't manage to leap is that it just won't appeal to anyone who isn't remotely interested in the genre. Whereas some games have an appeal that makes people give them a whirl before making their minds up, you know exactly what you're getting with Stupid Invaders - a funny but ultimately slowpaced adventure game. It's a shame, because it's really a rather good one... we just doubt that people will be willing to forgive it for that.

Martin Mathers



on two GD-Roms. That's a

small game..

Other point 'n' click

lot of disc space for such a

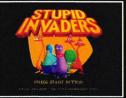
Don't get cocky — these chicks aren't so lovely...











THE JUDGEMENT

DUMB

The first DC point 'n' click RPG!

- Genuine laugh-out-loud moments
- Absolutely gorgeous to look at

DUMBER

- → Very, VERY slow Talk about obscure
- ➡ Finish once, never olav again

2ND OPINION

> Stupid Invaders is basically a PC-style point 'n' click adventure with gorgeous graphics and genuine witty moments which will make even the most straight-laced gamers smile – and laugh out loud at times. The puzzles are quite complicated, which is a new thing for Dreamcast adventures, but the gameplay is a little on the slow side, making it fairly laborious. The humorous moments do keep it alive but this alone does not make Stupid Invaders a does not make Suppia Invaders a great game. This is not going to be a brilliant addition to your collection, but is definitely worth playing through – ONCE! Russell Murray

alternatively

The Nomad Soul

Rayman 2: The Great Escape



DREAMCAST RATING

>VISUALS 94% SOUNDS 88% 63%

> GAMEPLAY

65% > VALUE

ou've only got a five attention span, you'll hate it.











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Mars

DEVELOPER IN-HOUSE OUT NOW (JAPAN) RELEASE SHOOT-'EM-UP **PLAYERS** 2 PLAYERS SAVE GAMES **VM UNIT**



- As far as we can make out you can't save the game which is a major bummer.
- No, Keanu Reaves does not feature in the game... nor does Carrie-Anne Moss, for that matter.
- The 'Mosquito' suction system is patented to the Russian military... honest!
- Collect as much gold as possible to unlock stuff.

Old-skool shoot-'emup action hits the final frontier and man, is it a damn messy business...

If there's one company that knows how to flog a dead horse, and we mean really flog, then it's Capcom. Just look how many games it's managed to squeeze out of the StreetFighter series - more than we care to remember. The same goes for its take on the old-school 2D shoot-'em-up. It all started back in the Eighties with 1942, but more recently we've been bombarded with the likes of GigaWing, Gunbird 2, Bangai-O and now this. Yawn, yawn. But then again...

Mars Bars

As far as 2D shooters go you simply don't get any better than Mars Matrix, standing, as it does, head and shoulders above any of its peers. There's many a



When there's no room to run, just sit and take it like a man.











"As far as 2D

reason for this, but primarily it's because it actually offers a challenge, demanding without question that you come back to play it again and again... and then a little bit more. Whereas, say, GigaWing took nothing more than 10 minutes to finish, Mars Matrix takes a great deal longer. In part this is because it's so goddamn hard - you try getting away with some lives intact from a screen as littered with bullets as Kings Cross is with used condoms. Rest assured it's not an easy business, as the seemingly never-ending flow of enemies and their combined firepower leave you within an inch of your life. The other reason why Mars Matrix will take you so long to complete, unless you're some kind of super-man that is, is because you only get a limited about of continues - one of the reasons why GigaWing was so short-lived.

He is The One

And that's the real beauty of the game. It has the infuriating knack of enticing you

able to knock on the head with relative ease. Subsequently the need to buy enough extra credits (which don't come cheap) to be able to finish it is paramount and replayability is thus guaranteed, meaning that for once Capcom has got it right. Whoopie-doo!

However, not only is Mars Matrix unique to play, it also incorporates some new elements into the gameplay... well, one new element. As well as having a normal fire button the game also features the incredibly cool Mosquito system which acts as both a defence and an attack mechanism. If you're having particular trouble dodging the miniarsenal of shots fired at you, simply start up the Mosquito and a glowing ring will appear around you. Not only will this protect you from all the shots but it'll suck them in and then, when it runs out, fire all the bullets back at the enemy, thus wiping them all out in one fell swoop. Minty! All this and incredibly fast paced gameplay - it could almost be 2D shoot-'em-up heaven... almost.

Don't ask what's going on here — we haven't a clue.

Alex Warren







If you want to find out more about Mars and the landings there a few years ago, this is the one and only place to go. Well it is a NASA site after all.

Shops To The Stars

Sunset Boulevard might well be where all the Hollywood superstars go to shop, but Mars Matrix has its very own little shop too. Here you can spend all that gold that you picked up in the game to unlock some cool little items and extra bonuses. You can buy more credits, ships, unlock new colours, hints and a whole host of other things. Be warned though, it's a pricey business.









THE JUDGEMENT

MATRIX

MATRON

- ◆ Instantly addictive whoever you are
- **♣** Ace fun to play... for
- Replayability is surprisingly good
- Graphics aren't the hottest ever
- Repetitive, simplistic
- There's no way to save... ahhhh!

2ND OPINION

It might look like every other bog-standard vertical scrolling ot-'em-up that's ever existed, but thankfully *Mars Matrix* manages to offer something slightly different. How? Because unlike all the others we can think of (like Gunbird) you can't finish it in less than ten minutes. What's more, the opportunity to use you points to buy all manner of other odies in the shop is pretty coo why hasn't someone thought of it ore? This is ideal for quick-fix gamers, while offering enough replay value to make it worth the money for a change. Martin Mathers

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Gunbird 2



Reviewed: Issue 01 Dreamcast Rating: 80%



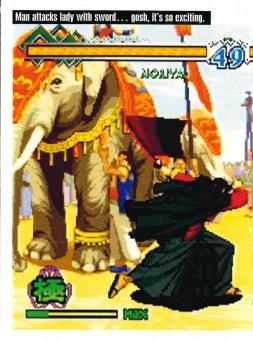
DREAMCAST RATING

VISUALS 57% SOUNDS 61% > GAMEPLAY 85%

VALUE

72%





Last Blade 2 Final Edition

You should know by now that if you expect good things, something crap is going to come along instead... eh, SNK?



• Hey, you know us – we're fair and just people, especially when it comes to reviewing Dreamcast beat-'emups... Lord knows there's been enough of them. While 3D fighters like Soul Calibur and Dead Or Alive 2 are all very well, we're the kind of guys that have our roots firmly stuck in the realm of 2D; after all, we were raised on StreetFighter 2 (well, that and breast milk obviously). Therefore, we've always been of the opinion that there's nothing quite like a decent 2D beat-'em-up and thankfully, Last Blade 2 fits right into that category... mainly because it really is nothing like a decent 2-D beat-'em-up.

Think we're being harsh? Well, tough if you actually sat down and played Last Blade 2 for more than ten minutes, you'd understand where we're coming from. Fair enough, the premise of the

game is sound; set in 19th Century Japan and filled with flappy skirt-wearing warriors wielding all manner of sticks, blades and other weapons. It bears more than a passing resemblance to games like Soul Calibur and Guilty Gear X... only without the incredibly smart visuals or fast-paced action that both games possess. Go figure.

Slash And Burn

The problem we've got with Last Blade 2 isn't the fact that it's godawful to look at, even though it is - heck, even older SNK beat-'em-ups like King Of The Fighters '99 Evolution looks better than this. It isn't even the fact that the soundtrack is particularly lacklustre and totally unsuited to the style of a beat-'em-up... no, siree. What bothers us most about the game is that in this day



it was certainly a damn sight better than this piece

the Dreamcast is doing so badly in Japan, eh?

Face facts - for a Dreamcast game, this looks bloody awful. No wonder



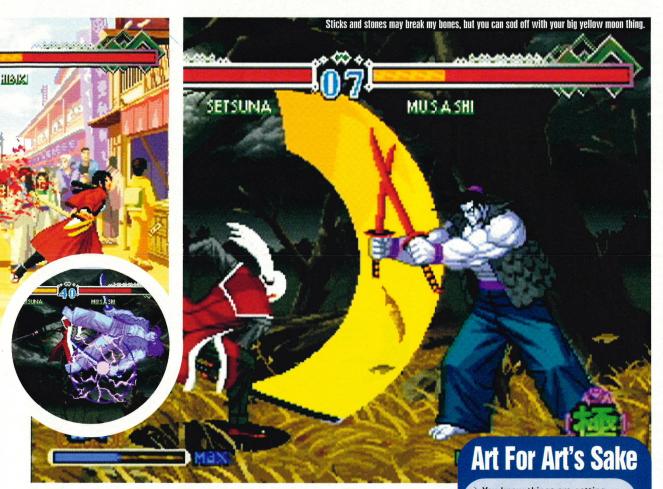






Woo, exciting.





and age when beat-'em-ups are a dime a dozen and need that extra spark to make people sit up and take notice of it, Last Blade 2 just shrugs its shoulders and mutters 'I can't be arsed'. Absolutely nothing about the game is even remotely new or revolutionary – the characters are all bland and easily disregarded, the fact that you can choose from a variety of fighting styles has been done before and the whole Power Bar/Super Move thing is really, REALLY crap... especially as most of the Super Moves looks as weak as a slap on the wrist with a wet flannel. In fact, we can hardly think of anything

good to say about the game at all... not a good sign, eh?

When there are tons of other farsuperior fighting games on offer in the PAL market, even the most hardened SNK fan would find it tough to feel the urge to pick up an import copy of Last Blade 2. To be honest we'd much rather sit back and wait for SNK's next effort, Garou: Mark Of The Wolves... despite being based upon an arcade game that's over two years old, at least that's looking rather tasty compared to this pile of old tat.

Martin Mathers

"In this day and age when beat-'em-ups need that extra spark to get noticed, Last Blade 2 just shrugs its shoulders and mutters 'I can't be arsed"





You know things are getting desperate when, of all the extras they choose to include on the disc, the best thing on offer is a gallery filled with artwork based on the game characters. There's nothing we like more than looking at videogame-based art in our spare time... after all, it's not like we ever go outside or anything is it?





THE JUDGEMENT

SWORD

Quite a few characters to choose from

◆ At least we didn't have to pay for it

• We tried to burn the

What the bloody hell is this, eh? Looks like a dog, plays even worse

BORED

GD-Roms don't catch fire easily

2ND OPINION

> When it comes to trying to think of something positive to say about *Last Blade* 2, it's not just about Last Blade 2, it's not just Martin who's bereft of anything to say. Why? Because it's the biggest pile of arse we've ever played. It looks absolutely atrocious for starters (worse even than the SNES version of Street Fighter 3), something which is totally unforgivable on the DC. It doesn't play any better either, and is a painful experience to say the least. No gamesplayer should be least. No gamesplayer should be made to suffer something as poor as this, even if they are a die hard 2D beat-'em-up fan. Alex Warren

ALTERNATIVELY

Marvel Vs Capcom 2



Capcom Vs SNK



36%

DREAMCAST RATING

VISUALS 54% SOUNDS 51%

GAMEPLAY **VALUE**

33%



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Stuff & Nonsense

106 When your eyes have turned square you'll need these...



Skies of Arcadia

If you're not cut out to be a pirate, don't walk the plank – read this!



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Regulars

Keep one step ahead in the wide world of the Dreamcast!













How difficult can it possibly be? Send us a decent letter that's genuinely entertaining and we'll send you some top prizes! Yes indeed, those lovely people at Mad Catz have been kind enough to donate a set of Dreamcast goodies (pictured below) to the lucky person who writes the letter that we deem the best. So come on scribes, what are you waiting for?



> Letters almost certainly will be edited for length and other reasons. All letters are read, but personal correspondence will not be entered into, even if you send an SAE.

Not unlike a stuck record, the worries about SEGA continue. Hey, we're still here and you are still here and the games are still coming... what more could you possible want?

Going Dutch?

• The Dreamcast is not, and wasn't •• from launch, that popular in Holland. Sales have been bad and gamers have had to wait for more than a year for the DreamKey. But now we can surf, email and chat with people from around the world. We all cry about the news that the Dreamcast is dead but we have to play on, because there are still some great games coming for the best machine in the world, and in Holland the games cost almost nothing as nobody buys them. Games like Crazy Taxi, Fur Fighters, Silver and Virtua Striker for less than eight pounds and M-SR, Jet Set Radio and Virtua Tennis for about twenty pounds. I buy these games at my local games shop - so why the complaining? See the sunny side of the Dreamcast debacle! I've got the best machine and the best games for almost nothing. Holland is Dreamcast paradise.

Greetings from Ruud(boebka) Panne

DM: Well, that's certainly one way of looking at it! We tend to think that although there are less games about to be released than we'd like, what is coming out seems to be top-notch stuff. Bring on Crazy Taxi 2, Virtua

Tennis 2, Confidential Mission, Spider-Man, Soldier of Fortune... and that's before, as you rightly point out, you take yourself shopping for some extremely tasty bargains.

I was wondering if you use your DC to go online? If so, is their any way of other people getting viruses from other DC Internet users? If this is possible, will anti-virus programs be available for the DC, since I don't want my prized possession completely trashed by some idiot geek gone evil. Chris, via email

DM: Have you been listening to schoolyard nonsense? Well, you can rest easy my Web-friend, as you obviously know little about computer viruses. For starters they live in hard drives and as your Dreamcast is bereft of said large storage device, you have no problem as there's no place for a virus to 'live' on the

Like the Murphys...

Dreamcast. So you can surf away...

• Hello there, I just wanted to say: its simply not fair, SEGA. Okay, Okay, I know the Dreamcast has great games

and online functions but what's the point when our sworn rivals are now getting our great games. God help me the day Crazy Taxi or Sonic are released on the Nintendo or PS2. My PS2-owning friends will have a field day after I spent months showing off our amazing games. I read your (great) mag last month and nearly cried. But it hit me even harder - what if they get the great games this year... I will be the laughing stock of the school, having spread the good news. Just when I thought I was on top, SEGA goes and stops production and makes games for other consoles. What is the world

Conor Griffiths, via email

DM: We hear you buddy, but it's happening and you'd better brace yourself as Crazy Taxi is coming to PS2 at the of April. Whilst we don't like the fact that the Dreamcast has ceased production (after all, it's our livelihood as well), DREAMCAST MAGAZINE



Don't Leave Me This Way

First of all, great mag! I got a Dreamcast for Christmas and I am really, really concerned with the news that Sega is stopping production of the console!

I know that you have published an article about how SEGA will continue to make games for the console, but what about the other companies - will this news just deter them from making games for the Dreamcast? Will they give up on us die-hards as well? Surely eventually they will have to when the GameCube, PS2 and Xbox are all on the market, as I am sure they will attract better profits. Lets face it, SEGA has pulled off some pretty good games, but also some real crap ones, and if it is the only one making the games for the console, I am going to be pretty cheesed off! Companies are only interested in profits at the end of the day, and they are not going to continue developing games for a console that even developers have lost all faith in! Why did SEGA stop advertising the console? How is it ever going to gain ground on its arch-rival the PS2, despite its hardware problems? Also, where is the money going to come from to develop games like Shenmue or Virtua Tennis!

Help! Is my Christmas present destined to sit in a museum cabinet collecting dust under the title of 'World's Most Crappy Console', as I am sure there is not much time left

before games start to disappear off the shelves as well. What's more, SEGA desperately needs to slash the cost of its games as it is fast becoming the old N64 story - you have to go out and pay £40 for a game when PlayStation titles are usually at £25 or £30 now! What is going on at SEGA HQ? My Dreamcast is brilliant, but others are not going to share this view unless SEGA does something about it...

Adam Turner, via email

DM: Easy tiger! That's a whole mixed bag of points you got yourself there. Certainly SEGA has ditched production of the Dreamcast, but the company is also committed to ensuring that games will be coming out for it until at least March 2001. This has obviously impacted on third-party developers, who are still releasing software for the console but are unlikely to continue much new development for the console. However, what is coming out for the Dreamcast does look pretty special - and we're honestly not just saying that. There are more than enough SEGA games alone to keep Dreamcasters happy, and then there's the rather tasty back catalogue of cheap, older games to keep you happy.



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grudgingly accepts that SEGA's games have to survive. I am sure that when you think about it, seeing Sonic on the GameCube is better than never playing another Sonic game again...

Voice Of The Common (Sense) Man

Last week I decided it was time to invest in a next-generation console. My PlayStation and N64 were coming to the end of their gaming life, so I decided to act. I had for a while wanted to buy a Dreamcast, but due to the demands of a mortgage, wedding, car, etc it had been put off time and time again. However, I received a bonus from work so I decided that I had waited long enough; I had made up my mind - it was next-gen time. I thought to myself, a PS2 is £300, when am I going to get another

Desperately In Need Of A Keyboard

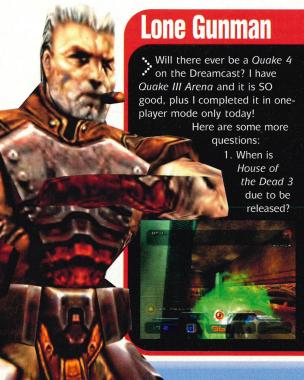
I don't no way there have stopped making Dreamcast's. There have some of the best games yet. People at my school have been saying that Playstion 2 have had coped off Dreamcast but added a DVD which is s**t any way its just the same as a video but you can recorded.But it doesn't matter because you can now buy a Dreamcast with a DVD player. Now what i mean buy some of the best games yet is some like : Shemue, Dead or Alive 2, NBA 2K and Sonic Adventure. All these games i think are amazing Ross Wallace, via email

DM: So not only do they let you out but they also allow you access to a computer...

> DM: This is what happens when you put your brain in gear. Here at DREAMCAST MAGAZINE, we try not to wade into the anti-PS2 war but we do feel that sometimes gamers don't think enough when it comes to buying consoles. We are genuinely hardpressed to think of any games that make us want to go out and buy a PlayStation2. Short of Metal Gear Solid 2, little has actually impressed us at all - in fact, many of the games that have appeared on both formats look and play much better on the Dreamcast. Undoubtedly, in time the PS2 will be home to some great games, thanks to the law of averages. Until then though, there's little reason to shell out huge amounts of money when the Dreamcast has an amazing (and in some cases cheap) back catalogue of games, some great titles on the way and all running on a bargain price console! Interestingly, now that the the Dreamcast is cheap, a good many gamers out there have drawn the same conclusion... we welcome

chance to buy one, so I decided against getting a Dreamcast (I hear your readers booing and whistling right now). I headed to Electronics Boutique ready to splash out on a next-gen console, a PS2. I got into the shop, found a PS2 and looked for a game... about half an hour later I strolled over to the DC section, and my eyes popped out as I saw game after game of hot titles that I had always wanted. After some quick mathematics, I realised that I could buy a DC, Shenmue, M-SR and PSO, and get Sonic and Chu Chu Rocket! free, as well as a VMU and a controller, for just £229. Well, I was sold - I had spent ages trying to find a game to justify the £300 a PS2 would warrant, but couldn't. I was amazed when I returned to work to find the exact same thing happened to a colleague. So to anyone that thinks that the Dreamcast is dead, go to a shop and count the games, the quality on offer. The Dreamcast will be around for a long time. My only problem now is to decide what to buy my wife with the money that I saved... wonder if she will like Grandia 27 Andrew McGovern, via email

"God help me the day Crazy Taxi or Sonic is released on the Nintendo or PS2"



- 2. In Issue 20 someone complained that there was no picture of Chris Tarrant in Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? You said 'The less pictures of Chris Tarrant there are in the world, the better'. Do you have something against him or were you just being funny? 3. Will there be any more
- lightgun games for the Dreamcast? I get bored of only playing House of the Dead 2.
- 4. Why don't you guys rate the games at 100%?
- 5. Just out of curiosity, how did you guys get the jobs you have? Richard Jennings, via email

DM: Bit keen on Quake are you? Blimeys... Sorry to say this but it is very unlikely that

- we'll see another Quake on the Dreamcast. However, with Unreal Tournament, Out Trigger and Soldier of Fortune on the way, your first-person shooter desires will nonetheless be sated! Here are your answers...
- 1. November, apparently.
- 2. There are more than enough pictures of 'The Tarrant' and that's all there is to say. It's not that we dislike him in any way, it's just that he's everywhere!
- 3. Confidential Mission and House of the Dead 3 are on the way...
- 4. Because nothing is ever perfect!
- 5. We were rescued from Monkey World!

Short Cuts

- > Printed exactly as they were sent, your comments on the gaming world. Scary...
- I'm the Scatman, ski bop bop bop de bop, doobie oobie oobie meoldy! raymond.dennis, via email DM: Of course you are!
- THE PLAYSTATION 2 IS A LOAD OF #@\$*! BUT I AM VERY ODD YOU SEE **BECAUSE I DONT HAVE ONE!** FWAHAHAHAHA!!! Ps. i am a very lonely person Thomas Morgan, via email DM: Let's hope you stay that way...
- I am Raymond Johnathan Dennis. In case you were wondering who this person is, let me put it this way, I was that cabin boy... Raymond Dennis, via email DM: Really! How very exciting for you!
- Please can you answer a quick question for me: Is it possible to hook up the Dreamcast to a printer, and if not are there any plans to? Tom Hindley, via email DM: Quick answer? No. sorry!
- I have a friend called john harvey but we all call him tyrone i also have a friend called david douglas but we all call him maurice. MY name is steve but every1 calls me Steven Kennedy, via email DM: I think that you are all having identity crises!
- Have you met my friend Jock Strap Or even

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Rob Ackroyd, via email DM: Can't say that we have or would want to!

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Reader Reviews

At last. someone that agrees with us. At least we are not alone...



















Then stop messing about and

send us a reader review - you

know it makes sense. There's

controller for every one we

a Mad Catz Dream Pad

• As soon as I'd played • through the first level I just knew that this game wasn't appealing to me at all. You just spray graffiti and skate along to rubbish music. The cops that come after you are way too hard and you can't even knock them down (being able to spray the main cop with graffiti doesn't count). The graphics are impressive and the idea is quite exciting, but it's ruined by awful handling and cheating cops! I suppose this game would have been better with multiplayer, but without it I'm glad that I rented and saved £37.



∴ Vigilante 8: Second
∴ Offense hasn't received • One word sums up . NF2K1 perfectly - WOW! a fraction of the praise it All the NFL teams, their deserves. With a mammoth playbooks, players and stadia amount of futuristic vehicles are here and they look superb. and eight fantastic new levels You can chose from the usual that are fully destructible. range of matches, and even where could it possibly go create your own franchise. As wrong? Hey, they've even for the gameplay, the dodgy stuffed in all of the fantastic running game of its levels from the original with predecessor has been sorted, crisp new graphics! Anyway, the AI is brilliant, the difficulty about the game... Players levels are well set and the must battle it out in weaponaddition of the 'maximum packed vehicles amongst vast passing' feature makes this a interactive arenas. It has joy (and a challenge) to play. excellent single-player options, Visually stunning, with great commentary and gameplay to but provides the most fun when played against a friend or three. A joy!



. Shenmue may be gorgeous to look at, but I'd rather watch an Aston Villa match than play this dross again. Who in their right mind would want to pay £40 for a game, only to act out a 9-till-5 job and watch rendered cutscenes for hours on end. Don't be fooled by the fact that the game has three disks; it's as short as Dennis Wise. I

completed it in under a week.

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head here: this game is not

for everyone. Can't wait for

I am a fan of role-playing

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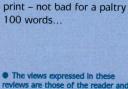




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GAME OVER

DC-Online

Yet more exciting Web sites for you to point your Dreamcast at. This issue, we look into the world of politics, delve into TV comedy and discover a site that turns out to be rather sad. Ahh.

- 1 Plug your Dreamcast modem into the phone line.
- Place the Dream Key disc into your Dreamcast and press start. This is your passport to infinite knowledge.
- 3 If it's your first time logging on you will have to register, but if not, you will arrive at the DreamArena, a site only accessible via the Dreamcast.
- Once you're logged on you're free to wander where you like by just typing in the address of the site you want to go – what could be easier?
- To help you on your travels SEGA has included some short cuts, and these options will appear when you press the left and right shoulder buttons.

Left Shoulder Button

Will take you back to the main DreamArena page.

A directory of Web sites including other SEGA sites, BT, ICL and Arsenal FC, which you can highlight and then access without having to type out the address

The way to get around on the Internet. A keyboard will appear on the screen and you can surf the Web by entering whatever Web site you fancy visiting

Will take you to the email facility so that you can send letters to friends

Takes you to the chat room menu in the DreamArena.

Allows you to change various settings, including sound and contrasts, on your screen.

Will disconnect you from the Internet

Spend A Penny

hacks that we are (well, Mart is anyway) there's nothing that we enjoy more than a good old laugh to lighten the ever-darkening mood of the office. That's why we often nip on over to Penny

Arcade - a rather warped (but often funny and generally games related) comic strip page run simply for the purpose of making us chuckle. It's updated with scary regularity (something of a first for our favourite sites) and always gives us a new angle on our own world. Just have a scan through the archive for some genuine giggles...

www.penny-arcade.com



Once Upon A Time... www.shrek.com/home/index.html

You should know very well by now that we've always had a soft spot for animated movies - films like Toy Story 2 and Antz have had us rolling in the aisles, despite being aimed at kids. The next movie from Dreamworks looks set to continue the trend - in Shrek, Mike Myers plays a troll looking for love, while Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz back him up. Funny in the extreme.



As far as we can make out from the Web site, Evolution looks to be Ghostbusters with aliens... which isn't all that bad, when you come to think about it. David Duchovny manages to play against type by being quite funny, while everyone else (including the stock 'dumb teenager' from American Pie) manages to run around screaming about the end of the world. Top stuff, if a little weird,

Captain Caveman!

www.cavemansvalentine.com

Serious drama isn't usually our bag, baby - however, we're always up for a flick that's got Samuel L Jackson in it (except for Shaft... that was rubbish). The Caveman's Valentine might not look like the best movie ever, but it's certainly got all the ingredients to be a stayer at the box office; plenty of depth and plot twists, plus one bad-ass actor in the lead. Keep an eye out for it..







CD Player, Player, Player

www.feederweb.com

Declared by many as the second coming of Brit Pop (crikey, what a horrible prospect), Feeder have taken the charts by storm with both Buck Rogers and their last single, Seven Days In The Sun. Personally, we loved their album to pieces - as you can tell by reading our music reviews in this issue - so we'd heartily recommend you give their Web site a good going over as well.

Damon's Mates

www.gorillaz.co.uk

They ain't happy, feeling bad because they've got sunshine in a bag... oh, and one of them is supposedly a practicing Satanist. The Gorillaz aren't exactly what you'd call your regular band, which is probably why we like them so much - after having Clint Eastwood played to us repeatedly for the past month or so, it's hard not to. Plus, they've got Damon Albarn on their side... so it's all good.

They're Welsh, You Know www.stereophonics.com

Their latest album, Just Enough Education To Perform (or JEEP for short, if you want to be picky) went down a storm here in the office - therefore, we felt obliged to nip over to their Web site. If you're even remotely interested in reading about Will Johnstonlookalike Kelly and his band, this is the place to be. Just don't get it confused with the rather similar-looking unofficial site...







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Takes you to the VM unit menu where you can, in the future, save items.

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POLITICS

Tony And Friends

www.labour.org.uk

> If you're over 18 and vaguely interested in the way our country is run, you'll probably be thinking about who to vote for in the next general election. Obviously, we can't express any kind of opinion here (hey, it's not as if we really care either way anyhow) so here's the first Web site you should be thinking about visiting – the Labour Party. Gosh, ain't Mr Prescott just the prettiest thing?

Tory Tory Hallelujah

www.conservatives.com

On the other side of the political coin, you've got those Conservative types – you know, blokes in suits wearing blue ribbons and talking about Maggie Thatcher. Just like the Labour Party Web site, there's the usual opportunity to read about the party policies, sign up as a Conservative and even donate some cash... yeah, right. As if we earn enough to give it away...

Get Your Fax Straight

www.faxyourmp.com

> Of course, the real reason why we decided to include a politics section this month is so we could show you this a site that lets you fax your local MP without having to actually find out who he or she is. Just type in your postcode, write the letter you want to send them (making sure it's literate, obviously) and then volia... one MP, totally faxed!



COMEDY



Eh-duh-duh-eee! www.baracuda.demon.co.uk/bottom/bottom-index.html

> Ahhh, British TV comedy, we love it. Especially if it's violent comedy, like the kind offered by Richard Richard and his good friend Eddie Hitler. Bottom has to be one of the best laugh-out-loud comedy shows EVER, which is why you simply must visit the Bottom Archives; a shrine to everything that is Bottom. Scripts, pictures and info on a new series... it's all here!

Spine In A Bap

www.alan-partridge.co.uk/index2.htm

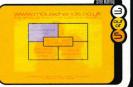
> One of the other great British comedy institutions has to be Alan Partridge – after starting out as a lowly sports presenter on *The Day Today*, he's been to the top of the BBC mountain and back again. If you're not a fan of the man, this is the place to be converted; with scripts from all his shows plus pictures and other goodies, you'll find everything you ever need right here.

Bang Bang

www.mousehands.co.uk

> We know what you're saying... "How could you forget about Vic and Bob?" Well, we haven't – right here at the rather strangely named Mousehands Web site, you'll find all manner of Reeves and Mortimer materials including pictures, information about the duo and most of all, the lyrics to those songs that they always sing during their shows... yes, even the really stupid ones.





WEIRD

No Stamp Required

www.tackymail.com

> If you've ever been on holiday to a coastal town that has the potential to create its own postcards, you'll know there's some really bad ones out there. Whether they're weird, offensive or just plain dull, you'd never think of sending them to your friends... so they wind up here instead. There's an entire archive of bizarre postcards, so feel free to look and be amazed.

Weird? Err... No

www.weirdweb.com

> Let's face facts – a lot of sites out there are hastily put together pieces of tat created by some sad bloke to try and impress his mates. While weirdweb.com is actually quite impressive to look at, digging around for a little while reveals it to indeed be just another example of some lonely people trying to be clever but failing miserably. It's weird, but not for the reasons you'd think...

To Infinity And Beyond

www.xprize.org

Fancy winning a monster pile of cash? Then you'll want to head over to X-Prize... there's a competition there that's just up your street. There's only one catch though – you need to build a spacecraft capable of taking people into space and back again on a regular basis, without the help of your mum or any sticky-back plastic. Hmm, might take a bit of work...









Finger Lickin' Good!

Being in a charitable kind of mood this month we've teamed up with Colonel Sanders and folks at KFC to give you the chance of winning some finger lickin' good chicken and top Cartoon Network videos. Four lucky winners can win Top Cat and Yogi Bear videos as well as one a choice of delicious new meals from KFC – the perfect food to eat while you choose which video you're gonna watch first. And you get a free Cartoon Network finger puppet with each meal – what more could you possible want?

O. What do the initials KFC stand for?

When you think you know the answer, stick it on a postcard to the following address, making sure that it gets to us no later than 1 May.

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SOIUtion Hints, Tips, Cheats and Culdes

Forget what you've been told cheats always prosper. And we're here to help you do just that...



Army Men

Sarge's Heroes

> So it might not be the hardest game in the world, or even the best for that matter, but here are some cheats just in case...

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Unlock Pink Bunny	PNKBNN
Unlock Skeleton	SKLL
Unlock Mini Mode	DRVLLVSMIN
Unlock Test Info	THDTST

LEVEL	PASSWORDS
Attack	LNLGRMM
Spy Blue	TRGHTR
Bathroom	TDBWL
Riff Mission	MSTRMN
Forest	TLLTRS
Hoover Mission	SCRDCT
Thick Mission	STPDMN
Snow Mission	BLZZRD
Shrap Mission	SRFPNK
Fort Plastro	GNRLMN
Scorch Mission	HTTTRT
Showdown	ZBTSRL
Sandbox	HTKTTN
Kitchen	PTSPNS
Living Room	HXMSTR
The Way Home	VRCLN









> Crave's skidoo racer isn't the easiest racer to get to grips with, so hopefully these cheats will sort you out.

Unlock All Tracks, Leagues & Skidoos

Hold R and press Up, Y, Up, Y, Up, Y whilst you are at the main menu screen.

Unlock Cartoon Track

Hold R and press Right, Up, Left, B, Y, X at the main menu screen and then select the Kiruna track.

Unlock Summer Track

Hold R and press X, A, B x2. A, X whilst at the main menu screen. and then select the Calgary track.

Unlock ATV

Hold R and press Up, Right, Down, Up, Right, Down at the main menu screen.







Unlock Go-Cart

Hold R and press Right x2, Left x2, Right x2 at the main menu screen.

Unlock Demo Mode

Hold R and press Up x3, Down x3 whilst at the main menu screen.



Skip Level

Pause the game and press Up, Down, Left, Right x2 and then Left.

Become Invincible

Pause the game and press Left x2, Right x2, Down and then Up.

Maximum Ammo

Pause the game and press Left, Right, Left, Right x2 and then Left.



> You know those secret characters are there but how the hell do you unlock the buggers? Like this ...

Unlock Bonus Stage

Complete Stage 07 in Arcade mode in less than 5.50 mins with a Super K.O or with at least half your energy intact.

Unlock Kuhn

Beat Mahler in Arcade mode in less than 5.50 mins with a Super K.O and then beat Kuhn in the bonus stage.

Unlock Mayor BM

Beat BM in Arcade mode with a Super K.O.

Unlock Del Sol

Beat Del Sol in Random mode and then complete the game.

Access Alternate Costumes

Highlight a character at the Selection screen and press Up or Down for other outfits.



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Unlock Pywackett Barchetta

Finish any course with each of the four cars you get at the start to unlock this threewheeled beast.

Unlock Pywackett Barchetta Super

Barchetta and race around

any of the tracks backwards

with the lap setting at two.

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Select the Pywackett

85 GRIP **ACCEL** 80 TOP SPEED 40







Unlock Unicorn

TOP SPEED

GRIP

ACCEL

Come first in the final stage of the Daytona Championship mode. Easy...

35 **GRIP** 90 ACCEL **TOP SPEED** 90



Unlock Rule Of The 9th

Set first place record times on every track in each of its variations - normal, mirror, reverse and mirror reverse.

Clock up over 100 hours of

playing the game and you'll

be rewarded for your efforts

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Unlock The Javelin

with this beauty.

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. It's been a hard month for the chimps, what with having to hose down the Gaming Porpoise and answer your questions at the same time. Still, at least you've eased their pain by providing some relatively easy problems... if you've got something tougher to

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ask them, just write to:

Or send an email to dreamcast@ paragon.co.uk - ... unless you want us to send the boys round, of course.

Stop Asking This! Dear DREAMCAST

MAGAZINE, I read your answer to the anonymous email in issue 20 about Resident Evil Code: Veronica and noticed it mentioned the Tyrant on the plane... well, that's where I'm stuck. I have no weapons to fight it with apart from 48 normal arrows for the bow gun - I do realise there is a Storage Box on the plane but I didn't keep anything in it. I don't have any Herbs or First Aid Sprays either. What should I do? Please HELP!

Some anonymous bloke, via email

Yours sincerely.

Right, for the last time... stop asking how to do this! You wouldn't believe how many people ask about this part of the game - what's more,

it's not even that difficult. Even if you haven't got any weapons, you can still win the battle: iust lure the Tyrant to the open ramp at the rear of the plane, then run back and hit the button by the door to send the crate hurtling towards him. You have to do this more if you aren't hurting him with weapons (making him bleed means you'll only have to do it once) but eventually he'll be sent flying out of the cargo bay doors to his death. It's easy enough, so don't ask us how to do this any more!



And Still They Come...

Dear DREAMCAST MAGAZINE. HELP ME! In

Resident Evil Code: Veronica, I've been wandering around aimlessly in the palace for a week looking for the three Proofs. I already have one of them and I've been to Alexia's house but to no avail. I can't get any further! Also, could you help me out with a health code please?

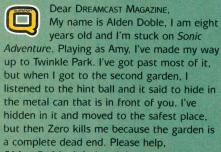
Thank you so much, Sash, via email

sweeping question. The

Hey, at least it's an original problem... although vou couldn't have asked a more

three Proofs are scattered around the palace area - it takes a fair old while to find them all. The Navy Proof is outside the palace (this is probably the one vou've already got), the Army Proof is in the room on the second floor above the garage where Steve kills his zombified dad and the Air Force Proof is hidden on top of the bookshelf on the upper floor of the Carousel Playroom in the private residence. You'll have to play through most of Claire's adventure to get them all... oh, and there's no infinite health code. Bugger, eh?

Ahh, He's Only Eight!



Alden Doble (obviously), via email



Alden, Alden, Alden... just because the hint says that you can hide in the can, that doesn't mean you have to do it. What's more, vou're right near the end of the level - so close and yet so far! Basically, you're not thinking big enough... see that fence blocking off the ramp ahead? There's actually an opening on the right of it filled with explosive barrels. All you have to do is jump over the barrels and leg it up the slope (avoiding the Spiked Balls, obviously) to reach the balloon that carries you out of the level. Hope that helps!



We're Right For Once!

Dear DREAMCAST MAGAZINE. In the second part of your walkthrough for Phantasy star Online, you said that in the Unsealed Door mission it wouldn't matter if your companion was killed during the fight with De Rol Le. When I played, he was killed and I was transported back to base as if I'd failed the mission... so what's going on? Yours confusingly,

Ollie Scott, via email

Hey, don't shoot the messenger, Ollie - we just tell you what to do in the game. In truth though, we probed our Phantasy Star Online chimp fully and he's actually right for once; we played



that mission a number of times and each time, the scientist with us bit the dust but we didn't fail. Why? We're not sure. Still. surely you would have thought to try and stop him from getting killed in the first place... that IS the whole point of the mission, after all. At the end of the day though, we're right hooray for us!

It's The Beat Yourself Challenge! Win A Set of Joytech Goodies!

Finally, we have another lucky prize winner! Thanks to the wonders of modern photography, someone has actually managed to prove their fastest time on Ferrari 355 Challenge! Ready for the announcement? And the winner is...

Ron Whittaker from Gwynedd, Wales!

Nice one, Ron - your prizes should be winging their way to you as we speak. As for the rest of you, it's time for three brand new challenges...

The rules haven't changed - three challenges, three sets of prizes. The only way to win is to send us photographic or video proof of your gaming talents. As before, anyone trying to pull a fast one will be humiliated



A nice easy one to get the ball rolling - just send us a photo or video that shows us your fastest lap around the Three Seven Speedway. Only races completed using the Hornet car will be accepted, so start your engines!

NBA Hoopz

Take on the computer in a basic three-on-three match and then send us proof of your highest score over an entire game. Use any team you like - you'll want to be looking for a score of 90 points or higher to win!

Fighting Vipers 2

The idea's not hard, but being the fastest might be - just get through to the last boss of the game in the fastest time possible. Any character can be used and you can continue as often as you like... just be as quick as you can!



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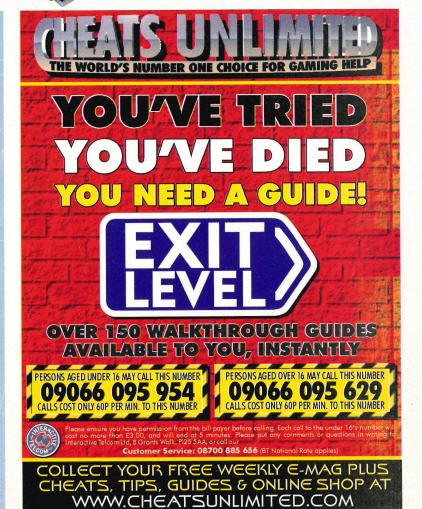


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Especially For You

As a fight progresses, your party will build up Spirit Points (SP). After each round, the SP gauge will go up by one point for each member of the party. It is also possible to raise your spirits by Focusing. Once you have enough SP, you will be able to pull off a Special Move. These moves can only be learnt by eating Moonberries, an extremely rare delicacy on Arcadia.







Chapter 1: Back To Base

• The adventure begins with a young girl sailing alone in a strange ship. An enormous battleship, headed by Alfonso, is chasing her for an as-yet unknown reason. They knock her out with Concussion Shells, and are just about to take her back to their Queen when the Blue Rogues attack.

• Attack the Valuan Soldiers using the standard attack command. They won't last very long. After the first battle you will become surrounded by soldiers, at which point Dyne will turn up.

• It's your job to find Alfonso. There's a crate immediately in front of you. Open it to find a Sacri Crystal. Run along the corridor and into the large room. Alfonso will be waiting for you with a group of guards. Take them out with standard attacks.

• Explore the first floor of this room and keep fighting until both Vyse and Aika have learnt a magic spell each. When this happens, go to the Status screen and change their colour allocations.

• Head upstairs and face Alfonso. As expected, he'll run off with the girl. Open the chest, then follow him and use the Save Point in the next room.

• After the battle, Alfonso will make a run for it, leaving the strange girl behind. You will now be on the Blue Rogues' ship, The Albatross. Fina seems to be okay, but you'll have leave her until later. Go outside and climb the ladder up to the bridge. Talk to Dyne, then talk to Briggs to gain control of



Loopers are very wary and will often run

away before you get to attack them. If

you get to them in time, use magic as

opposed to physical attacks. • Once you are on Pirate Isle, explore the docking cavern. Be sure to save your progress at the Save Point. There is a Tavern and two shops to go to, but don't buy anything just yet. Instead, go straight up to Dyne's office, and let him talk to Fina. Choose the 'sit quietly and listen' option. After the chat, examine the bookcase in the corner. It will slide open, revealing a ladder, which will lead to 150 Gold. Luke the Raider will now let you exit the cavern.

• Find the stone doorway next to Vyse's house. It will lead you to another Moonberry. Search the vegetable patch to find a chest. Talk to Vyse's mum, then go to the training area and find out all that you can about battle. Offer to play hide-





> Antonio is Alfonso's pet war-beast. You shouldn't have any problems as long as you keep your HP above 200. Use Vyse's Pyri three times, then stick to the standard attacks. Use Aika to heal when necessary. The only move that really hurts is Thunder Of Fury, which will hit for around 190.







found behind the washing, near the vegetable patch. Pow is by the well. Lindsi is to the left of Vyse's house, and Alan is behind Aika's house. In return, Jimmy will tell you about the hidden ladder. Great...

Head back to the Weapons Shop and purchase a Pirate Cutlass and a Leather Crescent. Equip them, then sell the old weapons. Go outside and climb the ladder up to the viewpoint.

Chapter 2: Retrieve The Moon Stone

- After seeing the Moon Stone land on the nearby Shrine Island, Vyse and Aika decide to go off and find it. Vyse will get some sleep before he goes.
- Talk to Vyse's parent before you leave. You will receive two Sacred Crystals and a Purple Moon Stone. Go outside and talk to Fina. Equip the Purple Moon Stone with both characters so that you learn the relevant spells as soon as possible.
- island) and cast off. Fly around the immediate area and get into as many fights as possible. Groups of Ghastlings should be taken out with a Pyri attack.

out the others. Once you have about 600 Gold, head back to the Weapons Shop and buy some armour and rings. Now head south, towards Shrine Island.

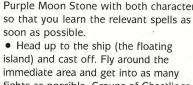
• The Moon Stone has blasted into the

side of the shrine, allowing water to flood the dome. Whilst inside the dome, you will encounter the normal enemies as well as Flisticks. These strange creatures can put you to sleep for one round, so take them out as a priority. You'll have to drain the water out. Follow the pathway until you end up outside. Touch the crystal to lower the entire shrine. Head right and open the chest. The entrance to the shrine will now take you to a different place. Follow the pathway back down to the entrance - make sure that you activate all the rings as you pass them. As soon as you walk outside, you'll be attacked by a Grouder. Use Special Moves to kill it quickly. There is only one way to go - just follow the path until you are back inside the dome. Turn left and activate all the rings. Be careful as there are Seekers in this area. Their Lasers can cause problems. Go through the doorway to find another Moonberry. Run back inside and go up the stairs. Activate the

two rings and go through the door. The path will take you to the next level down, where there are yet more rings and a chest. Go through the door and down to the next level. Be sure to save your game before opening the floodgates.



- While you were away on your treasure hunt, the Valuan forces attacked Pirate Isle. They've taken all the men hostage!
- · Get back to Pirate Isle, and make your way into the cavern. Vyse's mum is in Dyne's office - it looks like you're going to have to save everyone. In the morning, head up to the floating island and speak to the kids. Promise Lindsi that you'll come back, then leave.
- Head north and go past Shrine Island. Soon you will come to a large island with a mountain on top. There are flying fish in this area. Catch them by flying into them. Change to a north-easterly direction until the fog becomes too thick to carry on. There's absolutely no way that you can attack Rhaknam retreat and hold on to something.
- You'll wake up on the deck of another





ATTACKS: : TARGET SEARCH

ITEMS WON: RAW MOON STO

easy. The Blaster is an

and you'll be fine. Blue

no time at all.

> This guy is really quite

annoying move to say the least, but keep your HP high

magic hurts him the most,

closely followed by Alpha

Storm and Cutlass Fury. The

Moon Stone will be yours in





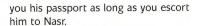






ship. Although you can explore the ship, there's nothing to find. Go down the stairs and grab the crates. Drachma will ask you to take the Little Jack to Sailor's Island. You now have use of a Blue Moon Stone, so be sure to equip it. Fly through the tunnel - the island will be on the other side.

- Your first stop should be the Sailor's Guild. Talk to the Guildmaster and purchase the Ancient Guidepost information. Now go to the Items Shop and grab some Curia Crystals. Talk to the Ship Parts Merchant - he'll tell you about a new Harpoon Cannon. Captain Drachma might be interested in that. Find the Weapons Store - there are a load of new weapons and armour to be found here. It's worth buying the Hook Hand, as you'll need it later on.
- Pinta is standing in the Weapons Store. Talk to him about the Pinta Quest, then go to the Options screen and send him off.
- Go back to the pub and beat around the bush with your information. Drachma will agree to take you to your destination. Now you need a Valuan Passport. Talk to the Guildmaster. A Nasr Merchant will overhear you. He'll give



- Equip Drachma and go back to the Little Jack. When the merchant ship leaves, go back to Sailor's Island, then head north-east until you get to a small island. The spinning compass will mean that this is a Discovery Area. Press A to reveal it.
- Fly east from the Guidepost, with the reef on your right-hand side. There are two new enemies here: the Thorkryn and the Scornfly. Thorkryns are easy to kill, but Scornflies will require magic/Special Moves if you are to avoid long battles.
- Escort the merchant ship through the Dannel Straight, then head into Valua, which can be found to the north of Sailor's Island.

Chapter 4: Finding Fina

- Finally you've made it into the formidable fortress that is the Valuan City. Now all you have to do is get into the palace.
- Explore the immediate area. There are some shops and a bar. The Barkeeper will tell you that the Air Pirates are to be executed at the









SHIP BATTLE: BLACKBEARD

> For the first two rounds. only use one gun attack. Where you place it is up to you. Just make sure that you guard for the other two rounds. When Blackbeard changes tactics, try to get behind him. Attack him with your main cannons for big damage. Attack him in the second round as well, but guard for the third round. Keep this up until he cries himself to sleep.

continued



Attack



TACKS: SONIC WAVE, TACKLE TEMS WON: ELECTRI BOX, SACRED CR

> This fight will occur when you climb the ladder and attempt to save the Air Pirates. If you're not careful, this guy will wipe you out with his devastating Tackle attack. This attack can hit for up to 1,000HP. If your characters are guarding, this will be halved. The only attack to use is Drachma's Tackle. This will hit for around 550HP. Three of these will be enough to finish him. Constantly guard with Aika, as she is likely to be killed in one hit. Use Vyse to heal and Focus. Keep your concentration and you won't have a problem.





WON: REPAIR KIT

Now that you have the Harpoon Cannon, this won't be too hard. The only problem is that firing it requires 15SP! The best strategy is to Guard when in the green/yellow, fire when you have the advantage, and use the Harpoon Cannon when you have enough SP. Simple when you know how!

Collosseum on the following day. Use the lift to go down to the next level. Don't stay at the Inn just yet. Instead, keep exploring. Behind some barrels you will find a secret passageway, leading to a Moonberry. Go back to the Inn and stay the night.

- Drachma will turn up. It looks like you're going to have to sneak into the Colloseum. Marco will overhear your plans. Chase him, but follow the arrows that point away from him. This will help you to catch up with him and will also gain you a Sacri Crystal.
- In the morning you will wake up to find that all the inhabitants have gone to the Collosseum. Jump down into the Catacoombs. Tsirats, Basallish, Crylhounds and Mind-Stealers inhabit this area. The first three can be wiped out with a Pyri attack. The Mind-Stealers are more vulnerable to physical attacks.

When you get to your first junction, turn left and collect the items. At the second junction, go straight ahead to collect the Assassin's Blade and the Heavy Armour.

 Marco will show you a secret room. Talk to everyone and grab the items.

You're going to have to save Fina while the guards are still in a state of confusion. Get the Yellow Moon Stone from Dyne and head down the corridor.

You'll soon end up in the Upper City. Save your progress, then try to cross the bridge. Fina is just about to be put on the train. You'll jump on the train in a cut-scene. Before you know it, two Patrol Guards will be upon you. Change your weapons to red - this will ensure that you suck the life out of them. With them defeated, the big man himself will challenge you. Whatever you do, don't let him catch up with you, as he is ridiculously hard. Nothing that you can muster will even touch his energy bar. Keep running until you get to the end of the train.

• Fina is being guarded by two Royal Guards. They are a lot stronger than the previous guards, and it will take a number of Special Moves to kill them.

Chapter 5: The Temple Of Pyrynn

• When you get back to the island, Fina • will tell you about her mission. It looks like you're going to have to help her out.

• Search the chest on the Lookout Point. then go into the cavern. As you go in, Cupil will start to beep at you. Search the walkway to find a Cham. You can feed this to Cupil to make it stronger. Jump onto the Little Jack and sail north-west to the area in which you started the game. The Pirate's Grave Discovery can be found here. Now go to Sailor's Island and sell your Discoveries. There should be a new one for you to buy.

The Weapons Store and the Ship Parts Shop have restocked on new equipment, so be sure to visit them before you leave.

- Break through the reef and head east until you get to Maramba. If you head still further east, you will find the next Discovery in the form of a floating lake. Once you have found it, go back to Maramba and have a rest. There are some new items to buy, and the Ship Merchant has a new weapon - you don't have a ship right now, so it won't be any
- Pick up the Cham, which is located on the balcony of the Inn, Explore the other buildings in the compound. There is a walled off structure in the far-left corner - you can't get to it just yet. Go over to







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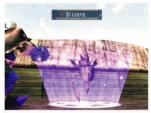
the Dhabu Stand and jump onto it. You can use the Dhabu to get onto some of the rooftops. The rooftop of the Weapons Store has a Slipara Box. The rooftop with the exercising man will allow you to get inside the building, and so get to the Nasr Combat Mail.

• Go out of the gate next to the Dhabu Stand and make your way over to the other part of town. Pick up the 300 Gold from the rooftop, then dismount and go into the Tavern. Talk to the dancer and she'll ask you to stay. Relax for a while - the dancer will come over to you and offer you the use of her ship. You have until the morning to explore. Jump down into the tunnel system that runs between the two parts of town. Use the switches to open the gates. This will allow you to find all the treasures (just like the Weapons Store owner said), including a Moonberry and a Gem of Fluidity. Get back to the Inn and stay the night.

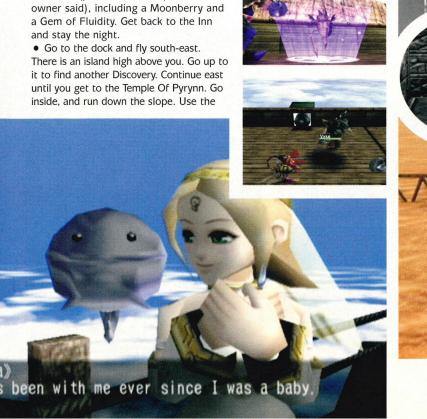
• Go to the dock and fly south-east. There is an island high above you. Go up to it to find another Discovery. Continue east until you get to the Temple Of Pyrynn. Go inside, and run down the slope. Use the













will cast poison on one/two/three members of your party. Use Curia Crystals to overcome this. Frost Breath doesn't have any status effects, but it'll hit for up to 250HP. Switch all your weapons to red. Use Vyse and Aika to Focus and Heal. As soon as you get 10SP, use Drachma's Tackle. This will hit the oversized Basallish for around 800HP. Keep doing this, and as you get towards the end, just hit him with a barrage of red attacks.





ATTACKS: CINDER STORM, VOLCANIC BLAST ITEMS WON: RISELEM BO

> The key to defeating this boss lies in several areas. Firstly, one of your characters should have the Gem Of Fluidity equipped. This will stop them getting petrified. Rokwyrm's main attacks are Cinder Storm and Volcanic Blast. The latter will only be used when the boss is low on HP, and will hit for up to 400HP. Cinder Blast will petrify whoever it hits (unless they are wearing the Gem Of Fluidity). This effect will wear off after a few rounds, but is annoying nevertheless. Use Curia or Curia Crystals to reverse the effect.

Hit the boss with Crystalles and Cutlass Fury. Strangely enough, Rain Of Swords actually does less damage than Cutlass Fury. Once defeated, the boss will fall to form a bridge. Cross over him and then grab the Moon Crystal.

Lava Storm

rolling rocks to get over to the passageway on the left. There is a chest in here which will probably be guarded by Magnum Tikis. Ice and water will seriously hurt them, so change your weapon colour if you come across them. Note that Crystales will take them out in one go. Attack with Vyse and cast the relevant spells with Fina and Aika. Go down the next slope and climb down the ladders. Soon you will come to an Indiana Jones-style corridor. Wait for the boulder to fall, then run down the slope and into the right-hand opening. Follow this opening to receive the Ancient Robe. This robe will be protected by another group of Magnum Tikis.

- Go back to the boulder corridor and run down the slope. You will emerge in a large room. Arrange the rolling stones so that they all fall into the right slots. The left and right-hand stones should be moved first so that you can roll the third stone over them.
- Run down the slope to yet another protected chest. The left-hand path will lead to a locked door. The right-hand path will lead to two protected treasure chests - one containing a Dancing Arc, one containing some Gold. The central path will lead to another puzzle room. Check out the boxout below on how to solve it.
- You will now be in the second boulder corridor. Run down the slope and nip into the left-hand opening. There is a Cham in here. Run over to the opposite opening. At the top of the slope is a protected chest containing a Moonberry. Grab it, and then run down

The Rolling Stones

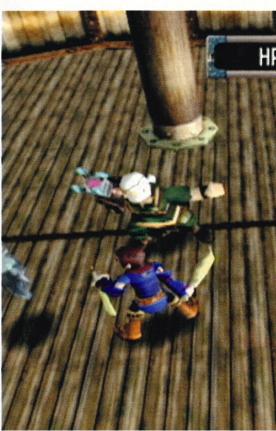
> This puzzle is really simple. All you have to do is get the four coloured stones in the matching slots. Use the pictures below to get it right. With the puzzle solved, the entire floor will sink to a lower level, and the door will open











the final slope of this corridor.

• You will now be in the depths of the temple. Salamanders patrol this area, though they can be taken out easily using physical attacks. Follow the path into the next room. The switch will allow water to flow into the room, but you'll have to find a way of keeping it there. Follow the walkway to the protected chest on the far side. Zivilyn Bane will challenge you. Standard attacks and Crystalles will finish him in no time at all. He does have one dangerous move – well, it's more annoying than dangerous. His Burst will hit you for around 400HP. Your prize will be a Zaal Seed and the Rune Of Ill Omen.

Run down the steps to the third puzzle room. Use the boxout below to help you.

• Head back to the switch. The water will now fall onto the lava and solidify it.

Chapter 6: The Search for Isapa

- The Valuan Empire is already on its way to the land of the Green Moon. You'll have to hurry if you're to get the stone before they do.
- Head back to Sailor's Island. Sell your Discoveries and buy the handful of new ones. Get the Cham from the lighthouse before you leave. You'll have to go back past Maramba to get to the South Ocean find the Topple Stones on your way through. They're on the same island as Maramba.
- Crossing the South Ocean is quite hard. The wind is very strong, and you'll have to battle many enemies before you get to the other side. Your main problem will come from the Gravers. These guys

use an HP Absorb move, which hits for around 400HP. Along the way, you'll be able to find the Sky Anemone. It is on one of the floating rocks and is directly south of Pirate Isle's position.

• You will find the tree-top town of Horteka on your right as you enter the lxa' Taka kingdom. Horteka is huge. To make it easier, it has three main areas. One of the routes will take you to a Blue Rogue crash site. One of the survivors will give you a supply of Moon Stones. There are also a bunch of Sacri Crystals to collect. Be sure to pick up the Cham at the entrance to this area. The next route will take you up some ladders to a number of huts. There are some chests to find (including one behind a shrine) and a couple of slides to go down. The final route will take you to the Elder's hut. He will tell you why everyone is being so hostile. Stay the night, then climb to the area above the hut. Tikatika will be up here. He'll use his super-sight to spy a 'Golden Man' in the northern sky...yeah, whatever.

Now that you have the Elder's trust, the shopkeepers will sell you whatever you want. There are some great new weapons to buy. Lastly, there is a Moonberry at the top of one of the two poles in the village.

- Fly north from the village, and you will come across a Valuan battle ship. It's the Chameleon!
- The King will be waiting for you inside the hut. It appears that there is only one person who may know where the Green Moon Crystal is, and he has been kidnapped by the Valuans. You're going









There's nothing much that you can do at the moment. You can't beat this thing it's just too strong. The only way to avoid its laser is to use the 3mm Cannon on the round that precedes the red round. Tie it over to the red round, and have the Main Cannon firing in this round as well. Guard or Focus in every other round. When you get the option, choose to concentrate your fire on its heads. As soon as you are able to retreat, do so.

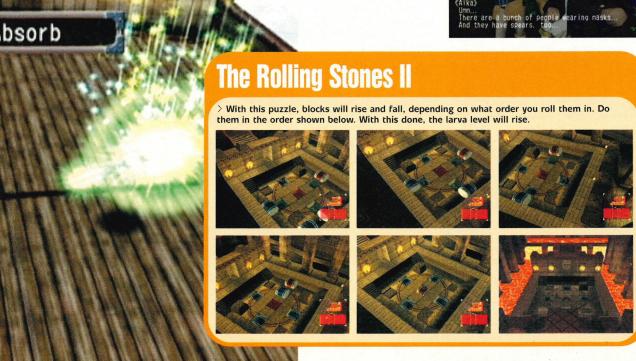


SHIP BATTLE: LYNX ITEMS WON: CAPTAIN'S STRIPE, MAGIC CANNON 3" RLASTER

In order to win this battle, you're going to have to last for a few rounds, which is a lot harder than it sounds. The Lynx is armed with Magic Cannons, which means that it can blast you with spells such as Wevli and Pyri. It also has torpedoes and sub-cannons don't be surprised if all three of these attacks hit you in the same round. When this happens, you'll incur something in the region of 5,000HP!

The key lies in sitting back and being patient. You'll have to turn sharply to confuse her, then come to a complete stop in order to get a decent shot with the Harpoon Cannon. In the meantime, cast Sacri, Incrum and Focus/Guard at all other times. You'll need to make sure that when you get that all-important chance with the Harpoon Cannon, you have enough SP. It will take you two shots to floor this beast.

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> This battle is relatively simple. It is only made hazardous due to the huge flame-thrower which fronts the ship. Cast Driln and Wevles to weaken the Chameleon's defences and cause major damage. As with the Gigas battle, concentrate your 3" Cannon/Blaster fire and your Standard Cannon fire in the round preceding the one in which the enemy will attack. This will knock the flame-thrower off target. Keep your SP high, and use the Harpoon Cannon when you get the chance. Two shots will be enough to send them fleeing.



Antonio is back, only this time his attacks do a lot more damage. Thunder Of Fury will hit for around 800HP, so make sure that you stay above that level. Magic attacks won't have much effect, so stick to physical attacks and Special Moves. Tackle is an especially good move to use, taking off up to 999HP!



to have to break into their camp. Grab the Cham before you leave.

- The Valuan's hideout is south east of Horteka. You will probably run into a Valuan Phantom Ship on your way. You shouldn't have any problems in taking her out. A Big Bomb and a Frost Bomb will be your reward.
- Find the Moon Stone Mine and land. This mine is full of traps. Explore until you come to the noughts and crosses. Step on the cross symbol to pass unharmed. From now on, you should always follow the crosses. Soon you will come to a walkway, which passes a huge dragon emblem. There is a Cham in the vicinity, but three triangle symbols block your way. Cross on the far left to avoid the traps. The lift in this room doesn't work, so follow the path that leads under the emblem. A room on the left contains some crystals. Keep going until you get to the room containing three searchlights. Crossing a searchlight will result in a battle with a Mine Patrol. You'll have to use the first-person perspective to look below you. The only way forwards is to drop through one of the trap doors. The left-hand trap door will drop you down to a treasure chest. You will now have to go back to the start

of the level, but the De Loco's Mail was worth it. The righthand trap door will drop you to another platform with two trap doors. The central one will drop you safely to the platform below.

• Follow the path to the room containing Centime. He'll activate the lifts for you. Jump into the lift, then continue down the path. When you come to the junction, go down the slope. There are various rooms to ransack, as well as the prized De Loco Drill at the end of the corridor. Now go back to the junction and take the other route. By following this path, it is possible to get another Moonberry. Use one of the trap doors to drop down onto the searchlight walkway. Now make your way back to the first lift that wouldn't work. This will take you down to the Moonberry chest.

Start the long trek back to where you dropped down, and follow the walkway. You'll end up in a corridor with four doors. Search each room to find some items and Isapa.

Chapter 7: The Green Moon Stone

• Now that you have found the High • Priest Isapa, you should be able to locate the Lost City Of Rixis.

• Go back to the King's hut and speak to him. Isapa will tell you the riddle for finding the Lost City. You'll

have to find the Golden Man and the Great Bird. In fact there are three secrets to find in this area. The ancient Ixa' Taka Palace can be found in a forest near the King's hut. The Golden Man is high atop one of the rock-columns by the hut. The Great Bird is carved into a clearing near the hut. From the bird, fly in the direction in which its beak is pointing, until you come to the entrance to Rixis. Now that you know where it is, go back to the Blue Rogue crash site and talk to Centime. As a token of his gratitude, he'll give you a Twin Propeller. Now return to Rixis.

• Find the Cham on the left-hand side, then put the gems in the statues' eyes. Explore every nook and cranny of the first area. There are two chests to be found, containing Risen Crystals and a Stonecutter. The enemies shouldn't cause any problems - most are vulnerable to fire. The only exception is the Slothstra. It has a huge number of HP, and will counter any physical attacks, so use Special Moves (Tackle especially) and magic only. After you have come across





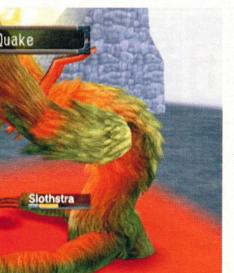






the mysterious person for the second time, go up to where he was. A transporter is up here, and it will take you back to the start of the level if needs be. Use the other transporter to cross over to the ruins. There is a chest in this room, which is protected by none other than...

• There are two sets of stairs in the Zivilyn Bane room. One set leads up to a Cham, the other leads down to a transporter. This will take you to a room with multiple levels, and a number of items, including a Moonberry and a Light Coat. A couple of rooms later, you'll come across the mysterious person again. It seems like he wants you to follow him. It's probably a trap, but you don't have much choice. Eventually, you will be transported above the clouds, to a temple.





HP: 6,900

ATTACKS: RING OF SLEEP,
CIRCLE OF PANIC, FEATHER SLASH

> This boss is extremely easy, as long as you follow the correct procedure. Casting Lunar Glyph will petrify the boss nearly every time. It will stay petrifies for a couple of rounds, in which time you can cast Tackle, Cutlass Fury and Lambda Burst. The boss's attacks will inflict Sleep of Confuse, so use Curia Crystals if you need to.



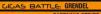
HP: 3,200
ATTACKS: BURST
ITEMS WON: SYLPH

He's back again! This time round, he deserves his own boxout, as he's getting quite hard. Cast any protective magic that you have. Then, cast the defensive Special Moves, such as Skull Shield and Delta Shield. Physical attacks will be countered, so hit him with Special Moves, such as Tackle, Cutlass Fury and Lambda Burst.

The boss's only move, Burst, will hit for over 1,000HP, so be on your guard. Search the chest afterwards to find the Golden Mask.

Double Trouble!





ITEMS WON: CAPTAIN'S STRIPE,

around this continent destroying everything in its path forever. As soon as you start, cast Increm and Driln. Use the same tactics as you would normally use in a Ship Battle. Don't bother casting magic – just stick to the cannons. Guard and Focus on red



and yellow squares respectively. When you get the option, go for the head. Don't attack the feet – Grendel's Stomp move is absolutely

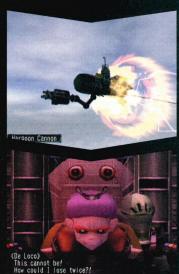
devastating.

Eventually, the Gigas will momentarily lose control and will stroll towards the river with its head in its hands. Now is your chance to hit it with the Harpoon Cannon and knock it into the river!





> You know the score by now. Cast Increm and Driln straight away. Wevles and the B-Type Cannon will do a lot of damage, but at the end of the day, you'll just have to wait until



you get the opportunity to launch the Harpoon Cannon. When you get the option, choose to attack. Retreating will make no difference – simply Guard on a red square to avoid big damage from the Moon Stone Cannon.



Be sure to check out the next issue of DREAMCAST MAG for part two of our mammoth guide. For all you need to know about boss tactics, Moonberry locations and Discoveries, look no further than these very pages!

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• games, so before you bother to even think about getting yourself a game you should read these four pages very carefully. Doing so will prevent you from wasting money.

You'll also find a handy Best Of Genre section which, funnily enough, highlights the brightest and most spangly games that money can buy...

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What's That All About Then, Eh?

Game Name Publisher Does it have online capabilities? Still a tad short on ticks... The most importation bit - is it actually any good? Genre

Game Name	Publisher	Players	VM	Online	Useful Peripheral	ssue	Rating
102 Dalmatians: Puppies To The Rescue Ne Say: "A great game if you're a kid who's yet to sa			X nid – unless you	X I've got a thing for d	ACCUSATION AND RESIDENCE AND R	17	66%
AWheel Thunder Ne Say: "4Wheel Thunder is generally an incredibly	Midway well rounded game, making it a	total winner in our bo	oks." AW	x	STEERING WHEEL	08	79%
ix4 Evolution We Say: "Dull and uninspired racing game, slightly say	Take 2 red by its online capabilities. You'd	4 be better off getting N	✓ I-SR or waiting	for Daytona USA to	STEERING WHEEL	19	66%
AeroWings Ve Say: " As a flight simulator, <i>AeroWings</i> is up ther	Crave	4	X	X	X	03	68%
leroWings 2: Airstrike We Say: "For a simulation that prides itself on depth.	Crave	2	X	×	x	12	73%
Irmada Ve Say: "In spite of first impressions, Armada offer	N/A	4	X	×	×	05	71%
Army Men: Sarge's Heroes	Midway	4	X	res. 51	×	17	61%
le Say: "As good as this might be, there's nothing in iqua GT	Take 2	d for that, it kinda sucks 2	i." AW	×	STEERING WHEEL	18	67%
Ve Say: "It might not look fantastic but it's actually re langai-0	eally good fun to play." AW Virgin		×	×	×	14	69%
le Say: "Mad, crazy shoot-'em-up with absolutely no poi	nt - you'll either totally love it or loa	the it with a passion." MA	И				
le Say: "It's Blue Stinger's failure to really excite the		its main problem." GN	×	X	×	02	65%
luggy Heat Ve Say: "For a different kind of racing game that is	SEGA going to hold a challenge in ord	2 der to master it, you ca	n't go far wro	ong with <i>Buggy Hea</i>	STEERING WHEEL	02	61%
ust-A-Move 4 le Say: "A welcome addition to the puzziers already of	Acclaim out on Dreamcast." NC	2	X	Х	X	11	84%
uzz Lightyear Of Star Command le Say: "Even for a kids" game this is way too short,	Activision	1		Х	×	19	66%
aesars Palace 2000 le Say: "Surprisingly, it's not as bad as you might thin	Interplay	4	X	Х	×	12	55%
apcom Vs SNK	Virgin Interactive	2	X	~	ARCADE STICK	17	91%
8 Say: "This is the best 2D beat-'em-up available. As hampionship Surfer	The Learning Company	4	V	X	×	19	46%
e Say: "Unless you absolutely must own a surfing gatharge'N Blast	Xicat	2	uld." MM	×	ARCADE STICK	21	46%
e Say: "If you've ever needed an example of how gre hel's Luv Shack	Acclaim	4	Х	Х	×	03	76%
6 Say: "As party games go, <i>Chef's Luv Shack</i> is up hicken Run	there with the best of them and Eidos	I is a game enjoyed aft	er a curry and	a few pints of lage	er." AW	17	72%
e Say: "Not that much here for mature audiences, bi hu Chu Rocket!	ut younger kids and addicts to Aa SEGA	rdman paraphernalia wil	I warm to its u				
e Say: "The hottest party game we've ever seen, w	rith plenty under the hood for th	ose who are 'sans' frier	nds. Ahhh." M	м		10	90%
oaster Works e Say: "Good fun while it lasts but nowhere near end	Xicat ough to make you want to play all	through the night." AW			×	21	56%
razy Taxi e Say: " <i>Crazy Tax</i> i is a fully-leaded adrenaline rush	SEGA experience – it's pure concentra	1 ated fun, stuffed onto	X one SEGA-pate	X ented GD-ROM"	STEERING WHEEL	05	94%
ave Mirra Freestyle BMX e Say: "A fun game with lots of potential that is sadd	Acclaim	2	X	X	×	16	74%
aytona USA 2001	SEGA	4	a angles. WIR	~	STEERING WHEEL	20	90%
more than arcade-perfect conversion that is guara and Or Alive 2	Acclaim	4	×	×	ARCADE STICK	08	92%
a Say: "DOA2 might not be the best beat-'em-up or sadly Skies	Konami	1	Х	absolutely stunning X	," AW X	06	78%
e Say: "Soaring through the skies has never been such a sep Fighter	n exhilarating experience – a must fo Ubi Soft	r Tom Cruise wannabes."	AW X	X	×	12	68%
e Say: "It's not that bad to play once you get past thino Crisis	e annoying FMV and incredibly sli	ow gameplay." MM			·		
8 Say: "Direct PC conversions are always disappointing		we can ask is why, Capo	com why?" N	MM X	*	16	76%
nosaur a Say: "It's not awful to play, but <i>Dinosaur</i> won't be	Ubi Soft keeping your attention for longer	than a week at most."	MM X	X	ARCADE STICK	16	69%
onald Duck Quack Attack © Say: "Perfect for the kiddy-winks, but much too sh	Ubi Soft ort-lived for anyone looking for a	real game to get their I	X eeth into " AW	, X	×	17	71%
agon's Blood \$ Say: "Some lovely visuals and nice touches don't	Interplay	1	X	Х	×	10	79%
icati World	Acclaim	2	V	x	×	20	30%
n absolute shocker of a biking game that you shou mamite Cop 2	SEGA	2	~	X	en e	03	69%
e Say: "Dynamite this game may be, but it has a co The Dolphin: Defender Of The Future		es the player feeling a	little cheater	d." MR			91%

ame Name	Publisher	Flayers VIVI	Omine Oseiui Peripilerai	Issue	Rating
CW Hardcore Revolution a Say: "There are so many reasons why you shouldn'	Acclaim 4 't rush out and get this it might explain	why Acclaim were reluctant t	o send us a review copy." MM	08	33%
W Anarchy Rulz f you need us to tell you one more time that this is u	Acclaim Itter arse, you're beyond help. Please, just	4 X	×	20	31%
SPN International Track & Field	Konami	4 ×	X X	15	63%
3 Say: "A second-rate knock-off of a version that appear Iropean Super League	ared on an inferior console." MM Virgin	4	X ARCADE STICK	19	58%
Say: "Certainly not a terrible game, but sadly it plone	ks itself down on the average stool in the	Dreamcast's footballing pub."		00	
olution a Say: " <i>Evolution</i> is great fun to play once you've allo	Uhi Soft owed yourself to be swallowed up by the	he archeological crusading thin	ng." AW	05	80%
Racing Championship Say: "Whether you're an arcade racing fan or fancy m	Video System nore of a simulation, F1 Racing Champion	2 viship offers both at a decent en	X STEERING WHEEL ough level." AW	19	71%
World Grand Prix	Video System	2 ×	X STEERING WHEEL	03	89%
a Say: "The speed of the cars and the way the scene World Grand Prix 2	ery holds together is superb. The in-car	2 X	X STEERING WHEEL	12	90%
Say: "The definitive F1 racer for Dreamcast." SC	Acclaim	2 x	V CTTPOING WILES	14	91%
rrari 355 Challenge a Say: "Have no doubt, this is the ultimate driving experier	Acclaim nce. Savour it and cherish it" AW	Z X	X STEERING WHEEL		
<pre>ghting Force 2 a Say: "Fighting Force 2 is fun to play and looks grea</pre>	Eidos Interactive at, it's just not a game that you will be to	1 X otally engrossed in and addicti	X X ed to for long." AW	04	61%
ghter Vipers 2	SEGA	2 ×	X ARCADE STICK	20	65%
Say: "It plays quite well, but the package as a whole ogger 2	Konami	4 X	x	17	66%
a Say: "Not as bad as you might think, but still not god	od enough to warrant more than a few da Acclaim	ay's worth of play." MM	x x	09	91%
I r Fighters 3 Say: "The closest thing to a Rare/Nintendo game tha			^		
nuntlet Legends 9 Say: "It might not be the best-looking game ever b	Midway out when you've got four friends crowde	4 X ed round it's fantastically satisf	X ARCADE STICK ying fun to play." AW	10	87%
ant Killers good football management game with all the curren	Smoking Gun	1 /	X KEYBOARD	20	70%
gaWing	Virgin	2 ×	X ARCADE STICK	14	35%
andia II	more just for being in English this time arour	nd." MM	x x	19	91%
Say: "A fresh approach to the genre that does a grea					
[A2 a Say: "GTA2 is immensely satisfying once you've got t	Take 2 Interactive to grips with the tricky control, proving or	1 X nce again that gameplay is more	mportant than graphics." AW	09	81%
Inhird 2 Say: "Despite feeble attempt, this game fails to deliv	Virgin ver in almost all departments." MM	2 ×	X ARCADE STICK	15	51%
alf-Life	Havas Interactive	1 x	X KEYBOARD + MOUSE	15	81%
Say: "Just not good enough to be up there with the banden & Dangerous	best. Half-Life? Half-finished, more like!" Take 2	1 x	X X	12	92%
Say: " $H \& D$ is certainly a great game but whether it	will appeal to the action-crazed console r	market remains to be seen." AV	<u> </u>	01	91%
Duse Of The Dead 2, The 3 Say: "This is one of the titles worth buying a Drea	SEGA amcast for, especially with the amazing	ly good lightgun to play with.	" MM		
dro Thunder 3 Say: "As a one-player game, there's perhaps not qu	Midway uite enough in the gameplay to have yo	2 X bu drooling at the mouth." JR	X	01	79%
coming	Infogrames	2 ×	X X	02	80%
e Say: "Arcade fans will lap it up, serious strategists on Aces	Xicat	2 V	X X	21	63%
a Say: "It isn't without its flaws, but the airbound com adi Power Battles	bat is entertaining and at times in-depth. Activision	Not a must-buy, but worth a lo	ook." ST ARCADE STICK	16	76%
Say: "Great for Star Wars fans, but might be worth a	a look if you're a simple platform-loving p	person as well." PM			
eremy McGrath Supercross 2000 Say: "Don't go near this game if you want to retain your	Acclaim faith in the Dreamcast. Why? Because it will	2 X I rot your soul." AW	X	14	29%
et Set Radio B Say: "Playing this game is a near-heavenly experience	SEGA	1 x	X	15	92%
mmy White's 2: Cueball	Virgin	2 ×	х	03	59%
e Say: "If you really must play, then you might as well ajo's Bizarre Adventure	Il pop down the local snooker hall and do Virgin Interactive	the real thing, at least it'll ge	t you out of the house!" AW ARCADE STICK	07	71%
Say: "A little too bizarre for its own good - despite	e trying to do something original, it jus	t ends up mediocre." MM			
to The Kangaroo 8 Say: "At the end of the day Kao is just a poor man's i	Virgin Rayman, but it'll keep the kids happy o	r should that be frustrated." Al	v x	16	71%
SS Psycho Circus Say: "A good conversion, but sadly not exactly ground	Take 2	1 X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	17	71%
Mans 24 Hours	Infogrames	4 ×	X STEERING WHEEL	16	91%
visual and aural treat with plenty of challenge. A gre noney Tunes Space Race	eat driving game that leaves others laggin Infogrames	g behind." SP	X STEERING WHEEL	16	83%
n amazingly fun kids' racing game – it's just a shame	e that they've gone too far and made it re	ally, REALLY easy." MM		14	51%
agForce Racing e Say: "This is as close as you're going to get if you're lool	Crave king for an ultra-fast futuristic racing game I	ike WipeOut on the Dreamcast." N	x x		
aken X as $x = x + x = x + x = x = x = x = x = x = $	SEGA Maken X looks like a withered and mouldy	1 x parsnip." NC	X	12	85%
arvel Vs Capcom	Virgin	4 X	Х	04	91%
Say: "When the people behind the StreetFighter se arvel Vs Cancom 2	eries stick to their predictable guns, the	ey do it with style and this is r	ARCADE STICK	11	89%
Say: "An absolute must for all beat-'em-up aficionado	os." AW			07	90%
DK2 • Say: "MDK2 is one of the most original games yet	NAME OF THE OWNER OWNER OWNER OF THE OWNER OWNE				
etropolis Street Racer Say: "One of the finest games that we've laid our ha	SEGA and on for a very, VERY long time." MM	2 ×	X STEERING WHEEL	15	96%
idway Arcade Greatest Hits - Volume 1 Say: "We don't care how 'classic' these games are	Midway	2 X	X X here" MM	10	27%
llennium Soldier: Expendable	Infogrames	2 x	×	01	80%
Say: "If you're a seasoned gamer who remembers	the likes of Smash TV then you'll know Take 2	exactly what to expect from	Millennium Soldier." NR X ARCADE STICK	16	80%
Say: "A uniquely odd game which, although genuinely	y good fun to play, has an unplaceable so				
ortal Kombat Gold Say: "Although a dying breed, MKG breathes new I	Midway life into the series making it one of the	more enjoyable Dreamcast be	at-'em ups." AW	03	77%
Driller	Virgin Interactive	1 x	X ARCADE STICK	17	80%
Say: "Despite a distinct lack of games modes and op TV Sports: Skateboarding	THQ	4 x	X ARCADE STICK	17	68%
Say: "There's plenty to recommend MTV Skateboard	ling but at the end of the day it's no mate	ch for the might of Tony Hawk's	:." AW	20	88%
SA HOODZ ooks fantastic, great fun to play with your mates and	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY	it?" AW	X ARCADE STICK		
BA2K	SEGA v brilliant, although it does have limited	4 v	X	06	89%
Say: "As an overall package this game is absolutely					
Say: "As an overall package this game is absolutely A Showtime: NBA Vs NBC Say: "You don't have to be Shaquille O'Neal to be abl	Midway	4 /	X X	, 04	82%





Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Cert | 15 Publisher | Sony Pictures Price £19.99

Every once in a while, a film comes along that, despite being the type of thing that you wouldn't normally watch, manages to sweep everyone away. This year, that film was Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon - a monumental love story featuring more arse-kicking kung-fu than you can shake a Kendo stick at. Despite not having that much to offer in the way of extras, we suggest... no, insist that you

pick up a copy of it as soon as you possibly can. Ace!

Cast Away

Cert | 15

Publisher | 20th Century Fox

Price | £24.99 Appealing to both young and old movie goers alike, Cast Away was yet another example of the typical Oscarwinning schmaltz flick... despite losing out to Gladiator on all counts. Oops. Still, it's an enjoyable movie and now it's out as part of a two-disc DVD boxset. Not surprisingly, the set is packed to the rafters with extras, including no less than six featurettes and a host of other goodies, so there's absolutely no excuse for not buying it... well, unless you hate Tom

Hanks, that is.

Reviews •

Feeder **Echo Park**

Label: The Echo Label After flying back onto the scene with the annoyingly-catchy Buck Rogers (he's got a CD player, don't you know), Feeder are back with their latest and also most listenable album to date. This being their third, it's not surprising to hear that Feeder seem to have finally found their niche for producing quality tunes - whereas their previous albums left us with a somewhat unsatisfied feeling, Echo Park manages to hit the spot with a combination of head-nodding guitar tracks (most noticeably, Seven Days In The Sun) and more relaxed songs such as Satellite News. If you've never

been into Feeder then now's the perfect time to do so.



Neil Finn One Nil

Label: EMI Neil Finn's been around a fair old while and it's to his credit that he's still producing quality songs. While Split Enz and Crowded House sit just over his shoulder, reminding him of days gone by, Finn's second solo album is a remarkably commendable affair. It's not revolutionary, but his ability to craft a delicate and beautiful song remains as strong as ever, a fact underpinned by the likes of Wherever You Are and Into The Sunset. It may not be as pop-

filled as his earlier work. opting for a more intimate feel, but that's just fine by us.



Matthew Jav Draw

Label: Food/EMI

There aren't many people who are signed to a major label and have a self-written solo album out by the ripe old age of 22, but that's exactly what Welshborn Matthew Jay has gone and done. As far as debuts go, Draw is an enchanting album and the comparisons to Elliott Smith are richly deserved, even if he doesn't quite manage to transcend the same heights of beauty that he tries so hard to achieve. With acoustic guitars very much the order of the day, and melodic to the last, Draw is certainly a

good album, although there is no doubt still better to come.



Game Name <u>Publisher</u> **Players** Useful Peripheral Rating NFL Blitz 2000 Midway 89% We Say: "The beauty of NFL Blitz is that you don't need to have a clue about the sport to be able to enjoy it." AW NFL Quarterback Club 2000 Acclaim 56% We Say: "Dull, boring and mindless, NFL Quarterback Club is orst, without even a sniff of enjoyment." AW SEGA 85% Nightmare Creatures 2

Konami
We Say: "The only good thing this game has to offer is that you can kick doors down FBI-style." CD 12 39% Pen Pen Infogrames 68% Phantasy Star Online SEGA 1 We Say: "Great when online, but it's a tiny bit repetitive otherwise – just like every RPG, it certainly isn't for everyone." MM KEYBOARD 19 90% Virgin
eric and unoriginal? We don't think so... 54% **Ubi Soft** STEERING WHEEL 16 59% **Eldos Interactive** 01 92% Power Stone 2 We Say: "Much m Eldos X, but still a really good laugh if you're playing with yourself." MM 13 92% X 18 ARCADE STICK 91% ProPinball Trilogy We Say: "Yes, it is **Empire Interactive** 21 81% X uld happily sit and play all day long. Hoorah!" MM Psychic Force 2012 We Say: "Graphically a Acclaim 65% Quake III Arena We Say: "Pretty much as great as we were expecting it to be MOUSE & KEYBOARD 16 90% Racing Simulation: Monaco Grand Prix We Say: "The controls can be a little to **Ubi Soft** STEERING WHEEL 03 83% Railroad Tycoon 2

Take 2

We Say: "Digging deep, you could say there's a bit of a trainspotter in each of us and this game will appeal to that little bit." RM 14 33% Rainbow Six We Say: "It may be old news but it's still a great idea for Virgin Interactive 18 68% Rayman 2: The Great Escape Uhi Soft 07 92% Ready 2 Rumble Boxing We Say: "Make no mista 01 90% Ready 2 Rumble Boxing: Round 2 Midway ARCADE STICE 16 85% Record Of Lodoss War 18 81% We Say: "Killing beasties and collecting 'precious items' is all Lodoss has to offer, though it does these few tasks admirably." WJ Resident Evil 2 Virgin 05 73% ersion that fails to do justice to the Dreamcast." AW Resident Evil 3: Nemesis Virgin Interactive 17 68% Resident Evil Code: Veronica 10 94% Acclaim STEERING WHEEL 03 86% 02 71% STEERING WHEEL 10 48% Rogue Spear We Say: "Much better than the last Virgin KEYBOARD 21 77% MARACAS 16 92% San Francisco Rush 2049 Midway STEERING WHEEL 13 71% Sega Bass Fishing SEGA FISHING ROD 80% We Say: "Sega Bass Fishing is a fantastic game and whatever your attitude to the sport of fishing is, you can only love this game." AW

You can't buy every game, so to stop wasteful purchases, here's the games you have to own!

Action/Adventure



Resident Evil Code: Veronica

Certainly the definitive version of the timeless platform title and one that brings a smile to our faces whenever we give it just one more play...



Soul Calibur

The most gorgeouslooking game ever. With so much depth and a wealth of characters, this has to be the fighter of choice. And then there's the two-player mode...

Driving/Racing



The most comprehensive and original driving game on any console and the closest thing to driving perfection you are likely to ever see. So why haven't you bought it yet?



Crazy Taxi 2

> Could one of the best Dreamcast games ever created get even better? Oh hell yeah! After managing to get our sweaty mitts on the preview code this month, we're chomping at the bit to do a full review... but we're not allowed to until next issue, all thanks to SEGA's PR guru. Damn that gorgeous Stuart Ledger... damn him to hell!

Confidential Mission

> Finally, something else that makes use of the Dreamcast lightgun – although not as long as House Of The Dead, Confidential Mission still manages to provide more than enough blasting mayhem to keep us grinning for weeks on end. Now, if only we could Alex to do some work instead of playing it...

Spider-Man

> The web-slinger makes it to the Dreamcast at long last! Despite not being able to do whatever a spider can or catch thieves just like flies, Mart's spent a huge amount of time filling Peter Parker's shoes by kicking super-villain arse and climbing walls like there's no tomorrow. Just don't ask him where he gets his sticky webbing from... ewwww!

lame Name	Publisher	Players	VM	Online	Userui Peripheral	Issue	Rating
ega Extreme Sports Je Say: "It's great fun but the lack of a good multi	SEGA player mode cuts the life of this one	in half." MM	X	X	X	15	86%
ega GT Je Say: "An incredibly well-rounded game that will	SEGA keep car and driving enthusiasts hap	2 by for a long, long time."	- AW	~	STEERING WHEEL	16	89%
ega Rally 2 le Say: "The arcade action is currently unrivalled	SEGA	2	X	PM	STEERING WHEEL	01	91%
ega Worldwide Soccer 2000 le Say: "Yet again we find SEGA shooting itself	SEGA	4	~	X	* AW	04	62%
ega Worldwide Soccer: Euro Edition le Say: "Talk about overhaul – this semi-sequel to an	SEGA	4	X	X	X	09	80%
hadow Man le Say: "If you have a trigger finger and a pench	Acclaim	1	×	×	×	03	90%
henmue	SEGA	1	X	×	ARCADE STICK	16	85%
e Say: "Stunning to look at and great for RPG far lent Scope"	Konami	1	X	×	×	15	85%
le Say: "It'il keep your ass glued to your seat, you	Infogrames	1	X ever your tast	X Y	×	10	84%
le Say: "Silver's happy medium of RPG and adve kies Of Arcadia	SEGA	1	~	· ·	×	20	94%
le Say: "The closest thing to RPG heaven that's ap lave Zero	Infogrames	4	X	×	×	06	59%
le Say: "Probably not as good as it should be, a no Cross Championship Racing	Ubi Soft	2	X X	×	×	18	58%
e Say: "A cool idea that's let down by poor execu now Surfers	SEGA	2	X	×	× " 0W	03	62%
le Say: "The gameplay in <i>Snow Surfers</i> is fine, books adventure	SEGA	1	~	v ene depths wit	X X	01	90%
le Say: "Despite many regrettable aspects, Sonio Onic Shuffle	SEGA	4	X	×	×	18	58%
le Say: "Slap bang average. It's frankly shocking t oul Calibur	SEGA	2	~	×	×	02	94%
le Say: "Soul Calibur is the best fighting game you Fighter	Piggyback Entertainmen	1 1	X	×	×	03	83%
le Say: "Soul Fighter is a great game to just rela oul Reaver	ax and play on a lazy weekend or af Eidos	ter a night out. It won't	t tax your gre	y matter too muc	h." MR	06	90%
le Say: "The definitive version of this tasty vam outh Park Rally	pire-killer – add it to your collection Acclaim	and save your soul." N	MM X	Х	STEERING WHEEL	- 11	63%
le Say: "A passable entry into the comedy racing in page Channel 5	market." SC SEGA	1	×	Х	×	14	90%
e Say: "With Ulala you get a whole new interpretation		the art of dance." WJ	X	X	ARCADE STICK	18	84%
nawn in The Demon's Hand le Say: "It's up there with Power Stone 2 for pure	e, frantic multiplayer fun. A bit of a b	ombshell in one-player n	node, though."		STEERING WHEEL	02	92%
peed Devils le Say: "Ubi Soft's first Dreamcast racer make	and the second s		narket shopp			19	81%
peed Devils Online le Say: "Offline it's a bit pants but as soon as you		dness, SDO transforms i			STEERING WHEEL	13	39%
pirit Of Speed 1937 le Say: "It's embarrassing to think that someone	Acclaim deemed this kind of drivel good enou	gh to be released as a fi	nished produc		STEERING WHEEL		
tar Wars Demolition We Say: "How they managed to screw this one up	Activision is anyone's guess, but they have. Wh	at a pile of arse." MM	X	Х	X	18	29%
star Wars Episode 1: Racer Ve Say: "Star Wars Episode 1: Racer is blatantly	Activision just a cheap, lazy and frankly not p	2 articularly brilliant port	of the PC ver	sion." AW	STEERING WHEEL	10	74%
StarLancer Ne Say: "Another giant leap for online gaming on	Ubi Soft	1	X	~	X	18	93%

Party/Puzzle



Chu Chu Rocket!

A crazy game of cat and mouse, *Chu Chu Rocket!* is miles better than most puzzle games. It's also one of the most addictive games that you'll ever play!

Shoot-'Em-Up



StarLancer

Walking away with the title of 'Best Shoot-'Em-Up' on the Dreamcast, StarLancer deserves all the praise it gets. Top blasting action AND online play? Amazing!

Sports



Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2

Without a doubt, one of the finest achievements in gaming. You'll never EVER get bored of it, even when you've finished it. Pure genius.

Strategy/Simulation



Hidden And Dangerous

Being all stealthy and cunning is the name of the game here. Initially tricky to get to grips with, persevere and you'll fall in love with it.

Comics

Crisis On Infinite Earths

Publisher | Titan Books Price £24.99 If ever the word 'epic' could be used to describe a graphic novel, it'd have to be in reference to this one. Standing at just under a whopping 400 pages, this is actually a reprint of the 12-part series that appeared way back in 1985 which turned out to be one of the biggest comic book crossovers in DC history. The purpose of it all? To make DC comics accessible to the non-fan. rather than having hundreds of universes to follow, this series

wiped out all but a few and brought the DC universe back to its roots. Certainly not for those with short attention spans, but it's a must-have for any would-be

comic collector.



Preacher: Dead Or Alive

Publisher | Titan Books Price | £11.99 Anybody who knows their stuff about graphic artists will already know all about Glenn Fabry and his work on the legendary

Preacher series. If not, then you will when you get your teeth into this. Pulling together all the covers from the series, this collection is a work of art in every respect – it's absolutely stunning. As well as having the cover art images in all their glory, the book features the original artist sketches, as well as notes taking the reader through the whole

design process. Otherwise, it's stunning in every respect. If you fancy becoming a comic book artist this is definitely the benchmark that you're going to have to go by.



Stars Wars: X-Wing Rogue Squadron: Mandatory Retirement

Titan Books Publisher Price | £10.99 Of all the Star Wars spin-offs, the Rogue Squadron series has to be one of the worst as, more often than not, the stories are dull, tired and obvious leaving the art to save it from embarrassment. While certainly not one of the best graphic novels you're ever going to read, Mandatory Retirement is definitely one of the better ones from the series, thanks in no small part to Stackpole's compelling

story. That said, the art does let the novel down as it opts for more of a cartoony look, rather than the usual more detailed, hard edged look. Still, not bad.



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Action /Adventus

Driving/Racing

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Videos

Billy Elliot

Publisher | Vision Video Ltd Cert | TBC Price | £15.99

If you believed everything that you saw at the movies then you could be forgiven for thinking Yorkshire and its surrounding counties were permanently stuck in 1984. Cue another take on the embittered people of the north during the miners' strike. Whilst it may well be grim up month. Brassed Off and even The Full Monty were more

engaging, and adding a dancing boy to the proceedings really doesn't make this required viewing, nor does it bring anything new to the screen...



High Fidelity

Publisher | TBC Cert | 15 Price | £14.99

Quirky, humorous and downright bloke-ish, John Cusack brings to life Nick Hornby's tale of the horror it is to be male. It might amount to ably demonstrating that all men are self-absorbed children who seek comfort in creating order in whatever they are passionate about in a desperate attempt to avert growing up, but, surprisingly, that doesn't make painful viewing. The characters, dialogue

and eclectic soundtrack somehow bring to life what was thought to be a quintessentially British novel. Definitely worth a spin...



Never Say Never Again

Publisher | Mgm Home Ent Cert | PG Price | £9.99

If you ever need a reminder why you should always quit whilst you are ahead then Sean Connery's reprisal of the role that made him famous should serve well. On the face of it, it's a remake of *Thunderball*, it has the best Bond (albeit somewhat creakier than in *Diamonds are Forever*), it has a great villain and Kim Basinger has a turn at being the Scotsmen's love interest. Unfortunately, though, it all turns into a rather

humdrum affair. Watching this won't leave you shaken or stirred – more likely it will probably turn you to drink.



Game Name	Publisher	Players	VM	Online	Useful Peripheral	Issue	Rating
StreetFighter Alpha 3 We Say: "StreetFighter Alpha 3 is coin-op perfect and p	Virgin ractically devoid of the painf	ul loading times that n	X lagued the Pl	X avStation version	ARCADE STICK	04	84%
StreetFighter III: 3rd Strike We Say: 'As far as the StreetFighter series goes, you really coul	Virgin	2	X	x	ARCADE STICK	14	71%
StreetFighter III: Double Impact	Virgin Interactive	2	×	×	×	08	74%
We Say: "We're not saying that it's bad we're just sayin Stunt GP	Eon	4	so why both	er." MM	STEERING WHEEL	21	80%
We Say: "Much more fun than Re-Volt, but still suffers from Super Magnetic Neo	enough faults to stop it being Crave	g totally perfect." MM	×	X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	13	85%
We Say: "If you can get past the frustrating difficulty level, Super Runabout	this is actually a pretty damn :	smart game." MM	×	X	x	15	52%
We Say: "Great ideas, but completely arse in every other de Surf Rocket Racers	partment." MM						
We Say: "With its dodgy water effects and lack of difficulty			ad bisolikion continue	krimina kratikra bir andirovers	- MM	18	65%
Suzuki Alstare Extreme Racing We Say: "Suzuki has plenty for the racing enthusiast, incl		2 s scoreboard per lap, b	out it's best to	try before you	STEERING WHEEL buy." SN	02	81%
Sword Of The Berserk: Guts' Rage We Say: "As much fun as Sword Of The Berserk is, there jus	Eidos t isn't enough of it. Too much	time is spent on the cut	-scenes and ne	X ot enough on the	action." AW	09	73%
Sydney 2000 We Say: " As much as we'd like to enjoy this game, we just	Eidos can't get over how poor it is."	AW 4	×	×	ARCADE STICK	13	65%
Tech Romancer We Say: "What <i>Tech Romancer</i> lacks in sheer beauty, it m	Virgin Interactive	2	ment " MM	×	ARCADE STICK	08	90%
Tee Off Golf We Say: "Tee Off Golf is the perfect way to fill in the gap	Acclaim	2	X	×	×	05	80%
The Grinch	Konami	1	×	×	×	18	57%
We Say: "As good as the film might have been, this is a real The Nomad Soul	Eidos	2	ole lot better ti	han it actually is."	X X	08	84%
We Say: "The Nomad Soul is a rewarding experience for those w Time Stalkers	tho are willing to give it a chance SEGA	." MM 1	X	×	· x	14	36%
We Say: "It plays in a way that makes spending an afternoon wa Tokyo Highway Challenge	tching some fish fingers defrost	sound interesting." WJ					
We Say: "Tokyo Highway Challenge isn't one of the best E Tokyo Highway Challenge 2	Preamcast racing games but i			×	STEERING WHEEL	03	64%
We Say: "Although significantly better than the original, this		2 em to light the blue tou	X ch paper." AW	X	STEERING WHEEL	17	75%
Tomb Raider Chronicles We Say: "Looks like the Emperor is absolutely naked. Sorry	Eidos Lara, but it's time to stop adve	1 enturing and start having	X g babies." WJ	X	×	17	70%
Tomb Raider: The Last Revelation We Say: "Thanks to the power of the Dreamcast, every st	Eidos age of Last Revelation looks	1 jaw-droppingly amazin	X g." MM	X	×	07	88%
Tonv Hawk's Pro Skater 2 We Say: "Without a doubt the finest skateboarding game in	Activision	2	×	×	X	17	96%
Tony Hawk's Skateboarding We Say: "An essential purchase for any Dreamcast owner. I	Crave	4	. ×	×	×	10	84%
Toy Commander	SEGA	4	X	×	×	02	86%
We Say: "The game is a dream to play, with very little slo Toy Story 2	Activision	e which is solid, produ 1	cing few glitc	hes." LW	ARCADE STICK	16	70%
"Disney fans can rejoice, but everyone else should try befo Trick Style	re they buy." MM Acclaim	2	×	Х	X	02	79%
We Say: " <i>Trick: Style</i> is a great visual and aural showcase fi UEFA Dream Soccer	or the Dreamcast, but as a go	ame it's good but not g	great." ST				
We Say: "It's third time lucky for Silicon Dreams as this is by UEFA Striker	far and away the best of the		done." AW	X	ARCADE STICK	16	91%
We Say: "It's very much from the old FIFA pick-up-and-pla	Infogrames by mould, but for die-hard en	2 ithusiasts, it all feels a	X bit too water	ed-down." RB	×	02	67%
UFC Ne Say: "A near-perfect realistic fighting game, marred only by t	Crave he fact that experts might find it	a bit too easy." MM	×	×	×	14	93%
Urban Chaos No Say: "Quite clearly this is the worst game of its genre on the	Eidos Dreamcast, not to mention an e	mbarrassment." AW	X	X	×	14	49%
I-Rally 2: Expert Edition Ne Say: "V-Rally 2 doesn't quite come up to the same stand.	Infogrames	4	X good game it	X	STEERING WHEEL	09	86%
ligilante 8: Second Offense We Say: "This isn't your run of the mill racing game or yo	Activision	4	X	X	×	04	78%
/irtua Fighter 3tb	SEGA	2	X	X	×	01	80%
Ne Say: "An arcade-perfect conversion of a great game. VF 	SEGA	2	X	nates it's aweson	ne!" SH X	05	78%
Ne Say: "Virtua Striker is an excellent arcade-style footie g Nacky Races	Infogrames	4	X	×	STEERING WHEEL	09	85%
Ve Say: "A top fun racer that makes a change from all the re Valt Disney World Quest: Magical Racing Tour	alistic 'driving' games around.	It's wacky with a capita	x wi. ww	× .			
Ve Say: "As much as <i>WDWQ: MRT</i> tries to replicate the fun a Vetrix +	and frolics of other kids' racing	games it ultimately fail	s to do so." A	W	STEERING WHEEL	13	68%
Ve Say: "Puzzle fans will find themselves in cerebral corte		4	Х	×	×	08	80%
Vild Metal Ve Say: "Wild Metal amounts to no more than a dull, unin	Rockstar naginative, shameful waste o	f GD-ROM technology.	" ST	×	x	07	58%
Vorms Armageddon Ve Say: "As ever, Team 17 has delivered the goods, <i>Worms</i>	Hashro Interactive Armageddon is the finest and	4 d most enjoyable of the	X e series." AW	Х	×	04	73%
Vorms World Party If you are even slightly into online games at their best, you	Virgin	4	×	V	ARCADE STICK	16	85%
VWF Attitude le Say: "If you want a game that you can use as a frisbee	Acclaim	4	×	X	x	03	41%
VWF Royal Rumble	THO	4	X	X	ARCADE STICK	13	91%
le Say: "WWF Royal Rumble is a great representation of the anishing Point	Acclaim	2	~	~	STEERING WHEEL	19	82%
le Say: "A fine looking, if a little hardcore, driving game offe irlua Athlete	SEGA	4	×	de racing mode."	SP ARCADE STICK	14	54%
le Say: "It's good, but not great – we were hoping for so much i irtua Tennis		more than a few days"N	MM X	×		12	
le Say: "An exceptional piece of programming that justifies t	he purchase of a Dreamcast."	PM			X		94%
/NO Wants To Be A Millionaire /e Say: "Sheer popularity of the name will ensure its success			X disappointed."	X CN	×	14	59%
Ombie Revenge ie Say: "Zombie Revenge proves once and for all that the	SEGA Dreamcast really is just an ai	2 rcade machine in disgu	ise." AW	×	X	05	81%

> Not everyone gets everything right first time and we're no exception, experts though we are. Re-scored just for you...



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Import Game Name Aero Dancing F		Players	VM	Online	Useful Peripheral	Issue	Rating
	Publisher CRI	1	X	X	X	08	82%
Bakuretsu Muteki Bangaioh	ESP	S 1 2 2 3	×	×	x	05	65%
Berserk Surgaron	Ascii	•	X	X	X	05	75%
Biohazard	Capcom	1	V	X	×	06	93%
Carrier	Jaleco	i	X	X	X	09	69%
Cannon Spike	Capcom	2	X	X		21	62%
	Hasbro	4			ARCADE STICK	06	38%
Centipede Chy Chy Paskett			X	X	Х	04	
Chu Chu Rocket!	SEGA	4	Х	V	Х	neutralization de la contraction de la	92%
Climax Landers	SEGA	1	X	X	Х	02	52%
Cool Boarders Burn!	UEP	2	Х	X	X	02	44%
Capcom Vs SNK	Capcom	2 .	X	X	ARCADE STICK	14	87%
02	SEGA	1	Х	X	X	07	60%
Dance Dance Revolution 2nd Mix	Konami	2	Х	X	Х	07	93%
Death Crimson 2	Ecolé	1	X	X	LIGHTGUN	05	53%
Densha De Go! 2	Taito	1	X	X	X	10	26%
Espion-age-nts	NEC	1	Х	Х	X	02	73%
Elemental Gimmick Gear	Vatical	1	X	X	X	06	73%
FirePro Wrestling	Spike	4	X	V	ARCADE STICK	21	87%
Giant Gram 2000	SEGA	4	V	X	ARCADE STICK	13	93%
Giant Gram All Japan Pro Wrestling 2	SEGA	4	X	X	X	02	84%
Giga Wings	SEGA		X	X	X	04	35%
Godzilla Generations: Maximum Impact	SEGA	2	×	X	X	06	40%
Guilty Gear X	Spike	4	7	7	ARCADE STICK	21	80%
Gunbird 2	Capcom	2				09	81%
		1	Х	X	X	10	80%
Gundam Side Story: 0079	Taito		Х	Х	X		
Jet Coaster Dream	Bottom Up	1	X	X	X	05	90%
Jet Set Radio	SEGA	1	Х	~	X	12	93%
JoJo's Bizarre Adventure	Capcom	2	Х	X	X	04	88%
Kakaioh	Capcom	2	X	Х	X	06	82%
King Of The Fighters '99	SNK	2	Х	Х	X	02	57%
King Of Fighters '99 Evolution	SNK	2	X	X	ARCADE STICK	09	72%
Maken X	Atlus	1	~	Х	Х	04	75%
Marvel Vs Capcom 2	Capcom	2	~	~	ARCADE STICK	08	92%
Mr Driller	Namco	1	Х	Х	Х	12	83%
NHL2K Sega	SEGA	4	X	X	X	08	84%
Pop N' Music 2	Konami	1	Х	Х	KEYBOARD	02	73%
Power Stone 2	Capcom	4	Х	Х	ARCADE STICK	10	92%
Puzzle Bobble 4	Taito	2	Х	Х	Х	09	92%
Rainbow Cotton	Success	1	X	X	X	07	69%
Rainbow Six	Majesco	1	X	X	×	11	78%
Ring	Asmick	1	X	Х	X	08	59%
Sakura Wars	SEGA	2	X	X	×	08	77%
	SEGA	1	×	X	×	09	33%
Sakura Wars Song Show		2					95%
Samba De Amigo	SEGA		Х	V	MARACAS	10	
Seaman	SEGA	1	Х	Х	MICROPHONE	14	84%
Sega GT: Homogolation Special	SEGA	2	~	Х	STEERING WHEEL	07	92%
Sorcerian – Apprentice Of Seven Star Magic	Victor Interactive	1	Х	Х	Х	10	49%
Space Channel 5	SEGA	4	V	Х	Х	06	91%
Star Gladiator 2: Nightmare Of Bilstein	Capcom	2	X	X	X	05	65%
StreetFighter III W Impact	Capcom	2	Х	X	X	05	44%
StreetFighter Zero 3	Capcom	2	~	Х	Х	02	85%
Super Magnetic Niu Niu	Genki	1	Х	Х	Х	07	71%
Super Runabout	Climax Entertainment	1	Х	×	STEERING WHEEL	11	48%
Time Stalkers	SEGA	1	Х	Х	Х	09	70%
Tokyo Bus Guide	Forty Five	1	Х	Х	×	07	82%
Toukon Retsuden 4	Tomy	1	×	X	x links x	02	49%
Treasure Strike	Kid	4	V	×	×	09	72%
		2	X	×	×	10	79%
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	SNK SEGA SEGA	2 2	×	×	KEYBOARD LIGHTGUN	20 08	88% 69%

Buggy Heat



Back in issue 02, before the Dreamcast was flooded with quality driving games, *Buggy Heat* might well have been a good racing game... well, either that or Lou really didn't have a clue what she was writing about. Either way *Buggy Heat* really isn't deserving of such a high score,

mainly because Before it's annoying difficult to drive the buggies, thus making it no fun at all.

76%

Caesars Palace 2001



> Quite what Martin's reasons were for giving this such a high score in the first place we don't know – it is a gambling game after all, and the only reason gambling's fun is because real money is at stake, which is where the thrill comes from. Not that we're regulars

at Gamblers Anonymous, of course. Yes, it has lots of games, but where's the fun in it?

Before 72%

Virtua Athlete

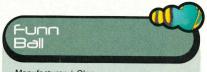


> When Virtua Athlete first came into the office we couldn't get Martin or Alex off the damn thing as they battled for the gold medal but just as an apple goes off with age, so too has *Virtua Athlete*. For a ten minute hit of button bashing mayhem it's really

great but the fact that you'll be bored of it after about a week means it's really not that great after all.

Before 76%

Bored? Well, don't be. Not when there's all this lovely stuff to spend your cash on... onensens



Manufacturer

01803 201 972 Web site

£9.99 Cost

> As summer threatens to make an entrance so too do all the latest beach games. Not one to miss out on the fun and games, Olop is launching the Funn Ball. The latest incarnation of the common 'Catch' game, Funn Ball requires you to catch a ball using a suction aided rod with a small hole in it. Put your thumb over the hole and by the power of suction it'll hold onto the ball and refuse to let go, but the skill is all in the timing. Drop the ball and it'll explode... well, not really.



320 Digital oice Recorder

Olympus 0800 072 0070 Tel Cost £179.99

> Shorthand - believe us, it's a bloody waste of time, yet still they insist on teaching it at media colleges. Now it's even more of a waste, though - get one of these voice recorders and you'll be sorted for life. It's also ideal for recording those notes you're trying desperately to cram for those all-important exams, and it can all be beautifully filed for ease. You can even hook it up to your PC and email your recordings to whoever you want...





CAMEDIA CH Camera Dioital

Manufacturer Olympus Tel 0800 072 0070 Cost | £249.99

> With digital cameras taking off in such a big way over the last year (just check out Digital Photography Made Easy for evidence) it's small wonder that companies are bring new ones out every few months. So, the new Olympus C-1 it's small, it's sexy, has 1.3 million pixels and it's damn fine. Oh yeah, and it's well easy to use (hell, even Martin managed to work it out). It also has the ability to store 146 pictures that can then easily be downloaded onto your Mac or PC for easy storage and viewing. Will wonders never cease?

Lyrofoam

Manufacturer Kidz Biz Tel 0208 393 3334

Cost | £6.99

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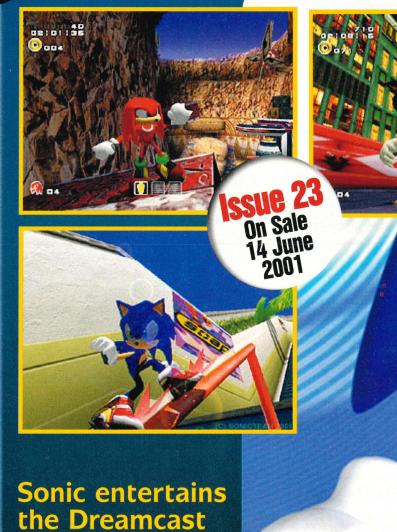
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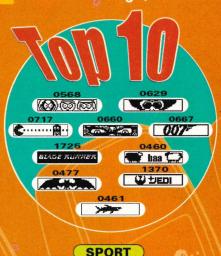
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