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It's happened! Sega have officially launched the hand-held Game Gear together with ten astounding games. RAZE reckons this one in the hand's worth... well, check the specs and hark at the carts!

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CHUCK UP!

After the success of their recent platform/Painter game Carv Up, Core Design have called it a day. Not to the business, but to the genre. Their next release, Chuck Rock, will be the last platform game Core ever produce (yeah, right). Les Ellis sucked in and threw up the pre-view.





Chuck is on the left and racing to go. Check out that designer stubble, Dan Johnson ear your heart out. As you get further across, that bug might start to get in your way. And that bad guy over there looks like he could be do with a belly butt.



From noon till night he is constantly exercising his right forefinger on the remote control of his TV or on the ring-pull on a can of Stones' bitter. And it is there that we catch up with Chuck.

Slobbed in front of the TV one day, watching a party political broadcast by the Caveservative Party, Chuck suddenly hears a scream from the front of the cave where his wife Ophelia is putting the washing on the line. Looking around for his olither, and realising that they are drying on the line, Chuck runs out into the caveyard naked to see Ophelia being carried off into the distance by a big brute. Recognising the oaf as

SPECIAL DINO TRAPS

CLIVE THE CROC – acts as a seesaw. Stand on his tail and throw a rock at the other end to project Chuck into the air.

BRIAN THE BIG BRONTO – climb up onto his back and throw a rock at his

head to start him walking across dangerous swamps etc.

TERRY THE PTERODACTYL – predictable name or what? If you belly-butt

TERRY THE PTERODACTYL – predictable name or what? If you belly-butt him, he will pick you up and fly you across any gaps.

SYLVIA THE SNAKE – lays curied up but when butted will extend across

DEREK THE DYNOLIFT – when butted Derek will stretch his neck enabling you to reach higher levels.

TONY THE TASMANIAN DEVIL – will follow you around destroying all in your path.

The first man to be killed by the electric chair took eight minutes to die. RAZE MAY 1991





of his dearly beloved.

dinosaur leading to a graveyard.

Scattered around the floors and

platforms of the levels are rocks which come in two convenient sizes.

A clear run through the cavern. Your energy you have plenty left as well as two lives in reserve... Where did you get those trendy

either throw (chuck?) them at the pre-historic creatures around him or place them at strategic places enabling him to reach illusive platforms. If Chuck doesn't have any behind a bush, grabs a few fig rocks in his possession, he can fend leaves to wear, and sets off in search off the local fauna by "belly-butting" them with his immense gut. If Chuck The trek to Gritter's domain takes can gather up the strength to jump,

you through five distinct levels: he can also kick the smaller inhabigrassy plains, cave interiors, undertants in the head. sea, Ice Age and the inside of a

After taking a look at a very early preview version of Chuck Rock it's easy to see why this could be Core's best game yet. With Lemmings dominating the charts, "cute" is definitely IN. Forget the vector flight sims and

indicator in the bottom-left corner shows that

acclaimed etc. etc? Choosing between three types of heli-copiers and five types of mis-ion. The player gets to five some tion. The player is the player of the third types of the third types of the third types of the types of the types of the types of the types of types of

★ This summer sees the release of F-117A Stealth Fighter 2.0 based on F-19, the award-win-ning and highly acclaimed... Players will experience new envi-ronments never before seen in a MicroProse product: Columbia/





complex RPGs. When you want a laugh and a bit of fun, you'll be getting out Chuck Rock before you start thinking of F-124A Stealth Interceptor VII

Chuck Rock will initially be available on Amiga in April, followed soon after by an Atari ST version and later a PC affair.

END OF LEVEL DINOS

WAYNE THE WOOLLY MAMMOTH - spits snow at you from his trunk. Can also suck you in if you are close enough. TIM THE TYRANOSAURUS REX - uses various parts of his body to attack

you at different heights on platforms. FRANK THE TRICEROTOPS - will repeatedly charge across the screen to get Chuck STEVE THE SABRE TOOTHED TIGER - cool dude, saunters around the

screen and will pounce if you get too close. His growl will scare you stiff and freeze you to the soot. NESSY - appears in the underwater level. Chuck will need to keep getting air to enable him to hit her.

RAZE MAY 1991 Shocking, isn't iff



Julian Boardman. the man of seemingly more than three dimensions. gets kitted out to construct a preview

fter last year's Castle Master Aldermaston-based development house Incentive have been working on 3-D Construction Kit. a design utility that makes use of the Freescape 27th environment technology that they themselves designed and used in Castle Master

Using this remarkably flexible vector graphics system, they have created a utility which can be used by anyone to create their own virtual mality. or adventure game, or even a replica of their own street. The possibilities are only limited by the user's imagination. On the simplest level, the package provides a series of basic shapes that can be stretched. shrunk, twisted and distorted to provide any shape that you require. Obviously, linking together a series of these shapes means that any object from real life can be recreated in its most basic form. By making note of the coordinates of each point on a particular solid and using them in reference to a drawing or actual object. you can construct an exact replica which can be reproduced in 3-D. Plus, colours and animation can be added making this one of the most versatile graphics packages around.

The leisure aspects go further when you find out that up to 100 different rooms can be defined and interlinked using a complex set of conditions; scores can be kept, and things such as time and energy can



The vehicle and the road above were all created using this package. The controls on the right of the status bar allow you to move freely about the environment that you have construct

ed Up down look up and down 6th ratate and so on are all there allowing any view you'd like to be seen. Below that are the eight shones that can be used in construction of the objects. Whilst it might sound inflexible these two pictures dearly indicate otherwise.

be recorded. All the surroundings are fully interactive, and any of this information can be placed on a border/background from any art package to produce a fully blown adventure game

There are also obvious educational uses. The educational side could begin with a simple adventure game, on to using drawings to create 3-D representations or vice-versa or a technology student could knock up a rough, animated design of a project.

Whatever it is used for, the immense freedom the system allows and the fact that Incentive want no more than a credit on any game that is designed on it, mean that we could soon see a flood of software designed with 3-D Construction Kit.

Published through

Domark, 3-D Construction Set

should be avail-

able in April for

Amiga, Atari ST and IBM PC.

This very occurate rea resentation of a house and its garden could be walked through and about without any diffi culty. The section below manipulated in a very similar way to any art package, and better than some, to give yo

Relive the winter with EA's Ski or Die

PREVIEW

POSTSCRIPT Gremlin are soon to release se sequel to Super Cars which was rereleased on the

Expect this racy little num on the Amiga and Atari (£24.99) around May time.

★ Word on the street is that Electronic Arts have Bard's Tale III: Thief of Fate up their

extremely long sleeves, and it

he sequel is apparently fasti as more monsters, more du jeons, more spells and wip

omises to be very, er, multi

* Electronic Arts have also

nunced the "long-awaited

late) release of Ski or Die on

he Amiga in March (£24.99)

ny game with two main characters called Rodney and

Lester who go around perfor

ing all manner of day stunts in order to get sounds a bit iffy to me.

* From the Image Works on ts is somet By day he is the n et, but by night Brat has eirdest dreams who nes the toug But you have to guide home in the "most addict ne of 1991" (their wo





exactly the right effect. *For the ladz.



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man in black with a ack is back. The latest in ne Last Ninja saga br Old ninj has finally made it to Tibet, where he now has ce the Shogun Kunitoki in the battle takes place over six dit the elements (earth, wind and... void?) as the ninja s out his old adversary The atmosphere is perfectly set a three-minute introduction

ence, taking you into the liar surroundings of the Ninja ld. However, a deeper look at the game reveals that the main previous character, and the ndings, obviously, half the

RAZE's own man

braves the

sneak look at

ninja thingy

in black, Les Ellis,

elements to take a

another System 3



ced ninjas, System 3 have ed Last Ninja 3 to be more orientated. That is not to ne doesn't co they are still there but no as or taxing.

ou'll be able to get the last in Ninja series at the end of March for Amiga, Atari ST, C64GS

later in the year, IBM PC.



* For those of you who like a littie less action but a lot more thought, SSI and US Gold have come up with Medieval Lords -Soldier Kings of Europe. Up to ten players can participate, with the rulers of the kingdom. Out on IBM PC at the end of March, the price is yet to be announced. (The only question is, can you find another nine friends to fit around the keyboard?)

* From the producers of Future Wars and Operation Stealth comes the new Cinematique adventure. Cruise for a Corpse sets you on a yacht investigating the murder of the person who invited you aboard. Sounds very like Agatha Christie's Death on the Nile, so no doubt they'll be loads of sleuthing and deducing to keep you going. US adventure, and it will be available for Amiga, Atari ST and PC



Atari ST, keep your eye out for Wreckers from Audiogenic. Created by Denton Designs, the game is based on a space station under attack from a biological cloud. With the aid of four droids you must save the station while maintaining the radio signals to avoid ships crashing into each other. It should set you back £24.99, and we'll have a full review next issue





You idiot, this is the cryogenics unit, it's supposed to be cold. Now go and put your slippers on before you catch your

* For those clever so-and-sos who have finished Corporation (or for those of you who are so stuck or bored that you have given up), Core Design have released the Corporation Mission Disk on the Amiga and ST For only £14.99, you get 16 new levels. You must have the original game to play it, though.



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The lead character in Nadia of the Strange Seas is based around the cartage datas of one of Japan's most popular heroines

nasama yokoso. Ya. okurete shimatte. usual. I'll start with everyone's favourite console the Konix. Whoops, sorry about that, I meant to say Super Famicom

The old SF is a bit short of shootemuns at the moment, so I'll be first in the queue when Darius Twin, from Taito, gets released on March 29 (approx £35). It's based on the arcade version, and should be quite a smasher. I haven't actually played the three-screen arcade machine the queues were too long! - so here are a few extra features for you to think about. It's a simultaneous twoplayer game, with a huge amount of aliens that mostly look like tropical fish in metal plating. You and a partner have to kill these fishy foes with an array of brightly coloured weapons. Extras allow you to select what level you go to after each completed stage, enable you to have up to eight lives, rapid fire, levels of difficulty, and even listen

to any of the music in the game. All pretty basic stuff you may think, but this is on the machine that can turn a humble beat-'em-up into the brilliant Final Fight, or an average race game into super-slick F-Zero... Darius Twin

The Mega Drive version of Advanced War Game Simulator follows closely every bottle in the main und offensive against

is one to look out for.

Of course Darius Twin won't sell as turn might not be as popular as Dragon Quest 5. Personally, I think the latter is a load of crap, but millions of Japanese can't be wrong. I suppase. Luckily. Dragon Quest 5 won't be around till the start of 1992. Drakkhen, though, should be out for April, looking exactly like the computer versions

One of the first golf games to make an appearance is the Augusta National Golf Club Game. The title's self-explanatory and the game features some beautiful 3-D representations of one of the most beautiful golf courses in the world. Quite coincidentally, the real US Masters takes place in Augusta on April 12, just one week after the game's release. The memher's fee is only £40 and you don't have to wear those silv trousers With similar coincidence, Jaleco's

Big Run screeches in just a few weeks after the Paris-Dakar Rally has finished. This race game is based on the African leg of the Paris-Dakar, starting in Tripoli. By all accounts, it's an identical format to Victory Run on the PC Engine, which was incredibly boring after a few goes. An event as exciting as the Paris-Dakar deserves an exciting game, and hopefully this

And there are plenty more SF releases to come over the next few onths: Sim City (April 26), Dungeon Master (August), Geomon Dei! (June) and Wanderers from Y's (1991). That's your lot for the Super Famicom, now back to the real world.

GAME NOIRE The Game Boy is immensely popular

nowadays, even with stiff competition from the Game Gear and PC Engine GT. There are so many releases comthat'll probably be exported to the UK, along with a few words on each.

Here ones: CaveNoire (overhead action RPG). Holmes the 3-Haired Cat's Adventure (graphic adventure game with a feline hero). RoboCop (computer conversion), Dragon's Lair (cartoony adventure becomes a sideways scrolling action game), Kunio's High School Soccer: World Cup Version (based on a popular computer cartoon character). Tomedo Range (2-D/3-D action shoot-'em-up). Mickey Mouse 2 (platform adventure), Racing Spirit (featuring motorcycles), Parodius (bizarre shooting game), Choplifter 2 (helicopter action rescuing hostages in strange places) and, finally, Mini Putt (crazy golf).

THE SHINING

Sega Mega Drive time now. The oftmentioned (by me, anyway) Shining and Darkness is released on March 29, and looks pretty astounding or, as we would say, honto ni subarashi des! The graphics are amazing, with all the creatures looking weirder and wilder than Dungeon Master, although the magic isn't as complex and intricate. Time to get the Mega Drive out of the closet

However, other than that, the rest of the Sega software looks pretty boring Advanced War Game Simulator: Second World War Germany is your bog standard war game, with the added bonus of modern compatibility. Nadia of the Strange Seas is your average RPG adventure based on some cute comic characters, though with some stylish pictures. Then there's Tiger Heli - shoot, shoot, and shoot again. all in the comfort of your super chopper. ShikinJo sounds like an interesting Mah-Jongg inspired puzzle game with, I quote, "high-class graphics and sound".

Looking ahead a few months, there's Arc's Odyssey, an action RPG in isometric 3-D (like Marble

ing out. I've decided to list the games You can trust RAZE to keep you up to date on the lesser known software houses from around the world. Over in Japan we're always keeping an eye on what those folks at Elf are up to. Great news

















Some super graphics are saved for the Super Famicom version of the fifth game in Konami's

Madness), and the Mega Drive's answer to PC Engine Gunhed, Verytex, a game with weapons coming out of every orifice.

The Game Gear looks like coming up with the goods in 1991, with promises of Chase HQ, Fantasy Zone G, Pop Breaker and The Berlin Wall, a cutesy comical action

game (don't ask). The Mega Drive PC, the Tera, has vet to gain any Tera-specific software. This is probably due to companies worried about the types of people who play on these machines (you know what they say about PC owners) than the tech-spec itself. Anyway, let's hope we soon see some really good stuff from this corner of the Sega Empire.

REVVED AND READY

Now that the NEC Knacks column has been closed down for refurbishment, you can get all your PC Engine news right here. First off there's the sequel to Rainbow Islands, Parasol Stars. This is a sideways scrolling blaster with time your chosen weapon is a multicoloured umbrella. Suzy Uki and I have been trying out a few two-player moves ourselves, and had a lot of fun in the process. The graphics are naturally cute and the whole affair is very tastefully painted with bright primary colours. It's out now so don't

American producers, Lucasfilm, have finally finished their Engine extravaganzas, so you should soon be playing TV Sports: Football and Loom, and a super pair of conver-

sions they look too. That old baseball game World Stadium receives a revamp for the 1991 release. The fat graphics have been improved and stats updated (although they are supposed to be fictional). For the lucky seventh inning they have added a Mexican wave, as well as little touches like the players limbering up by their bench. It's little things like that which make a

difference On CD-ROM are Download 2, the graphically awesome shoot-'em-up. and the brilliant Bonanza Brothers. converted from the arcade. There's also Silent Debuggers, a 3-D maze shoot-'em-up which looks a lot like the film Alien. It will jump out of John

Hurt's stomach at the end of March. Back to carts with Zero 4 Champ based on the American sport of the 400 metres car race. The Engine game has you racing the car, winning money, and then improving the car. There's automatic for wimps and women or manual for "real" men who like to get a grip on things (especially

lampposts?). There's also a two-player mode where you race each other. Early March release And finally for the Engine, a Super Grafx game! It's called Ardynes and loads of parallax scrolling, and sound that will kick the drums out of your ears. I've been waiting ages for it and Ardynes still doesn't look like a game that would make you rush out and buy a Super Grafx. Nevertheless, a glint of hope for SG owners. I'll see you next month, but meanwhile I have to finish a game of Strip Pac-Man with Suzy Uki. Take my

word for it, that girl will chomp anything she can get her mouth around!

Soro-soro o-itoma shimas, before I get into trouble!

Bub and Bob don their "Billy and Johnny" rompers and take on a colourful array of toys in Parasal Stars, the sequel to Rainbow Islands

hopeless civilians.

RoboCop — Programmed in Britain, this little conversion should be more like the computer game than the arcade.

Mickey Mouse 2 — Better graphics and more puzzles.

Mini Putt — Tiny graphics, but

Abayo.

GAME GRAK

Chase HQ – Yup, on the little ol'
Game Gear too. Is there no end
to Nancy's macho cop friends?

Fantasy Zone G – Can your eyes
stand it as they get bombarded
with every garrish colour the
Game Game Game an produce? Game Gear can produce?

Pop Breaker – Colourful shoot'em-up, in control of a girl!

The Berlin Wall – Er. help bash

Ardynes – A Super Gris gorner parallax scrolling than is healthy. A shoot-fem up with style, which will be a shoot-fem up with style with the shoot-fem up with style with style with style with style bubbles are back, and this time they're bringing their unbreals. Silent Debugging their unbreals at stomach comes as an extra. Silent Debugging their unbreals as the stylength of the silent sile



None, this isn't another computer/console version of Chase fobulous new version



Sega are synonymous with sleek, black mathines. Compared to the NES, the Master System is positively sexy. And as for the Mega Drive... The latest little black box from Sega is their handheld, the Gume Gear.

Julian Boardman joined the black kund

muscle in Sega Europe that they insisted the Game Gear be released in Britain as soon possible.

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What's that'? TV, you say? Yeo, that's right, a TV adap-

tor is also being designed for the European market, and it plugs into the cart port like a normal game. The TV unit is expected to be around £50, not bad when you consider a normal Casio mini-TV is around £90. Back to the front and you get just two fire buttons, a

start button, a speaker and a power light (which flashes when the batteries are running low).

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The Garse Gear Lake a whopping as batteries, the high state place of colourly, Year can also pick up a basic feep pack to double the use, and a cligarette adaptor. For use in a cast, of it can drain your parents ring main and add to their electricity bill through an AC adaptor. The colour colour pack with the colour pack w

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by. At the time of writing, we were only able to at our hands on four of the above list, though all of them should be out within a w month. Here's a quick run-down of the tital releases in the UK.

Columns - Like Mario on the Nintendo

COLUMNS - Like Mario or the Intendo. It began spilents is the early spilent in a large spilents. We've already reviewed the Master System and Maga Driv seasons, and both received. The Garne Gear version runs along the same lines. Basically you have to match the colours of the groups of three blocks that drop down the scene to the ones already there to make lines of three or men to they are the seasons of the

illing up.

Through the Game Gear link up, a two-playr version can be played where you either
rork as a team to beat the computer or
gainst each other, trying to get bigger
cores so the opponent is forced nearer the

top of the screen. A simple, highly additionable game that translates well to any machine.

Pengo – The classic cross between Pac-Man and Lode-Runner, requiring you to run a little penguin around a maze of ice blocks trylittle penguin around a maze of lee blocks try-ing to avoid the Sno-bees and get into a posi-tion where you can crush one of the Sno-bees with a block. It is the kind of game that you either love or hate because of its simplic-ity. The small screen of the Game Gear proves to be no hindrance at all, and it could certainly help waste away an idle hour or two.

Super Monaco GP - Here's anoth-Super Monaco GP - Here's another egg at sevenite that looks likely to turn up on just about every format that you can think of (except those with Minimodo on the front). The companies have all the findings of the format of the configuration of the car by altering the type of type, the kind of gant box and engine excell the first of the first box and engine excell the first of the first box and engine excellent the configuration of the car by altering the type of type, the kind of gant box and engine excellent the configuration of the car by altering the type of the car box and the configuration of the first three cars with the configuration of the conf

Wonder Boy - The arcade classic that baunches of monoming the classic that baunches of plant and best. A stander formula beat enury that soon gets your interest by putting our here on a skeleboard, complete with sessed in the asked with plant of the complete with sessed in the asked to be discovered, not to mention the huge amount of stages in the game, it should keep you popping back up to the newsagents for another packet of Duracella.



* Electronic Arts are continuing apace with their developments for the Mega brive, claiming that they intend to release "More titles than to release "More titles than to gea themselves" this year. And it seems they're not canduling in "Bovine Scatology" if the list of upcoming titles is anything to go by This month should see the release of that RAFE. * Electronic Arts are the release of that RAZE favourite James Pond followed closely by PGA Tour Golf, reviewed on page 38 of this issue. Not to mention King's Bounty, Might and Magic II and Block Out in June/July, Centurion in July and Road

Rash in August. Sega releases this month not mentioned in this issue include Mickey Mouse and Moonwalker on both formats.

GHOSTBUSTERS

Master System
Type AA as your initials and the code 1173468723 for a lot of

MICKEY MOUSE

Mega Drive Just to prove how far ahead of

the times we are, we thought we'd give you a tip for Castle of Illusion before it gets released. It seems that if you jump about a bit and keep hitting the bounce button, every time you der across a secret chest it will reveal itself and become solid. If you then bounce on the chest, it will give you loads of points. Thanks to Paul Cavell of Tipton for the above

NORMAL SERVICE RESUMES.

Sega City returns next month with more tips, news and reviews on the latest Sega hardware and software. Get writing to Sega City, RAZE, Unit 3, 7 Back Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8LH.

THE GEAR'S GEAR

DIMENSIONS: 210 x 113 x 38 CPU (speed): Z80A (3,58Mhz) BAM- BAK VIDEO RAM: 128K

SCREEN SIZE: 3.2 inches RESOLUTION: 480 x 146 COLOUR: 4.096 palette (32 onscreen for game mode)



From honouth a mountain of mail comes all the latest Nintendo letters and tins and news on the official NES games to arrive over the next few months

ndrew Robb in Aberdeen and many other readers have written in asking for the address of a UK company importing the Light Boy, a unit which enables you to play the Game Boy in the dark Well anart from husing a torch, you could always try Medlantic Hi Tec, 10 Church Market Bosworth. Warwickshire. Tel: (0455) 291865 On almost the same subject. Robert Farrell of Liverpool wants to know of a source for Konami's Case Boy You could do worse than Console Concents The Village Newcastleunder-Lyme ST5 1QB. Tel: (0782) 712759. They've also got a useful little battery pack unit, so give them a

ring now Kirstin Snance from Butinoford Horts wasn't the only one to write in asking about a colour Game Boy. Well the official response from Nintendo is that it doesn't exist. But they always deny everything, so I did a bit of investigating myself. One grey importer I spoke to reckoned that every Game Boy game already had the coding for colour graphics programmed into it as a matter of course. However, every Game Boy developer that I've seen has developed on a black and white system. Also indicating that it's all a rumour is plain logic. Do you really think that

HOTLINE OPEN!

Stuck on a game? Don't know where to jump next? Do not fear the hotline is here. As promised a couple of issues ago, the Nintendo Hotline is now up and running, with six Game Counsellors (tipsters to you and me) at the end of the phone

front of them. More info on these six trend-setting tipster dudes soon. Till then, here's the all-important number.

(0329)822662

Nintendo would release a colour versinn this uppr when the Nork and white version been't even reached half its notential sales? It's much like the rumoured Mega Drive II. it would make had business sense to release a follow-up so early on in the origi-

nal'e life Jared Rall from Chester queries a subject which many readers have raised, that of compatibility. Put simply, the UK NES is not compatible with any overseas cartridges, be they Japanese or American. The Game Boy, however, is totally compatible with any carts produced for it no matter what their origin is - however be warned that Japanese games usually come with Japanese text! At the moment, there is no problem with the Super Famicom as the machine is only produced for

carts. There are no American or UK Surver Famicoms vet.

with all the official titles lined up in

If you have any gueries, guestions, guibbles or guarrels, send them - along with those tips - to Narly Nintendo, RAZE, Unit 3, 7 Back Street, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8LH. All the best contributions get a free game.





Ever since I saw this cracking lit-tle puzzle game on the Amiga, I've dreamed of playing it on the NES (well, not quite). I still find it astonishing that a small company like Audiogenic, with laughable licences like Emlyn Hughes, can oduce what is one of the most ly to play. Needing both strategy and arcade reflexes, this is one game that you can come back to months later and still get the same enjoyment from.

The idea is based very loosely round that of Pipe Mania in that ou have to join various odd naped pieces together to form loops. But that's where the simi larity ends. Once a loop is formed, the game tots up the score (taking into account its size and complexity), and removes the loop from the play area. The idea is very simple, score as many points as possible.

Loopz is a direct conversion of

the computer original (complete tic gameplay. The graphics are perhaps better than the original. with a varied range of backdrops Although this was programmed in the UK, by Mindscape, it's only officially available overseas. No doubt we'll be seeing it soon fromone source or another.





by Cole Trickle

NEMESIS Game Boy

Everyone knows about the PAUSE, UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT,

RIGHT, B, A, B, A cheat for full power, but here's another little gem for you. On stage two, about halfway through, shoot the square alien then shoot the tower facing down. Get beneath the tower and push up into it. You will now be on a bonus level which has power-ups, bonuses and extra lives, it even takes you to the end of the level. Tricky



BUBBLE BOBBLE NES

Snardy Cadette last month, here's a few more extras to help Bub and Bob on their quest. When playing with two players, if one player loses all his lives, he can press PAUSE and then SELECT to get an extra man. This only works if the other player still has more than one life. Also, did you know that there's a Super Bubble Bobble

After the super little codes from

Mager of Sheffield, Good on va all! FORTRESS OF FEAR

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too? Type BBAJI as the

Game Boy Here are a few tips on that great

arcade adventure from Acclaim. Thanks to Jonathan Boot in Raunds for this little lot. 1-0: Walk to the left and get the extra life and key.

1-1: Go through the bottom door then get the extra life and leave the

MICKEY MOUSE

Here are the codes for all 80 levels of the rodent's adventure. One thousand thanks to Mar Wan in Leicester and Mike Walpole in Wolverhampton. (There's a bit of confusion over what's a Z and what's a 2, so change them about if the codes don't work first time.)

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STAGE 3: 520771 1-2: Get the Spell of Invincibility MISSION 1: 108048 When the first mission is completusing the key from level 1-1. You should now be in the room with ed, you'll be promoted to a Pilot three gems; pick them up, then Wings Expert and play some jump onto the life and jump to the VERY difficult stages right. Now you should be able to STAGE 1: 400718 enter two rooms, one with a life STAGE 2: 773224 STAGE 3: and a key 165411 STAGE 4: 1-3: Stand on the bottom platform 760357

FINAL MISSION: 882943 SUPER MARIOLAND Incidentally, you can only get nine Game Boy

This is without doubt the top-selling hand-held game in the UK. Surely there is someone out there Thanks to Greame Kelly (or should who hasn't found all the secret that be Helly?) for this cool cheat. rooms. If you haven't, Colin Billington from Birkenhead has When you have lost all your lives, just press A. B and START simultacome up with the goods. neously and you'll start where you pipes 3 and 6

pipe 9 first and last pipe first and last pine 3.1: first and last pipe pipe 7 3-3: pipe 4

pipes 1 and 34 (before the guns) pipes 2 and 12 (use gun

PILOT WINGS

Judging by the crazy response that I've had over the SF, it looks like Nintendo have another hit on their hands. Let's pause for a moment in prayer, to ask the allpowerful heads of Nintendo to bring over the Super Famicom as soon as possible. Pilot Winas is probably the best game yet and here are all the codes from Paul Thomas in Weybridge. STAGE 1: 985206

to kill the giant and finish the

lives and ten gems make one life.

Yo! Check out the first ever cheat

for the Super Famicom. On the title screen, press LEFT and START

to enter the options screen. Well

spotted Dave Rawlinson from

stage

NES

died.

Liverpool.

Super Famicom

TIGER HELL

STAGE 2: 394391 Club Nintendo: (0329) 288699

FINAL FIGHT Super Famicom

Rad Dudes

DAU DUGS.

This game has been around for absolutely ages. Bad Dudes came out on computer under the name Dragon Ninja, the tame of your adversaries in Bad Dudes. So who are the 'bad dudes'? Well, that's you and a matel Grab a joypad and kick some ass.

Ghostbusters II

Nintendo World Cup if there's one game that's going to smash into the charts soon, it has to be *Nintendo World Cup*. The animation in this soon, it has to be nintendo World Cup. The animation in this

4-2: to collect gems) **TENNIS** Game Boy

This is a great little one- or twoplayer game and well worth your pennies. David Payne from Epsom sent in this curious tip. When you are serving, press A or B to throw as usual, but instead of hitting the ball straight away, wait till it's too high and press A or B again. You'll miss the ball, but can now move the player. Position him directly under the ball and let it hit him on the head. You now win the point without actually hitting the ball. Strange, but true.



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ITARI TTACK

by Richard Monteiro

The Lynx phenomenon continues with new games and new accessories being announced every month. There's exclusive details of Lynx Lemmings, and a fantastic bumper lips section.

he big news this month is that. It looks 'highly Reby Onl Lee month of the Person of t

by looking forward to develon for it, particularly as much hardware is based so close the Amiga.

In case you missed the spe ular review of Lemmings in. 5, the story runs thus Paygnosis make-believe wo

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lessly. Unfortunately there are
too many precipioss and of
perilous traps for the Lenmings



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falls safely with the aid of a brolly.

Suicider – blows up and partially destroys

Stopper - prevents other Lemmings passing either side.

Builder – constructs bridge for getting over gaping hales and other obstruction

things like rocks and walk

Miner – digs diagonally

Digger - buries vertical

BEAUTY AND THE SHADOW OF THE BEAST

A selection of scenes from the soon-to-be-Lynx-converted Shadow of the Beast. Your aim in this 1998 Amiga release is to flight your way through several different regions in order to reach the heart of the enemy's stronghold. Any creatures you encounter will invariably be hostile. Contact can be avoided by punching or kicking the creatures away

Deski, tour is to fight tregions unemy's you stile.

before the get close, or by have a sweapon.

fall over or land in. And because Lemmings keep on walking regardless of what's in their path, more often than not a simple hazard will result in mass stiedde.

Your job is to quide Lemmings

result in mass, sticide.

Your job is to guide Lemmings from one figet to another while fosning as few lives as in humanely possible. The game's a gas in single player modes and horrendously addictive with two players, Look out for Lemmings on the Lyrix - it's guaranteed to be one of the best.

Incidentally, Dave Jones will also be converting the classic scrolling

beat-on-up Shedow of the Bo to the Lynx this year. Rememb you heard habor first!



Just three of the 100 plus levels in Lemmings. The creatures come pouring out

creatures come pouring out of entrances at the top of the screen. Some levels only have one entrance while others have several. You've got to be quick to block off any routes

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Select your character as usual,
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and then run out again.
3. If there are many aliens in a room, lob a few grenades through the doorway.
4. When entering a room, crouch down and fire like crazy.
5. The best all round weapon is the electro gun. Don't leave home without it.



XENOPHOBE

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1. One of the first thing to do no
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return their fire.

9. On level five a security robot will chase you until you find a red ID card (location varies) and get to the security console on the first floor.

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Our Stateside guru,

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long enough to bring

releases from across

news of the latest

the great puddle

Hank Weinsnotter.

doubtedly the big news this month is that Nintendo of America have recently announced they will permit independent game companies to manufacture their own Nintendo cartridges. Until now, Nintendo manufactured all NES carts; even those sold by independent companies. This has prevented independents from making their own carts or seeking out less expensive manufactur-

ing elsewhere. It has also caused considerable bad feeling. What does this mean for Nintendo players? Well, for a start, it will probably mean that the uniformly gray Nintendo cartridges you're used to pop

ping into your deck will give way to a wider variety of colours. importantly, however, it could lead to lower prices for Nintendo games although it is doubtful that the drop will be dramatic.

Lower manufactur-For years all was peaceful in the hamlet as the ing costs don't always result in lower villagers tried to forget the days of comage when he roamed the land. But one day a flash of lightning struck the monsters tomb, bringing him back to life. In this horizontally-scrolling aroade shoot 'em up. Franky goes on the rampage with the help of a dose of magic to summon a host of baddies. You are one of the rescue party aiming to free Emily and the villagers. What else could it

prices at the store. Another possible effect of this new policy is that there will be fewer shortages of popular games. In the past Nintendo controlled how many copies of a game were manufactured. When a game became a hit, supplies would often

kingdom of Lrin from the clutches of an evil wizard (now there's a novelty). Each of the game's ten levels includes a variety of ninja and endof-level guardians · Bunch Games are new to the Deceit as their first release Certainly this seems to be a soften- American Video Entertainment, ing in Nintendo's attitude, and it will

Nintendo scene and have Castle of

unlicensed Nintendo business for some time. Their newest release is Challenge of the Dragon. In this arcade adventure you try to free the

another new unlicensed company, have also released their first Nintendo titles. Puzzle is based on a children's tile game in which you shuffle small squares in order to create a picture. Krazy Kreatures is an oddly addictive game in which animals and other objects bounce onto the playing field; you have to move them around to get a certain number in a row before the field fills up. Pyramid is a Tetris-style game. Still to come from AVE is F-15: City War, a jet fighter shoot-'em-up.

be very interesting to see if they go a step further and allow software houses to produce games without the need for a Nintendo licence. A handful of game companies are already manufacturing their own cartridges without a licence and are currently being pursued by Nintendo's lawyers. But since many stores won't carry unlicensed carts the games are pretty hard to find. · Colour Dreams have been in the

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FLAMES OF FREEDOM

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to capture the strategic island make the Saharan's invasion a difficult and as tortuou as possible meaning that the final battle o Agora will be as painles

Agora will be as painless as possible. The number of islands you need could be as little as seven, but till you are sure which islands they are it is better to take as many as

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below water give unparalleled opportunities for travel around the three million (count 'em!) cubic miles of land and sea scape. And it gives you hours to marvel at the incredi-

and deputes, there here is a seen before on a home machine, it is all based around raystraced 3-D vectors, but the surface of the sea actually moves, in the best oppresentation where the surface waves and the undustrien of the water you are likely waves and the undustrien of the water you are likely one without spending a week at Brighton. Should outst inducing see-sickness in all but the most hardy of travellers. Should

A successful escape from joil will result in the wonderful cartoonlike sequence on the right appearing You don't want to see what happens if you fail... It's all the detail that makes Flomes of

danner.

you be on the coast, you can marvel at how the water gently laps up the sand filling any crater a stray missile may have left. It is truly mind-blowing.

The graphics, which smack the bottom of those who believed the ST was dead in buried and slap the wrist of anyone who is too scared to put three disks in a box, will not be bettered by anyone else for a long time (gulp!). The excel-

lent samples for each different vehicle and the huge possibilities for gameplay make *Midwinter*

gameplay make Midwinter II: Flames of Freedom a monster piece of software that deserves more accolades than anything gone before (including the sausage and egg sarnies from The Crowing Cosb.) I know it is only March but I will be surprised if anything comes along this year

that deserves higher praise.

I am confident that Flames of Freedom will be the Game of the Year... Probably.

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/ Immediate states screens throughout.
/ Remarkable use of fast vector graphics.
SOUND
/ Cracking good sampled effects.
/ Us-beat atmospheric tures.

PLAYABILITY 95%

/ Hage play area with similar depth.
/ 4,000 characters give immense scope.

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Paul Righy sprinkles some fairy dust on himself and joins an owl on a journey (it's amazing what effect a few G&Ts can have on a bloke)

> wizard (boo, hiss) caps your castle (and its inhabitants) into a puff of smoke and carries them away to a far off land. The

ierra have finally gone 256-colour on us. With the tagline "absence makes the heart go yonder", King's Quest V introduces some of the most beautiful graphic screens you are ever likely to see on a VGA monitor. Indeed, not only have Sierra changed their graphic front-end but they have redesigned their The plot and background to the

fifth King's Quest game are just fifth King's Quest game are just what you'd expect from Sierra visionary Roberta Williams. Cuddly, wise old talking own with which shared to hear strains of Disney's "When you wish upon a star..." as the long, animated, introduction played through Many players will kie this style (ne Included — well, i'm and old tody at head, head the most office of the style (ne Included — well, i'm and old tody at head, head the most office o nics amongst you will immedi-ly reach for the sick bag. You have be warned!



The story? Well, imagine. You've had a good night out. Feeling a bit squiffy, but - hey - it's party time, right? Staggering home, because you can't afford the taxi fare, you turn the corner expecting to see your beautiful terraced council house and... it's gone! Except that in this fairy tale, it's not a council all the trimmings: a loving wife, a few kids, obedient maids catering to your every need, etc. And you're not your average Joe Bloggs, but none other than the good King Graham. But as for your castle, well, there's nothing left - not even the electric me

Luckily for you, Cedric, the talking owl (every home should have one), has seen all. The evil wizard man has whisked it away Now Cedric knows a wise old wiz ard (a goody) who, although he's a bit forgetful, might be of some help. So off you fly. Fly? Yes, fairy dust, doncha know? Arriving at the wizard's house, you tell SHOUTHER ISHT CASE OF

your tale and receive one or two handy items that might ease your mission. Cedric's assistance being one of

Apart from the excellent raphics (although there is 16-colour version if your PC can't stand the pace) and soundboard support, one of the main changes is the new interface system. The old system incorporatlus a text input box for any commands. These have now been replaced by an icon strip that appears when you move the cursor to the top of the screen (no

The VGA screens in King's Quest V are some of the best you are ever likely to see on the PC. Users with slower machines will be happy to hear of a 16-colour

clicking being needed). This sys-tem is slick and easy to use. However, it also shows Sierra distancing themselves, even further, from the text/graphic adventure.
While the presentation is beauti-

ful, I am not sure I like the direction Sierra are going with future development. The simple to use system is all very well, but as a result Sierra could be losing the result Sierra could be losing the adventuring freedom for which they were renowned. On that score, we shall have to wait and see. King's Quest V (which packs see. Aring's Quest V (which packs almost 10Mb of gameplay into its massive box) is, however, still very enjoyable, even at almost £40!

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PGA TOUR

"Oh. vou said Golf!" apologises Julian "Don't mention the war" Boardman

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Each hole is introduced

sweeping overview of

ally totally useless. But

the green and a tip from a fellow Pro, usu

to you like this, a

worse "Bad luck, old son" with all the sincerity of Jimmy Tarbuck, are frequently received with gales of laughter in the men-only clubhouse bar. The conversation soon turns to the poor chap's inadequate love-life and how his wife is the toast of the Freemasons - all of them. This social pariah is now doomed to buying endless rounds of drinks in an attempt to regain some sort of credibility. Golf definitely brings out the worst in a lot

Arts have brought out the best in golf.

The game revolves around the

olf's a funny old game, innit? So much social politics revolves' around it. People lose to their bosses, frustration gets taken out on the caddy, and golf clubs get snapped in a fit of despair. Anyone who frequents a golf club will be familiar with the sight of one poor chap who had a bad round in a foursome being shut out of the

conversation, yet forced to pay for every round, and suffer an onslaught of sarcasm and all out humiliation. Comments like "It would have been a good cricket score", or possibly the

Fortunately, though, Electronic

PGA Tour of America, featuring three



real courses and one created by the programmers. The object is to work your way up the 61-player leaderboard in the hope of taking first prize on all of the courses and going for the Grand Slam. Obviously this would take some time so the battery back-up provides an automatic save game facility on the Mega Drive, whilst saving to disk is the unsurprising option

for Amiga owners The gameolay follows the current method used in golf games for striking the ball. One hit of the button sends the power meter climbing, the next selects the power on the scale sending the scale back down where a third hit will select the accuracy of the shot. You then see the ball arcing off

into the distance. In a very nice idea the "camera" angle switches to just beyond where the ball is about to land giving a very televisual feel to the game. This is also helped by the sweeping view you get of every hole, with a hint on how to play it, just before you tee up.

PGA Tour Golf is a very accomplished piece of programming on the Amiga, and even more so on the Mega Drive, putting Arnold Palmer in the rough. The slick presentation on both versions gives the game a very professional look and a lot of appeal. To casual players or more serious golf devotees it will provide an ideal opportunity for longterm entertainment.



All seems well, thoug as Meladdo sinks the putt for a par. If only his back will last long enough to let him ber down to pick up the ball

Here you are in the PGA

select where you wish to go next, be it practising

on the fairway, putting





	GRAPHICS / Good detail on all of the holes. / Colourful static screens.	
	S O U N D x Speech synthethis would help. ✓ Good tunes and beeps.	ı
A DRIVE	PLAYABILITY 89% Very easy to get into. High level of realism (the wind gusts).	5
MEGA	ELECTRONIC ARTS 87%	





After stocking up on the old jungle juice, Julian Boardman grew some stubble and played Desperate Dan-an

n a world not too dissimilar to our own, a plane flies high above the steaming jungle known conveniently as the Amazon. The passengers wonder why there are two planets with the same tropical region and why the programmers could not be bothered to think up something new for a name when their musings are cut short by a engine failure. Timely because I was rapidly running out

of ideas for the first paragraph All perished in the crash or shortly afterwards in the intensely hostile environment of the jungle. All except a young baby - well, you don't see many old ones, do you? Anyway, this baby was taken in by a kindly man called Jamba who brought him up as his own.

Some 18 years later rumours began to circulate in the nearby town that a white-skinned boy had been seen living in the jungle. Noone had met him but it was said that he could run, climb and swim like a native person that, er, runs,

climbs and swims a lot. One day, though, young Danan returned from hunting in the forheinous

est to find that Jamba had been cruelly hacked and slashed by thingy. Conveniently, Jamba managed to utter his carefully prepared "dying" speech to Danan before before he did. in fact, die, Danan was told to go to the mountains in the north-east and find the prophet Niai, who would know that he was coming - well, he was

a prophet after all. He finds out he has to defeat the embodiment of all evil, Gilbas, but he must first find the three items he needs to do it. An orb. a knife and an amulet are the three bits and, apparently, this big guy is scared stiff of these three when they are together.

Let me see if you can guess what kind of game this is. Is it a) A beat-em-up

b) Full of big hairy things; c) Crap d) All of the above?

I must admit it does look very good and could warrant uneducated purchase on that merit alone On the whole, though, it has all been seen before, perhaps not in such a good-looking package, but it has certainly been a lot more playable and addictive.



Danon takes on the curvaceous Amazo using his pathetically small knife against that huge sword. Gee, what a man.

Despite appearances, this eagle does actually help Danan by sticking his tolons into his shoulders and carrying him off. The eagle is under Danan's control to carry him wherever he may desire. Useful for getting to the loo

CRABUICO

	✓ High level of detail and colour. ✓ Big, hard, mother-loving sprites.	
SYSTEM	S O U N D x One repetitive monotonous tune / Inspiring sound effects.	75
STER SY	PLAYABILITY # Repetitive gameplay. # Basic beet-'em-up instincts say	639 elt.
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Those magnificent men in their flying machines, they go up-diddy-up-up. they go downdiddy-down-down. Les "Crash" Ellis, however, was not among them

ssion you can choose to chal-age one of the 20 in-built aces ou'll need five "kills" to become

The flying is easy to get to grips ith, but unless you practise, you ould find yourself whizzing all







us pilots, the n behind the controls of a lane, it will be hard to get a r plane, it will be hard to get a lot-'em-up fan back to Space st 1991 or whatever. The whole endits at 12 o'clock

sim is remarkably accurate, both in play and history, making it attractive to all types of player – if only they would give it a try.



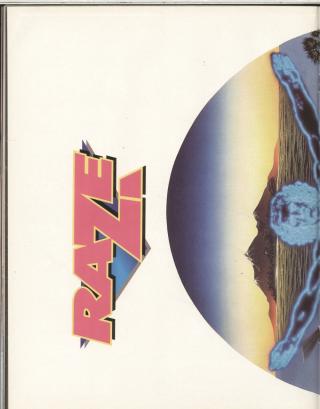
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85% ✓ Wide variety of detailed backdrops. √ Spectacular intro sequence SOUND 75% PLAYABILITY 90%

√ Initially interesting and compelling.





Goneril, Regan and Rienmelth

Jools was down the pub, so Les Ellis dug out his old B-TEC diploma and shrugged his shoulders Emlyn-

style

ext?
The trivia quiz is the latest of imlyn's escapades. The idea is ery simple: you have to answer uestions to progress across a oard. The board scrolls slowly long and if the end catches you

1: How old was Henry III when he inherited the throne?

- 2: How long was the longest banana split in the world?
 - 3: How many paintings did Van Gogh sell during his lifetime?
- 4: What was so unusual about acrobat Charles Blondin's somersault in 1861? 5: How much weight does a baby blue whale gain in its first two

years? stills 51 metres above the ground. 5: 26 tons.

ANSWERS: 1: Ten months. 2: One mile and 575 yards long. 3: One. 4: He was on

your way through the easiest route. There are also fruits to be picked up, with certain combina-tions earning you bonus money. If you survive ten brain-scrunch-ing rounds, you get to enter the

Master Game. It is here that the trivia kings are separated from the young pretenders. Personally, I only got to level three so that should give you some idea of the difficulty level.







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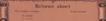
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you are one of the four Lords of
Euthrania, a land of eternal conflict and stiffe. Each of the four
lords has taken it upon themselves to sort out the place by taking over the whole land. The
imbabitants however, are not too
chaffed by the whole arrangement,
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one land must be taken by

Your first objective is to build up your army to full strength or you'll have no chance defeating the other lords in battle. Finances will also have to be carefully monitored to help your armies. The peasants and other villagers will revolt if you charge them too much poll tax, so a steady hand on both wallet and sword is need-





Wetcome to the land a Euthrania. There's not much hoppening at the moment but that is about to change as the lards enter the realm. Transferring soldiers from the home army at the mobile army can be a tricky business. Transfer too many and you'll leave your home base weakened, not

Select Your hero

Vitality
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on or venturie is just one of the tour teuding lords of ania. From this screen you can choose to have the computer or player controlled. The real question is, su find three other people bored enough to play? ed. You can try to forge alliances with the other players (computer or human) if you wish, but don't forget that in the end everyone is out for the most they can get. Quite often I formed an alliance with a computer opponent which turned out to be worth nothing when a few minutes later he attacked met.

Feudal Lords could easily be described as Defender of the Crown without the graphics. There's a tad more gameplay, but not enough to keep you playing for any longer than DOTC. In a word, boring.

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X Very little to speak of ...
X - And what's there, is naft.

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X Few efforts simply done.
X Atmospheric title music dosest illimoress.

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tes are soon to return as Zeed plans his ultimate victory nuclear meltdown of the planet. Zeed has sent out his minions Zeed fias sent out his minions, the Cyber Zeed, to steal the world's supply of plutonium. Realising this, the countries of the world rally together and form a coalition force to stop this atroci-

up against, and under the power of ninjutsu

there is one man who ws only too well the power that the Cyber Zeed forces pos-sess, and that man is Joe Mushashi, grandson of the great ninja Mushashi. Joe is a master of the four ninjutsus – fire, tornado,







Life - When your life gauge is full, picking this up gives you an extra chance at the



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inja sword.



lightning and Earth element - and the only man who can defeat

To get to Zeed, you must fight our way through six tough levels. ou move through the levels ion of martial arts moto conry to defeat all Zee s. Extra power-ups can be ted along the way, deta ch are listed in the box on this . At the end of each level page. At the end of each level, you'll encounter one of Zeed's major henchmen. Each big guy has a weak point which is revealed before you start the level. The whole game takes place against the old enemy, time. Will you be able to save the world from total destruction? The clock is

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Bit irresponsible. this. Mentioning drinking and driving in the same sentence is almost taboo. Still, for an impartial view on the alcohol side of things, who else could it be? Julian Boardman, come on down... nost men are their broad-ather and mental incompetence is the norm is the place for anyone ired of playing the good guy

ause the cry of "Who needs a ore when you've got a sister?" common sound in the woods

So lke and Billy Joe decide to





HAZARDS AND

nber The Dukes of Hazzard on se of their probation but there was something of a miracle that the boys ever found the time to catch the criminals themselves and save the day. Clearly a main source of inspiration for Moonshine Racers, I person ally think that it was fine series and should be repeated at the first oppor tunity. Readers with Astra/Sky satel-lite TV can find The Dukes of Hazard on one of the German channels. Just Imagine, Boss Hogg dubbed into German Mad.

leaves them stranded.

This game is certainly different.
My only gripe is that it takes quite
a while to earn enough money to
soup up the truck for some really
fast action. But, hey, it's nice to be
on the wrong side of the law for a

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GRAPHICS

Jerky sprites and poor interaction. ✓ Excellent static screens.
S O U N D 83% A soundtrack straight from Deliverance. Bone-crunching sound effects.
PLAYABILITY 78% # Not enough to competition to race against.

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Julian Boardman? Speed? Ball? C'mon, be serious.

edball itself was voted 16-bit of the Year in 1989, and something of a hallowed in the industry as a whole pened up a whole new genre

in the eyeballs you commit al the way to get past the five opping players.









Your iron-clad players can slide tackle, jump or throw. Throws can be either high or low, depending on how long the fire button is

ng the match appear at ran-intervals in random places, can freeze your opponent rse his controls, etc. Coins ind their way onto the pitch, ollection of these can prove at the end of a match, when oribe officials to alter the



SPEEDTRAP As was detailed in last month's Budget Blitz pages, the three 16-bit versions of Speedball are now available on the Mirror Image label for iust £9.99 each. Speedball 2. from Image Works, has just been released on the Amiga for £24.99. It was reviewed in issue four of RAZE and received the hallowed Rave status with a whopping 94%!



	GRAPHICS / Superb animation. / Unparalleled sprite quality.	86%
STSIEM	S O U N D Z Digitized sound effects. Z Groovy tune.	83%
EK 21	PLAYABILITY x Controller hinders movement of ✓ Fast, futious and furny frolics.	88% players.









Having toll-ed Richard Bell off for sounding off too loudly, he promptly rings in Infogrames latest humdinger

ou play the part of a small spherical body (a ball!) bouncing through time and space. There are five me zones for you to cross, ranging from the Big Bang to sometime in the future. The zones contain a number of (vaquely) differ ent screens; each of which must be completed before the next is ttempted.

Screens are made up of a number of platforms which may be flat, angled, sticky, flaming or unstable. The unstable platforms will only survive a couple of your bounces. There are also poles some of which will disintegrate if you hit them hard enough - that get in your way and generally slow things up. Platforms and other objects are all overlaid on a number of pretty backdrops.

To complete each level you must collect a number of items: The only things that really change are the

backdrops. Here you can see a scene from the Big Bang. The prehistoric, Middle Ages and 20th century epochs are also availab Below you can see the editor screen from which you can create your own time zo To create a level simply pick up the requirem from the right of the screen and de-



these objects won't necessarily aid you in the current level, but may prove invaluable in another time zone. For instance, you can pick up water drops to extinguish fires, keys to open throughways blocked by poles, and hammers to

destroy walls. Once you have transversed the various obstacles and picked up your required quota of useful items, an exit will appear (usually on the other side of the screen to where you're bouncing) to the next level.

Frustration is the only factor that will prevent you wishing to progress further. Apart from a few of the backdrops, graphics are simplistic and animation adeuate. Pop Up isn't at all demanding to start which means you can progress far relatively quickly. It's only later that things bec impossibly tough.

Normal platform



screens, you can jump over all e poles but it's sometimes easier

to jump through. Watch out





INFOGRAME £24.99 ● OUT NO AMIGA INFOGRAME £19.99 ● OUT NOV 76% X Adequate, but not much variety

√ Some excellent background images. SOUND # Very sparse effects which add nothing / Good little introductory dith: PLAYABILITY X Back to scratch when you die. ✓ Levels get progressively tougher

QUEST FOR GLORY II

Following in the footsteps of Joey Boswell and Stan Boardman, Paul Rigby went on his own quest for fame and glory

nings are not or good in Raseli, the sister city of Shapeir, Firstly, the Emir has vanished and no-one knows what happened to him. Secondly Raseir itself has deteriorated since his disappearance, as witnessed by the refugees and frightening rumours that have been pouring out of the city for a year or so Your job is to travel to Raseir and succeed where others have failed



Trial by Fire uses much the same interface as So You Want to be a Hero? (QFG I) with one big difference: combat. The rathe cumbersome system used by

ays have the option of running by if things look bad.

away if things look bad. In terms of difficulty, this game is on a par with the original is on a par with the original human is all the part of the pa

sound drivers that Sierra are supposed to be developing have been included in *Trial by Fire* because the music and sound effects (via boards) are especially good. Highly recommended to all

Highly recomm Sierra fans and adv

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atch your step! Don't c down as you make your way to that significant pentacle. fou must resurrect the city to its

You can choose to be a lighter, thief or mage, as in the original. However, you can now also pick hybrid characters such as the fighter/mage or mage/thief – but it's more fun to play as a pure character.

QFG I has been scrapped. Comba is now much like it was when you trained with the swordmaster, full screen and full character. Thi allows much more freedom o action and options, especially you're a fighiter type. You can also set the arcade difficulty to each normal or hard and, of course, you ATARI ST £39.99 • OUT NOW

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Julian Boardman cries "Great Scott" at the latest – and best – in the timetravelling trilogy

he third instalment is finally with us. After the previous two dreadful film tie-ins, the third game wasn't exactly awaited with "great anticipation". But Image Works have proved us all wrong and finally come up with a pretty and playable game. It all revolves around Marty try-

It all revolves around Marty trying to get back to 1885 to supDoc Brown from his imminent
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Biff's men with custard pies, and GASP! as Marty runs along the roof of a speeding train.

It's all action and adventure in this licence, with the emphasis on ACTION! You don't get chance to catch your breath as your are catapulted through the kaleidoscopic content of the game.

content or the game.

Programmed by Probe, Part III is definitely superior to the second instalment in the series and will give hours of endless frustration and fun as Doc fails to leap that ravine or Marty gets a bullet through his head in the custard pile section.

Each of the four sections con

tains varying types of gameplay, One section may require accuracy while another needs a steady firebutton finger. Whatever the level, though, your reflexes will be pushed to the limit. Obviously, everyone will buy this because of the film tie-in, but at least they'll get a decent game this time.



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be it a runway or a bull's-eye. Before you get deep into the levels, you must first master the four basic modes of transport: parachute, hang-glider, biplane and rocket pack. All require completely different controls and nerves of steel to fly.

The missions of Pilotwings take

place over a selection of islands After completing a mission, you will move forward to the next island. The first four levels take place in a friendly environment, allowing you, to get used to the hardware. They merely consist of flying yourself through targets (rings) in the sky - which sometimes move around - and landing on a target. Qualification to the next level requires you to reach a certain amount of points. Points are earned for speed, accuracy and style, with your instructor giving comments on your score at the end of a flight. You must perform well on all the events in

order to move on to the next At the completion of the first four levels, you progress up to Pilotwings Expert, a more challenging extension of the previous to the atmosphere of the game-

levels containing new machines to master. Missions now take you into enemy islands, and through ground fire. Try dodging bullets when you're getting used to the controls of a helicopter! Pilotwings is, in a word,

superb. It's the closest thing you can get to being airborne without throwing yourself off a cliff. The speed at which everything moves is astounding; the detailed backdrops whizz around you at an alarming rate. My personal favourite section has to be the parachuting. As you jump off the plane, you gently glide down, but get within a few hundred feet of the ground and you start to see your life flash before you. The sound also deserves a special mention. There is a separate tune for each level and they really add

After completing the first four levels of Pilotwings, you'll become a Pilotwings Expert and enter a new section of the game - even the title screen changes! The final mission will test all your skills as you have to pilot a helicopter through enemy defences and... (well, it was bloody hard and we

play. And guess what? The sound effects are also excellent - especially the whistling wind.

Pilotwings warrants immediate purchase, it is everything a good game should be - challenging, fun, realistic and very playable. If only Nintendo would make a moving chair...



POPULOUS SUPER FAMICOM IMAGINEER ● £39.00

ad to happen, didn't it? How g a version (no new me Boy version, thoug ard-winning game for r uniacs is every bit as g have been no extra slous is one of tho you have to "get yoy. But perseverance reads its ward, and after you have ayed a couple of times you're re to be hooked! The graphics e very effective and the sprites, hough small, are highly tailed and fun to watch as they a about their daily business. resonally, I can't believe there's



SLIPER FAMICON

BOMBUZAL SUPER FAMICOM • KEMCO ● £39.00

Bombuzal is one of those infuritingly addictive puzzle games layed over endless levels. Each wel contains a network of tiles and bombs that have to be deto ited in the right sequence and the right places in order to low up all the tiles, except one, ne that you are standing on Bombuzal is a good game, but for the Super Fa ns three years ago, and it order t exactry receive rave reviews then. The graphics aren't anything special, but the sound does come up with a few bits of crystal clear speech.

eplay; this game is damned ctive. But for what you're ng, and the amount of time

at's gone into the conversion



SLIPER FAMICOM



ASTRO RABBY GAME BOY • IGS •

Azror Rabby is one of those strange Japanese games with an even stranger storyline. Doc has created a robot rabbit called Rabby, but Doc is very sad because his pride and joy will only be able to great the stranger of the

The action is set on a vertically scrolling landscape. On each of these, Rabby must look for the power-up parts while bashing any guys that get in the way.

Tokens etc can be picked up en route to all your progress. I can't say that I really recommend this. The graphics are boring and Rabby looks more like a white blob than a rabbit! The gameplay isn't exactly compelling either and the sound had me reaching for the volume disl. A very bland game with absolutely no redeeming features.

No excitement for Game Boy owners here.

GAME BOY 39%

GHOSTBUSTERS II GAME BOY ◆ ACTIVISION ◆ £25.00

Oh, no! Dana's baby has been stolen by Vigo, the king of the ghostly underworld. So, who ya gonna call? Yup, the RSPCC if you've got any sense!

Okay, so the Buster bunglers are back and they bear?

Okay, so the Buster bungler are back, and they haven brought their dad this time? You must control two of th Ghostbusters and rid the city of Vigo's destardly minions. The first Ghostbuster you control in charge of the Proton Bear while the other looks after th Trap. Pressing the a button let out a beam that holds the ghost still while the a button sucks the frozan ghost into the trap. You must use these gadgets to the

The game consists of 16 topdown viewed levels. You have to bust all of the ghosts in one location before you can move onto the next. If you run out of time, all of the ghosts turn into spinning tokens that are much

harder to trap.

GhostBusters II is quite a nifty
cart. The graphics are good an
there is a rather catchy tune or
each level. It also features ;
rather novel control method ths
sets it apart from normal shoot
"m-ups. The only gripe is tha
the difficulty level may be
pitched just a tittle too low for
hardened games players.



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at the beginning of the film, game Ghostbusters II. Don't forget to keep an eye out fo the Scoleri brothers.

e Scoleri brothers.



GRADIUS III SUPER FAMICOM ● KONAMI ● £39.00

This is the conversion of the third in the (rather odl) series of Nemesis coin-ops. Way back in the Eighties, people used to argue over which was the greater shoot-am-up, Nemesis or R-Type ? The dispute was never resolved, although the computer/console versions of R-Type always translated better.

Gradius III is a horizontally scrolling shook-em-up set over ten levels. But before you get into the cut and thrust of alien blasting, you must decide what weapons devices to take with you. Your ship can only be equipped with the capabilities to use five types of power-up. This custom option is particularly useful if you prefer a certain range of

weapons and wish to tallor your attack to their strong points. For example, every time you get a power-up it could take you through serece up, Missele, Jouelle, LASER and JOHTON or you could choose to have SPEED UP, SWAW MSSILE, TALOUN, RIPPLE and OPTION.

On your trip through the skies, you

tend to encounter the same sort of allens as in RType, although these are a lot more intelligent and enter from all sides of the screen. One thing that doesn't change is level guardians. There's one at the end of all the ten levels, ranging from a two-headed fire snake (stage five) to an electronic crab (stage nine).

Gradius III is an exact copy of the coin-op; it even sides down a little when the screen gets crowded, just like the coin-op did! The graphics are tremendous – with the bubbles on level two worthy of a mention. Soundwise there's a different amospheric tuse for every stage, along with some great blasting effects.

increased with a very comprehensive options screen, allowing you to choose three levels of difficulty and even whether you want mono or stereo sound (now that's a sign of the timest). If you've been searching for the perfect Gradius conversion, then this is it. Pity about that "arcade perfect" slowdown, though.



Stuck for a shoot-'em-up on the Super Famicom? Wait no longer, Gradius III has arrived – the best thing since, er, Gradius II.

SUPER FAWICOM 91%

IMPORT BUYS

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COSMOTANK GAME BOY . ATLUS . £20.00

Insects are horrible things. aren't they? Not content with taking over your bath, they often decide to mutate into giant creatures and take over your planet! Okay, so that doesn't happen very often, but it could happen, sometime in the future...

The planet is now overrun with the blessed creatures. and as the world's top biologist (and ex-marine), you are called in to beln Luckily you're not just left with a big net and a can of fly spray to get them, no, the military have loaned you their CosmoTank. armed to the teeth with a cou-

ple death-dealing weapons. The game is split into 2-D and 3-D sections. In each you are attacked by hordes of insects from every direction. The 3-D levels are especially impressive: they are fast

scrolling and very reminiscent of Dungeon Master. Despite the undistinguished graphics, CosmoTank is quite playable. The change between perspectives adds a new dimension to gameplay (literally), and makes the action less arduous and repetitive. Fun but frivolous. (Two-player compatible.)



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DARIUS PLUS PC ENGINE • NEC AVENUE ● £33.00

Let's face it, the Engine isn't exactly short of decent shoot-'em-ups. You'd have thought

hoot-'em-up of manic propor-ons. You can't even try to play lever by avoiding the constant tream of ships because they



ng to keep up wi

GAME BOY 88

GREMLINS II Taking a completely different

GAME BOY . SUNSOFT . £20.00

perspective from Elite's computer game, Sunsoft yet again come up with the goods and put Gizmo, the real star of the Gremlins films, in the spotlight. Gizmo must travel through four platform levels of Clamp Tower and try to find the four main Gremlins that have hatched from Giz being splashed with water Unfortunately, things have gotten a bit out of control, and

hatched, making Gizmo's task even harder. Gizmo's a tough little chap, though, and makes use of all the pick-ups he can find. There are pencils to bash baddles with, extra energy, metal boxes to give invincibility and springs to help Giz reach some of the higher platforms

even more Gremlins have

At the start of the game you are presented with a series of superbly drawn pictures and text telling the story of the game (in English!). From this point onwards, the game maintains the same high quality. All of the graphics are well drawn and very detailed, especially the backdrops. The sound is also impressive, with a great tune for each level (best through headphones!).

Gremlins II is a highly polished title that will appeal to platform fanatics everywhere. Every Game Boy should have Gremlins in it.



It's here! It's great! It's Greatins II on the Game Boy! Get it before they get you!

LODE RUNNER

PC ENGINE ● PACK-IN-VIDEO ● £25.00 This a conversion of the old platform and ladders computer

classic. You must tramp around a castle collecting gold and digging holes for the many meanies to fall into. After collecting all of the gold you must then find your way out. If that's not enough, you can edit the screens to design your own levels with varying difficulty. Sadly, Lode Runner doesn't

quite work on the Engli quite work on the Engine. It's nothing to do with Lode Runner itself, it's just that it is should never have been converted to the Engine in the first place. The graphic content of Lode Runner doesn't suit the Engine, which is more use to moving large sprites around at frightening speeds. Also, Lode Runner was never year colour. Runner was never very colour-ful and the Engine's extra palette doesn't seem to have en used at all.

Similarly, the Engine's sound

chip isn't exactly quaking in its boots at the requests being thrown at it. The sound effects are completely dire and there's not even a tune. A straight port from the Apple lie version, per-haps?



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st person, so if one of you disocts it the other can happily laze away till the drogon blows p. There are a couple of extra ecople to pick up here too.

GROUND

MEGA DRIVE . SEGA . £30.00

Les Ellis gives up his Bomber Man trophy to battle through another multi-player extravaganza or so long, games on the Mega Drive have relied of the flash graphics are pounding sound that is easy to produce. With the machine maturing into a long-lasing console, we are now startifut osee its chips being put to use more addictive games.

Gain Ground is a one- or two player game where you must sim ply take over the ground occupies by the computer. With two play ers, you both team up against the computer.

computer.

Each participant starts with
three people under his control. Of
course, each little character has
their good and bad points, so you

must first decide who you wish to lead your onslaught. By using the different weapons of each of you team members, you can take out the computer forces and make your way to the exit. You will not be transferred to the next screen till either all the computer forces are destroyed or all your members make it to the exit part of the screen.

Along the way you'll find poter tail team members being he hostage by the computer. By tailing out the computer force around them and then rescuint he helpless people, you can recruit them to your band of nerr men. In any case, you should remember to take these extra me through the exit before you kill of all the computer forces or the worlt make it. Extra member mean extra weapons, although their uses a zern't immediate.

Just looking over the shoulder of someone playing this game, you might not be too impressed the graphics are very sended to the graphics are very sended to the great play to the sended the sended to the sended to

A DRIVE 92%





first level and you come across this little feathers, defended to the hilt. The exit is inside so both granade throwers and gunners will be needed to chear a way through. In one-player model this is where it starts to get serious.

SUPER OLLEYBALL

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GAME BOY . HUMAN

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If all you Game Boy owners are feel-

ing left out after looking at Ringside

er and console, so it was about time for the Mega Drive to be

MEGA DRIVE

70%



PRO Angel on the Mega Drive, then get WRESTLING

DMG-PRJ

your two-tone peepers on this The game is two-player compatible, with the action against each other, not as a tag-team. Players are

chosen from eight tough maulers. Before you go straight into the game, figuring it to be easy to handle, it's

MRESTLER SELECT

best to familiarise yourself with the moves - or you could end up with your head through the canvas and

your legs waying hopelessly Although not much can be expected of graphics in a wrestling game, the distinction between the two players is very poor - especially as they're on top of each other most of the time. The moves are fairly easy to access and there's a wide range from pile drivers to drop kicks. Once you're familiar with it, and the small graphics, the game becomes guite playable - of course the two-player mode just degenerates to frantic firing, trying to access any move available



73%

Just fickle this guy in the armpits and he'll soon drop

VOLLEYFIRE GAME BOY • TOEI ANIMATION • £20.00

There you were, minding your ownbusiness, navigating past a load of obstacles in space. when you noticed something not quite right. Up ahead of you, coming through the maze of trash, was another ship and by the way he was firing he wanted to add your ship to the trash already floating around. So what else is there to do? You warm up your lasers and prepare for a fight

Volleyfire is a one- or twoplayer game (via videolink) mostly restricted to one screen where you must shoot down another ship (yawn). To add to the fun (?), a few objects, boulders etc. are thrown in between necessitating the use of the left and right keys too. Admittedly, the game does contain a neat vertical scrolling bit, but whether anyone will stay awake long enough to see it is a different matter



Mind what you shoot as your bullets bounce back at you on this level. Play it safe and stay at the bottom to watch



MUSHA ALESTE MEGA DRIVE • TOAPLAN • £25.00

What is it with the Mega Drive? I've had a good look through the machine's manuals, and nowhere does it say. "We promise to produce 100 shoot-em-ups in the first year." But that's the way it looks each month. Of course, not all of them can be great, so you spend half your time wading through the dross in search of a pearl. Here's a pearl.

Initially, the game strikes you as a cross between Transformers and Truxton. You pilot a ship flying up a vertically scrolling screen blasting the hell out of anything that moves. (Not much new there.) But where this little flighting foray differs from most of the clair is that your ship can metamorphosize into six different filing mod-

ules.

The graphics are very oriental and the brilliant blasting
effects add to the fun
Surprisingly, the tune



Flying over the landscape becomes fairly chaotic as the enemy open up on your ship.
Use any of your six modes to fire back.

that plays throughout isn't too annoying either. The whole game plays really fast and soon becomes extremely addictive fun. With seven tough levels,

each with its own guardian, there's enough for months of play. INI- SECTION COLOR ARCSC SECTION COLOR ARCS SE

DANGEROUS SEED

MEGA DRIVE ● NAMCOT ● £25.00



Flower Power hippies have raided a top secret government installation where scientists were researching the possibility of developing intelligent plants. Typically, these morons were so stoned and out-of-it that they Witch out for his side-wiject. Shooting shoot fire lorges to your left will revoid power-up, from here on in you're going to

Bland backdrops come close to spoiling th game. Some of the early ones are terribl while the later ones are quite good. Her you have released a smort bomb while destroys all known forms of life – exce you, because you're a low-life

accidentally released a lethal strain of virus which has turned all plant life into man-killing monsters.

Unfortunately, the plants have started to spread their roots to planets elsewhere in the Solar System, so your cleaning up job is going to be all the more difficult.

There are 12 stages in all, crammed with nastles, end of level guardians and loads of power-ups. The backdrops improve as you get further through the stages, but the small sprites really do start to annoy as you lose track of where you are amongst all the ships and bullets. Fast but frustrating.

MEGA DRIVE **68**5

AERO BLASTERS MEGA DRIVE • KANECO

• £30.00

A tough team is needed by your country to rid it of foreign invaders; you have been given the job of leading the crack unit. As head of the group, you are given the very latest hil-tech planes in which to fight, so get in, buckle up and get ready to blast.

Aero Blasters is a one- or twoplayer shoot-'em-up, two participants playing simultaneously. You fly along a horizontally scrolling screen blasting absolutely everything you see. Powerups appear along the way, so in two-player mode you get to nick all your opponent's useful addons (of course, a real friend wouldn't do such a dirty thing, Jools!).

Some quite nimble navigating will be needed on parts of the game as the caverns you are flying through narrow to little higher than your plane. Of course, in such sticky situations, there's no hope of let up in the enemy's

The two-player option adds a much-needed dimension to this shoot-'em-up which is bog standard in one-player mode.

On to level two and things are starting to hot up as you leave the speed maze and return to full combat mode. Look on the bright side, player two has just died and all the power-ups are yous.





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FERRUARY RESULTS:

RINGSIDE **ANGELS**

MEGA DRIVE . ASMIK . £30.00

You wouldn't believe the amount of interest that has surrounded this game since Shintaro first mentioned it a few issues ago. Without going into a moral lecture about the basis of this game. women wrestling. I'd just like to say, if us blokes can have a bit of fun in videogames then why can't girls?

You play a female wrestler who decides to take on the best of the rest in order to become Queen of the Ring. The crown isn't going to be an easy thing to obtain as your opponents are all as tough as nails and would probably go a few rounds with "Iron" Mike Tyson.

You can play either one- or twoplayer (versus), with the latter providing the best fun. Ignoring the useless Jap instructions, it's wise to take a good look at the demo mode and remember what moves are available. Of course, whether you're able to access them is a different matter all together, and this is the game's downfall. You can spend ages trying to access that elusive back breaker or flying dropkick, and in the meantime you've been pinned to the floors by all fours.

There's a wide variety of girls to choose, from the pretty to those that look like a bulldog chewing a wasp. The graphics are adequate, although nothing special, the animation is lousy and the sound will drive you nuts. It's a pity the game is so unplayable, as the novelty aspect alone deserves

attention.



PC FROG GAME BOY . TOHO CO

Those pesky creatures have been at it again, dropping rocks all over the place, blocking routes and pathways. There is only one way to stop them - call in PC Frog, the slimiest, dirtiest cop around. Only PC Frog can dish out enough police brutality to stop them pests.

You control the copper frog who must move around the screen punching any creatures or rocks he comes across, getting power rewards from some. The object is to clear all the screens on the map of rocks.

A smashina time is quar anteed during PC Frog. rocks, and dish out some good old-fash

brutality



Each screen is laid out in an individually devious way, ensuring that you don't cruise through them all without a bit of thought. Don't go smashing the rocks without thinking or you could burn all your bridges back to others. If you do get stranded, there's a useful "Try Again?" option, although this will cost you a life. The password option ensures you won't spend preclous rock-busting time on earli-

This is surprisingly addictive for such a simple game. But maybe there's a moral in there for Game Boy producers. All the classic games on the Boy are puzzle games, and this one will keep you playing for weeks!

GAME BOY . TAITO 620 00





GAME BOY



Having had a lengthy holiday due to soreness brought about by excessive use of throbbing arcade machines, Suzy Uki's back to tell of the steamy sessions she's had with Shintaro and the latest array of powerful coin-ops

h, I'm a naughty onna-no-ko I know, but please forgive me. When I get excited on the seat of a thrusting arcade machine, there's little chance of me ever leaving the hot seat. Mmmm, just thinking about GP Rider, G-LOC, Super Monaco GP, Power

Drift, Galaxy Force II. Thunderblade Afterburner II. Super Hang-On, Out Run. Space Harrier. Enduro Racer. and Hang-On has me on my knees in a sweat. The things a poor girl has to put up with...

I'm better now; the redness between my legs (caused by my overindulgence on GP Rider) has just about vanished. I'm ready to ride. And by the looks of things there are some very tasty coin-ops to tickle my fancy. Mmmm. I'd like to rub hot slots with the R360. Laser Ghost, Cisco Heat, Bugs Bunny's Birthday 'Ball or AB Cop any day of the year.

RED 'N' RAW

Sega's R360 makes me tingle so I thought I'd devote a few more inches to it. The arcade system is based around the one used to train astronauts in disorientating situations. Oh yes, you can put me in a disorientating position any time. It uses two axes to let the centre of the device rotate through any angles in all three dimen-

At the moment the machine is entirely dedicated to G-Loc, a "superreal" dog-fight sim that lends itself very well to the R360's capability for 360° turns in any direction. Apart from G-forces, the effects of every twist and turn of the aircraft can be mirTOP TEN **HOT SLOTS**

1. ESCAPE KIDS

2. SUPER PANG 3. COLUMNS

4. LEAGUE BOWLING 5. GUN FRONTIER

6. EDWARD RANDY

7. PASSING SHOT

8. GALS PANIC

9. SUPER SPACE INVADERS 10. THUNDER & LIGHTNING

rored almost exactly inside the R360 At the moment there are no plans for further software, but the undoubtedly huge cost of the development of this system must surely warrant further

G-Loc can be played in two modes: Experience mode in which the computer pilot takes you through the stomach-churning rolls and manoeuvres that a modern fighter plane can perform, and Game mode which is the same as the arcade albeit with the addition of free whiplash injuries

The necessarily open design of the machine raises several questions not to mention my excitement - about

safety, like what is to stop the machine snapping someone's arm accidentally hanging out of the cabinet? Apparently there are sensors which can detect this sort of danger and instantly shut down the machine. Personally, I'd rather not be the one

who puts this to the test.

The machine is also constantly watched by an attendant via a TV monitor showing what's happening in the game. No kinky sex sessions in the cabinet; unless, of course, you don't mind being on public display. On site the machine is surrounded by a metre high fence at about a metre's

distance to prevent any onlookers being injured.

The machine can be connected to a laser disk system providing high, quality graphics to go with the nightmarish performance of the machine as it does a passable impression of an average food mixer on the contents of your stomach. For anyone who hasn't experienced the sensation of being swung around and roughed up, I can thoroughly recommend it. Your perspective on

life will never be the same afterwards, and it makes great party con-

BUGS BUNNY'S BIRTHDAY BALL

Each character has its own little section of the

phylaetic. With a wealth of genuine tunes and an overwhelm-ing supply of samples, Bugs and company look set to take the gaming halls by storm of the set of the con-location. Neck, what up to 20° Ooly the most emusing pixels makine eve-that what With a lost of loosy? base domesters genoing the makine—including loop. With E Goyete, Dely Duck, Needy Pe, and Speedy Gonacia—2 out India but to be on ecomous thi.

, coming up next..

The sit down deluxe unit is a sight in itself with its steel double exhaust pipes and full functioning brake lights. Oooh, rubbing up against it is a rare pleasure, I can tell you.

LASER GHOST

Last but not least from Sega is something called Laser Ghost, a three-player Operation Wolf-like ghost-blasting shoot-'em-up featuring twin long hard laser gun mounts.

The outside two players sit on anchored stools while the central player stands allowing for far more elbow room. It sounds dreadfully kinky, and is! Laser Ghost features

some of the weirdest and coolest looking ahost you'll see this side of Count Duckula. These creepies are intent on preventing Bill, Max and Carole from rescuing a young girl from the clutches of evil. Why, damn it! I let evil get its wicked way with me every night, and must admit to feeling much better for it.

Who ya ganna call? Bill, Max and Carole! Hmmm, doesn't quite have the same ring as Ghostbusters, but Laser Ghost promises to be equally full of ghostly goings-on. And who can resist simultaneous

RAD MOBILE

I wish those lads at Sega would get busy over me rather than concentrating so much on new launches. The latest to come from the Sega stalls is the motorbike racing game Rad

Mobile. Boasting a 32-bit processor bit arcade systems. The power and speed will capable of producing very fast, very smooth and therefore very realistic graphics of scenery and vehicles, this number looks too hot to resist.

AB COP

In yet another release from Sega. AB Cop (the AB stands for Air Bike). you get the chance to take part in a Chase HQ/Hang-On/Return of the Jedi hybrid. You race over water, land and little cobbled streets chasing beingus criminals. The only reason I mentioned all this is because it gives me the chance to fantasise

Take to the wheel of an automobile in Sega's

rough and rounchy Rad Mobile. Experience

about straddling one of these highpowered beast for a ride of a lifetime. With Sega doing all this stuff at the moment, I wonder if they'll ever get the time to give me a sensual massage and participate in some of my more favourite aerobic activities.



HACKS *** & STACKS

They came in their thousands. But tricky Jem Timbrell was the first to get his tipifulous Time Warp solution to the one and

(thankfully) only Dr Zak – the maddest tipster known to man.

The old Doc hasn't been idle either, producing a fantastic guide to some of the

trickier levels in Lemmings. Take it way, wacko Zako...

get a Besher to dig through the column under the Exit sign. As the learnings short to come back place a blocker near the left-hand edge. The central Column can only be dug through from the right, as send through from the right, as send dimbers you Abblette (fleating dimbers) and stop the first one to make the second bym record and

stapped over a column; otherwise when he is blown up to get him out of the way he will destoy the surface and leave a gaping hole.

These two levels are much the same in principle, get one guy to do all the work, using a blocker to stop the rest Once the lone Lem has nearly finished doing his stuff, let the other guys follow him. On the bottom level stop the guys on the right first.

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Lemnings, a truly mad game that were I had difficulty coping with. Realising that there are many of you out these, with dramatically smaller files than myself. I felt that I should help you all out. First, I will give you the codes to twenty of the stages on the Tircky level of the stages on the Tircky level of the stages on the Tircky level of the stages of the s

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20 IJKLGMCCFT.
In general, keep an eye on every
Lemming that is doing something.

and listen for the beeps that tell you the builders are about to stop. If possible try and get one Lemming to do all the work, but keep an eye on it all the time or you could find a lot of hard work being wasted.

GET ZAKKED

Well, fellow madmen, that is about yo the Dou't forget to a und in all your it to the cound oddress which is, for the with backword reading abilities, Hi 41.88 artistiffs, Gogdinword, terest & 7, 3 intil, ezall, skeet's due skeet's 'the rD. Incidentally, I don't midd tips on maps being used in our toller poper caryon. I realise that it is all they we let some of you use, so as you don inter- coursell on something skern.



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5: LEFT UP 7: DOWN, DOWN 8: FIRE, UP 9: FIRE

11: LEFT FIRE LEFT 12: DOWN FIRE FIRE

DOWN 15: UP FIRE, FIRE

10: UP. RIGHT

13: FIRE, LEFT, LEFT, 14: FIRE, RIGHT, FIRE 16: UP FIRE 17: FIRE UP 18: RIGHT 19: DOWN, FIRE, DOWN, FIRE 20: DOWN 21: DOWN, RIGHT, UP

22: RIGHT, UP 23: DOWN LIP 24: DOWN, LEFT 25: UP. UP 26: LEFT, DOWN, UP.

27: FIRE FIRE FIRE 28: RIGHT LIP LIP 29: DOWN, RIGHT 30: FIRE

31: FIRE 32: UP. FIRE

34: UP, RIGHT, FIRE, LEFT

35: UP. FIRE 36: DOWN 37: DOWN, FIRE 38: DOWN, LEFT, UP 39: DOWN, FIRE, FIRE

40: FIRE, FIRE 41: if you've got this far, there's something wrong because there

are only 40 screens!

OOOPS UP

65: TRP2

85:ER7E



COVERT ACTION

Here's a sneaky super-sure sly spy way of solving cases from Lesley Ellington of Salem. Les says that you can cheat if you save your game, go to the "sleep through case" option, and note down the times, date and places of people. Now load up your saved game and you should be able to complete it with your notes. You slippery customer, Lesley,

STRIDER 2

ROROCOP 2

For infinite lives, type SERIALINTERFACE (no space) on the title screen. Yet again, Wiz the Wonderful from Wigan comes up with the goods.





When SIr Ivor Tightwallet's in town, no-one gets passed the office of fair trading. Find out who gets close to investigation this month as Sir Ivor looks at the latest val-4mon software

CJ'S **ELEPHANT ANTICS** CODE MASTERS ● £6.99

Now that their cute little egg, Dizzy, has appeared in a few too many games, Code Masters have found another star that'll doubtless appear

again and again. The whole story revolves around a small elephant by the name of CJ. It seems that one day, while minding his own business, CJ was captured by some cruel hunters (boo, hiss) who came to the jungle and took the helpless nelly away. Luckily, while on the airplane journey to an English zoo. CJ found an umbrella and

jumped from the plane to escape. Unfortunately for CJ, he landed in Paris, and now has to make his way back to Africa via Switzerland and other countries. If CJ makes it back

to Africa, he can be united with his mother again and they will both live happily ever after.

The action is based very closely on the successful New Zealand Story formula, although that's not to say Elephant Antics doesn't have some original features of its own. The main character is far cuter than any kiwi, and can fire nuts through his trunk and drop bombs from his backside. Not bad for an elephant. The game isn't packed with as many complex puzzles as, say, any of the Dizzy games, and the adventuring is much more arcade orientated

What makes CJ's Elephant Antics so addictive and playable is the fact that the action is non-stop. Of course, the super graphics and great sound don't do it any harm either...

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1	AMIGA	93%
	ATARI ST	91%





DOUBLE DRAGON 16 BLITZ PLUS ● £7.99

The plot is simple; a one- or two-

player game where you must travel through several levels kicking and punching your way past opponents. The wide range of hilarious moves available sets this game apart from the usual fare. PC owners are warned that they'll need a very fast machine to get any joy out of their version. All others versions are highly playable though.

AMIGA	84%
ATARI ST	81%
IBM PC	69%

Floating around in downtown Paris. Using your unbrella you can jump from seemingly deadly heights, even the top of the Eiffel Tower. From France you move onto Switzerland - not exactly the quickest route to Africa, but the skiing's good at this time of year Unfortunately, it seems the snowmen have turned mutant causing untold mayhem in this stage of you







SUPER GRIDRUNNER ACTION 16 ● £7.99

Digital Integration's budget label is back in action this month, with several releases across all three 16-bit formats. First is a very range, if not worrying piece of software. It concerns me that the writer of this game, the infamous Jeff Minter, has obviously lost his marbles. If you haven't heard of before, you may have heard of a few of his games which have ved llamas and mutant e infamous for taking old s and introducing some features and "interesting" cters to them - Super er is no exception.

our play area is, surprisingly ugh, a grid around which your Ill ship has to move and troy/avoid the invading alien rems, what makes this a bit directly although not Super, is the left that your ship comes in two arts which can, if you desire, be level around independently of

le style. Like Jeff's previous



format like Gridrunner doesn't leave much room for expansion. After the shock of the game's aes thetics have passed, you're left twiddling your thumbs and won-dering why this version is so

AMIGA 7 9 % ATARI ST 75%

unplayable

release, Defender 2, taking an old

cidenatly, Jeff's most recen release is Defender 2 reviewed in RAZE 5) which

XENON 16 BLITZ PLUS • £7.99

This was the Bitmap Bros' first megagame. You have to pilot a craft through four levels, each with to hell. Power-ups abound and your craft can change between a ground vehicle and an aircraft. The game's packed with the no array of distasteful enemies and contains more than its fair share of big vehicles and monsters. This shoot-'em-up is undoubtedly better than Gemini Wing and even gives Silkworm a run for its money.

78% AMIGA ATARI ST 7 6 % IBM PC 72%

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Above are a selection of pick ups allable in Xenon. Their meaning is as follows: F. fuel: Z. zap (smort borb): W, side arms; S, side shot L. laser: P, shot power: R. speed up: H, smart shot: A, shield.



The final coeffict in level one. This bug-eyed alien must be

You've picked up a couple of very useful side arms. You now have three barrels from which to fire ons con be picked up

our shield or provide you with an extra life. One particular pick up will arm you with eight seeker missiles. Deadly to

can't reach you while you're in the sky. Hit

really be in tree

Here ladybird-like and other ground allens are giving you a hard time. Fly over them

wes of attack ships will come at you occasionally; their

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Gemini Wing is your standard shoot everything that moves/if it doesn't move, avoid it game. Very little thought is needed as you just hit autofire and sit back and

You have to pilot your Gemini Wing fighter through several lev-els of vertically scrolling shooting.

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The action's familiar and can be one- or two-player. The latter variation is quite fun as it's simultanes action and has the bonus of king each other's power-ups. The graphics are poor and the sound is not much better. At £7.99 it isn't really worth it, especially when there's Silkworm and Xenon ound for the same price

AMIGA 62% ATARI ST 60%

With the Silkworm-inspired SWIV

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just about to be released, the rerelease of Silkworm makes a wel-come entry into the budget market. There are many features which make this the definitive game of its

SILKWORM

nre. The graphics are superb fast and deta ed; the sound is exemplary, with a cracking sound-track and the best shoot-'em-up sound effects around, but what es this game such a hit is the simultaneous two-player game. One player can control a plane while the other jumps in a jeep One player will find it much har without the help of the other. If you've never played this, now is the time to try it.

AMIGA ATARI ST

BUDGET BIT7

* Virgin have announced the imminent release of Fists of Ninia Warriors, Double Dragon II. Shinobi and Dynamite Dux. this little bundle of powerpacked action is available on the Amiga and Atari ST for the paitry sum of £24.95 - cheap at half the price! (Er...)

* I told you in the review of Super Gridrunner Action 16 were back in um action. Also on release this month is the strange Colorado for the Amiga, Atari ST and IBM PC. The game is set in the 19th century, where you have to brave many perils in your quest for the hidden riches of the mountains. Action 16 also get the bad taste award for this month with the release of S.D.L. on all formats for £7.99. In the game, you get to control the defence systems of a nation as incoming missiles fly through the sky.

* Adventure fans will go wild well, at least raise an eyebrow or two - at the news of the latest compilation from Virgin Games, Entitled Magnetic Scrolls Collection: Volume 1. the super package includes Fish, Corruption and The Guild of Thieves, all redesigned and improved to run under the new windows system first seen in £29.99 on Amiga and Atari ST. and £34.99 on IBM PC.

* Also on the adventure front, Virgin are about to release another batch of Infocom titles. The sales of the previous budget adventures have surprised Virgin, and with the release of Zork 2. Zork 3. Sauceror, Enchanter and Deadline, they hope to continue the top-selling trend. All titles are available for £9.99 on Amiga, ST and PC.

* Code Masters are up to no good again. This month, they're Arrers Simulator which they are thoughtfully renaming Wacky Darts £6.99 on Amiga and ST





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b) Two c) None READY TO DIE?

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