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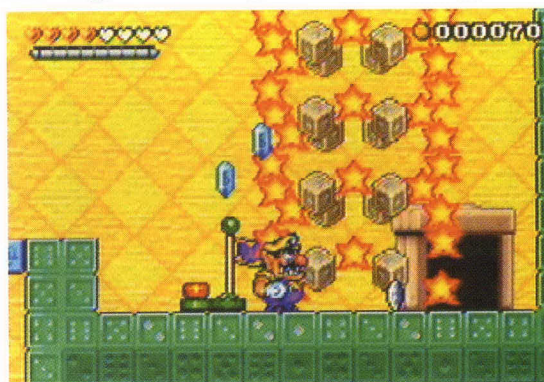
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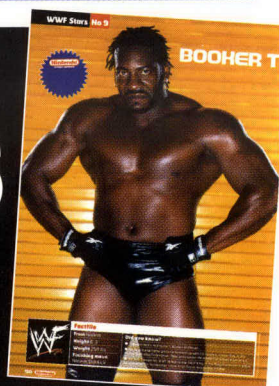
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# Simpsons Road Rage

## Game Info

By: **Electronic Arts**

Type: **Driving**

Release: **TBC**

**It's motoring armageddon as the cartoon residents of Springfield rally round to fight Mr Burns' dirty tricks.**





## Mmmm, road rage...

If you're reading this preview then you're probably aware that The Simpsons are more famous than the British Royal Family. And quite right, too... they're hilarious!

When it comes to television toon style comedy they're the undisputed number one. And now the whole Simpsons gang are on their way to Nintendo's new super console to give you a madcap tour around the funniest town in America.



▲ Some of the vehicles in Simpsons Road Rage are totally insane.



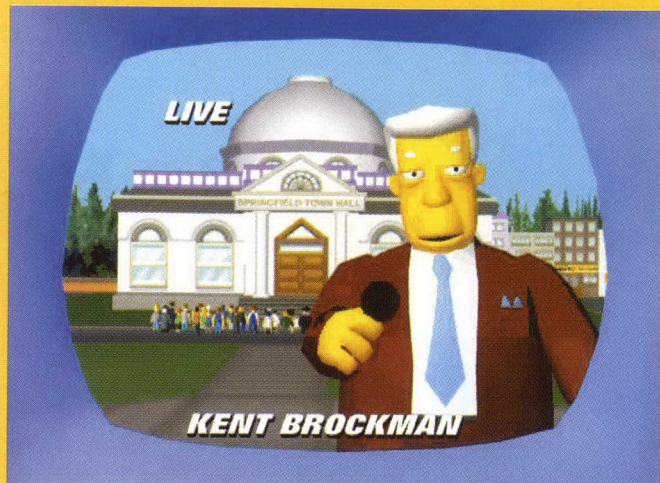
▲ Follow the finger above your head and you won't go far wrong.





## Who's that man?

He's the tyrannical owner of Springfield's dangerous and infamous nuclear power plant and now he's got his mercenary sights set on making a buck out of the Springfield Transit Corporation.



▲ The game is presented just like an episode of The Simpsons television programme.

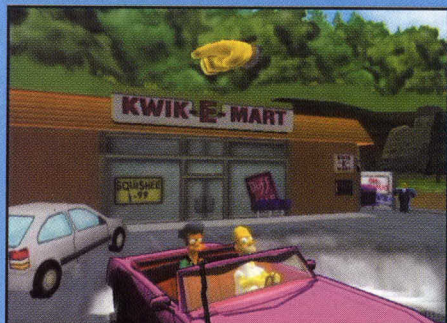
The wicked Montgomery Burns has bought the company and converted all the buses to run on nuclear power, turning them into fast moving death traps. And just to rub it in, he's hiked up the fares.



▲ When the buses are converted to run on nuclear energy, everything starts to glow!

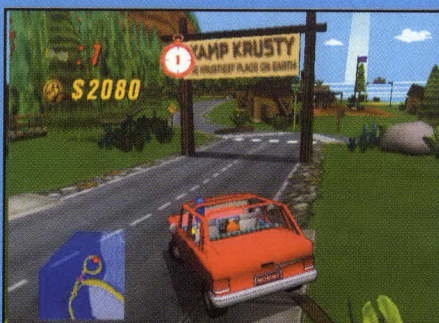
## A who's who of who's in

The best thing about Simpsons Road Rage is that there are 25 playable characters to choose from, each of whom has their own vehicle. Take a look at some of our favourites...



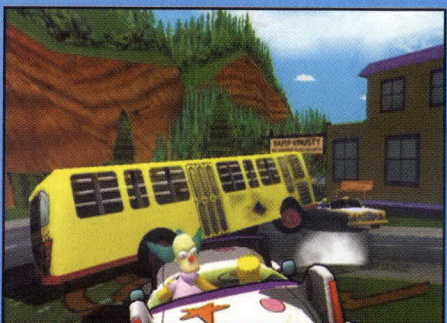
### Homer Simpson

Homer's found behind the wheel of his pink car which appears in the TV show's opening credits. But did you know that Homer won a Grammy Award for Outstanding Soul, Spoken Word, or Barbershop Album of the Year for his work with the Be Sharps?



### Marge Simpson

Our 34 year old homemaker drives her usual run around, which makes her quick and nippy in the streets of Springfield. Fact fans might not know that Marge has webbed feet or that she goes weak at the knees when her elbows are nibbled.



### Krusty the Clown

He may be the grumpiest clown ever but this doesn't stop Krusty driving a comedy car. Perhaps his most charitable moment so far was when he led a celebrity recording when Bart was trapped in a well.

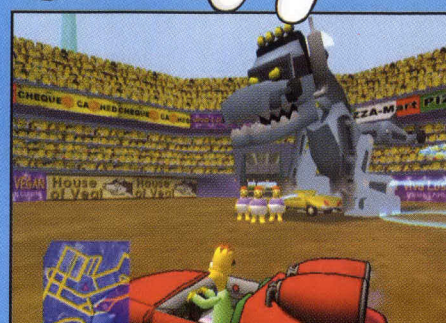
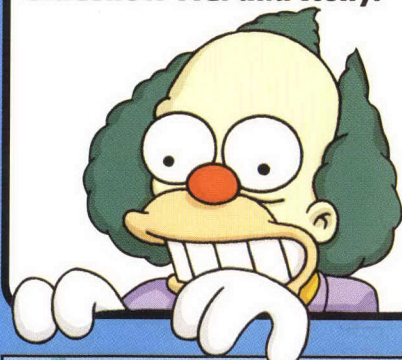


### Barney

Our resident barfly once flirted with work and winded up driving the most popular snow plough in Springfield, much to Homer's annoyance. Naturally he's behind the wheel of his Plough King.

## Simpsons voices

Did you know that Dan Castellaneta, the voice of Homer, supplies 34 of the character voices in the Simpsons TV show? He provides voices for Krusty, Mayor Quimby, Itchy, Groundskeeper Willie, Sideshow Mel and Itchy.



### Professor Frink

He's Springfield's mad professor and the creator of many useless inventions. His worst blunder was when he shot his own child through the window of his prototype gas powered plane. He drives a hover car.





## No way, dude!

The good folk of the city are outraged by Montgomery Burns' greed and so they band together to try and make the million bucks to secure the future of the Springfield Transit Corporation.

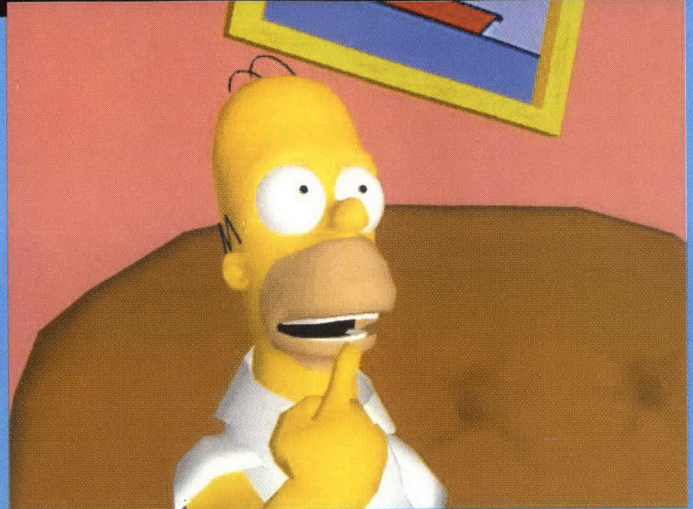
To raise cash the city inhabitants decide to take extra work as taxi drivers, ferrying their fellow Springfieldians around town as they go about their daily business. The only problem is the clock's ticking and there are some bad tempered drivers out on the roads, including you if you're going to make the million bucks within the time limit!

► Homer isn't exactly the sharpest knife in the drawer, but he's got a heart of gold. He'll even drive a crazy taxi to try and save the Springfield Transit Corporation from Mr Burns.



▲ All your favourite Simpsons characters feature in this colourful game, including Marge, Lisa, Maggie and, of course, Bart.

► We're quite impressed that Homer can spell his own name, but we certainly wouldn't hitch a ride in his death trap car.



## Making money

The ultimate aim of the game is to make a million dollars.

How much you make from a fare depends on how long you take to get to your punter's destination, so it pays keep your foot on the accelerator.

You'll have to use any shortcuts that you come across and batter anything that gets in your way. However, you'll sometimes be given other types of fares which will help you get closer to that magical million...



### Road Rage Trip

It's all out carnage as you have to destroy as many objects as possible during your journey. Don't expect a gleaming motor at the end of it, though!



### Safe Trip

This is the total opposite of a Road Rage Trip because the challenge is to make it to your final destination without hitting anything at all. Not as easy as it sounds.

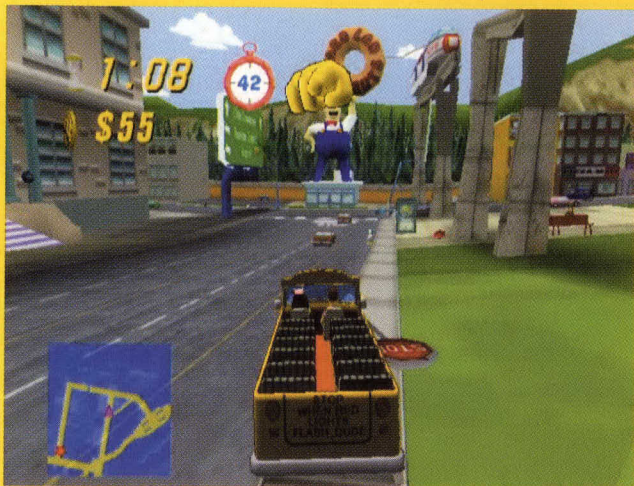




## Spend, spend, spend

Buying back the Springfield Transit Corporation is all well and good, but that doesn't mean you can't spend a little of your hard earned money along the way. Go on, splash some cash!

At various points in the game you'll be offered the chance to spend your cash on hidden characters and opening new parts of the town. This is a good deal as you can use your purchases to earn more wonga.



▲ Don't be stingy. Spend some of your cash on secret characters and on accessing new areas of Springfield. The game becomes much more fun when you do!

## The whole point

Once your passenger is nice and comfortable in the back seat of your taxi you're going to need to know where to take them.

Luckily, as soon as a fare hops in a picture of their destination pops up. If you're not paying attention a giant hand also appears, pointing in the direction you need to go. All you need to decide is how to get there.



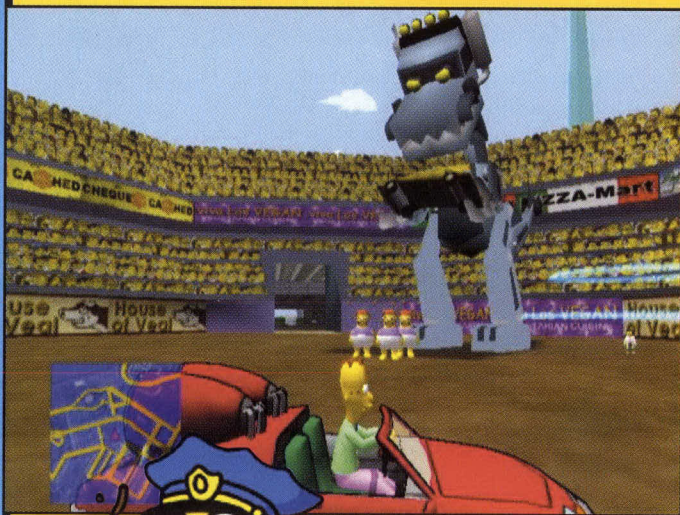
▲ To reach your destination, follow the ghostly gloved hand which floats in the sky. And to make loads of cash, just drive over anything and everything that gets in your way.

## Pick up and play

No matter where you drive in the city of Springfield you'll soon come across a punter who's on the lookout for a ride.

A series of glowing circles surrounds passengers as they stand by the roadside, making it dead easy to find people who need a taxi ride.

► The glowing circles indicate a potential passenger. If you want to pick them up, simply grind to a halt inside their circle and they'll hop into the back seat.



▲ Paying passengers appear in the strangest places. You'll even be able to pick them up inside the stadium.

► You can visit loads of locations around the city of Springfield. It's an hilarious game to play.

◀ If you love The Simpsons, you'll adore Road Rage. All your favourite characters make an appearance.







## Head for the squares

Along with the giant hand there's also a map to help you out.

On it you'll see all the twisting roads and routes around the city of Springfield, making planning your hectic journey a lot easier.



▲ You can choose to play the game by keeping an eye on the floating hand, but it's also good to pay attention to the map to help you find shortcuts and new routes.

Your position is shown as a purple arrow, while your drop off point is displayed as a red triangle. You'll find yourself relying on the hand most of the time, but the map comes in handy when you're searching for new shortcuts.



▲ There's no missing Krusty's final destination as it's been bathed in an eerie shaft of green light! Wonder what sort of weirdness our clown friend is up to now?

## Homer's sayings

Homer's famous for his one liners, usually starting with Mmmm. Here's a selection of his funniest. "Mmmm... strained peas!" Said after trying Maggie's baby food. "Mmmm... footlong chilli dog!" Said before he and Mindy Simmons eat the hot dog and enjoy a Lady and the Tramp style kiss. "Mmmm... 64 slices of American cheese!" Said as he enjoys a mammoth midnight to dawn snack.



▲ Who'd have thought that Springfield was such a big place? You'll have loads of fun exploring parts of the city that you've never seen on The Simpsons television show.



▲ As your car is totally indestructible you have the opportunity to pull off some mad stunts without risking life and limb. This long drop seems to have disturbed poor Marge.



▲ There are generally a lot of other cars about, but don't worry about observing the Highway Code. Just keep your foot firmly on the accelerator and drop off those passengers.





## Look everywhere

The key to success in *Simpsons Road Rage*, along with driving like an absolute nutter, is finding the sneaky shortcuts that help you shave vital seconds off your time and put more money in the bank.



▲ The sneaky shortcuts and secret routes are much more important in the two player mode where you try to make more money than your sorry rival.

There are loads of different ways to get around Springfield and much of the time you'll find yourself putting your foot down just to see if a massive jump is possible or whether a wall will crumble to reveal a new route.



▲ You'll have to be brave to find all the shortcuts. Sometimes you'll just have to drive into walls to break them down and reveal dazzling new routes to your destination.



▲ Other shortcuts require you to make blind leaps of faith. Driving off the edge of a building may seem crazy, but it can sometimes help you reach your destination quicker.



▲ We certainly wouldn't stay in this taxi if it was taking shortcuts like this! We like getting to our destination on time, but jumping over ravines is just plain crazy.

## Arcade style

*Simpsons Road Rage* is first and foremost an arcade style game.

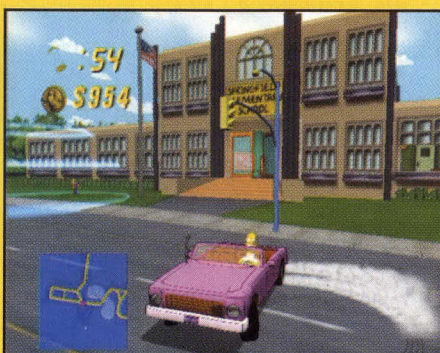
By this we mean it's really easy to pick up and play. The game only uses

three buttons along with the 3D Stick, offering players the ability to jump, power slide and perform speed starts. Here's what does what...



### A Button

As you'd expect, this huge green button is your accelerator. Double tap it for a nifty speed start.



### B Button

This is your brake and you can hold it down to perform a very cool looking 180° donut.



### X Button

Hit this button to make your vehicle jump into the air, which is good for getting past traffic jams.





## Humour alert

The Simpsons wouldn't be The Simpsons without their trademark humour and there are bucket loads of laughs in this GameCube title.

And because the 'Cube handles sound so much better than the Nintendo 64 the makers of the game have been able to cram in tons of speech samples, supplied by the actual cast of the television show. Playing the game is like taking part in an episode of The Simpsons cartoon.



▲ As you drive around Springfield you'll be treated to loads of voice samples from the television show. They're all hilarious and you'll be chucking at your console.



▲ Both the passengers and drivers talk, making this GameCube title feel like the TV series.



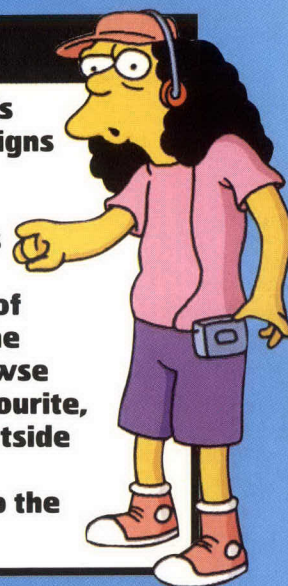
▲ Even the signs by the side of the road are funny. We certainly wouldn't relax near a nuclear power station which had Homer Simpson as its safety expert.

## Funny signs

The Simpsons TV series rewards keen eyes with loads of funny signs to spot in the background.

If you were too busy laughing, here's a selection of humorous signs seen around Springfield.

Springfield Dog Track, 'Think of them as little horses'. Seen in the Steppin' Out Fashion Mart, 'Browse through our bra barrel.' Our favourite, however, was a sign spotted outside the nuclear power plant which reads, 'Still operating, thanks to the lengthy appeals process'.



## Sunday driver

There's no doubt that Simpsons Road Rage is a fast paced, non stop, rollercoaster ride of a game. We love it!

Because of this it's easy to get caught up in the job in hand and miss the 100 or so Simpsons landmarks dotted around Springfield. So, for all you would be sightseers out there, the game contains a Sunday Drive mode where you can take a leisurely ride around the famed town and see all the sights. It's a great way to while away the weekend!



▲ Don't knock the head off this Springfield statue of there'll be hell to pay...



▲ You're not just confined to the roads. Find a door to smash through and you might end up burning your way across the Springfield mall.





## Two can play

**Simpsons Road Rage also has a two player split screen mode.**

There are two different multiplayer options to choose from, adding lasting appeal to the package. The first two player mode is a race to the

next customer with each player being placed in a completely different part of Springfield. The other multiplayer game involves trying to catch whoever has a fare on board in order to steal their punter.



▲ The solo game is loads of fun but we had a great laugh playing the two player mode. With two multiplayer games to choose from, this is great value for money.



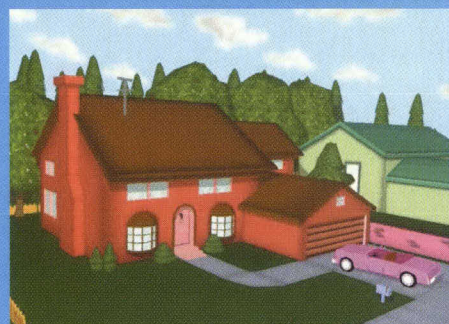
▲ Marge and Homer battling each other? We're all for having The Simpsons in cool video games, but we don't want to see these two lovebirds falling out.



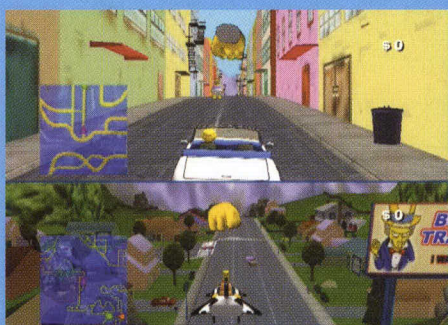
▲ The colourful action is fast and frantic in Simpsons Road Rage and it's likely to give you a serious headache!



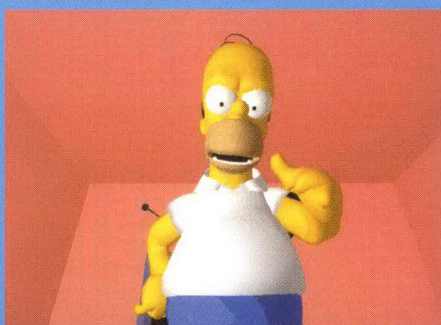
▲ Fans of the television show will feel perfectly at home in Springfield as they'll recognise all the landmarks.



▲ Any moment now Lisa will arrive on her bike and Bart will hit the top of Homer's car with his skateboard.



▲ The two player mode is fast and it looks fantastic.



▲ It's strange to see our friend Homer in 3D, isn't it?

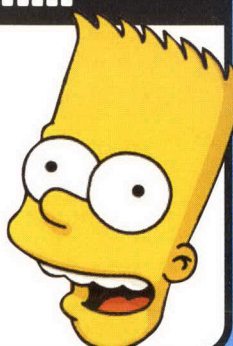


▲ Bart may have retired from the world of video wrestling but he still enjoys playing games when Homer's not around.

## You may remember me from...

**Troy McClure is the perpetual star of low budget movies, dodgy commercials and some boring public service films. Here are some of his career highlights...**

**P Is For Psycho, The President's Neck Is Missing, Hydro The Man With The Hydraulic Arms, Firecrackers The Hidden Menace, Phony Tornado Alarms Reduce Alertness and The Greatest Story Ever Hula-ed.**



## We think...

**The makers of the game have really gone to town in recreating the look and feel of Springfield, offering fans a chance to drive around the legendary town and meet all the characters who have made the TV series so funny.**



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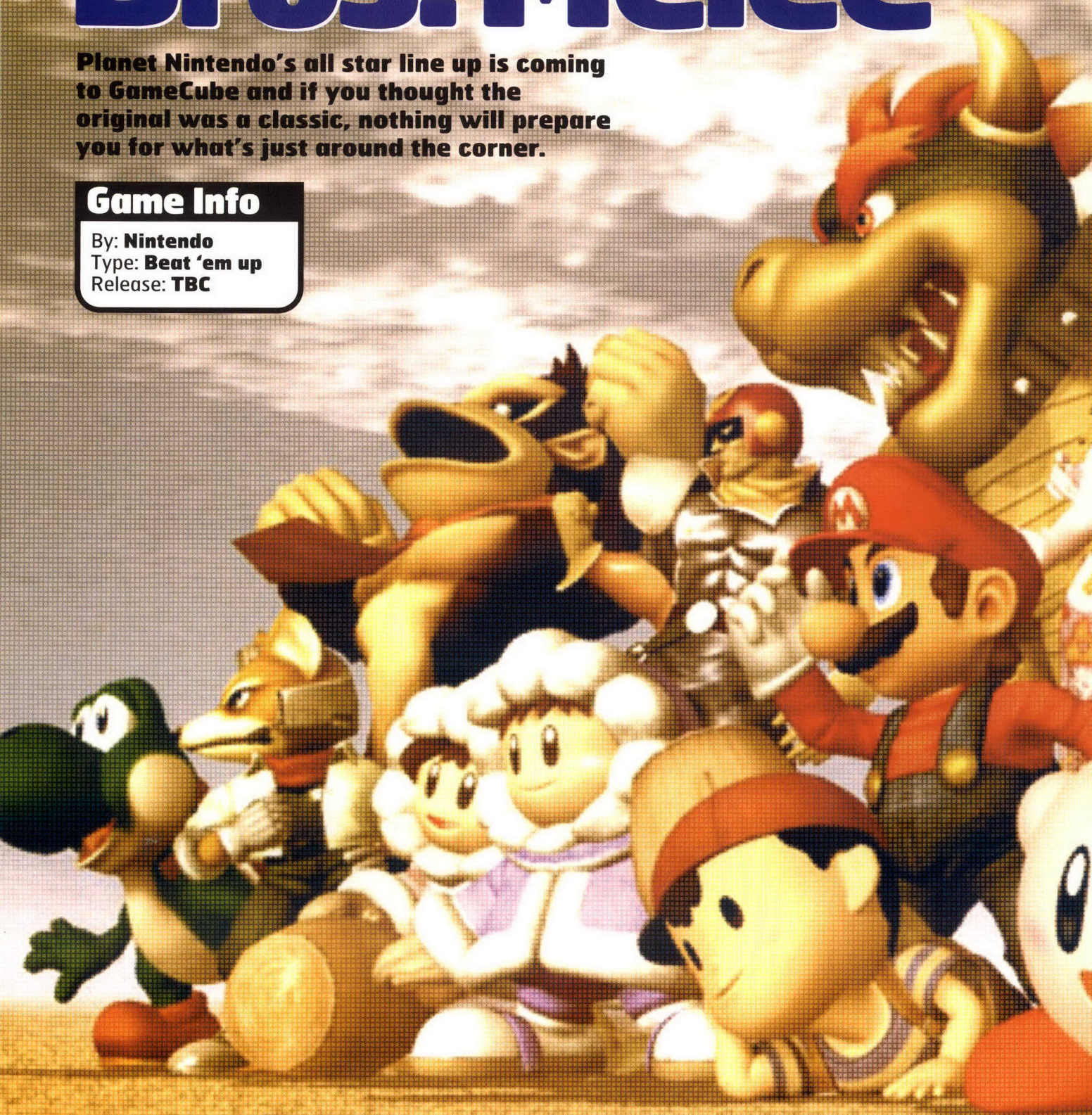
✓ **All star cast** ✓ **Classic worlds** ✓ **Frantic fighting fun**

# Super Smash Bros. Melee

**Planet Nintendo's all star line up is coming to GameCube and if you thought the original was a classic, nothing will prepare you for what's just around the corner.**

## Game Info

By: **Nintendo**  
Type: **Beat 'em up**  
Release: **TBC**







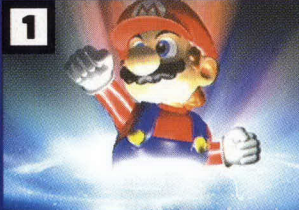
## It just gets better

**F**or the most dazzling graphics ever seen in a Nintendo game, look no further than **Super Smash Bros. Melee**.

The game looks ace from the moment you switch it on, when you're taken on a high speed trip through various Nintendo worlds.

Among the delights is a high speed F-Zero race with Captain Falcon and hundreds of different coloured Yoshis on the run.

It may only be a taster of what's to come, but the attention to detail is guaranteed to make you drool. Check out the opening movie...



▲ Mario appears first in a blaze of light.



▲ The flames behind Bowser are cool.



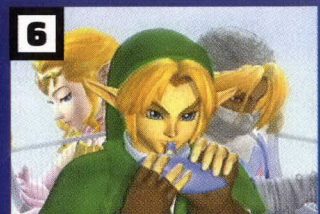
▲ Hundreds of Yoshis are on the move.



▲ Loads of Pokémon come out to play.



▲ The F-Zero racers are having a battle.



▲ Link and Zelda are ready for action.



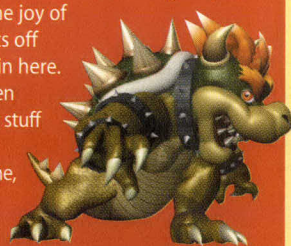


## Grappling options

Super Smash Bros. Melee on the GameCube is bursting at the seams with different game modes for you to enjoy.

Whether you want a taste of battling on your own or relishing the joy of thrashing the pants off your mates, it's all in here.

Nintendo has even included some new stuff that'll be covered later in this Big Game, but for now check out this lot...



### 1P Mode

Four options are available when you play alone, namely Regular Match, Event Match, Stadium and Training. The main game option is Regular Match and it's here that you'll get to play in Adventure or Classic modes.



### Vs Mode

Up to four players can take part in this awesome mode. In Melee you must knock out your opponents in two minutes while up to 64 players can take part in the Tournament Melee. For something out of the ordinary, there are some strange rules in Special Melee.



### Trophies

By earning coins during the game you can buy character and item trophies which are viewed in Gallery mode. You can also view your whole cool collection and have a go at winning a special trophy in Lottery mode.



### Data

Using a GameCube memory card you'll also be able to save your Super Smash Bros. Melee data. Using the console's internal clock it will save the time when you unlocked characters and the date when you did it!



## How to win

Every time your fighter gets pummelled by an attack in Super Smash Bros. Melee your percentage meter at the bottom of the screen will increase.

When this percentage goes over 100 you can be knocked straight out of the arena and into the distance and, if you can't get back in, you'll lose a life as you fall to your doom.

But by attacking your opponents the same thing can happen to them and when you knock them clean out of the arena you'll win a valuable point. Each battle is against the clock, so when the timer hits zero the fighter with the most points wins the bout.



▲ The idea is to hit your rivals until their percentage is over 100.



▲ If you fall out of the arena and you can't get back in you lose a life.



▲ If your opponent loses a life you win a point. Simple as that!



▲ We wouldn't like to be Sheikah in this shot. Donkey Kong looks like he's about to land a devastating punch.



▲ In this Adventure level you have to defeat a troop of miniature DK monkeys who bounce around the screen.

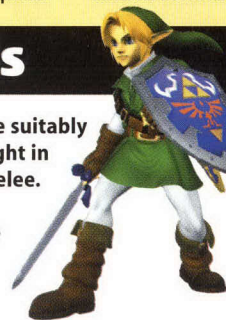
## Nintendo lands

If you're a Nintendo expert you'll be suitably impressed by the worlds you can fight in when playing Super Smash Bros. Melee.

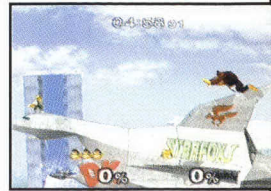
From Termina to Kongo Jungle, the Mushroom Kingdom to Corneria, there are some amazing sights to see.

Brinstar on Planet Zebes looks amazing, but it often floods with lava and any fighters left below will be hurt instantly.

In F-Zero's Mute City you fly above the race track before being dropped to duke it out. Watch for racers speeding past, though!



▲ The Mute City course sees you fighting above an F-Zero race.



▲ The Great Fox is the location for your battle with Fox McCloud.



▲ Mario gives Pika a pasting on top of Princess Peach's castle.



▲ If you've ever played Majora's Mask on the N64 you'll be familiar with this location. It's outside the lab where Link had to return the baby Zoras.





## On the buttons

Super Smash Bros. Melee is one of those fighting games which is incredibly easy to pick up but very tough to master.

Each character has four awesome attacks to learn and each one requires quick thinking if you want to inflict maximum damage on your foe.

The frantic fighting action will bewilder many rookie players, but with our beginner's guide you can swot up in time for the UK launch.



### L and R Buttons

If you need to bring up your defences either of these buttons will encase you in a shield.



### X and Y Buttons

Pause the game and you can zoom in and out of the action to get some awesome close up views of your fave fighters.



### 3D Stick

This makes your character move around. The harder you push it in a certain direction the faster they will run.



### B Button

Combining this with the 3D Stick allows you to perform one of your four special smash attacks. Now you can get 'em!



### A Button

This is your basic attack button and it performs punches and kicks. Combine it with the 3D Stick for different strengths.

## Fall from the sky

In addition to your attacks there are some fantastic weapons that appear during battle which you can collect and use.

Many of these weapons appear in crates which drop from the sky, so watch out for them and hit A to grab some goodies.

There are some beautiful weapons on offer, including food to restore your health, so let's take a look at some of our favourites...



### Fan

The Fan is much like a club, but you can use it to hit your foe over and over again in quick succession. It might look a little rubbish, but the fan can inflict loads of damage.



### Poké Ball

Throw one of these red and white balls and a Johto or Kanto creature will pop out and inflict some serious damage. All the Pokémon use signature moves, such as Chikorita's Razor Leaf.



### Home Run Bat

Hit your sorry opponent as if you're striking a home run with your wooden weapon. It won't knock them out of the screen completely, but it will make their percentage soar.



### Ray Gun

Fire up this weapon and watch the rays blast out of the barrel and stun your rival. If you pause the game you can zoom in to see your fighter closing one eye to steady their aim!



### Maxim Tomato

Grab a Maxim Tomato and it will restore your health by 50%. This is really useful in manic battles where you have to face three other opponents at the same time.



### Party Ball

Throw one of these strange items into the air and you'll be showered with delicious food, Bob-ombs or another sneaky Nintendo surprise. Who knows what you'll get?







## Gaming legends

The line up of characters in Super Smash Bros. Melee is every Nintendo fan's dream. All your faves are here and more besides.

There are 14 awesome fighters to choose from at the start and each one has four attacks which you can use.

Locked away are 11 more playable characters including Luigi, Dr Mario, Ganondorf, Falco and Jigglypuff.

Before heading out into the battle scarred arenas you can even change the game's difficulty and the number of lives you are allowed.



▲ It won't be easy for Fox to remove his knee from Mario's eye socket.



▲ Look at all those Nintendo characters! And this screen doesn't even show all of the 11 secret playable fighters.



### Yoshi

#### First starring role

Super Mario World (Super NES)

#### Attacks

Egg Lay, Egg Roll, Egg Throw and Yoshi Bomb.



### Donkey Kong

#### First starring role

Donkey Kong (Arcade)

#### Attacks

Giant Punch, Headbutt, Spinning Kong and the devastating Hand Slap.



### Mario

#### First starring role

Donkey Kong (Arcade)

#### Attacks

Fireball, Cape, Super Jump Punch and the fearsome Mario Tornado move.



### Princess Peach

#### First starring role

Super Mario Bros. (NES)

#### Attacks

Toad Smash, Peach Bomber, Peach Parasol and the bizarrely titled Vegetable.



### Captain Falcon

#### First starring role

F-Zero (Super NES)

#### Attacks

Falcon Punch, Falcon Dive, Raptor Boost and Falcon Kick. A fine selection of attacks.

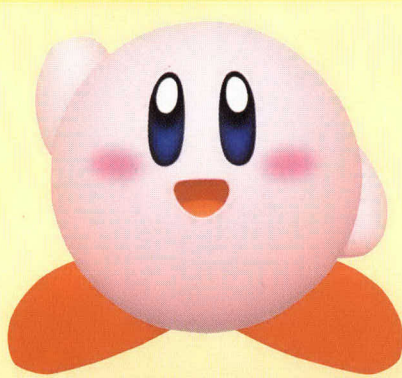






## Link

**First starring role**  
The Legend of Zelda (NES)  
**Attacks**  
Bow, Boomerang, Spin Attack and Bomb. Link's attacks look incredibly cool.



## Kirby

**First starring role**  
Kirby's Dreamland (Game Boy)  
**Attacks**  
Swallow, Hammer, Final Cutter and Stone.



## Fox McCloud

**First starring role**  
Starwing (Super NES)  
**Attacks**  
Blaster, Fox Illusion, Fire Fox and Reflector. Fox's gun attacks look the best.



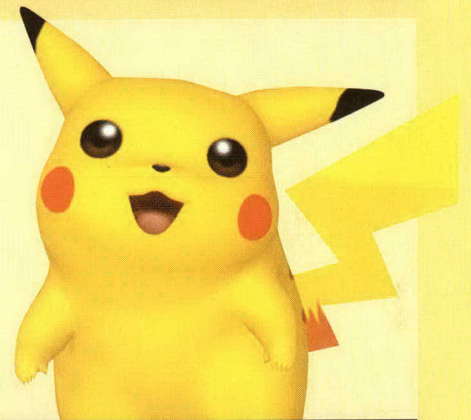
## Ice Climbers

**First starring role**  
Ice Climber (NES)  
**Attacks**  
Ice Shot, Squall Hammer, Belay and Blizzard. These guys have to work together.



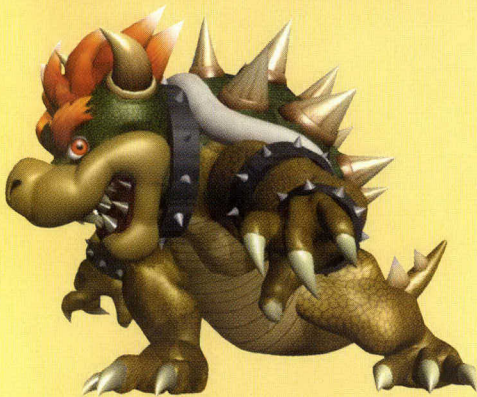
## Zelda

**First starring role**  
The Legend of Zelda (NES)  
**Attacks**  
The lovely Zelda can use Nayru's Love, Din's Fire, Farore's Wind and Transform.



## Pikachu

**First starring role**  
Pokémon (Game Boy)  
**Attacks**  
Pikachu's moves include Thunder Jolt, Skull Bash, Quick Attack and Thunder.



## Bowser

**First starring role**  
Super Mario Bros. (NES)  
**Attacks**  
Fire Breath, Koopa Klaw, Whirling Fortress and the formidable Bowser Bomb.



## Ness

**First starring role**  
Earthbound (NES)  
**Attacks**  
Ness loves to unleash the PK Flash, PK Fire, PK Thunder and PSI Magnet attacks.



## Samus Aran

**First starring role**  
Metroid (Super NES)  
**Attacks**  
Charge Shot, Missile, Screw Attack and Bomb. All these flashy moves look great!







## Bonus stages

Taking its lead from the original Super Smash Bros. this GameCube sequel has also included some bonus stages for you to enjoy.

In Break the Targets you must negotiate high drops and moving platforms to smash a number of items before the timer runs out.

A new addition is the Race to the Finish mini game which sees you leaping and running over an obstacle filled world towards the exit.



▲ Smash the targets but don't fall off.



▲ Punch bonus items into the machine.



▲ Bowser roasts the Zelda zombies.



▲ In Home Run you must punch this bag.



▲ It's hard to believe but this is a shot from the game itself, not a flashy FMV movie.

## Swot up

One of the best elements in Super Smash Bros. Melee is the Gallery in Trophy mode which features a library of Nintendo stars old and new.

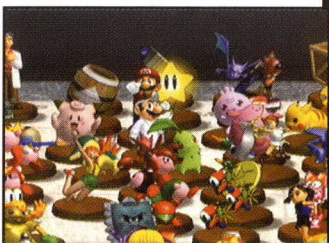
You'll earn two trophies when you complete Classic and Adventure modes, while coins won during the game can be used to buy others.

Just enter the Lottery option and you'll be able to try your luck at the Melee bubble gum machine. But you may win something you already have!

If you get a trophy which you haven't got you can learn more about that character. You'll soon know everything about Nintendo!



▲ The Kirby Hat 2 trophy is common.



▲ Soon you'll have a massive collection.



▲ Can you believe the graphics? This is one of the best looking games ever released.

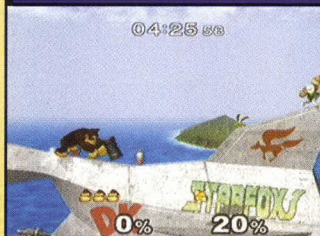
## Heart melting moments

The Big N has really gone to town in Super Smash Bros. Melee, bringing classic moments to life from the Nintendo gaming archives.

Long time Nintendo fans will instantly recognise some of the battle arenas as scenes from classic NES, Super NES and N64 games.

The Invincibility music from Super Mario Kart features in the game and the Super NES gun peripheral, the Super Scope, is one of the weapons.

You'll even hear the DK Rap from Donkey Kong 64 when you fight in Kongo Jungle and the Pokémon theme in the Stadium arena.



▲ This time ol' DK's got the hammer!



▲ This is a beautiful game to look at.



▲ Here three normal size fighters battle a giant DK.

## We think...

This is by far the most playable and best looking GameCube title we've seen at NOM Towers. The beat 'em up action is addictive and fans of the original will love it.



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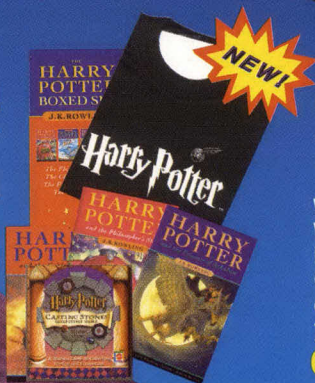
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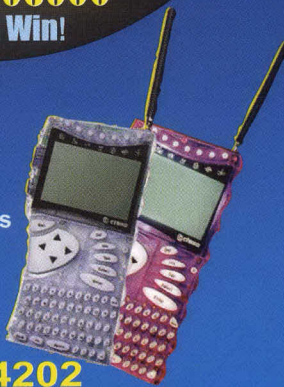
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## How they score

- 0-44** Real rubbish
- 45-64** Still not worth playing
- 65-79** Nothing too special
- 80-89** Pretty good, but not exactly great
- 90-100** Amazing game you must play!

### Awesome

Our Awesome award is only given to games we love and think you really must play. It's only ever given to games that score over 90%.



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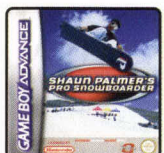
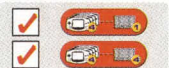
# Shaun Palmer's Pro Snowboarder

If throwing yourself off mountains and landing in dirty great piles of snow sounds like a blast then prepare to meet a kindred spirit.



## Game Info

By: **Activision**  
Price: **£34.99**  
Release: **Out Now**



**WE SAID** "Get polishing that snowboard and prepare to go totally snowblind playing this GBA speed fest."

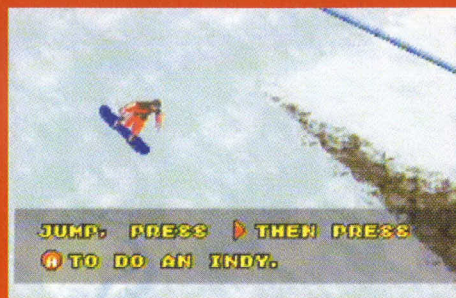
## Tattoos and Cadillacs

Most professional snowboarders are a little crazy, but Shaun Palmer is one of the most out there, radical dudes to ever hit the slopes.

A tattoo daubed, Cadillac obsessed maverick, Palmer was recently voted Action Sports Athlete of the Year. Will his first GBA release live up to the hype?



▲ The Career mode screens will be familiar to Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2 fans. Play as Palmer himself or one of his four pro boarder mates. And doesn't Shaun look smug?



▲ When you start Career Mode only two levels are available, Heavenly and Gotcha Glacier. If you manage to earn the support of sponsors you'll quickly unlock the rest.







## A super man

Shaun Palmer may not be a name that's on everyone's lips but within the world of extreme sports he's a genuine superstar.

Not only is Shaun a five times world 'boarding champion but he's also an expert downhill mountain biker, speedway rider and skicrosser.

Not bad at all for a kid who decided to drop out of high school when he was younger!

► Shaun can do anything extreme or sports related, but he might not be able to spell either of those words...

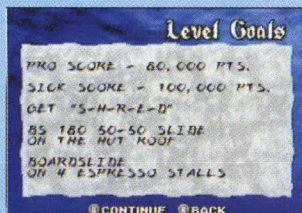
**LOOKS** Sweeter than ice cream and crisper than early morning snow. You'll wish you had more time to enjoy the lush scenery as you pelt down the slopes.



## Impress the sponsors

Most of the locations in Career Mode are divided into three course types where you earn sponsorship by showing off different snowboarding skills.

This means that if you're weak when it comes to pulling off wicked tricks, but strong on speed and muscle, you'll still have a chance to make progress.



▲ In Freestyle mode you get sponsors by pulling off all the stunts on the checklist.



▲ The Palmer X mode is a straight up race with three other skilled 'boarders.



▲ The Superpipe is the hardest course of all. When playing it, try to perform as many insane lip tricks and freaky leaps as possible within the strict time limit.

## Tricky treats

You'll need to learn all the tricks, stunts and combos that you can to rack up points on the slopes and impress the money men.

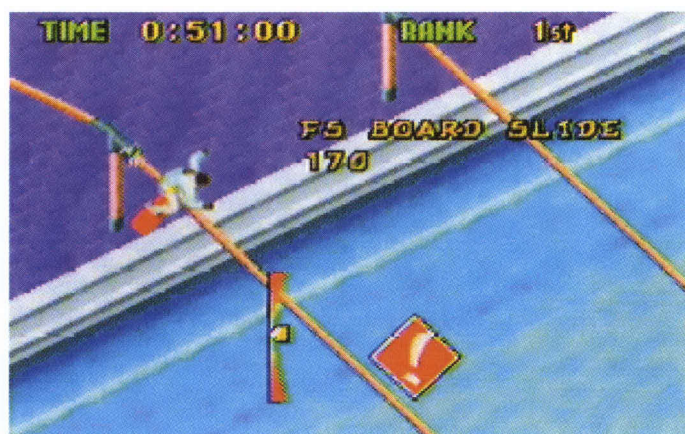
Even if you're already an expert at Tony Hawk style tricks and grinds you'll find that the snowboard controls handle more sluggishly than a skateboard. Keep practising though and you'll soon be riding Big Air like a pro.



▲ Manuals are the key. Use them as a link between tricks to rack up the points. See if you can get a Thrash bonus at the same time.



▲ Jump tricks are the bread and butter of your points scoring sandwich. Press A and the D-Pad to perform special tricks.



▲ Board Slides are grinds. Press B and the D-Pad to slide along rails and other surfaces.



▲ Handplant lip tricks are only used on the Superpipe. Press A, B or R to perform your 'boarder's special variation.



▲ On the Palmer X course there's no time for tricks. Hold A and B to tuck in and make your 'boarder as aerodynamic as possible.



## Smash it up

Let's face it, everyone loves to break stuff and one of the coolest aspects of Pro Snowboarder is that you get bonus points for smashing things.

In trendy snowboarding speak, smashing stuff on the slopes is actually known as bonking. Honestly, it's true! Would NOM ever lie to you?



▲ There's a snotty skier enjoying a latté. How about a little powder frosting to go with those marshmallows, sir?



▲ These sinister crates may contain nuclear waste or something even more rancid, but make sure you bonk them anyway.



▲ If you park your hippy van in the middle of a professional 'board run, expect some new additions to the paintwork.



▲ If you try to up end other 'boarders you get 1,000 points deducted and insults are hurled at you. Sorry, dude!

## Secrets of the mountains

As in the Tony Hawk Pro Skater games there are loads of secret areas to explore, new 'boarders to unlock and even some extra courses to be found. Value for money or what!?

As each location is so huge and you're travelling at such high speeds it's easy to miss some of the shortcuts and hidden areas. Explore each stage and you'll be well rewarded with cool extras.



▲ If you're having trouble reaching your snowboarder's level goals within the time limit, try exploring in Free mode and plan your route without the time constraints.

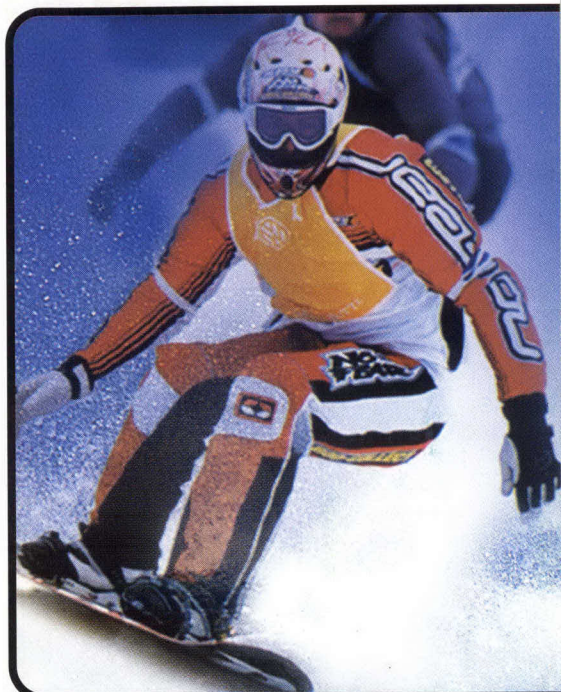


▲ Hug the sides of the slopes and keep an eye out for paths leading away from the main course. They may take you to exciting hidden areas to slide down.



▲ When you see this yellow and black sign it means that there's a sharp bend just ahead. Instead of playing safe and simply steering around the bend, try jumping over the top and you may find a hidden shortcut.

**SOUNDS** The grungy backbeats will keep your woolly hatted head nodding and the taunts and whines from the other 'boarders are excellent. Definitely one of the best sounding GBA titles around.



▲ Shaun Palmer is a 'boarding genius alright, but he's also a little crazy. You wouldn't catch us risking life and limb on the slippery slopes. We're too busy playing our GBAs!

**GAME LENGTH** A difficult game which takes lots of practice to master. Expect to sweat buckets for weeks attempting to unlock all the secrets.

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# GAME SCORE

Not as gripping as Pro Skater 2 but extreme sports nuts will be thrilled as they rip it up down some spectacular mountain ranges with the tattooed daredevil himself.

**90%**

**AWESOME**



# ESPN

## International Winter Sports

With the Winter Olympics just around the corner a wintry feast of sporting fun has slid onto Game Boy Advance.

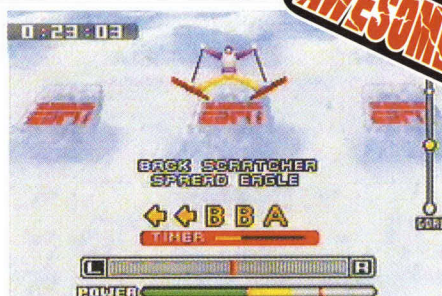
### Winter wonderland

**G**et a taste of what it's like to bomb along icy runs and ski down mountains with ESPN International Winter Sports on the GBA.

This wicked GB Advance title gives you the chance to go for winter sporting gold in one of the best portable sports simulations ever released.

Frantic button bashing sequences and more skillful events such as figure skating and the biathlon combine to create a fantastic sports feast.

And with the cool addition of a four player competitive mode via Game Link cables and records which save to the GB Advance cartridge, this slippery package will keep you playing for ages.



▲ Get your fingers warmed up and get them down to the starting line. ESPN International Winter Sports is here.

### Game Info

By: **Konami**  
Price: **£34.99**  
Release: **February**



**WE SAID** → "The real Winter Olympics will soon be with us and Konami's Game Boy Advance sports fest looks like it'll win gaming gold."



▲ Prepare yourself for high speed events and other disciplines which require more agility on the buttons.

### Modes to measure

Even though the game modes in ESPN International Winter Sports aren't very extensive, each one provides a tough challenge.

First on the list is Trial mode where you can select one of the events for a single crack at winning a medal. Championship allows you to compete against other countries and win points. Finally there's Excite mode where up to four players can link up and battle it out.



▲ The ESPN Trial mode gives you the opportunity to test the waters in each of the available events on the cart.



▲ Championship will sort the men from the boys. Some events will make your arms ache and your thumbs bleed!



▲ You can also link up with friends and try beating each other to the gold medal.

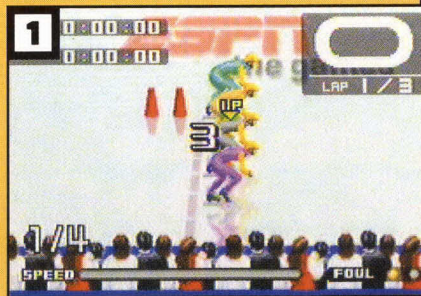
### Need for speed

The events available in ESPN International Winter Sports can be divided into two types, namely the frantic button bashers and other sporting disciplines which require more coordination.

If you've got strength, stamina and thumbs of steel, events such as Short Track speed skating will be right up your street as they require a monumental caning of the buttons.

This technique has been used in sports sims for yonks and it still works well in this new GB Advance title.

► The speed skating event requires you to hammer the **A** button as quickly as possible to pick up speed.



▲ You'll start off slowly, but keep hitting the button to gain momentum. By now your arms will be in agony!



▲ By the final lap you'll be so far ahead that you won't have to worry about the others. If your arms don't fall off, that is!

**LOOKS** → As you'd expect there's plenty of snow in this game and the animation is pretty good, but perhaps not the best we've ever seen on GBA.



## Quick thinking

Some of the best events in the game are the ones which require a little more coordination on the buttons.

In freestyle skiing you must hit **L** and **R** to build up speed before you complete a button combo to perform a trick.

One of the best events in the game is the biathlon. Like in freestyle skiing you must build up speed as you ski towards a rifle range.

Your shooting skills will need to be spot on too as missing just one of the targets will incur a devastating one minute penalty.



▲ As you set out on the Biathlon you'll have to stop each bar at the right time for more speed.

▲ Get the bars in the right place and the meter will turn gold. Just repeat this to quicken the pace.

▲ When you reach the target range the view changes. You've only got five bullets, so beware.



▲ Make sure you press **A** at the right moment as you'll get a one minute penalty for each target you miss. Just concentrate hard and you should win gold.

**SOUNDS** The music gets very repetitive after a short while but the small pieces of commentary and crowd cheers are crystal clear.

## Jump to the beat

The best event in ESPN International Winter Sports is the figure skating.

If you've played any rhythm action games such as PaRappa the Rapper, Um Jammer Lammy or Bust A Groove you'll be right at home here!

As the buttons scroll down the left hand side of the screen you have to press them in time with the music to stay on your skates. If your timing is off your skater will end up flat on her backside, so be ready to match the beats.



▲ As you start your performance, button icons slide down the side of the screen.

▲ Press the buttons at the right time and your skater will glide elegantly.



▲ Keep repeating your moves to match the music and you'll rack up a combo.

▲ If you miss too many your female skater will fall flat on her back.

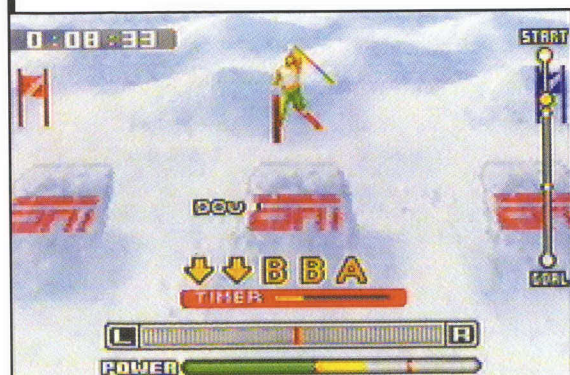
► The mountain looks flat from this perspective but don't be fooled. It's steep!



## Gloat to your mates

Old Game Boy sports titles always suffered as there was no way to save your records.

Now that problem is a thing of the past as your scores and world records can be saved directly onto the Game Boy Advance cartridge. This is a great way to show off your best International Winter Sports scores to your mates and give them a personal goal to strive for.



▲ Each event in Championship mode enables you to record your scores and save them onto the Game Boy Advance cartridge.

► By completing each event in record time you can save your scores onto your GB Advance cart and show them off to your mates.



▲ That's close! You're just outside the top three. Better luck next time.

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**MULTIPLAYER** Up to four gamers can play, making for some serious battles as you bust your gut to get the gold.

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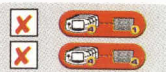
This is a world beating title. The events are extremely addictive and you'll keep returning to International Winter Sports to get bigger and better scores.

**90%**

**ONE PLAYER** The gameplay is of Olympian proportions. The Championship mode is rock hard and will keep you playing for ages.



## Game Info

By: **Infogrames**Price: **£34.99**Release: **Out now**

# Pac-Man Collection

**WE SAID** → "All you nostalgia lovers get ready! The yella fella's back to remind you what computer games are all about."

**He's one of the oldest characters in video games and certainly the hero with the biggest appetite.**

## Four into one

This latest trip down memory lane for your GBA comes in the form of one of the oldest gaming heroes, Pac-Man. And he's not lost any of his charm.

This cartridge contains four of the best Pac-Man games ever made, including the original, Pac-Attack, Pac-Mania and Pac-Man Arrangement.

Each of these games has been lovingly recreated in its original form and none of the fun or excitement has been lost in the translation to the small Game Boy Advance screen.

So join us now to take a quick look at what's on offer and see if you've got the old skool skills required to collect all those dots and dodge those pesky ghosts. It's the return of the Pac!

**LOOKS** → **Totally faithful to the originals. The graphics vary from game to game but they're all presented in a slick fashion. The menus look really nice as well.**



▲ All you mature gamers out there who yearn for the good old days of gaming, come and get some of the Pac-Man!

## New for you

If you think that this package offers nothing new, then get a load of this! For the first time outside the arcades you can try Pac-Man Arrangement.

Here you'll see some new 3D levels, special power ups and bigger ghosts.

This game is viewed isometrically and the levels are incredibly colourful and detailed. And the ghosts are plain crazy!

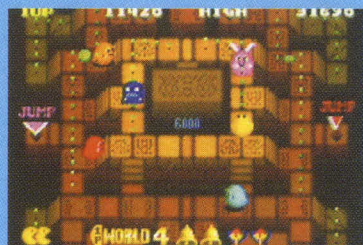
Some spooks are enormous, some can run fast, while others wear boxing gloves and can do a nasty shoulder barge.



▲ Appearing for the first time outside the arcades is Pac-Man Arrangement. It's a real gaming feast of gobbling action and colour.



▲ He's behind you! Look out for the big red ghosts as they'll try to perform a shoulder barge and knock the wind out of Pac-Man.

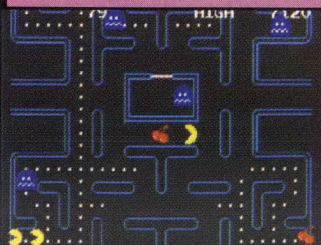


▲ All of the levels have a real magical feel to them. There are even some subtle lighting effects to look out for as you dodge the ghosts.

## Power Pac

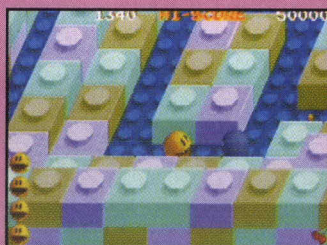
Pac-Man wouldn't be the same without loads of power ups and bonuses. It makes a nice change from eating dots and Power Pills, anyway.

Here we take a look at some of the best bonuses on offer and see exactly what they'll do to your score and your chances of victory.



### Fruit

First seen in the original Pac-Man where various pieces of fruit appear right underneath the ghosts' den. All the bonuses have a points value that increases the more you collect. They can sometimes be pretty tough to get to when the ghosts are loose, but it's worth looking out for them.



### Power Pills

One constant feature in all the Pac-Man maze games are the Power Pills, but there are only a limited number on the screen. Eating a Power Pill will temporarily turn the ghosts blue, slow them down and allow Pac-Man to gobble them up for extra points. This is a very satisfying experience.



### Warp Gates

Common to all the Pac-Man games, these clever little passageways allow you to teleport from one side of the maze to the other. They are usually found on the east and west sides of the game screen, and walking through them will magically move you to the other side of the labyrinth in a flash.



### Pac-Dash

These little suckers are unique to Pac-Man Arrangement, and they're fantastic fun if you know how to use them. Moving across these arrows in the direction that they point will send Pac-Man shooting across the screen at hyper speed, whizzing past all the ghosts who stand in his way.



## Classic corner

The first game in this Pac-Man package will have your dad going all gooey eyed and blurring out strange things about the good old days.

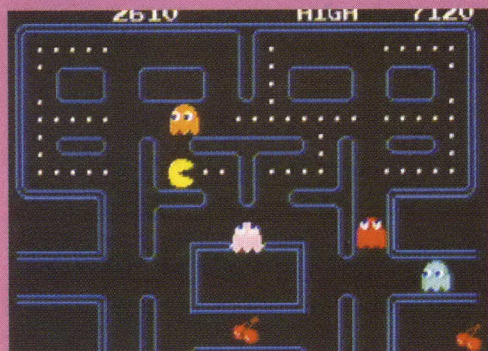
For those of you who've lived in a polar igloo all of your lives, Pac-Man is a simple game. Take control of a yellow sphere with a big mouth and eat loads of dots.

It sounds simple, but there are a couple of potential problems. Firstly, you've got to negotiate a variety of crazy mazes with twists and turns all over the place.

But more importantly you've got to dodge hungry ghosts who try to stand in your way. The slightest touch from these guys and it's game over for Pac-Man.



▲ When playing the original Pac-Man game on this cart you can choose to view the gobbling action in full screen mode...



▲ ... or you can choose the scroll screen option and make everything bigger. The graphics look better in this view.

## Jump jet Pac

Pac-Mania is the most visually stunning of the games on offer here. It's the same Pac-Man format but it's all done in beautiful 3D.

What's more, the yella fella now has the ability to jump, so you can be really cunning and lead those ghosts in a merry dance around the mazes.

This springy skill is vital as there are loads of ghosts roaming around and the mazes are huge. This version of Pac-Man will test your skills to their limits.

The characters are a lot bigger than in the other games, so it's often difficult to see where the ghosts are coming from. To counter this, always be ready to jump.



▲ Even though the game graphics have been improved, the nosing action remains the same. Simply grab the dots and the fruit.

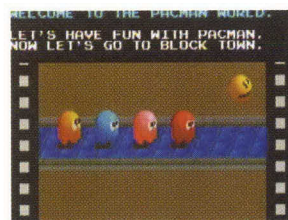


▲ Of all the games in this collection, Pac-Mania looks the most impressive. In this game Pac-Man has learned how to jump, a handy skill when there are so many ghosts around.



▲ Block Town is where you begin in Pac-Mania. It's a colourful world, but seeing Pac-Man in 3D is weird at first.

**SOUNDS** The sound won't blow you away, but it reminds you what it was like stuffing ten pence pieces into the old arcade machines and feeling sick after eating too much candy floss.



◀ Did you know that the original Pac-Man sprite was based on a pizza with a slice missing. It's a fact!  
▶ The new mazes look awesome. It may be the same game, but ol' Pac looks loads better on GBA.



## Puzzle Pac

The last game on this classic Game Boy Advance cartridge is Pac-Attack. This time Pac-Man's been taken out of the maze and placed into a colourful puzzle arena.

Shapes appear randomly from the sky, each one made from a mixture of bricks and ghosts. Your challenge is to get rid of the bricks as well as eliminating the spectres.

Some of the shapes contain cute little Pac-Men and, when they hit the ground, these yellow wonders get to work devouring the evil ghosts. Planning ahead is crucial.

The Pac-Men can only eat ghosts that they can reach, so you'll have to be constantly on your toes to make sure that you're positioning the hungry heroes in exactly the right place.



▲ Make sure you place those ghosts in exactly the right place so that Pac-Man can get to them when the time is right.



▲ Pac-Man loves to gobble up all the ghosts, but he can only eat the ones that he can get to. Make sure you stack the spooks correctly.



▲ From time to time these fairies will appear and get rid of loads of ghosts. This can be really handy if you're up against it.

**GAME LENGTH** There are four games to try, each with an enormous number of levels. Once you get stuck into this you won't let go for a long time.

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**GAME SCORE**

The four games offer a mammoth amount of gameplay and Pac fans will be in their element. But if you never liked Pac-Man, this won't convert you. The maze games are all enjoyable, but the puzzle title is a bit rubbish.

**85%**



# Dave Mirra

## Freestyle BMX 2

### Game Info

By: **Acclaim**  
Price: **£34.99**  
Release: **Out Now**



**Extreme sports doesn't just mean skating and snowboarding, you know. There are loads of people who like to get their kicks while riding a BMX bike...**

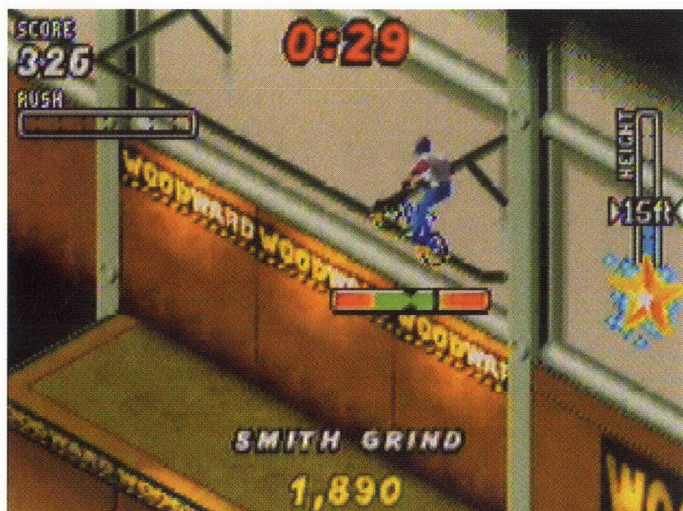
### BMX bandits

**T**he skateboarding legend Tony Hawk may be responsible for starting the current extreme sports bandwagon rolling, but this hasn't stopped other stars from trying to steal his coveted gaming crown.

And now it's Dave Mirra's turn to try and persuade us to part with £35. Dave Mirra is one of the biggest names on the pro BMX circuit, with ten world championships under his belt. And this is his first game for GB Advance...

**WE SAID** "There are quite a few extreme sports games coming to the GBA, but Dave Mirra is certainly shaping up to be one of the best."

- ▶ The tricks are tough and you'll have to ride like a pro to master them all.
- ▼ Some of the stunts are terrifying.



- ▲ If you've ever played Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2 on the GBA, this game will look familiar.
- ▶ There are lots of nice details in the game, such as the garish graffiti on this ramp.



**LOOKS** The lush levels in this game are brilliantly detailed and full of well laid out biking challenges.

### Get stuck in

Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX 2 on the Game Boy Advance has three single player modes to try and two ways to play against another gamer.

And if you want a taste of what's in store when you slam the cart into your GB Advance, then get a load of these awesome game modes...



#### Proquest

This is the main mode in Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX 2. To unlock all the various levels you'll have to complete a series of objectives.



#### Session

If you find a level in the game that you really like you can keep going back there to set new records and hone your bike skills.



#### Freeride

Freeride is the ideal place to familiarise yourself with the game's control system and with the different courses on offer.



#### Two Player

There are a couple of two player modes to try as well, both of which involve passing your Game Boy Advance to another player.



**SOUNDS** The game makers have gone to town in their search for a feisty extreme sports soundtrack, and you know what? It doesn't sound bad at all!



▲ You don't want to tumble off the edge of this high wall.



▲ This huge, monstrous truck gives you a visual clue as to just how high Dave Mirra can jump on his BMX. Wheee!

## Side on action

Like Tony Hawk's GBA game, Dave Mirra Freestyle uses an isometric camera angle.

The gaming action is viewed side on, giving a convincing illusion of 3D. This perspective means that the game looks great, but it makes estimating distances between objects quite tricky. Add to that some dodgy collision detection and Mr Frustration isn't far away.



▲ The isometric action looks dazzling, but it certainly doesn't make the game any easier to play.



▲ Judging distances in Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX 2 is very tough, but you'll get used to it after a while.

## Level best

Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX 2 offers players a choice of 13 different biking environments.

The courses include vert, dirt and park disciplines, with some levels offering a mixture of the two riding styles. To give you a taster of what's available in the game, here's our pick of each kind of course.



### Vert – Cloud 9

It's not called Cloud 9 for nothing, you know! Here you'll find all manner of steep ramps, each of which allows you to catch lots of glorious air. Time for some gravity defying tricks.



### Street – Car Park

This level has some very meaty bowls to use, which are perfect for stringing together hefty combos. Plus, there are some nice gleaming cars to trick across.



### Park – Local Park

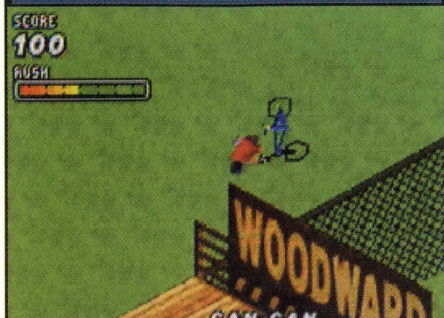
It may be a local park, but it's not just for local people. Anyone can come here to try grinding along the childrens' climbing frame. It's not as easy as it sounds, mind...

**GAME LENGTH** There's a steep learning curve to negotiate and over 800 tricks to uncover. That's a lot of portable gaming!

## Rush hour

All professional BMX riders have their unique signature moves which mark them out from the opposition.

All the riders in this game have signature moves but, before you start pulling them off, you first have to fill up your Rush meter. You can only boost this meter if you trick like crazy, so get out there and catch some air.



▲ Pulling off loads of daring tricks will fill up your Rush meter, allowing you to perform special moves.



▲ When your Rush meter is full you can perform signature moves which are unique to each rider.



▲ The levels look and play differently, each environment offering new challenges and stunt opportunities.

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## GAME SCORE

It's hard not to compare Dave Mirra to Tony Hawk's but, to the game's credit, it looks every bit as good as Pro Skater 2. The only downside is the loose control system and some shady collision detection. Shame.

**82%**



# Inspector Gadget

## Advance Mission

### Game Info

By: BBI

Price: £29.99

Release: Out now



**Go, go Gadget Advance as the French cartoon super sleuth attempts to stop the formidable Dr Claw from taking over the world... again!**

**WE SAID** → "After the fab GB Color Gadget quest, let's hope this Game Boy Advance title retains the slapstick fun and unique humour of the cartoon show."



▲ Use all your mad skills to stop Dr Claw and prevent the world's population being hypnotised by his machines. All in a day's work for Gadget!

► Brains and Penny also join Gadget's crime hunting team on this little jaunt. The super intelligent Penny can use her computer skills to control enemy robots.

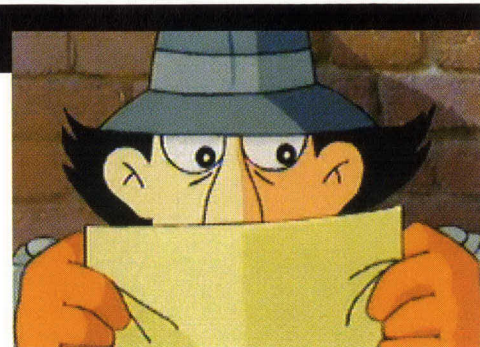
### Go, go GBA!

**T**here are some great cartoon adventures on GBA, but there's another quest on the way which is set to join the elite ranks. Welcome Inspector Gadget!

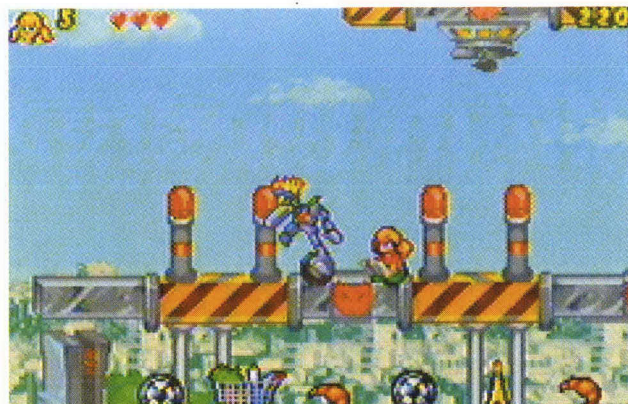
This latest colourful fight against crime has Gadget, Penny and Brains hot footing it across the world.

The reason for all this globe trotting is that the evil Dr Claw has planted hypnotising machines on the world's most famous tourist attractions.

You must stop Claw's MAD forces and save the world's landmarks before the machines are activated.



▲ He may be a couple of sandwiches short of a picnic, but Inspector Gadget is the star of another great handheld platformer.

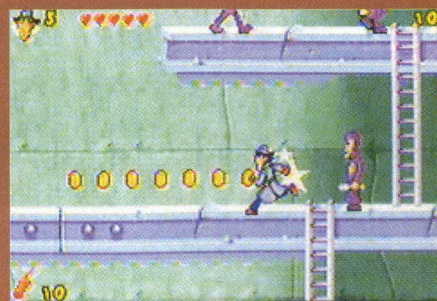


**LOOKS** → The in game character animation is superb, even if the sprites are a little too small. The colourful and detailed levels bring the landmarks to life.

### Runs in the family

Inspector Gadget Advance Mission plays in a similar way to Super Mario Advance, requiring players to swap between characters to tackle certain situations and to solve specific puzzles.

In addition to Gadget you get the chance to control both Penny and her pet dog, Brains. Each character has special skills, ranging from stronger swimming to higher jumping. Let's take a look at how they shape up...



#### Inspector Gadget

Inspector Gadget can use some great gizmos and advanced robotics to get out of tricky situations. Look out for the umbrella which can be used to cushion your fall and the awesome mallet for battering the baddies.



#### Penny

Penny is definitely the clever one of the bunch and she can use her cool handheld computer to control Dr Claw's malicious robots. She's also the strongest swimmer, a skill which comes in handy from time to time.



#### Brains

Penny's humanoid mutt can creep past Dr Claw's unsuspecting goons in his penguin disguise. Even better, Brains can jump higher than any of the other heroes to reach those all important special items.



## Around the world

Your race to stop Dr Claw and his henchmen will take you to five continents and some of the world's most famous sights.

Your journey begins down in the New York docks where you'll have to contend with MAD infested waters and dangerous swinging crates.



▲ The Eiffel Tower levels make for some stunning views as you make your way to the top. Don't look down!



▲ Typically, the London levels take place in the middle of a downpour. Brains is going to smell like a wet dog now.



▲ The final stages will see the crime fighting team out in Egypt, complete with stunning desert panoramas.

## Gadgets and gizmos

No Inspector Gadget game would be complete without some smart toys to use in your battle against the bad guys.

Gadget's basic attack is his mallet, a giant, powerful wooden hammer which pops out of his hat and clocks baddies on the head.

You also get other contraptions including his springy legs and an umbrella which slows any fall.

► Holding **□** as Inspector Gadget falls will produce a special umbrella which is great for a soft landing.



▲ Inspector Gadget's main weapon is his powerful mallet which he keeps hidden under his hat. Just get in close and press **○** to finish off your hapless enemies.



▲ This Game Boy Advance adventure stays faithful to the cartoon show. When Inspector Gadget leaps up to higher levels, his trademark springy legs will appear.



▲ Inspector Gadget may be the hero of the game, but he'd be totally lost without help from Penny and her dog, Brains.



▲ The platforming action is bright and colourful, just what we've come to expect from Nintendo's portable powerhouse. Let's hear it for the GBA!  
 ◀ The action is linked by cut scenes which look just as good as the TV show. Inspector Gadget's boss always delivers the mission details, but you can be sure that he'll get blasted when the notes self destruct.

**SOUNDS** Not quite the crystal clear standards we've come to expect from the GB Advance. It sounds grainy and repetitive.



▲ Dr Claw has dispatched many goons to challenge Gadget, so make sure you're always ready to defend yourself.

**GAME LENGTH** Definitely an adventure for younger gamers. There isn't much challenge here for experienced players, especially once you've perfected each character's unique skills.

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**GAME SCORE**

If your copy of Mario is done and dusted, Mission Advance is well worth a look. The game looks the business and it mixes strategy and platform fun to produce a package which beats Rugrats hands down.

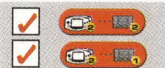
**85%**



# Columns Crown

## Game Info

By: **Infogrames**  
Price: **£34.99**  
Release: **Out Now**



**It's time to stick those puzzling hats on again as another brain buster attempts to work its way into your handheld collection.**

## Crowning glory

**WE SAID** "It may look familiar but we're confident that Columns Crown has got what it takes to become another GBA puzzle fave."

**P**rincess Dazzle wants to become the queen of her peaceful land, but there's a problem. She's got to find the missing gems needed to complete the coveted Columns Crown.

She asks her school friends if they'll help her find the missing jewels, but the task ahead is still an incredibly big one as the precious stones themselves are scattered all over the place.

Some of the missing gems are hidden in the Flash Columns, others have been stolen by thieves and a few of them are just scattered throughout the land. It's going to take a long time to track them all down.

To help Princess Dazzle win the day you'll need to compete in various columns battles to try and track down the 24 gems that have been lost. But enough of our yakking... let's get puzzling!



"You must complete the ancestral Columns Crown."

▲ The game itself is very well presented, with cute and adorable characters who help the strange story unfold. The bright and vibrant colours are guaranteed to fry your eyeballs!



The adventure to help Princess Dazzle begins...

▲ The best puzzle games, such as Tetris Attack and Denki Blocks, are always brimming with cool characters and personality. Fortunately, Columns Crown follows this pattern.

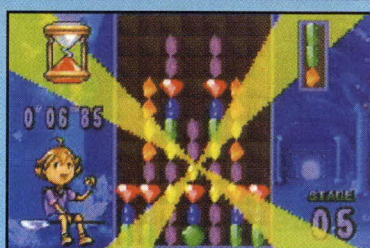
## Multi mode madness

There are three single player modes in Columns Crown; Survival, Versus and Flash Columns. Each one of them has to be tackled in a different way.

In Survival you have to keep the game screen as clear as you can by linking gems of the same colour. Keeping an eye open for diagonal runs is the key to victory here.

Versus mode sees you going into the forest to confront the thieves. Here you'll have to battle the robbers into submission to win back the valuable gems.

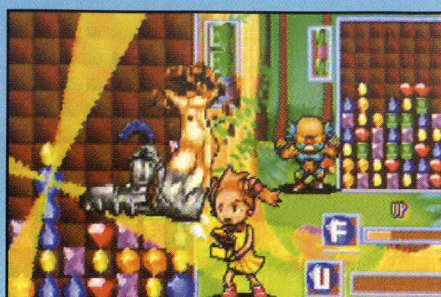
Flash Columns is the most pure puzzle game of the bunch. A flashing gem is trapped beneath a load of other jewels and you've got to work hard to dig it out.



▲ There are some nice effects in Columns Crown, but the game lacks that addictive and entertaining edge which classic puzzlers need.



▲ The characters are probably the best thing about the game as they give the title a strong personality.



▲ There are several modes to choose from so, if you like the game, it presents very good value for money.

**LOOKS** The graphics are really cutesy and incredibly colourful, but it's really difficult to distinguish between some of the gems.





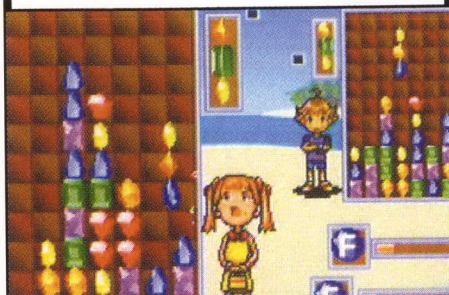
## Two for you

If you get tired of playing against the tough computer opponents then grab one of your mates and prove your supremacy.

You only need one Columns Crown cartridge and a Game Link cable to play a two player match, but this has certain limits. However, the game's still fast and loads of fun.

By linking up magic gems that you choose at the start of the game you can unlock their formidable power and totally destroy your pal.

These magic jewels unleash a variety of special events including fast falling and invisible columns. It's great to watch your mate squirm when you let one of them fly, but make sure that they don't turn the tables on you.



▲ Use a Game Link cable to double the fun and challenge your mates to some multiplayer puzzling.



▲ The link up mode has its limitations, but it's still an entertaining way to get the most from your GBA.

**GAME LENGTH** → This game is a real toughie. If you've got the stamina then this GB Advance puzzler could last a very long time indeed. It's a huge game.

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**GAME SCORE**

Columns Crown takes a lot of getting used to and it's difficult to distinguish between some of the gems, especially if you're not in a well lit room. Puzzle fans will love the challenge, but many people may find this far too hard to be any fun.

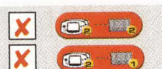
**80%**

# Thunderbirds International Rescue

## Game Info

By: **SCI**

Price: **£34.99**

Release: **Out Now**


The boys from International Rescue have been around since the dawn of the goggle box. Well, almost. Now they're on Nintendo's 21st century console. Talk about long term lastability!

**WE SAID** → "Thunderbirds are go! We just hope that this GBA game does the classic television series justice at last."

## Yes, m'lady

International Rescue are in trouble and they need you to join their team.

The Hood is out to discredit the Thunderbirds crew by committing crimes using a team disguised as International Rescue. Your task is to track down the Hood and his gang, using all the gadgets and vehicles found in the TV series. Missions include underwater exploration in Thunderbird 4 and racing with Lady Penelope.

► It's better than the TV show as you can't see any strings!



▲ Thunderbird 1 dodges The Hood's minions above an oil plant. All the Thunderbirds ships look cool.

**LOOKS** → The game has some solid and pleasing visuals.



▲ Thunderbird 2 rescues citizens in distress, but you have to be quick if you want to save everyone.

**GAME LENGTH** → This isn't the hardest of GB Advance games, but it's top fun while it lasts.

**SOUNDS** → Much of the music from the TV series is included, along with some suitably old school sound effects.



▲ Even the lovely Lady Penelope gets stuck into the action.

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**GAME SCORE**

A lovingly crafted, authentic adventure with impressively varied gameplay that really captures the flavour of Thunderbirds. You'd have to be a wooden puppet with strings not to love this!

**80%**



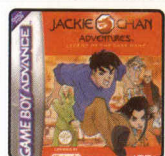
# Jackie Chan Adventures

## Legend of the Dark Hand

Jackie Chan's already a real life action movie superstar. Now his cartoon alter ego's antics make the flying leap to the GB Advance.

### Game Info

By: **Activision**  
Price: **£34.99**  
Release: **Out now**



**WE SAID** "This game looks set to be a high kickin' GB Advance classic."

### Chan's the man

**H**e's broken every bone in his body and nearly died a million times. Whether it's hanging from a helicopter or balancing on a speeding train, Jackie Chan always does his own stunts.

Now Jackie's even got a cartoon series based on his amazing adventures. This is your chance to taste life Jackie Chan style, but without the unsightly bruises, painful scars and concussion, of course.

**LOOKS** Vibrant cartoon graphics combine with impressive character animations to create a fantastic looking game. Jackie's floppy hair even bounces when he leaps in the air. Awesome!



▲ The action starts with our Jackie helping to run his Uncle's antique shop.



▲ Suddenly the shop is trashed by a muscle bound goon called Hak Foo.

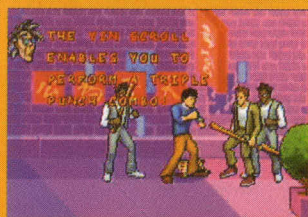


▲ Hak Foo makes off with a sacred scroll and Jackie has to get it back!

### Jackie's gang

Just like in his blockbuster movies, Jackie has plenty of help when it comes to outsmarting the bad guys.

All the main characters from the cartoon series feature in the Game Boy Advance adventure and each one of them pops up to guide Jackie from time to time. Don't worry, though. When it comes to ass kicking action it's all down to Jackie's flying fists of fury.



▲ Uncle helps Jackie learn about the legendary kung fu scrolls. He also has a few magic tricks up his sleeve which can come in useful in times of trouble.



▲ Jade is Jackie's 11 year old niece. Despite being so young she knows some smooth kung fu moves. Listen to this lil' lady and you'll learn new tricks.



▲ Captain Black is the head of Section 13, the super secret crime fighting organisation which helps Jackie fight Dark Hand. He's another useful ally.

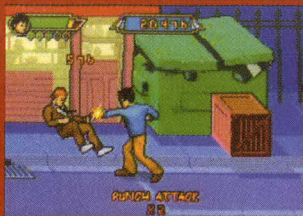
### Martial Artistry

Although Jackie Chan Adventures is essentially a traditional side scrolling beat 'em up, the game's saved from being completely monotonous by the various martial arts moves which Jackie can use.

There are all sorts of combinations that you can master and you'll need each and every one of them to defeat the rampaging hordes of bad guys who endlessly pester you as you explore the levels.



▲ Turn simple kicks into devastating combos by double tapping B and pressing the D-Pad for extra oomph.



▲ Press A twice quickly to unleash a double punch. Use the D-Pad to add a back flip flourish. That'll startle 'em!

▼ When you find a sacred scroll Jackie learns a special kung fu move. You can then use this new skill to defeat the end of level boss. Without the scrolls, Jackie won't know the attacks he needs to save the day.



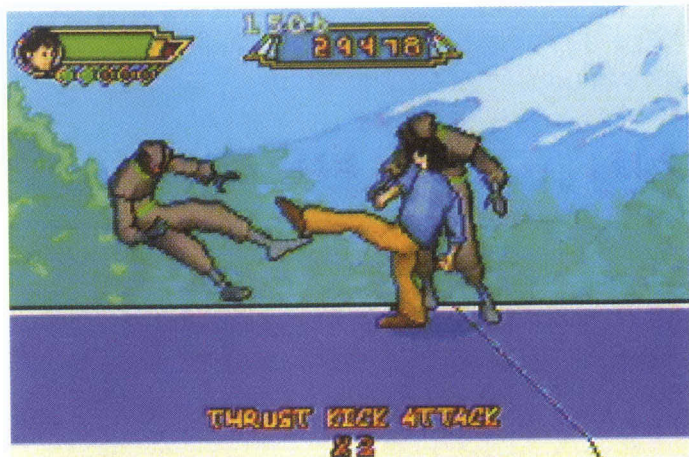
**SOUNDS** The well timed and atmospheric oriental music conjures up vivid memories of Jackie Chan's awesome kung fu movies.



## More than meets the eye

The colourful cartoon backgrounds are gorgeous to look at but the side scrolling action doesn't give much scope for variety in terms of gameplay.

Playing the game simply involves hitting the attack button over and over again until all the bad guys are defeated. However, there are occasional moments of platform style action and the chance to have some hands on contact with some of the scenic props, just like in a real Jackie Chan film.



▲ Be careful when you're fighting on top of this fast moving express train because, if you fall off the side, you'll lose a life instantly. Game designers can be so cruel...



▲ Many of the objects you find in the game can be used as weapons to pound the Dark Hand goons into dust. This aspect of the quest is just like a real Jackie Chan action film.

**GAME LENGTH** Hours of non stop punching and kicking might get a little tedious for some players, but the tricky end of level bosses will ensure that you won't finish this game too quickly.



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If it's a side scrolling, Final Fight style beat 'em up you're after then look no further. You don't have to be a fan of Jackie Chan to enjoy the game but, if you are, it will triple your pleasure. Just don't expect much variety in the gameplay.

**87%**

## The Flintstones Big Trouble in Bedrock

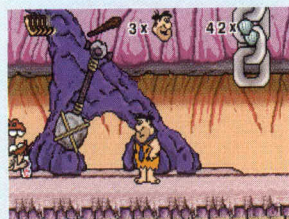
By Swing Entertainment! Price £29.99 Release Out Now  
Two player – two cart X Two player – one cart X

**B**arney Rubble's been kidnapped by the evil Dr Sinister and only the cartoon hero Fred Flintstone can save him.

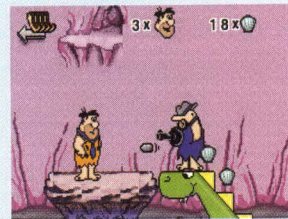
You control Mr Yabba Dabba Doo himself as you race across 12 levels of Bedrock, smashing dinosaurs with your fearsome club.

There are some good moments, from sliding down dino backs to bowling ball attacks, and fun prehistoric inventions to see.

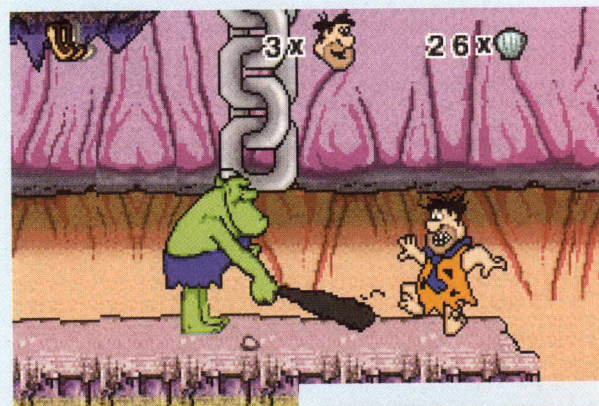
Story aside though, this is a painful excuse for a platformer with a severe lack of originality in the gameplay department.



▲ Dr Sinister has placed some nasty looking traps in Fred Flintstone's way.

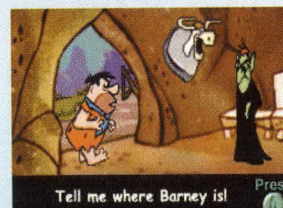


▲ Keep your energy bar topped up or enemies will cause you injury.

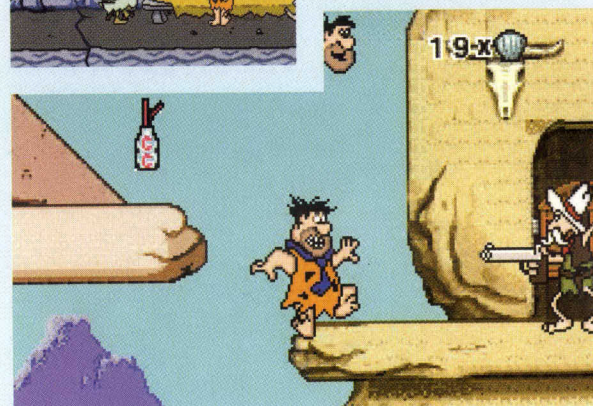


▲ Goons are everywhere in Bedrock. Just jump on their heads to bash 'em.

▼ There are a certain number of shells to collect in each level. Make sure you find every single one of them!



▲ Between each level you'll see some smart cut scenes which look like old Flintstones television cartoons.



▲ Fred Flintstone can pull some funny faces. Get too close to the edge and he won't like it at all.

**GAME SCORE 64%**



# Creatures



## Game Info

By: **Swing!**

Price: **£29.99**

Release: **Out now**



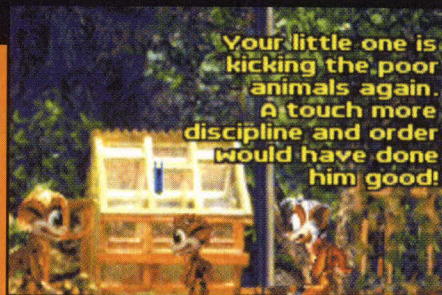
**Cats and dogs beware! There's a new pet in town and this one doesn't puke behind the sofa or rip up your curtains.**

**WE SAID** → "Move over Pokémon 'cos the Creatures are coming and they need your help to survive in their harsh, dangerous world."

## Happy together

If you're the kind of person who grew attached to their Tamagotchi keyring, or who loves raising Pokémon on their Game Boy, then you're reading the right review.

In Creatures your goal is to raise cute characters called Norns. To make them happy and contented you have to tend to every aspect of their well being, from what the Norns eat to keeping them amused. Or, if you're feeling bad, you could treat the Norns horribly and create an army of hooligans. The choice is yours.



▲ Do you want a happy and contented group of Norns or a meddlesome gang of hoodlums...? It's your call!

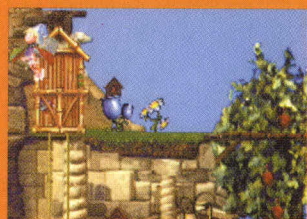


▲ You have to be careful that your pet Norns don't get sick and heal their ailments when they're feeling poorly.

## Meet the Norns

The game begins with one male and a single female under your control, but to be successful you have to start a Norn family.

If nature's going to take its course your Norns first have to be happy, so you have to feed them, play with them, see them off to sleep and so on. Parental characteristics are passed on to their offspring so, if mum was thick and dad was a nutter, their baby will be a mix of both personalities.



▲ If you want to be the proud owner of a large group of Norns, you'll first have to raise a small family of creatures.



▲ You have to make sure that your pet Norns are well fed or else they won't be happy. If they ain't happy, no babies!



▲ When your Norns are exhausted, make sure you tuck them up for a night's sleep.

**LOOKS** → The side on perspective is a welcome change from most strategy games which tend to use a top down look. And don't the Norns look cute in a Gremlins meets Pokémon kind of way...?

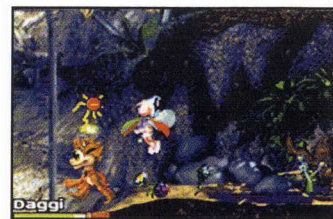
## Point and click

Rather than using a cursor to direct the action, the coders have opted for a fairy called Scrubby.

By moving Scrubby you can pick up items for the Norns to use, including medicine, food and toys, or any of the other things found littering their strange world.

You can also place Scrubby over Norns to sprinkle fairy dust which the creatures love, or shower electricity which the virtual pets hate.

▼ Scrubby the fairy is more interesting than the dull cursor used in strategy games such as Command & Conquer.



▲ Scrubby will give you clues as well, making her one of the most helpful characters in the whole game.



▲ Scrubby is the best friend a Norn ever had, but the ungrateful little tykes seem totally oblivious to our fairy friend.

**SOUNDS** → The sounds and music in Creatures are certainly nothing to write home about.



## The never ending story

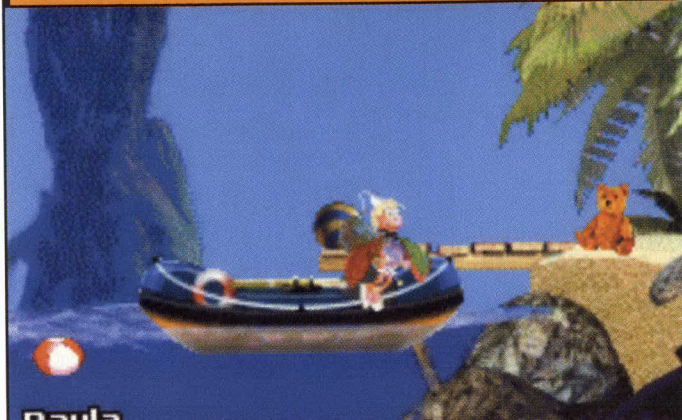
**Creatures is designed to be a huge, almost limitless adventure.**

The game begins in one world and progresses through another two lands where predators must be avoided.

It's also possible to breed genetic variations depending on the parents.

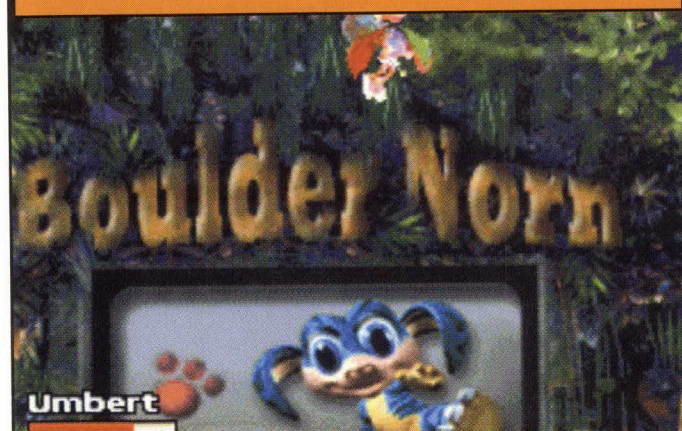
Norns can also be traded via a Game Link cable, and this GBA title will interact with Creatures on the 'Cube.

► There are various worlds for the Norns to explore, each one fraught with danger.



Paula

▲ Norns love playing with toys, teddy bears and beachballs being their favourite things.



Umbert

▲ If you choose the parents carefully you can create your own unique Norns.

**GAME LENGTH** ► With three levels and the ability to create generations of the blighters, this game could be in your top slot for quite some time.

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If you like games with a definite beginning, middle and end then you'll hate this. However, if you like artificial intelligence and playing god to a race of adorable monsters, then **Creatures is worth a look.**

**86%**

## Hot Wheels Burnin' Rubber

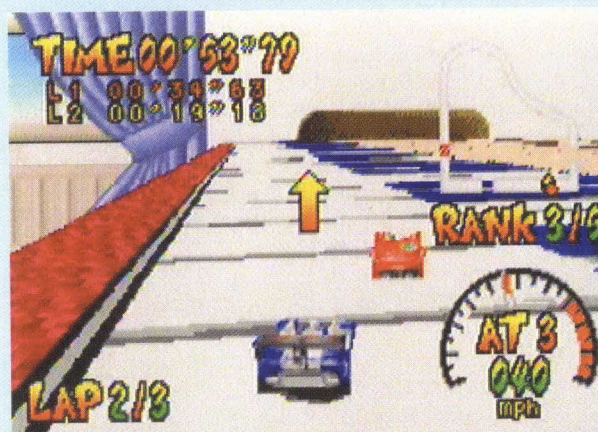
By THQ Price £34.99 Release Out Now  
Two player – two cart ✓ Two player – one cart ✗

**T**he evergreen brand of toy cars finally gets a Game Boy Advance makeover.

Take control of over 25 Hot Wheels favourites and stake your claim to the three race cups. The tracks are set in off the wall places such as a piano and a dinner table, and each comes complete with shortcuts, jumps, booster pads and loop the loops.



▲ There are 25 cars to choose from in this game. If you're a Hot Wheels fan, this racer will get you excited!



▲ The races are staged in the strangest places, including a piano.

**GAME SCORE 82%**

## An American Tail Fievel's Gold Rush

By Swing! Price £29.99 Release Out Now  
Two player – two cart ✗ Two player – one cart ✗

**T**his GB Advance adventure is based on the exploits of Fievel Mousekewitz, cartoon star of both the small and big screens.

Fievel's on a mission to save his buddy Wyllie Burp from the clutches of the Malone gang. Armed only with his trusty hat attack Fievel must find parts of a map, a quest which takes him across six worlds. Not a bad platformer and worth a look if you like Fievel and easy jumping action.



▲ Fievel the mouse was set to become a huge cartoon star in the '80s, but now our friend's fallen on hard times.

**GAME SCORE 80%**



# Namco Museum

## Game Info

By: **Infogrames**  
Price: **£34.99**  
Release: **Out now**



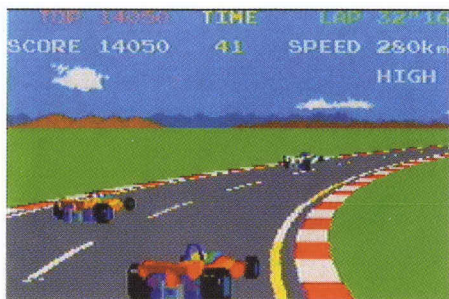
**From frantic Formula One racing to intergalactic space battles, the golden oldies are lining up to show next generation gamers a thing or two.**

**WE SAID** "Four golden oldies on one cart, and some beauties at that. If you love retro and you've got a GB Advance, this should be a classic."

## Eighties wonders

**G**one are the days of shoving fat, ten pence pieces into arcade machines, but at least the games themselves are making a comeback.

Five titles have been crammed onto the Namco Museum cart, including Pole Position, Ms Pac-Man, Galaxian, Galaga and Dig Dug. Each one's a classic!



▲ Now you can relive one of the earliest and most famous arcade racers, Pole Position, on your Game Boy Advance.

The simple aim in each game is to rack up a giant score, although this can be pretty pointless as this GBA cart doesn't have a save game facility.

Aside from this oversight, every title looks and sounds like the original. But after playing them for a while, only older gamers will be whooping for joy.



▲ Two classic shoot 'em ups are included on the Game Boy Advance cart for you to enjoy, namely Galaga and Galaxian.



▲ Ms Pac-Man has also been included in this classic bundle. In our opinion, it's by far the best of the five.

**LOOKS** Nothing's been left out and all the games are faithful to the originals. It looks dated, but what else would you expect?

## Something for everyone

The crude and basic gameplay in Namco Museum may be locked in a time warp, but at least there's plenty of variety to keep retro gamers smiling.

For all you shoot 'em up nuts there's Galaxian and Galaga, while the infamous Pole Position provides high speed racing fun on the Formula One circuit.

Many of you may remember these blocky titles from your early gaming days but, for all those readers who are new to retro titles, here's a quick recap...



### Ms Pac-Man

Tear around the twisting mazes gobbling up the Pac-Dots and munching on the ghosts when you swallow a Power Pellet. Mind the spooks don't hunt you down beforehand or you'll lose a valuable life.



### Pole Position

Qualify in first place and then take your high speed skills to the main race. With just high and low gears it doesn't take long to master, even though hitting a sign will make you explode.



▲ Ms Pac-Man is a fiendishly addictive game. It's also an ideal title when you want a quick, brainless, retro gaming fix.

▼ Older gamers may have thought they'd seen the last of the arcade tunnel-a-thon Dig Dug, but it's making a return to Planet Nintendo on the Game Boy Advance.



### Dig Dug

Classed by many as a ground breaking title, Dig Dug is really showing its age. Dig tunnels under the ground and use your pump to destroy your enemies, but watch out for fire and falling boulders.



### Galaga

The first of two space blasters on the cart, Galaga sees you taking out alien formations as they swoop in for the kill. Later in the game you'll be given a dual fighter for extra firepower.



### Galaxian

The second shoot 'em up sees you on a mission to destroy every alien on the screen. Kill them quickly or they'll become aggressive. Take out the escorts at the top of the screen for more points.





**SOUNDS** Bleeps, explosions and grainy voices bring the games alive. Authentic but, when compared to the latest GBA efforts, it sounds awful.

## Change it around

These Namco arcade games may be as old as the hills, but at least you can tinker with each title to suit your playing style.

Enter the Settings menu in each game and you can change everything from total number of lives to when you earn extra goes. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or one who needs a little bit of extra help, these changes are a great idea and add a new dimension to the old fashioned gameplay.



▲ If you want to get the hang of this classic space shooter, choose five lives and get blasting. You'll still need nerves of steel and an itchy trigger finger, though.



▲ If you're no good at racing games you can make the qualifying time longer in Pole Position. It's cheating, really, but we won't tell anyone about it...

**GAME LENGTH** These old style games may have been great years ago, but they offer very little long term value now. There's no save facility either!



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The games may look authentic, but these classics have lost their sparkle over the years. If you love Ms Pac-Man you'd be better to go for Pac-Man Collection instead. And if you want racing games or blasters, there are much better titles out there.

**72%**

## Alienators Evolution Continues

By Activision Price £34.99 Release Out Now  
Two player – two cart X Two player – one cart X

**A**lienators is based on the sci fi television cartoon series which was in turn inspired by the blockbuster film, Evolution.

Playing as alien buster Ira and armed with your trusty Blue Goo Shampoo, your job is to flush out the bizarre Genus aliens and save the world. Again. Alienators is an average shooting game with sluggish controls and too much aimless wandering around.



▲ The opening cut scenes look good, but there aren't enough of them in the game.

◀ Run, jump, shoot Blue Goo and collect keys. Run, jump, shoot Blue Goo and collect keys. That's all you have to do!

**GAME SCORE 70%**

## Frogger's Adventures Temple of the Frog

By Konami Price £34.99 Release Out Now  
Two player – two cart X Two player – one cart X

**H**eroic amphibian Frogger hops his way around four big worlds, collecting elements in an effort to save Firefly Swamp.

It's a simple matter of bouncing across platforms and collecting coins, but there's something addictive about the old school gameplay. Frogger may be as ancient as time itself but it still has that essential just one more go feel to keep you glued to your Game Boy Advance.



▲ Guide Frogger past the evil bad guys and avoid falling in the river.

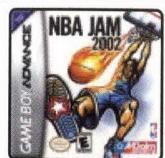
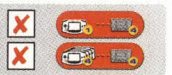
**GAME SCORE 77%**



# NBA Jam 2002

## Game Info

By: **Acclaim**  
Price: **£34.99**  
Release: **15 Feb**



**The stars of the NBA are shrunk to fit onto the GBA. Dust off your sneakers and dig out that vest.**

**WE SAID** "NBA Jam 2002 is aiming to be the first and best basketball simulation to hit the Game Boy Advance. From what we've seen this game should be slam dunkin' its way to the top of the league."

## Hang time

**G**rab a basketball, slip into your oversized trainers and head out onto the court 'cos NBA Jam is here to rock the floor with its cool teams, cracking players and crazy moves.

This is the first basketball title to hit the Game Boy Advance and we're pleased to say that it provides a healthy dose of classic court action which fans of the sport will love.

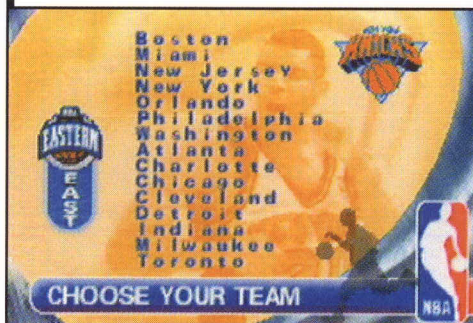
Basketball nuts will be pleased to hear that all 29 NBA teams are included on the cartridge, offering players a choice of over 140 sporting superstars and a wide variety of indoor arenas.

There are loads of game modes to choose from in NBA Jam 2002, more than enough to satisfy even the most die hard basketball fanatic. The action never lets up in this new GB Advance sports fest.



▲ The games are fast and frantic, with enough action to satisfy even the most die hard fan.

**LOOKS** The players are finely detailed and all the logos on the courts are bright and clear. The crowd looks a little static, but this lets the fast paced action flow more smoothly.



▲ If you're a basketball fan, NBA Jam 2002 has a huge range of real teams and players for you to choose from.



▲ There are loads of play options in the game, allowing you to play whole tournaments or quick single matches.

## Two on two

It would be difficult to fit two whole basketball teams onto the tiny Game Boy Advance screen, so this game's strictly two against two.

Choose your team from the 29 on offer, pick your two favourite players and take to the court. If you think you've made a mistake you even get the chance to change your players at the end of each quarter.

Some of the players in NBA Jam 2002 have special moves such as alley oops, sky hooks and off the glass passes. Learning these skills will help you win.

Moving the ball around the court is easy. **B** is used to pass, **A** to shoot. **L** and **R** are sprint and change player respectively. It's an intuitive system.



▲ If you don't like the players you've chosen you can change them at the end of each quarter.



▲ The action is two on two, which makes for some fast and frantic games of basketball.



▲ If the developers had tried to squeeze whole teams onto the GBA screen, it would have looked messy.



▲ The controls are dead simple, meaning that you'll get to grips with this game in no time.

**SOUNDS** The music's a little cheesy and the commentary soon becomes infuriating, but thankfully both of these annoyances can be turned off in the options menu.





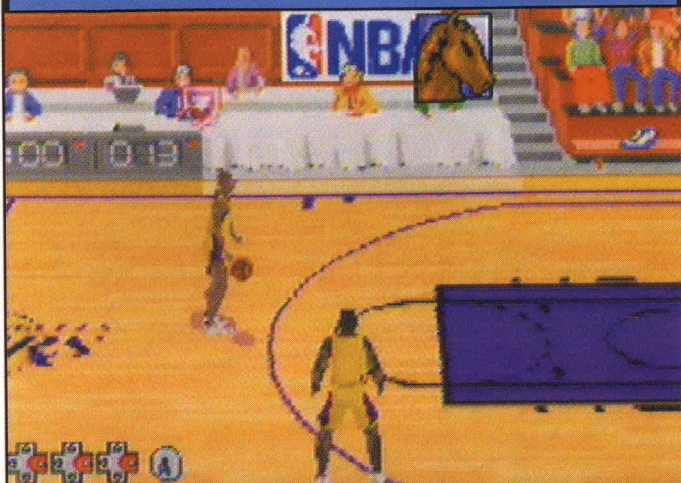
## Horsing around

Once you've mastered the basics you'll want to unlock some of the awesome secrets which are hidden away in the game.

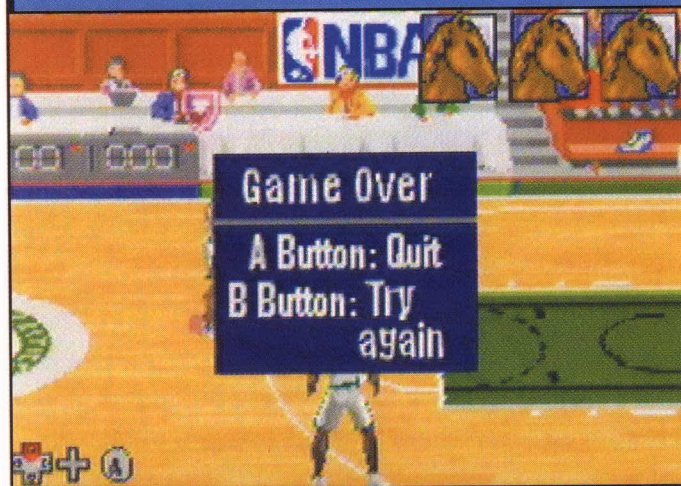
Loads of special features can be unlocked, such as the NBA Rookie side and the East and West All Star teams. Perseverance will pay dividends.

One of the first things you'll unlock is the secret courts and this is done by playing the Horse mode. It's easy when you know how.

The computer will perform a trick to score a basket and all you have to do is copy that move by following the commands at the bottom of the screen.



▲ Copy the computer's special move by using the button instructions at the bottom of the screen and you'll be well on your way to unlocking the secret courts.



▲ Don't give up now! The special moves can take a lot of time to master but the option to play in secret courts makes it worth the effort.



◀ The GBA is well served by sports games, and NBA Jam 2002 is certainly one of the best money can buy.

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This is great! Whether you're a basketball fan or not you'll soon be ripping up the court with your silky moves. The action is fast and the controls are easy to get to grips with. One of the GBA's best sports games.

**86%**

## Jurassic Park III Dino Attack

By Konami Price £34.99 Release 8 February  
Two player – two cart X Two player – one cart X

Once again you've crash landed on Isla Sorna and it's still inhabited by ferocious dinosaurs. Now you have to escape!

The game uses an isometric view which looks great but also makes it difficult to judge direction, especially when using weapons.

As with previous JP adventures on GBA, this is bad stuff. The controls are infuriating and the dinosaurs are too hard to get rid of.



▲ The Jurassic Park movies may be fun and exciting, but the GBA games are pants. What a shame.

**GAME SCORE 70%**

## Winter X Games Snowboarding 2

By Konami Price £34.99 Release February  
Two player – two cart ✓ Two player – one cart X

With the winter upon us, it's time to indulge in a few of the most popular snowy pastimes, X Games style.

Choose from three events, Superpipe, Snowboarder X and Big Air, and show the trick hungry crowd what you've got.

The controls are pretty good, but the game's let down by the lack of events. Three isn't enough.



▲ Although Winter X Games isn't bad, the cart doesn't feature enough events to make it an essential buy.



▲ There are other cool winter sports GBA games, so leave this one alone.

**GAME SCORE 80%**



# Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3



## Game Info

By: **Activision**  
Price: **£24.99**  
Release: **Out Now**

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Can the skate king bring his magic 'boarding skills to the Game Boy Color or is this a grind too far for the awesome Hawkster...?

## The Hawk is here

**N**ot to be outdone by its bigger and more powerful rivals, Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 is landing on the Game Boy Color.

All of the cool skate stuff you've come to expect from this excellent gaming series is included and some new options have also been added.

You're now able to manually link tricks for bigger scores. There's also a special balance meter to help you grind for longer periods of time.

And once you've done all of the tricks in your normal stance you can switch positions and skate goofy style for added variety.



▲ Manuals have been included in this latest Tony Hawk's game for GBC so you can link tricks and score more points.



▲ The grind balance meter has been taken from the bigger console versions of the game, and it makes life a lot easier.



▲ Skating in a goofy stance will increase the variety of stunts that you can perform and help you score more points when performing tantalising tricks.

## The choice is yours

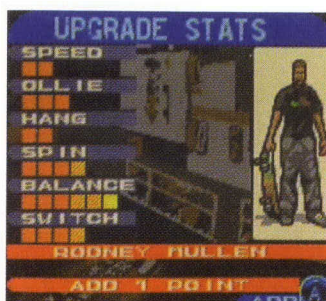
If you're familiar with the characters and levels from other Tony Hawk's Pro Skater games then you'll know what to expect here.

There are 13 skateboarders to choose from, each with their own individual talents. Their stats can be boosted by completing 'boarding objectives.

At the beginning of each level you're given a list of goals, from point scoring to pulling tricks. After you complete a task you're given a point to spend on one of your skater's skills. By the later levels, your skater should be super smooth.

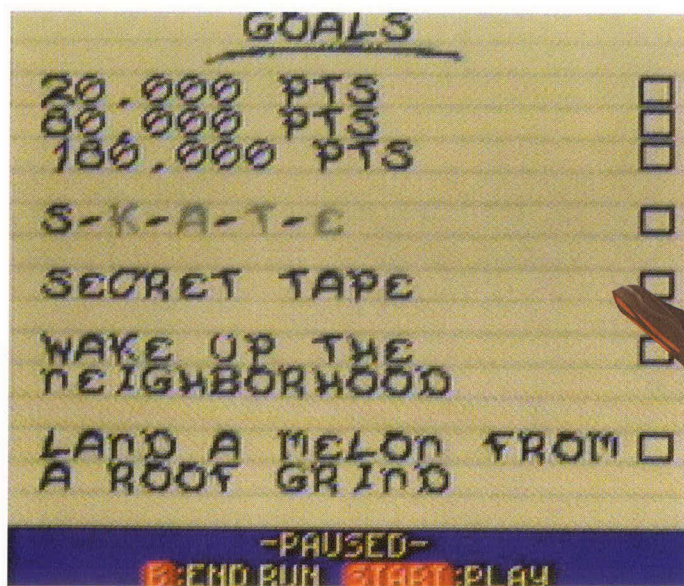


▲ Tony is the obvious choice because the game's named after him, but there are some other excellent skaters here, too.



▲ By completing goals you can improve your skater's vital statistics and make them into a better and more skilled sportsman.

**SOUNDS** The sound is just about as good as it gets on the Game Boy Color. The effects are minimal and the music is pretty rotten rock.



▲ The Goals list appears at the start of each level. As well as scoring points you'll have to find the secret tape and pull off unique tricks. This is never as easy as it sounds!

**LOOKS** The levels are varied and detailed. The skaters are well animated for Game Boy Color.



**GAME LENGTH** Pro Skater 3 really is a huge game, but you'll need to be extra patient to sit and battle your way through all the challenges.

## Set your goals

There are nine levels where you can try out your tricks, but you'll have to work really hard if you want to see them all.

You begin in the Foundry and this is a great place to have a good long practice in Free Skate mode just to get to grips with the controls.

From there it's on to Canada and, before you know it, you'll be skating for the gold medal in Tokyo. If you've got the silky skills, that is...

Each area has a goal tailored specially to that level, so in Suburbia for example you have to wake up the neighbourhood by setting off car alarms.

Completing goals unlocks the later levels, so it's important to get plenty of practice and look for good spots to score maximum points.



▲ In the Foundry you've got to grind your way across the rails and make it to this switch to turn on the furnace.



▲ Find all of the red cars in Suburbia and grind along them to set off the alarm and wake up the neighbourhood.



▲ If you want to get to the later levels then you'll have to practice hard on the earlier stages to hone your skills.

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**GAME SCORE**

This is the first blemish on the Tony Hawk's Pro Skater franchise. There are loads of good ideas but the rigid movement and awkward controls let it down. Stick to Tony Hawk's 2 on the GB Advance for the real deal.

**81%**

## Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

By Microïds Price £24.99 Release Out Now  
Game Link X Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color ✓

Fans of the very first Disney movie will be pleased with this colourful adventure. But be warned... this one's strictly for younger gamers.

You play the part of Snow White and you must help our heroine dodge death and rid the land of the evil queen.

There are loads of different levels for you to play through in this game and plenty of variety.

The graphics are colourful and detailed, but the books which introduce each level look rubbish.

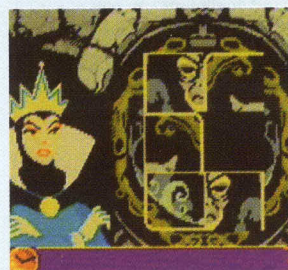
There are two difficulty settings so there's plenty of replay value.



▲ Some of the lush levels see you wandering around looking for lost objects. Here you must collect roses.



▲ You'll also get a chance to control some of the dwarves. Here you have to help Grumpy collect the diamonds.



▲ There are puzzles to solve such as this sliding face of the evil queen.

**GAME SCORE 82%**

## Keep the Balance

By JoWooD Price £24.99 Release Out Now  
Game Link X Infra Red X Game Boy X Game Boy Color ✓

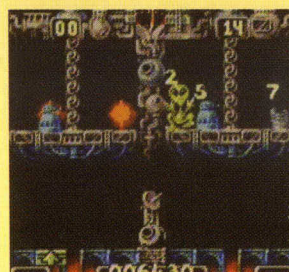
Here's an interesting puzzle game that'll challenge your quick fingers as well as your mathematical talents.

The game screen features a set of scales with various objects on each side. All you have to do is throw more objects on the scales to make both sides balance. Sounds simple so far, doesn't it...?

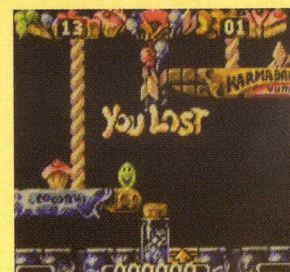
You'll also get the opportunity to use bombs and other devices to remove objects from the scales and make the sides much lighter, but you'll have to keep those brain cells ticking at all times.

Keep the Balance is an interesting take on the puzzle game genre and there are loads of levels to test your mathematical skills.

Sadly, the game lacks any excitement and it quickly becomes dull and repetitive with seemingly random levels of difficulty for each stage.



▲ Use bombs if one side gets too heavy and they'll clear things up so you can start again. This puzzle game will certainly strain your brain!



▲ Don't let the scales tip over now!

**GAME SCORE 67%**



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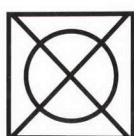
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### Why it rocks

Incredible controls keep you close to the action, and boy, is there action! Huge bosses, tricky puzzles and massive worlds make this an N64 milestone.

### Best bit

The last battle with Gruntilda the witch is a fine example of Rare's amazing originality, with a quiz show determining whether you fight or not. Very high pressure, and unfortunately you can't phone a friend in this game!

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Conker's Bad Fur Day

■ PRICE £59.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 93%

### The lowdown

BFD follows Conker's adventures over an incredible, action packed day. It's the rudest, lewdest and downright funniest game we've ever seen on the Nintendo 64.

### Why it rocks

It's not all toilet gags! Conker's BFD is also a brilliantly designed adventure/platformer that magnificently apes films such as Saving Private Ryan and Aliens.

### Best bit

The scene that imitates The Matrix is gaming gold. In the film, a bank's lobby is raised to the ground by Neo and Trinity. Conker's BFD features slow motion bullets and the same mix of kung fu acrobatics.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Banjo Tooie

■ PRICE £44.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4



EXPANSION PAK	✗	MEMORY PAK	✗	RUMBLE PAK	✓
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### The lowdown

It's full of huge worlds that offer a non stop procession of crazy characters, ferocious bosses and the sorts of puzzles which make Rare games such a pleasure.

### Why it rocks

You can control both Banjo and Kazooie. This is even better looking than the first game, with bigger worlds and camera angles that work much better.

### Best bit

Throughout the adventure are mini games that send the fun-o-meter soaring, not least Ordinance Challenge which involves a race against time to defuse a group of troublesome dynamite sticks.

GAME SCORE 97%



## Diddy Kong Racing

■ PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

Unbelievably cute and supremely playable. The one player game is wicked fun, while the multiplayer mode is only just beaten by the fantastic Mario Kart 64.

### Why it rocks

It rewrote the kart racing rule book with the introduction of planes and hovercrafts. The one player mode is guaranteed to keep you racing 'til dawn.

### Multiplayer verdict

Okay, so it may not be quite as good as Mario Kart 64, but it's still a big bundle of fun. Fast racing with awesome controls, and the graphics look amazing even with four people on screen at the same time.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Donald Duck Quack Attack

■ PRICE £29.99 ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

Donald comes to life in a title that manages to capture all the magic of a Disney cartoon. You're against the clock, making it a high pressure platform pleasure.

### Why it rocks

The ace control system means zero frustration and maximum fun as you romp through levels full of original design, offering both 3D and 2D gameplay.

### Best bit

Finding Merlock and freeing Donald's girlfriend Daisy is just rewards for this tough platformer. Merlock's no pushover and you'll have to work hard to beat him, but you'll be having so much fun you won't mind one bit!

EXPANSION PAK	✓
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Beetle Adventure Racing

■ PRICE £44.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 91%

### The lowdown

A seriously fun racer, with a whole bunch of Beetles racing on brilliant tracks. Add crazy power ups and realistic handling and you're looking at a winner.

### Why it rocks

It's the perfect combination of arcade racing and a realistic sim. Testing tracks, crafty shortcuts and well thought out power ups make this hugely enjoyable.

### Multiplayer verdict

Only two players can race the circuits, but it's lightning fast. The four player Battle modes are more than a match for the likes of Mario Kart 64. If you're looking for a top quality racer, this is highly recommended.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Donkey Kong 64

■ PRICE £59.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 96%

### The lowdown

Another slice of Rare magic as DK finally gets an N64 game worthy of his name. The evil King K. Rool is up to no good, and it's down to the Kong clan to stop him.

### Why it rocks

This massive title is packed full of well thought out mini games. It's also one of the toughest platformers on the block, and it's got the original DK game in it!

### Best bit

The final battle with the evil King K. Rool is pure magic. It's a boxing match that'll have you on the edge of your seat as you duck and dive your way to victory. Nothing can beat the joy of completing this huge platform game.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## CONTROL PADS

NOT TESTED

### Official N64 Controller

■ Nintendo

■ £19.99

It may be the most expensive controller on the market, but it's the best by a mile. The 3D Stick and buttons won't get stuck, making this the best money can buy.

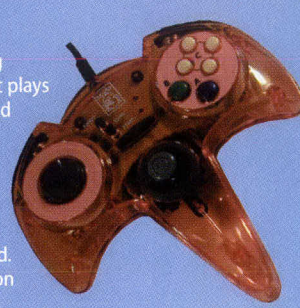


### 6T4 Controller

■ Logic 3

■ £17.99

A cool looking controller that plays almost as good as it looks. Exceptional 3D Stick and a design that fits perfectly into your hand. And it's easy on the eye, too.





## Duke Nukem Zero Hour

PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

Mr Gung Ho returns in a high octane adventure. Duke travels through time to stop aliens taking over Earth, from Victorian England to the Wild West.

### Why it rocks

There are not many third person shooters on N64. Luckily, this is a class example of gun fun. It's got the weapons, the baddies, the attitude and the cool hero.

### Best bit

Duke's got some cracking one liners that give you light relief from the tense action and are bound to make you chuckle. You'll love knocking off tough bosses and then saying, 'Come on. Bleed for me.' Classic!

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## F1 Racing Championship

PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

The follow up to Monaco GP and a great improvement it is too, with all the racers from the 1999 season. A great tuning option makes this the choice for F1 nuts.

### Why it rocks

It's a fast game with very realistic handling, so don't expect an arcade style driving experience. There are plenty of options to keep you glued to the N64.

### Multiplayer verdict

Unfortunately there are only two cars on the track in the two player mode, but it's very fast, with a choice of either a horizontal or vertical split screen. Bash up your motor and you'll be amazed by the realistic damage.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Excitebike 64

PRICE £44.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 93%

### The lowdown

Arcade style motorbike racer with the emphasis on fun and speed. There are indoor, stunt and cross country tracks, with tons of wicked riders to choose from.

### Why it rocks

The makers have spent ages ensuring the controls are second to none, while the tracks are all brilliantly designed. The Track Editor is the icing on the cake.

### Multiplayer verdict

With hardly any slow down, Excitebike 64 is an awesome four player mash up. You'll feel every bump and groove! It's great if you like to race a little dirty 'cos trying to knock your opponents off their bikes is a laugh riot.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## F1 World Grand Prix II

PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

All the thrills and spills from the breakneck world of F1 racing. Every superstar from the starting grid is included, as are their cars and the tracks from the F1 circuit.

### Why it rocks

This game looks the business, with spot on trackside detail and cars that not only look great, but handle like a dream. Challenges galore for the racing nut.

### Multiplayer verdict

There's no four player, but F1 World Grand Prix II more than makes up for this with a nippy two player mode. The only downside to the multiplayer is that there are no other cars on the track, which is a shame.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK X  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## ECW Hardcore Revolution

PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

Hardcore wrestling from a league that's bloodier and more violent than the WWF. Tons of options, from the long haul of Career mode to the cheap thrills of Exhibition.

### Why it rocks

If you love wrestling, you'll go mental for the no holds barred nature of ECW. It pushes the limit with elements such as barbed wire ropes and studded baseball bats.

### Multiplayer verdict

This game really comes into its own when you start scrapping it out with your mates. The multiplayer controls feel ace, while the wrestlers move very convincingly. And it's pretty damn violent, too. Top stuff!

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## F-Zero X

PRICE £29.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

It's the 26th century and F1 racing is long gone. The number one thrill is found in caning zero gravity vessels around super fast tracks at a blinding speed.

### Why it rocks

It's an amazingly fast racer, with up to 30 ships found blasting round the tracks. There are also some sneaky ways to smack your opponents off the track.

### Multiplayer verdict

Any faster and it would have to carry a government health warning! Once you start playing this with your mates you just won't want to stop. Flying through millions of tracks in your zero friction ship is great fun.

EXPANSION PAK X  
MEMORY PAK X  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## FIFA 99

PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

It's amongst the best selling video game brands in the world, and this N64 version shows why. Packed with teams, from Italy's Serie A to international squads.

### Why it rocks

FIFA 99 is dead easy to pick up and play and there's a superb arsenal of tricks at your disposal to keep you playing. Masses of cups and tournaments to play in.

### Multiplayer verdict

The game is simply sensational once you start playing against your mates. You'll just love hammering your friends, it's one of life's pleasures! Up to four can play on one team, making FIFA a super classy kick about.

EXPANSION PAK X  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK X



## Goldeneye 007

PRICE £29.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 94%

### The lowdown

To many it's the finest first person shooter of all time, offering as it does finely tuned single player missions and some pretty intense multiplayer thrills.

### Why it rocks

The single player will have you believing that you are James Bond, armed with all the gadgets and weapons you'd expect from the world's coolest spy.

### Multiplayer verdict

Goldeneye is a complete Nintendo classic from start to finish. It's untouchable in four player mode, with gameplay and graphics that'll have you reaching for the replay button again and again and again...

EXPANSION PAK X  
MEMORY PAK X  
RUMBLE PAK ✓

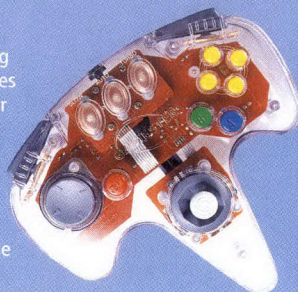


## G64 Controller

■ Gamester

■ £14.99

This fab looking controller comes in grey, black or clear, but unfortunately doesn't play quite as good as it looks. But it's a reasonable controller for your cash.



## Hyper Pad Plus

■ Blaze

■ £14.99

You can adjust the handles on this one, so it's great for all hand sizes. Lots of little extra touches like Turbo Fire and Slow Motion, but we've found the buttons a bit sticky.



## Trilogy 64

■ Guillemot

■ £19.99

This controller comes with a memory card and a rumble pak thrown in. Value for money doesn't get much better than this.





## ISS 98

■ PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 93%

### The lowdown

It may lack the names of any real footballers, but it has gameplay of unbelievable quality and super realistic graphics. Tons of different ways to play the game, too.

### Why it rocks

It's the game of choice in NOM Towers. No other footy title has gameplay as hot as this. Nothing beats a well placed through ball or perfectly timed tackle.

### Multiplayer verdict

ISS 98 is easily the king of multiplayer footy fun with action that'll live in your memory longer than any game featured on The Premiership. Every self respecting football fan should play this game. It's a Nintendo 64 classic.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✗



## Lylat Wars

■ PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

Fox McCloud boldly goes into space in this sequel to Starfox on the Super NES. Ace space blaster with cool ships, weapons and tons of stuff to blow up.

### Why it rocks

Fox's Arwing is as cool as ever and, with the crazy power ups, there's some classic blasting to be had. Some of the bosses have to be seen to be believed.

### Multiplayer verdict

Not that many different options to choose from, but the Battle mode will leave a very broad smile on your face. The aim is simple – blow your opponents out of the sky, before they do it to you. Super cool!

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## International Track & Field

■ PRICE £44.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 94%

### The lowdown

The ultimate multiplayer game featuring, surprise, surprise, track and field events! A mix of button bashers like the 100m sprint and timing events such as the vault.

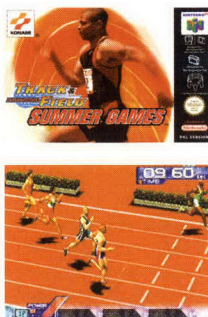
### Why it rocks

There are loads of different playing experiences so you won't ever get bored. And there's something very addictive about chasing a world record.

### Multiplayer verdict

International Track & Field is the perfect way of settling old scores and starting new rivalries. And because there's a combination of speed and timing events, there's bound to be at least one you're better at than your mates.

EXPANSION PAK	✓
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Mario Golf

■ PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

All your Nintendo faves pick up their clubs and produce the most playable golf sim ever. There's plenty of wacky ways to play and some very neat touches.

### Why it rocks

This game is full of secret courses and characters so you'll play it over again. Gameplay is easy to get into but mastering it takes ages, especially on the greens.

### Multiplayer verdict

It may not be as hectic as the deathmatches of Goldeneye 007, as fast as Mario Kart 64 or as exciting as ISS 98 footy fests, but this game has a gold plated multiplayer pedigree with masses of modes for you to sink your teeth into.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Jet Force Gemini

■ PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4



### The lowdown

It's up to the JFG team to defeat Mizar and his ant army in a massive action adventure. It's got some red hot gun running set over a whopping 150 levels.

### Why it rocks

The blasting action never slacks off, with some incredible worlds to explore and tough puzzles to solve. And there are three super cool characters to control.

### Multiplayer verdict

Not quite as good as we had hoped for, seeing as it was from the same stable as Goldeneye 007. Despite this it's still good fun, with a couple of quirky multiplayer modes thrown in for good measure.

GAME SCORE 93%



## Mario Kart 64

■ PRICE £29.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

After all these years, we're still playing Mario Kart 64 every day in the NOM offices. We play this game as much as Goldeneye 007 and the original ISS.

### Why it rocks

The controls are simple, the courses are varied and the characters are awesome. Mario Kart 64 has everything you need for a fun night in, and then some!

### Multiplayer verdict

It's still the finest multiplayer racing game on the N64. You won't be able to stop laughing as you unleash a devastating blue shell against the leader. With this lil' beauty you just can't miss your hapless racing target!

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✗



## Mario Party 2

■ PRICE £44.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 91%

### The lowdown

It's the ultimate party game! The aim is simple, hook up with three mates and work your way around far out boards whilst taking part in some crazy mini games.

### Why it rocks

It's the variety and originality of the mini games that keep people playing, as well as the brilliantly designed boards. Makes Monopoly seem like a wet Sunday afternoon.

### Multiplayer verdict

Hours just melt away as you play through the five boards and 64 mini games, constantly trying to keep one step ahead of your mates. A great improvement on the first game and one the whole family can enjoy.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



# RUMBLE PAKS

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### Rumble Pak

■ Nintendo  
■ £14.99

All the quality you would expect from the clever clogs at Nintendo. Its rumble effect is also the best to be found, with deep and lively vibrations. It's the best pak around by far and will make any game go with a bang! Explosive good fun.



### Rechargeable Jolt Pak

■ Joytech  
■ £14.99

You won't ever get annoyed because you've run out of batteries, 'cos this rumble pak is rechargeable. A very good rumble effect and a decent price make this a great choice.





## Mario Party 3

PRICE £49.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

Mario and his Nintendo chums get together once again for a massive party to decide who is the biggest superstar. Whoever wins the Millennium Star will get the title Superstar of the Universe.

### Why it rocks

The Mario Party games just keep getting better. This last N64 title combines fantastic looks and sounds with awesome gameplay.

### Multiplayer verdict

There's nothing better than getting your mates round for a Mario Party rumble. You'll laugh until the cows come home. In fact, this is the best way to enjoy Mario Party 3 as it's quite boring to play by yourself.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## NFL Quarterback Club 99

PRICE £39.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

The finest American footy game on N64 with more options than you can shake a stick at. We reckon the road to the Superbowl has never looked better.

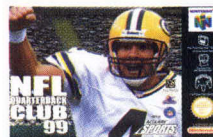
### Why it rocks

This game looks the bee's knees. Everything's so detailed and crisp, even down to the ace touchdown celebrations. If you love gridiron, you'll die for this.

### Multiplayer verdict

If you don't know diddy about American footy, you'll be forgiven if you get a little confused with this game. But if you're a fan, you're in for a multiplayer treat, with awesome plays and incredible looking graphics.

EXPANSION PAK	✓
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Mario Tennis

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

Is there nothing this plumber can't turn his hand to? As you'd expect, it's a slightly quirky tennis game, with some ace playing modes and brilliant gameplay.

### Why it rocks

It's the little touches such as the tennis court suspended by chains that mark this game out as something different. Like all Mario games, it's pretty addictive.

### Multiplayer verdict

Mario Tennis is wicked fun in two player mode and the four player option is simply a hoot. Although it may be dead easy to pick up and play, the game's got enough depth to make it perfect for playing with your mates.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Operation Winback

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

Prepare for an explosive mission as super agent Jean Luc Cougar. You'll be against the clock to stop a villain using a terrible weapon. Part sneak, part blast, total fun.

### Why it rocks

The missions are varied. Some require you to sneak about, while others involve firing off a lot of lead. The controls are tricky, but otherwise it's top class fun.

### Multiplayer verdict

Operation Winback's not a Bond beater by any means, but nevertheless it's good fun for a while. You'll probably find it a bit basic, with the dodgy controls and tricky camera angles really spoiling the fun. Shame.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Mickey's Speedway USA

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

The young pretender to the karting crown, starring a certain Mickey Mouse. A cartoon tour around the good ol' US of A chasing the nasty Weasels.

### Why it rocks

Rare has done it again! Pure eye candy with killer gameplay. The one player starts off easy but you'll soon progress to some of the hardest courses ever seen.

### Multiplayer verdict

The Battle mode is wicked fun with some cunning power ups and well designed arenas, while the four player race mode is easily as good as Diddy Kong Racing. Pick your favourite Disney character and you're away.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Paper Mario

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 93%

### The lowdown

Mario's back in this fantastic cartoon RPG adventure. Help Mario rescue Princess Peach from Bowser's castle lair and unlock the seven Star Spirits along the way.

### Why it rocks

Paper Mario manages to combine drop dead gorgeous graphics with tough gameplay. It certainly proves that there's a little bit more life in the Nintendo 64 yet.

### Multiplayer verdict

It's always fun to give Bowser a right good pasting, but the best battle in Paper Mario is when you foil the Koopa Bros' fiendish Bowser disguise. You'll be laughing so hard at the game that you'll forget about fighting!

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✗
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Mortal Kombat 4

PRICE £39.99 PLAYERS 1-15 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

It's a real fight fest, something that's quite rare on the N64. Luckily this Mortal Kombat game is an excellent brawler, even if it does look a tad dated.

### Why it rocks

Unlike many beat 'em ups, the one player quest is a tough challenge, even for the best. Deadly weapons, fast and furious moves and tons of the red stuff.

### Multiplayer verdict

There may have been some real stinkers in the Mortal Kombat series but this edition has multiplayer class written all over it. It's fluid and violent, exactly what you want when you're beating your mates to a pulp.

EXPANSION PAK	✗
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## Perfect Dark

PRICE £49.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 97%

### The lowdown

Rare's follow up to Goldeneye 007, starring Joanna Dark. Tough missions, bad ass weapons and gadgets that put Bond to shame, plus plenty of hidden extras.

### Why it rocks

It looks better than Goldeneye 007, with a story that's just as compelling and missions that'll leave you speechless. This is one game that lives up to the hype.

### Multiplayer verdict

Think Goldeneye 007 but better. It features some of the arenas seen in the Bond game and adds a whole load of new and exciting ones. Plus you can unlock more by playing different single player missions. Stirring stuff.

EXPANSION PAK	✓
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	✓



## G64 Tremor & Memory Pak

Gamester  
£14.99

It may be a bit on the pricey side but don't be fooled into thinking that it's not good value for money. Why? 'Cos it's also got a built in memory card and it doesn't need batteries, making it a great all in one.



## Shockwave

Datel  
£24.99

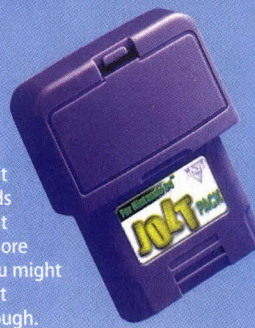
It's a very good quality rumble pak, with a very deep and responsive rumble effect that really brings games to life. There's only one problem... just look at the price! You'll need a mortgage to get one of these. Go for Nintendo's instead.



## Jolt Pack

Blaze  
£6.99

An incredibly cheap rumble pak at only £6.99. It's okay, although the rumble can be a bit weedy. It also needs batteries to make it work so it's a bit more expensive than you might first think. A decent budget choice, though.



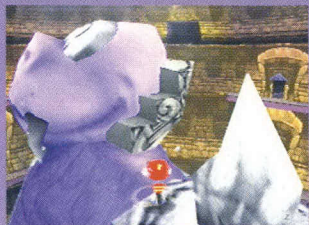
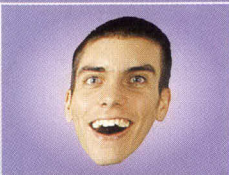


## What we're playing

Our New Year's resolution is to play...

### Rocket Robot on Wheels

I love platform games, but I fancied playing something a little out of the ordinary so I thought I'd give Rocket a go. The game's cool and the levels are brilliantly designed.



### 1080° Snowboarding

There were rumours that Nintendo had cancelled the GameCube version of this classic sports game, so I thought I'd take a look at the original 'boarding fest.



### Banjo Tooie

Adventure games don't come much bigger than this. The bosses and puzzles had me hooked from start to finish. This game will go down in Nintendo history.



## Pokémon Puzzle League

PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-2 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

Pokémon meets Tetris Attack, and puzzle fans should rejoice. Connect horizontal or vertical blocks either on your own, or with a pal, in 2D or 3D levels.

### Why it rocks

Dead simple to pick up and play, and it's a treat to look at, too. Heaps of options and awesome gameplay will have you block building for ages and ages!

### Multiplayer verdict

In one player mode it's brilliant fun, but it's the multiplayer that will really get you going. Play your mate and the game becomes a high pressure cocktail of sweaty palmed excitement and brain melting strategy.

EXPANSION PAK	X
MEMORY PAK	X
RUMBLE PAK	X



## Pokémon Stadium

PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

It's the game that lets you battle your hand reared GB critters in glorious 3D. Heaps of playing modes from cups to mini games. Looks very cool indeed.

### Why it rocks

It's one thing seeing your beasts on a tiny Game Boy screen and another seeing them up close and personal. The attacks look absolutely out of this world!

### Best bit

If Pokémon rules your world then this is an essential purchase. The Transfer Pak is a gaming revolution and another example of Nintendo investing in super quality, not quantity. And it's great battling your mates in 3D.

EXPANSION PAK	X
MEMORY PAK	X
RUMBLE PAK	X



## Pokémon Stadium 2

PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 91%

### The lowdown

The pocket monsters are back in all their 3D glory on your N64. Use Rental Pokémon, or your own Poké squad, to battle your way to the top of the tower.

### Why it rocks

You now have 251 Pokémon from every Game Boy title at your disposal. The graphics are better, there are more mini games and tons of action packed battles.

### Best bit

Just seeing all of the new Pokémon in amazing 3D will make your eyes stick out on stalks. If you thought the original Pokémon Stadium game was good, you ain't seen nothing yet. Pokémaniacs are going to love it!

EXPANSION PAK	X
MEMORY PAK	X
RUMBLE PAK	X



## Premier Manager 64

PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

Prove your worth as a football manager. It may seem a little dated, but the game's still totally addictive to anyone who thinks they could do the England job.

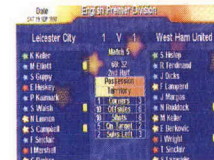
### Why it rocks

Plotting your team's steady rise through the leagues is satisfying, and you'll be over the moon if you beat Man United. Add tactics and transfers and it's game on.

### Best bit

Well, you're not buying it for the arcade thrill and, with games that can literally go on for months on end, this is really for hardcore management fans only. It's a great way of passing time though, but only if you're winning.

EXPANSION PAK	X
MEMORY PAK	✓
RUMBLE PAK	X



## MEMORY PAKS

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256k

■ Nintendo

■ £14.99

Not cheap but this memory card will never let you down, and they last for ages. Ours has been going for years making it a sure bet to store all your high scores.

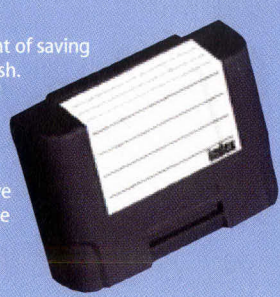


8 meg

■ Blaze

■ £14.99

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## Quake II

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1-2 GAME SCORE 91%

### The lowdown

A non stop frag fest featuring a cool line in deadly aliens and massive weapons. Tons of levels and some very jumpy moments put this right up with the best.

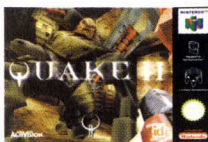
### Why it rocks

Graphically this is a triumph, with all the tension you'd expect in a Quake game. Loads of mad weapons and enough options to make the game right for you.

### Multiplayer verdict

Very fast and smooth, which is just what you want from a first person shooter. There's a great variety to the multiplayer levels and, with weapons as insane as these, you know you and your mates are in for some fun.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Rocket Robot on Wheels

PRICE £39.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

A very different platformer starring a robot without arms or legs. Control Rocket on a last ditch effort to reopen Whoopie World, a huge amusement park.

### Why it rocks

Little Rocket handles brilliantly and the levels are all designed with great imagination. Full of originality and wicked challenges. A first rate platformer.

### Best bit

The game's packed with cool touches, but the last level, Mine Blowin', stands out. It's as tough a stage as you'll find in any Nintendo 64 game. Completing it'll make you feel like a gaming god when you reopen the park.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✗  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Rayman 2

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 91%

### The lowdown

Rescue Rayman's friends who have been kidnapped by some nasty space pirates. One of the best looking and most playable platformers for the Nintendo 64.

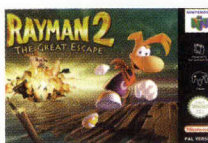
### Why it rocks

It's not just a pretty face! There's some white hot gameplay with tricky puzzles, hard bosses and amazing secret levels to find. You'll be playing it for years!

### Best bit

It's very hard to pick just one part of Rayman 2 that stands out, as there are so many magical moments to choose from. But we'd say that finally facing Captain Razorbeard is a bit nervy, but incredibly exciting.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Shadow Man

PRICE £49.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 93%

### The lowdown

In this disturbing spookathon you play Mike LeRo, aka Shadow Man, the only guy who can stop Jack the Ripper and Legion from destroying the world.

### Why it rocks

It takes a while to get going but, once you're gripped, you'll find it a compelling playing experience. The plot twists and turns, giving you one fright after another.

### Best bit

For sheer brown trouser scares the New York Mansion level is right up there, especially when you come across the fearsome Nail Gun Killer. A nice relaxing game you can play with your Mum and Dad it ain't!

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Resident Evil 2

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 94%

### The lowdown

You've got to destroy a mysterious virus, fight off hordes of hungry mutants and solve some tricky puzzles, all under intense pressure. Extreme!

### Why it rocks

You never quite know what lurks behind each corner, making Resident Evil 2 a jumpy scarefest quite unlike anything else on N64. You're looking at a classic.

### Best bit

For amazing graphics and sheer jump out of your seat thrills, this game just can't be beaten. The scariest part is when a flock of crows breaks through a window as you pass by. We jumped, and you'll jump too, guaranteed.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## South Park

PRICE £49.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

The filthiest, crudest and rudest kids on TV make it onto the N64 in this hilarious and very playable shoot 'em up. Blast away at hordes of mutant turkeys.

### Why it rocks

It's exactly like the cartoon series, with all the wit and off the wall attitude of the South Park crew. It's also a very big game, and a challenging one at that.

### Multiplayer verdict

The multiplayer mode is first class, with loads of different playing options and some slick gameplay. Plus you can choose from nearly all the characters in the TV series. And that can't be bad can it, Nintendooids?

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Ridge Racer 64

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

The legendary Ridge Racer series finally touches down on N64, and it's a powerhouse of outrageous handling, mind bending courses and arcade driving mayhem.

### Why it rocks

Not only does the game look amazing but it plays like a dream, with a choice of three power slide settings and some meaty cars to throw around.

### Multiplayer verdict

Ridge Racer 64 is as fast as lightning in two player mode, but things get a bit murky and slow when there are three or four of you playing. Trackside detail tends to suffer, too. It's a shame 'cos it could have been better.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✗  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## South Park Rally

PRICE £39.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

It's a kart racing game that rewrites the rule book by not having a set route or a chequered flag. Instead, you win South Park Rally by completing certain tasks.

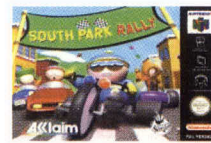
### Why it rocks

It doesn't even try to be a Mario Kart 64 or Diddy Kong Racing clone. Looks very different, with all of South Park's distinctive humour and top graphics.

### Multiplayer verdict

Really comes into its own when you're playing with your mates. Corking fun with bad language and top multiplayer karting action. It's very fast and has blinding handling. We recommend you buy this.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓

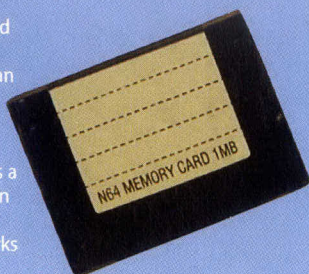


### 1 meg

#### Logic 3

£5.99

Very cheap and surprisingly reliable. You can also get a 256k pak for an incredible £2.99, which is a total bargain in anyone's language. Works okay, too!



### 256k

#### Gameter

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The same capacity as the official pak but this one's as cheap as chips. Reliable enough to save your most precious games. If you've got a bit of money to throw around, there's a 1 meg card for £7.99.



### 1 meg

#### Joytech

£9.99

It's red and it saves your game data. It's a generally reliable memory card, and we think a tenner is a decent price for a meg's worth of data storage. A very wise choice for gamers in the know.





## Star Wars Episode 1 Racer

PRICE £49.99 PLAYERS 1-2 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

They've made an entire game based on the awesome pod racing scene in The Phantom Menace. Super fast racers and loads of futuristic courses.

### Why it rocks

Like Rogue Squadron, Episode One Racer really manages to capture the spirit of the Star Wars films, as well as delivering an adrenaline charged experience.

### Multiplayer verdict

There's only a two player mode, but because of that it's whippet quick. The futuristic space pods you get to choose from look ace, and the multiplayer courses are as good as the one player mode. Plays just like the Star Wars film.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## 1080° Snowboarding

PRICE £29.99 PLAYERS 1-2 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

It's a snowboarding game, and a rockin' one at that. Combines jaw dropping graphics with ice cool gameplay. And with plenty of options, it's a quality title.

### Why it rocks

The grinding soundtrack fits the action perfectly and, unlike other snowboarding games, you actually feel as if you're in full control of your 'board.

### Multiplayer verdict

Okay, so there might not be a four player mode to thrash out with your mates, but there is a very fast two player. It's a wicked laugh and makes a welcome change to car or kart racing. Try it out if you fancy a change!

EXPANSION PAK ✗  
MEMORY PAK ✗  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Star Wars Rogue Squadron

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

It's the Star Wars game everyone wanted to be ace, and it is! Control cool vehicles, from X-Wings to Airspeeders, in action packed Star Wars missions.

### Why it rocks

From the famous scrolling story at the start to the booming Star Wars music, this game is the real deal and as close to the films as a video game could get.

### Best bit

As your spacecraft swoops down over Tatoine, you'll notice Luke Skywalker's house and Jabba's Palace, and from that moment on you'll know that this is going to be one wicked game. May the Force be with you, Nintendooids.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✗  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Tarzan

PRICE £39.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

Fab Disney tie in that's an action packed side scrolling treat of a platformer. Play as young and adult Tarzan as you save the jungle from Clayton the hunter.

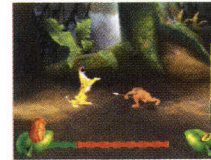
### Why it rocks

It's a fantastic looking game and the side scrolling levels are a welcome change to the wide open spaces of 3D platformers. It's easy to control Tarzan, too.

### Best bit

Being chased by the rampaging herd of elephants is great fun, although keeping one step ahead of them is easier said than done. And when you get the hang of swinging from tree to tree it's just so cool.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Super Mario 64

PRICE £29.99 PLAYERS 1 GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

Super Mario 64 changed the way we thought about platformers when it first came out, and it still rocks even now. As ever, it's Mario against the wicked Bowser.

### Why it rocks

It takes all the character and charm of earlier Mario games and injects them with some 3D platform fun. Amazing mini games, secret areas and puzzles.

### Best bit

Turning on the machine and seeing Mario's world in 3D for the first time is an unforgettable feeling, especially when you're walking around Peach's castle. It looks so real that you feel as if you're actually inside the game.

EXPANSION PAK ✗  
MEMORY PAK ✗  
RUMBLE PAK ✗



## Tony Hawk's Skateboarding

PRICE £39.99 PLAYERS 1-2 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

It's skateboarding and it's mental! Pull phat tricks on a variety of levels, from shopping centres to school yards. Tons of tricks to learn, loads of fun.

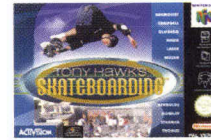
### Why it rocks

Without spot on controls this game would have been dire, but luckily it plays like a dream with intuitive controls that keep you incredibly close to the action.

### Multiplayer verdict

Tony Hawk's Skateboarding has some really original multiplayer options, including Graffiti mode where objects are sprayed with your colour if you do a trick on them. Hard to get, so try second hand shops or look in bargain bins.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Super Smash Bros.

PRICE £44.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 90%

### The lowdown

The Nintendo all stars forget their cutesy image for a moment and start bashing each other to a pulp. One of the most playable beat 'em ups ever seen on N64.

### Why it rocks

Aside from fighting all your favourite characters, the speed of the game is electric. There are loads of wild fighting moves and awesome interactive arenas.

### Multiplayer verdict

Without a doubt, this is the best beat 'em up you can buy for Nintendo 64 'cos you can choose from all your Nintendo faves! It's great to duke it out with Mario and beat up little Pikachu! He deserves the punishment!

EXPANSION PAK ✗  
MEMORY PAK ✗  
RUMBLE PAK ✗



## Turok 2

PRICE £39.99 PLAYERS 1-4 GAME SCORE 94%

### The lowdown

Yet more dino crunchin' mayhem, with some of the goriest and scariest fragging to be found on N64. Some of the monsters you'll encounter are simply staggering.

### Why it rocks

It's a huge game, make no mistake, and there's seldom a moments break from the monsters' attacks, leaving you twitching away like a mad man.

### Multiplayer verdict

At the time of release, Turok 2 Seeds of Evil was considered amongst the best multiplayer games the N64 had to offer. Now it looks a wee bit dated, so you might prefer to go for Rare's Perfect Dark or Goldeneye 007.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## STEERING WHEELS

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This wheel offers excellent handling and it's got an awesome built in rumble effect. All the buttons are easy to reach and the whole thing feels very sturdy.



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This wheel will fit on your lap and it won't fall off. The pedals feel particularly good, while the handling is spot on. A good all round wheel.



## Turok Rage Wars

■ PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 93%

### The lowdown

It's a Turok game especially designed for multiplayer frapping. Packed with amazing arenas, kick ass weapons and really gross looking baddies.

### Why it rocks

The game is designed for playing with your mates so, unlike in some other first person shooters, Turok Rage Wars is smooth and slick in four player mode.

### Multiplayer verdict

To die for! There are some brilliant ideas, such as choosing a series of arenas so that, as soon as one battle finishes, you're transported to the next level. Easy to control and packed with monsters that'll make you poo your pants.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## TWINE

■ PRICE £39.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 92%

### The lowdown

Based on the Bond film of the same name, this is a first person shooter that plays and looks very much like Goldeneye 007, even though it's not made by Rare.

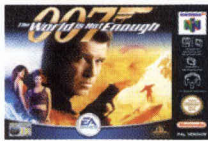
### Why it rocks

TWINE is an amazing playing experience with gorgeous locations, superb animations and some of the best missions you'll ever see in a shoot 'em up.

### Multiplayer verdict

Okay, so TWINE's not quite a Joanna Dark beater, but it's still able to hold its head up high. The downsides are that it doesn't have many playing options, the visuals are a little basic and it can feel quite slow sometimes.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## WWF Attitude

■ PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 91%

### The lowdown

It's a jam packed grapple fest that perfectly captures the world of WWF wrestling. Tons of options, mountains of wrestlers and multiplayer fun guaranteed!

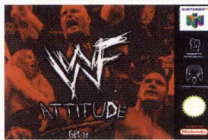
### Why it rocks

Although WWF No Mercy may look better, WWF Attitude is still a very capable wrestling sim. Its Create a Wrestler mode is strong, as is the grapplin' gameplay.

### Multiplayer verdict

WWF Attitude is a red hot wrestling sim, with a mountain of different moves to use and wrestler animations that are smooth and fluid. Almost as good as WWF No Mercy. Pin, pummel and tie your opponent.

EXPANSION PAK ✗  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✗



## WWF No Mercy

■ PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4 ■ GAME SCORE 96%

### The lowdown

It's WWF, so you just know it's full of superstars, all bearing an incredible likeness to the real thing. In fact, the game does its best to mirror the real deal.

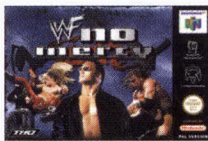
### Why it rocks

With even more characters to control, it's the best wrestling game by a long chalk. Great to look at and the different options add loads of lastability.

### Multiplayer verdict

Tons of new options will keep you and your pals coming back for more. With the addition of Ladder Matches and the hilarious Guest Referee mode, WWF No Mercy really delivers the best multiplayer playing experience.

EXPANSION PAK ✓  
MEMORY PAK ✓  
RUMBLE PAK ✓



## Who's who?

Being a relative of one of the most famous video game characters ever created isn't easy, but Diddy Kong takes it all in his stride.



### Who is he?

There have been many heated arguments in gaming circles as to whether Diddy is Donkey Kong's son or nephew. Either way, Diddy's the third generation of the Kong Clan, following in the huge footsteps of Cranky and Donkey.

### When did he make his debut?

Diddy Kong first appeared on the Super NES in the classic platformer Donkey Kong Country. He featured in a title of his own when Diddy Kong Racing came to the Nintendo 64 in 1997 and he was also a playable character in Donkey Kong 64.

### He's not the only Kong relative, is he?

Since Rare got hold of the Donkey Kong licence, the number of Kongs has grown and grown. Joining Cranky and Donkey are Kongs such as Funky and Candy, as well as numerous friends such as Rambi and Enguarde. Expect more on the GameCube.

### And where's Diddy going next?

He'll be the first of the Kongs to hit the Game Boy Advance in Diddy Kong Pilot. It's a racing title that takes place in cute aeroplanes. The game uses tilt technology to steer the craft, so you'll have to move your GBA around to control our hairy hero.



### Shock 2

■ Guillemot ■ £39.99

A classy looking wheel, with very responsive handling. The pedals are okay, though not as good as the Formula Race Pro. But it's a great price.



### V3 FX Racing Wheel

■ Interact ■ £59.99

It's a top wheel although it's not as widely available as we'd like. But if you do find it you'll be impressed with its rumble effect and precise controls.



### Race 64 Compact

■ Guillemot ■ £49.99

It's got Formula One style gear changing paddles, so you don't need pedals. It also clamps to a table so it's dead stable as you bomb round corners.



## Zelda Majora's Mask

PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1 ■ GAME SCORE 96%

### The lowdown

More time travelling fun and games with Link, and again it's equal parts exploring, solving puzzles, meeting people and fighting. Learn new songs, too.

### Why it rocks

Many thought this game would not be able to touch Ocarina of Time, but it silenced its critics with an adventure as engaging and compelling as before.

### Best bit

Trying out the Deku Scrub Mask is a great moment, as is stopping the moon crashing down. With so many new masks to try on and songs to learn it's hard to find just one best bit, but beating the evil boss Gyorg felt good.

EXPANSION PAK  
MEMORY PAK  
RUMBLE PAK

✓  
✗  
✓



## Zelda Ocarina of Time

PRICE £49.99 ■ PLAYERS 1



### The lowdown

Link stars in an adventuring RPG, set in the mythical land of Hyrule. The aim of his amazing quest is to defeat Ganondorf and save the lovely Princess Zelda.

### Why it rocks

Ocarina of Time is considered by many to be the greatest video game ever made and, with a story that sucks you in and engaging combat, it's hard to disagree.

### Best bit

Completing this adventure is an impressive feat in its own right, but for sheer spine tingling greatness it has to be the moment you time travel for the first time and see Link as an adult. It's just like a fairy tale!

GAME SCORE

97%

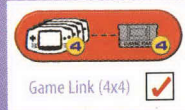
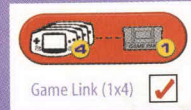


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## Ecks Vs. Sever

**They said that first person shooters wouldn't work on the GB Advance. They were wrong.**

PRICE £29.99 ■ PLAYERS 1-4



### The lowdown

An espionage thriller where you choose to play Ecks, a government operative, or Sever, a member of the rogue NSA organisation. You then embark on a daring mission to stop your opponent in their tracks.

### Why it rocks

Any fan of first person shooters will love this. The game contains just the right amount of stealth and shooting while the missions are well designed and varied.

### Multiplayer verdict

The fact that you can choose different characters puts it ahead of Doom in the multiplayer stakes. Ecks loses none of its speed when linked up and it's great fun.

GAME SCORE

90%



## Sales chart

### Top 10

1. Pokémon Stadium 2
2. Mario Kart
3. Mario Party 3
4. Tony Hawk's 2
5. Banjo Tooie
6. Pokémon Stadium
7. Perfect Dark
8. Conker's Bad Fur Day
9. TWINE
10. Majora's Mask



▲ Still battling to hold on to that top slot, it's all 251 of the Pokémon. Are you king of the castle yet, or still struggling in the lower ranks?

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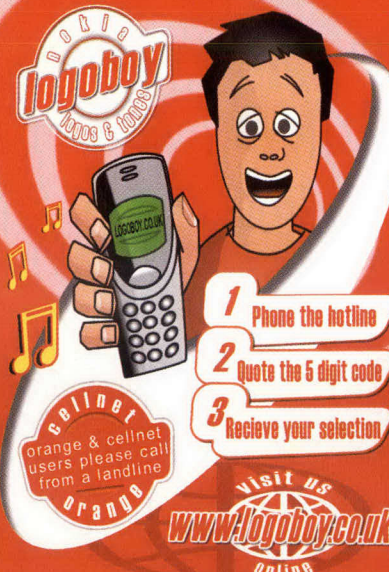
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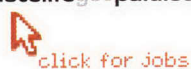
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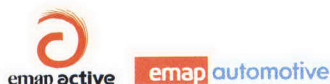
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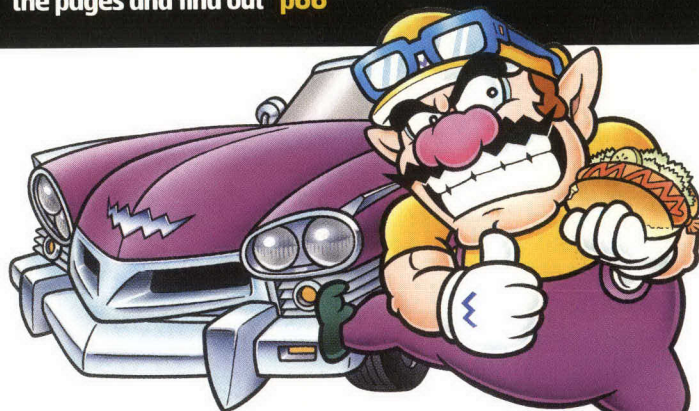
Mario's nemesis is back in his very own Game Boy Advance adventure. If you're stuck in Wario's cool game, check out our guide p68

## Wario Land 4

### First ever tips for this GBA platforming classic!

There are loads of bright and colourful platform quests on the GB Advance, but none of them comes close to the quality of Wario Land 4. It's another work of Nintendo genius which should be in every GBA fan's collection.

Even the soundtrack is awesome and in each level you can collect CDs which can be played in the sound room. This month we're going to give you the locations of each CD in the Emerald Passage. Look out for CDs in other levels and stay tuned to NOM for more locations in a future issue.



▲ In Palm Tree Paradise, the CD is hidden in the last cave before the Portal Switch. Just walk right through the wall from the bottom wooden platform.



▲ In Wildflower Fields, float up through the gap at the beginning then go left into the clouds. Go up as high as you can and then left. The CD you're looking for is at the top.



▲ The CD in Mystic Lake is also at the start but you need to press the Portal Switch first. On your way back, smash through the block to the left of the first door.



▲ In Monsoon Jungle, smash the block on the floor in the large open area where enemies throw apples. In the cave, go left and smash another block...

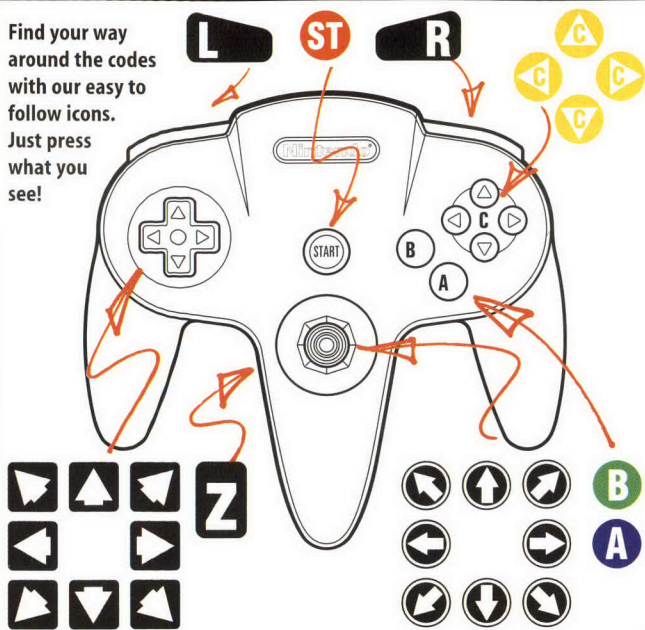


▲ ... now pound the floor to make the hammer guy jump up the platforms. Get hit to turn into Bouncy Wario and spring up through the gap to a secret area to find the CD.



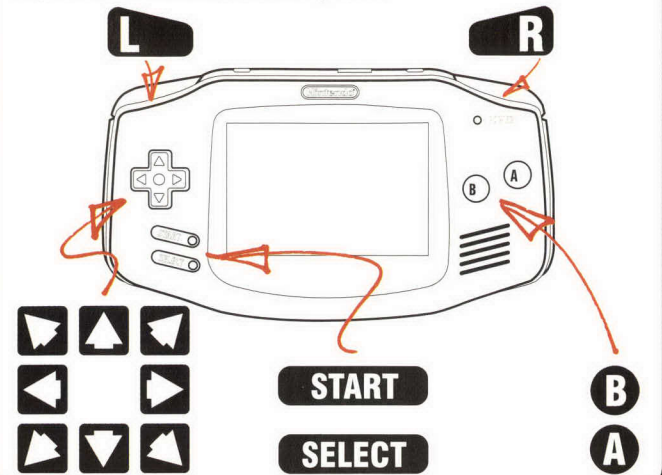
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Find your way around the codes with our easy to follow icons. Just press what you see!



## GB Advance Controller Icons

If you've got a Game Boy Advance, find your way around the codes with our easy to follow icons. Just press what you see!



## Ecks Vs. Sever

First ever tips for this super cool GBA blaster!



The missions in this great shooter are really tough. Without my level passwords you'll have a lot of trouble getting to the end of the game.

If you like first person shoot 'em ups but want something a little more realistic than Doom, this is the perfect game for you.

You'd better be a good shot though because it certainly isn't an easy game to beat. If a mission is giving you problems, take a glance below to find level passwords for both Ecks and Sever. If you want to see the codes properly, hold your copy of NOM in front of a mirror and all will be revealed.



▲ Even the earlier levels are tricky. If you want to skip to level four, enter the code **EXTREME** for Ecks and **SEVERE** for Sever at the password screen.



▲ If you want to skip to level six, enter the code **EXTREME** for Ecks and **SEVERE** for Sever at the password screen.



▲ To play Ecks' eighth mission in the game, skip out **EXTRA** and you'll jump straight there. **SEVERE** is a tough level.



▲ You can go straight to level ten with Ecks if you enter **EXTRA** and a password. If you enter **SEVERE** you'll play this tough mission.

## Doom

Invincibility, radiation suit and lots more besides.



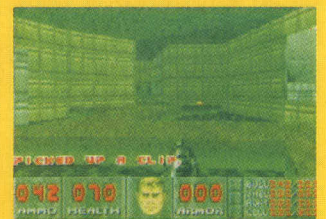
There are monsters waiting to tear you apart in every room you explore in Doom. Don't worry, though! Enter these cheats and you'll be fine.

Despite being as old as the hills, Doom is still amazing fun to play and scary as hell. And now that this classic blaster has appeared on the small Game Boy Advance screen, it's even better.

The hellish enemies you meet in the adventure may start off small and relatively easy to kill but, as the terrifying quest unfolds, the bigger and badder beasts come out to play. But if you're sneaky and you use our cheats, the devil's minions won't stand a chance. Go get them!



▲ The invincibility cheat will make you immune to all enemy attacks. Simply pause, hold **L** and **R** and press **A** five times.



▲ In various levels you'll come across pools of radioactive blood. Pause, hold **L** and **R** and press **A** twice and **A** three times to raise the level.



▲ If you want to skip to level ten, pause, hold **L** and **R** and press **A** three times and **A** three times. This will skip that level for sure!



# Nintendo Top 5 GBA Tips

We thought that Mario Kart would never be beaten but Harry Potter has stormed in and stolen the top spot. Now that's magic!

## Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone



### Flipendo Spell

You'll be taught this spell by Professor Quirrell. This magical power allows you to stun enemies and break containers. It can even move certain things around.



### Transfiguration Spell

You'll learn this useful spell in the Transfiguration lesson. You'll now be able to get rid of bookshelves and other objects to gain access to new switches.

## Mario Kart Super Circuit



### Ghost Valley 1 shortcut

In this secret track from the Super NES game there's a shortcut near the end of the lap. Use a Mushroom to hit the jump at speed and land on the thin path.



### Rainbow Road shortcut

There's a thin pathway to the right of the long straight. Jump to it then, at the other end, turn right and hit the wall to spring forwards and land near the jump ahead.

## Wario Land 4



### Red hot tip for Wario Land 4

In the Wario Hop mini game, listen carefully and you'll notice that the obstacles come out in rhythm with the music. Use this to time your jumps.

## Mario Advance



### Warp to World 6

When you get to the whales in stage 4-2, go left and pick a potion plant. Take it right past the final door and drop in near the vase. Go to sub space and down vase.

## Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2

### All levels and money

Pause the game, hold **R** and press **B, A, X, Y, B, X, A, B, A, X, X**. The pause screen will shake if you enter the code correctly. Now you'll have access to all the levels and your money will be maxed out. Now there's no excuse not to catch some radical air, dude!



# Classic Corner

## Mario Golf

Despite its cuddly looks, sickly music and cutesy characters, Mario Golf has incredible physics and playing the game is much like taking part in the real sport. If you want to be sinking birdies every single time you'll need to understand which clubs to use, how to put spin on the ball and how to react to the changing weather conditions. Stick with us now as we're going to rattle through some tips to help you make the perfect shot.



▲ If you want to hit the ball far, woods are the most effective. However, the ball won't get much height with these clubs and aiming the shot is slightly harder.



▲ Iron clubs are great for hitting the ball high. Use them to get out of traps and over trees. If the wind is blowing your way, use a two iron for a very long shot.



▲ Putting spin on the ball can give your shots the extra edge they need in different weather conditions and situations. Try to get really good at this and you'll be unbeatable.



▲ The most useful types of spin are top and back spin. Top spin is good against the wind, while back spin can get you over nearby trees but the ball will be at the mercy of air currents.



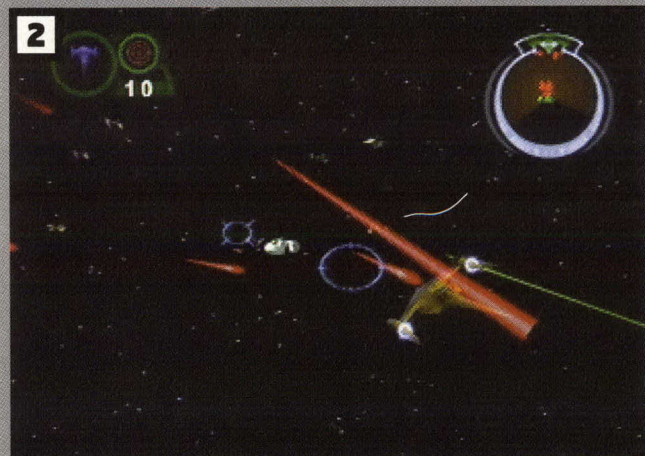
# Most Requested

## Star Wars Battle for Naboo

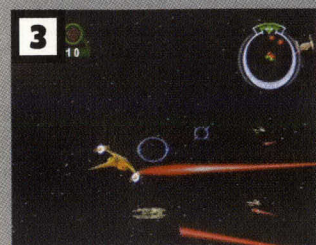
Of all the Star Wars games on the N64 this is one of the hardest, forcing readers to write to us in despair. There are loads of cool dogfights in the game but the trickiest one of all is the final confrontation in the Battle for Naboo mission. Check out our super fighting tactics...



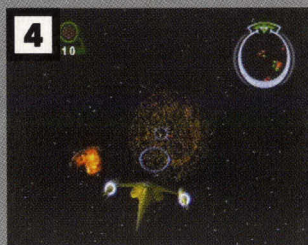
▲ This is the final battle from the film so expect the enemies to be highly skilled pilots. Stay in formation on the approach and get ready for the swarms.



▲ Soon you'll pick up enemy aircraft on your radar and be attacked by well over 30 ships. Aim for the pack and fire a few shots, then take evasive action.



▲ You're vastly outnumbered but it's a lot easier to take on the fighters when they split up. Fly up high out of the mayhem and wait for them to divide.



▲ When they break up, seize your opportunity to attack smaller packs. Also, use your brakes to slow down and aim at your target before you fire.

## It's your choice

Being the only official Nintendo magazine in the UK, we want to bring you the best codes for the games you play every month. If you would like some tips for an N64 game, old or new, let us know by sending in a letter to Most Requested at the usual address.

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# Your Tips

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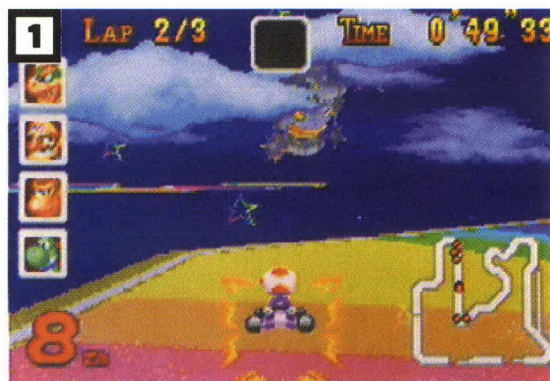
## Mario Kart Super Circuit

**WARIO'S WINNER**  
Harry Orlans,  
Liverpool

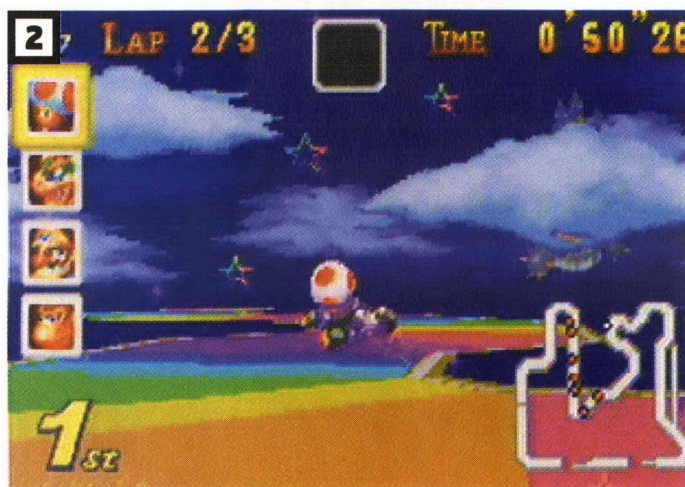
Race winning tips to keep you in pole position

Mario Kart Super Circuit is an awesome title for race fans of all ages. However, crank up the difficulty to 150CC and it's a game for experts only.

Rainbow Road can be an incredibly tough course as it doesn't have many barriers around the edges of the track to stop you from falling off. But thanks to a great shortcut discovered by Harry, crossing the line in first place is a lot easier!



◀ When approaching the early hairpin, straighten up your kart half way through the bend and use a speed mushroom to hit the jump bar to the left.



▲ You'll be launched into the air and, if you do it right, you should land on the track ahead. This wicked shortcut slices nearly a third off the lap. Now you can't lose!

## Legend of Zelda Majora's Mask

**WARIO'S WINNER**  
Joshua Walsh,  
Leicester

A sneaky lottery trick for Link to try

Link has to make good use of every item he can get his hands on to retrieve Majora's Mask in his last Nintendo 64 adventure.

These items don't come easy, though, and our hero in green has to buy many of them. If you're running low on Rupees the lottery is a sound way of topping up the wallet. But what are the winning numbers...?



▲ There's a lottery held in Clock Town with a 50 Rupee prize for the lucky winner. Enter with any numbers then wait for the draw later in the day.



▲ Write down the numbers that are drawn, then warp back in time. Now place your entry with these numbers and, bingo!, you'll get the cash.

## Mario Kart Super Circuit

**WARIO'S WINNER**  
Thomas Munro,  
Inverness

A cool Red Shell tip which you might not know

Without a doubt, Mario Kart Super Circuit features the best and most imaginative weapons ever seen in a comedy racing game.

Each weapon can be used in various ways depending on whether you're in first place or bringing up the rear, but the Red Shells are our faves.



▲ If you hold **Z** while pressing **B** to use a Red Shell, it will drop behind you, wait for the next racer and hit them. This is a great tactic if you're leading the race.



## Your questions answered

Nintendo make the best games, but they don't make them easy. If you're stuck in a game, send your query to the usual address and we'll do our best to solve the toughest problems.



### Legend of Zelda Majora's Mask

You have to help me! I'm in the Stone Tower and I need the Light Arrows but I don't know how to get them. What should I do?

Kieran Wilson, Devon

■ You'll be given the Light Arrows in this temple when you defeat the mini boss, Garo Master. Until then, use your Mirror Shield to reflect beams of light.



▲ The room with the sun block and lots of mirrors is where most people get stumped. First, turn into Goron Link and punch away parts of the large pillar.



▲ This will uncover a light pillar. This is when the Mirror Shield comes in handy. Use your shiny shield to reflect the light onto the mirrors in the room.



▲ The longer you shine beams on the mirrors, the longer they give out light afterwards. Reflect the light onto each of the mirrors and the sun block.



▲ The block will disappear and you can continue to the next room. Just ahead is the mini boss. Beat him and the Light Arrows are yours. Good luck, adventurers!

### Legend of Zelda Ocarina of Time

My brother and I have a problem. We don't know how to get to the boss in the Forest Temple. Please could you help us out? Please!

Vicki Wood, Lincolnshire

■ We haven't played this quest for a long time, but we're still convinced that it's the best game ever released. Goldeneye is incredible, but Zelda has a magical atmosphere that no other game can match. Anyway, Vicki, this is still a common problem, even after all this time. The last room before the boss has a single opening in the wall, but the trick is that you can turn the wall to position the archway and give yourself access to other doors and switches.



▲ When you get into the basement room near the boss, iron bars block the door. Push the pillars on the outside of the room to move the opening to where you want it.



▲ This will give you access to two switches. Press them both to get rid of those bars. Now push the opening round to the boss door and enter.

### Pokémon Stadium

Please help me, NOM! I have tried many times to find Mew in Pokémon Stadium but I don't know where to find her. Can you tell me, please...?

Nathan Naylor, Grimsby

■ Sure we can, Nathan. If you're not lucky enough to own an exclusive Mew in a Game Boy adventure, then you can only use this beastie as a Rental in Pokémon Stadium's Round Two mode. Complete Round One to open up this new option and you will be able to rent Mew in the Prime Cup! She's a little cutie and dead powerful.



▲ Beat Mewtwo in Round One mode after completing all of the Stadium and Gym Leader Castle battles to unlock the Round Two mode. Now you can rent the super rare Mew.

## Write in!

Hands up who wants to win some top Nintendo gear?

It's easy! Just drop us a line with your top tip, answer to a question or a new way to play and you could be the proud owner of an awesome Nintendo prize. Write to us at...

**Your Tips, NOM, Angel House, 338-346 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7QP.**

## New Ways To Play!

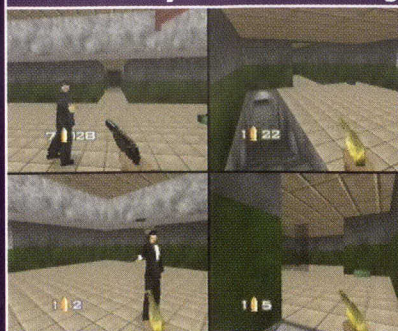
Some Nintendo classics are just so good that it's a shame to pack them away once you've finished with them.

### Super Mario Advance POW attack



- Four player link up game, Mario Classic. Form two teams.
- Turn on all handicaps, set them to maximum and turn the fireballs off. Start the game.
- Players go to the four corners of the arena. Top two try to destroy the bottom POW block and defend their own.
- Other team attack the upper POW. The first team to destroy the other POW without losing theirs wins the game.

### Goldeneye 007 The Fugitive



- Start a four player deathmatch in Library with Golden Guns. Three players choose Ourumov, Boris and Valentin. These are the guards.
- The other player is Bond with a PP7. The guards are armed with Golden Guns.
- Bond starts in the centre of the library. He must get to an exit, kill the guard and escape.
- Ourumov and Boris guard exits, Valentin hunts Bond.

But you don't need to! Discover a new way to play your fave title, send the idea to us and you may see it printed here. You might even win a prize!



# Your Scores



**We know you're the best, you know you're the best, so why not prove it...? Official Nintendo 64 Controller Pads go to the top scoring gamers.**

## This month's tough challenges

### 01

#### ISS GBA

**Biggest winning margin, any team Vs. any opposition. Level three difficulty, five minute match time.**

Score goals and keep the ball out of your net.  
**HINT! Pick a good team and don't link up with a mate and blast them in. That's unfair.**



▲ Thrash the opposition and run up a huge score.

### 02

#### Pokémon Stadium 2

**Clear Cut mini game, highest score.**

Take Pokémon Scyther out to the log chopping competition and see how good you are.

**HINT! This is a really tough Pokémon challenge. You'll need fantastic timing to get a good score here so concentrate hard.**



▲ It's Scyther's turn in this month's N64 challenge.

## This month's results in full

### Pokémon Stadium 2 (N64)

Gutsy Golbat mini game, highest score.

Tim Wilson is the gutsiest of them all with this stonking Stadium score.

#### TOP BANANA

**Tim Wilson, Aberdeen 16**

**02 Hannah Jones, Bexhill 15**

**02 Martin Piper, Sidcup 15**

**02 James Watnall, Hull 15**

**05 Stuart Francis, Skipton 14**

### Super Street Fighter II (GBA)

Highest score on Arcade mode, no continues, any fighter, any speed.

David Smith beats off the competition with this super street fighting score.

#### TOP BANANA

**David Smith, Truro 572,100**

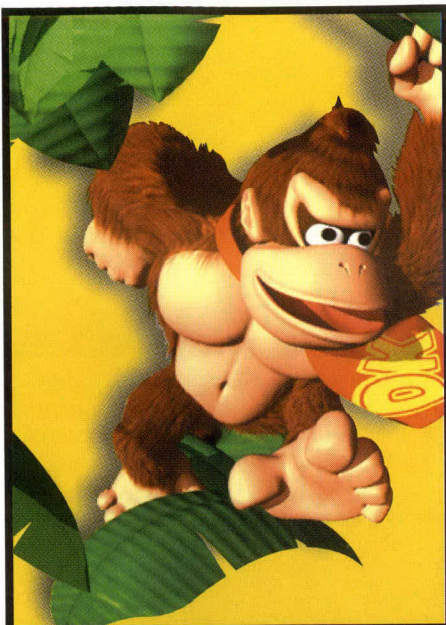
**02 Mark Sanchez, Putney 565,900**

**03 Peter Clarke, Coventry 563,700**

**04 Dan Madison, Billericay 561,200**

**05 Fraser Dunn, Perth 558,400**





## Oi, cheaters. No!

All these tough Nintendo challenges are set for true gamers. However, we still get entries from filthy cheaters every month.

These include American and Japanese racing game entries. You can't use any codes to help you get good scores unless we say you can. Sneaky cheaters MAY get away with it, but do you really want to risk wasting your time and being disqualified? We thought not.

## What to do

You can enter any of the challenges you see on this page, including the league tables. If you fancy your chances at fame and fortune, here's what you do...

- 1 Pick your challenge, slam in the game and get your high score or time.
- 2 Take a picture of the screen with no flash. Taking it at an angle with the curtains drawn will help. Or videotape your entry.
- 3 Write your name, address and score both on the photo or video tape and on a separate piece of paper.
- 4 Tell us how you scored your best time. We may well print your top tip.
- 5 Also, pop in a recent snap of you looking daft.
- 6 Now post it to...

**Your Scores, NOM,  
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- 7 Buy the mag to see if you've made it into our Hall of Fame.
- 8 Blag about your victory until you alienate all of your friends.

## Points win prizes!

If your score comes top of one of our leagues you'll win a fantastic official Nintendo 64 Controller Pad to add to your collection.

# Mega Challenge!

Get your zombie blasting head on and grab a Plasma rifle. It's Doom time and we're recruiting the best.

## Go to hell!

First person shooters don't get any more frantic or scarier than Doom. And now that this adventure's on GB Advance we thought we'd set you a hell beast blasting Mega Challenge.

### What you have to do...

To get into our Mega Challenge final you need to get the fastest time on Dis, the final stage. Difficulty level should be set to Hey Not Too Rough. Take out the Barons, then tackle the Cacodemons before finally escaping from the bowels of Hell. If you think you're really good you can charge past the enemies, but you might get a nasty surprise!

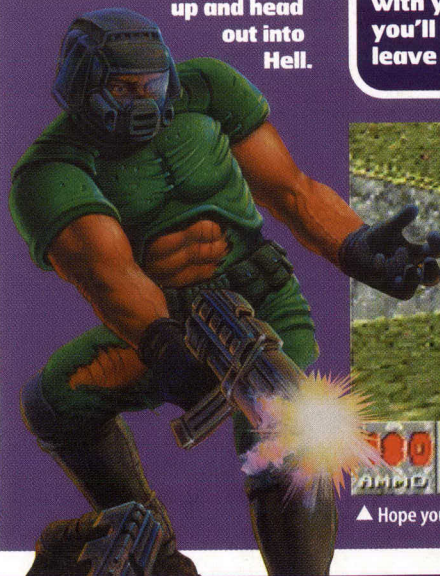


## The Mega Challenge final

Only those who finish in the top four will make it to the final. The fastest Doom blasters will be invited up to NOM Towers for a vicious deathmatch to end all deathmatches. If you want to be in with a shout, then get that gun warmed up and head out into Hell.

Killing the four Barons in the first room is the toughest part. Try to use the Plasma rifle for this bit, but make sure you keep your distance from those mutants.

Remember to include a phone number with your entry. If we can't contact you you'll forfeit your place in the final. And leave Saturday March 9, 2002 free.



▲ Hope you don't scare easily or you'll have trouble with this challenge.

## Closing date and rules

- The closing date for this Mega Challenge is **Friday February 8, 2002.**
- The Mega Challenge Final will take place on **Saturday March 9, 2002.**
- For the Mega Challenge final itself, we set the rules! The final will take place on a Doom GB Advance multiplayer setting of our choice.
- Finalists who cannot make the stated date for the last showdown will be disqualified and their place will be given to the fifth place contestant.
- The decision of the magazine is always final, so there!

In the event of a tie, the names will be placed in a vat of dog food and the first name that the office mutt picks out will be attending the final.



# Wario Land 4

Wario's spied the opportunity to blag some big bucks in an ancient pyramid and you've got to help him. Here's our guide to the ruins...



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### Treasure hunting tips...

- ✓ Special abilities
- ✓ Jewel pieces found
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## Where's Wario

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**WE SAID** "Wario Land 4 has gone down a storm in Japan and there's no reason to think that he won't have the same impact over here."



## Wario power

There are loads of enemies which must be avoided in Wario Land 4.

However, certain attacks won't sap Wario's health but instead change our hero's form in some way, giving him new abilities. You'll need to know how to make use of all of Wario's guises to get through the game.



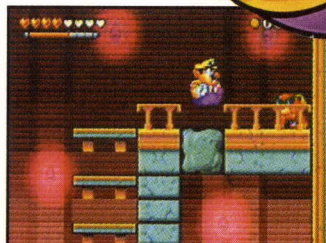
### Puffy Wario

Wario's head puffs up when he's stung or hit with an arrow. In this form Wario will float upwards. You can use his balloon head to get to higher places, but you'll need to clear a path first. You deflate if you hit the roof.



### Bouncy Wario

If you're hit by a hammer you'll turn into a powerful spring. Hit **A** and Wario will shoot up with incredible speed. This ability can be used to reach higher platforms which are obstructed by breakable blocks.



### Fat Wario

You'll occasionally come across some enemies who throw apples at Wario. If Wario eats one he'll instantly bulge out, allowing him to jump on blocks and break them. This ability can even destroy the strong blue blocks.



### Vampire Bat Wario

Touch a fluttering bat and Wario will be transformed into one, too. Now he has complete freedom of flight. But there's one drawback... Wario will return to normal if he makes contact with a shaft of bright light.



### Snowball Wario

In some areas snow will fall from the ceiling. If any of this drops on Wario he'll transform into a giant snowball. Stand on a slope to send him rolling! Blocks with snow symbols on them can only be broken when in this form.



### Zombie Wario

Wario will become a zombie if he's hit by Cractus' drool or shot by a ghost. He may be slow in this form but, if Wario stands on a thin platform and jumps, he'll fall through. This allows easy access to concealed areas!



### Frozen Wario

Certain levels are patrolled by apes who spit ice bubbles. If they hit Wario he'll freeze and slide along until he hits a wall. There's no real use for this form but enemies can't hurt Wario while he's frozen solid.



### Flat Wario

There are various ways in which Wario can be flattened. This might not sound so good but, in his squashed form, Wario's able to squeeze through tight spaces and jump over small pits.



### Flaming Wario

If Wario touches fire he'll burst into flames and run around in a panic. While running he can smash through blocks which display the fire symbol. You may need to jump while running to reach certain fire blocks.



### Bubble Wario

If you see a bubble while swimming under water, paddle into it and Wario will become trapped inside. Although you don't have control over him he'll not be affected by currents, allowing you to travel across perilous waters.



# Emerald Passage

## Palm Tree Paradise

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ The first of the four lush levels in Emerald Passage is incredibly basic and simple to complete. From the start, head right using Wario's shoulder attack to smash the blocks in front of you. You'll soon find the first jewel piece. Easy, eh?



▲ Jump on the heads of the Spear Mask enemies that you see wandering around. Attacking them from the front will hurt you badly, so don't even bother trying. Continue heading to the right until you find the second valuable jewel piece.



▲ Keep smashing the blocks along this path until you reveal a hidden door. Enter this portal and climb the ladders to discover the third jewel piece. In the room above this useful item, hit the block to get the diamond you need.



▲ Go back outside and then head right into the cave you see. Climb the series of wooden platforms and the final jewel piece is to the left. Now you should have all four! To the left of that jewel you'll find a secret passage. Remember this for later.



▲ Afterwards, exit the cave. Eat the apples which are being thrown at you to transform into Fat Wario. Jump and smash the weak part of the floor near the palm tree. Drop down the hole, hit switch and go back up. Grab Keyzer.



▲ After grabbing Keyzer, go left and into the pipe above you. At the top, throw the little scientist off the side and then head through the small stones for an extra diamond. Exit this room and continue right to the Portal Switch.

### Escaping Palm Tree Paradise



▲ When you hit the Portal Switch you'll be given one and a half minutes to escape. Don't panic! This is more than enough time to get back to the Portal. Run fast with the Dash Attack and you'll be out of danger in no time at all.



▲ Continue sprinting to the left, jumping any walls that get in your way. When you get to the cave, jump the wooden platforms and run straight into the wall. It'll fade away and let you through. Keep going until you escape.

## Wildflower Fields

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ First let one of those Beezleys sting you, then drift up through the gap in the platform above for some extra goodies. Then head right as far as you can go and climb up the vines to the top.



▲ Use the long drop to the right to pick up speed for a butt smash attack and destroy the blocks on the floor. Drop down into cave below. Go down, then climb platforms to the left and enter door.

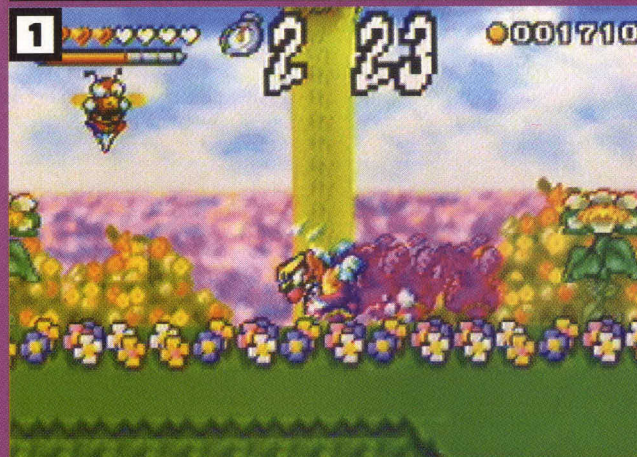


▲ Swim left, then up into the strong current and right at the split. You'll see a piece of the jewel. Go through door you see, into water and swim to another door. Drop down to the right for a jewel piece.



▲ Now drop down off the screen and go right. You'll reach the third jewel piece. Continue right, climb the vine ladder and smash attack down to break the block and get to the Portal Switch.

### Escaping Wildflower Fields



▲ This time you'll get two and a half minutes to help Wario escape the level. Drop down and exit this area to the left. Keep running as fast as you can until you get to a wall. Climb up this obstacle and continue going left to the next area.



▲ Wario can now pass through the opening as the Frog blocks have disappeared because you hit the Portal Switch. Take Keyzer. Keep running and you'll find the final jewel piece.



▲ When you get to the wall with the small block in the gap, press down on the slope next to it to roll and smash through. Keep going, drop down and escape through the Portal.



## Mystic Lake

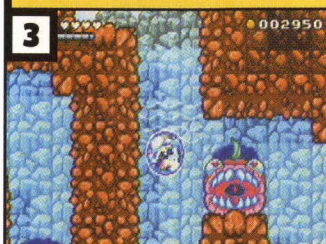
### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Go right, through door and into water. Swim right to next area and up into a small alcove for the first jewel piece. Swim right. Be careful not to get bitten by the monsters in the holes.



▲ Swim up and out of the water and go to the right. In the next area swim through the passages, avoiding the nasty creatures who hide themselves in the darkness. Their bite hurts!

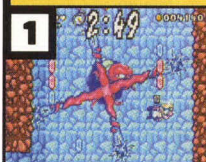


▲ At the third set of bubbles, get into a bubble and float up through the current to a place where you'll find a diamond. At the other end swim up and right, pressing **A** to smash the rocks.



▲ The transparent Frog Blocks you'll see are your ticket to freedom, but you need to hit the Portal Switch first. Head right and you'll find the Switch on dry land, just after the pipe which goes up.

### Escaping Mystic Lake



▲ Three minutes is all you're given this time and you still have two jewel pieces and Keyzer to get. Go into water and swim down. The current will be gone and you can now paddle right.



▲ Swim up carefully so as not to touch the octopus' spikes. Grab Keyzer and swim back out. Go up then left and along the new path of Frog blocks. Make sure to pick up the third jewel piece on your way.



▲ Avoid spiked balls in the next area because even when speeding along they still hurt Wario and you'll lose a lot of coins. Get the last jewel piece, head through door and finish the level.

## Cractus

The boss of this savage passage may only be a plant, but he's far more fearsome than your average dandelion...



▲ You're given four minutes to beat this fiend. First you need to wake him up, so smash his flower pot. Now he will charge at you, so use the ladders to dodge him.



▲ When he hovers low, smash attack his head. He'll soon get mad. Now you must climb the ladders to get above him and jump on his head from there. He won't go low any more.



▲ When he flies off the screen don't wait on a ladder. He'll dribble on you, turning you into a Zombie. If this happens, hit fly to recover. Keep stomping on his head until he dies.

## Monsoon Jungle

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Check out the rain. It looks so cool! Yup, that's Keyzer next to the entrance but you can't get him until you've hit the Portal Switch. Go left across the platforms avoiding the croc.



▲ You'll need good timing to cross the swaying platforms. In the large area, go to the top right and eat the enemy's apple for Fat Wario. Now smash the block in the floor to the right.



▲ Here's the first piece of the jewel. Back in large area, exit at the top left platform. Continue left across the swaying platforms. If you drop into the water, swim low to avoid the crocodile.



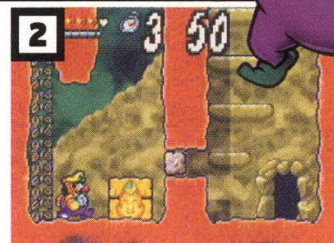
◀ Keep going left as far as you can, then drop down and smash attack the blocks to get to the bottom and the Portal Switch. Go left up ladder. Get spiked and float up for extra goodies.



### Escaping Monsoon Jungle



▲ Run right through the gap that has opened to appear in a large dark cave. Behind the second bunch of blocks that you come to is a door. Smash them all with Wario's dash attack and go inside.



▲ Climb up to the top and drop down to the left to see the third piece of the jewel, then jump attack the small rock to the right and do a crouching leap into the thin gap. Afterwards, go back outside.



▲ Carry on running right until you're back out in the rain and drop down there for the final jewel piece. Now go right, up ladder and left across the platforms. Then go up again to the next area.



▲ Continue climbing up and heading right and it's a one way path to the Portal. Don't forget to use the new platform to get Keyzer at the entrance to the level. You can't progress without him!



# Ruby Passage

## The Curious Factory

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Go right and spin the platform wheel right to get to the upper level. Go down ladder and right for jewel piece then back up ladder and right across gap. Continue right to next wheel.



▲ Climb to the top and exit this area to the left. Go up the conveyor belts and right. Go down ladder and right to find the second of the four jewel pieces. Back up ladder and right to grab Keyzer.



▲ Drop down and break the block on the far right of the room. After long drop, go right and climb back up to get some extra crystals and a diamond. Now go left and back up to previous room.



▲ Climb up the large ladder to the left again and jump right to the second conveyor belt. Drop down to the right and you'll land on a platform with the Portal Switch. Now it's time to get out!

### Escaping The Curious Factory



▲ You've got three and a half minutes to get your butt out of the Curious Factory. Firstly, take the right exit from this room. Go down and grab the third jewel piece. In the next room, drop to the bottom and head right.



▲ In the next room you can either go across the rotating platforms to get the coins or you can drop down and take the easier route. Grab the last part of the jewel and jump into the pipe.



▲ Continue left. Don't bother using the platform wheels any more. Just sprint like crazy! Try not to get flattened by the metal crushers as this wastes time. You'll soon get to the Portal.

## The Toxic Landfill

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ From first platform, follow path of crystals down to the bottom and break the blocks on the right wall. Turn into Fat Wario and smash blocks below the ladder on the left.



▲ After two drops you'll find the first jewel piece. Go through door, then right through next door. Grab jewel piece. Get hit, turn into Bouncy Wario and spring through roof.



▲ Aim to get out through the gap in the roof to the right of the room. Pick up third jewel piece. Dash attack blocks below the jewel piece box for a hidden path to the Portal Switch.

### Escaping The Toxic Landfill



▲ Five minutes are on the timer and one quarter of the jewel is still missing. Eat apples to turn into Fat Wario. Smash through the block to the left. Turn into Bouncy Wario and spring up centre of room.



▲ When you get to the top you should see Keyzer. Now do a smash attack through the gap on the thin platform that you land on. This should position you to get through the blue block at the bottom.



▲ Smash your way through the next room until you get to the ladder. Smash the blocks below you then continue through more blocks in a dash attack. Run right and grab the final jewel piece.



▲ Does this room look familiar? This is the room that you started off in, so all you need to do now is get spiked by an enemy, turn into Puffy Wario and float up to the Portal. That wasn't so hard, was it...?



## 40 Below Fridge

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ As you wander right you have no choice but to go up the ladder and head left as blocks obstruct all other paths. Climb up the conveyor belts and go right. Drop down to next room.



▲ Drop down again. Go right, turn into a snowball and roll right to break the Snowball block. Jump right and go through door. Yay, the first jewel piece! There are several platforms here.



▲ Go along the platform second from bottom and grab Keyzer. Go to the floor above and follow it to door. In this room, if you walk off the screen at one end you'll appear on the other side.



▲ Climb up icy poles to the right to find a platform where snow is falling. Turn into a snowball and roll right. Climb ladder to collect jewel piece. Make your way to the top of this room and turn into a snowball.

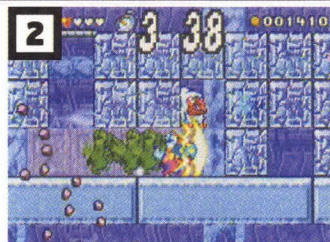


▲ Down to bottom, roll right. You'll stop at a door. Enter, grab jewel piece then drop to bottom and go left for fourth jewel piece. Turn into a snowball at the top and roll left at the bottom to reach the Portal Switch.

### Escaping 40 Below Fridge



▲ You're given four minutes to get out which is plenty of time if you know your way. Go up the ladder to your left, turn into a snowball and roll left. You'll now fall through a few rooms. Smash through blocks.



▲ Continue on to the top of the room and go up ladder to next area. Keep climbing the ladder but watch out for the monkeys spitting ice. When you reach the top you can escape through the open Portal.

## Cuckoo Condor

It's time to pit your wits against an oversized clock. This game certainly has some of the strangest bosses we've ever seen!



▲ You have four minutes to win this brawl. The claw underneath will try to grab you. If it does you'll be squashed into the cogs at the sides of the screen. Move out of the way when the claw drops.



▲ When the claw flashes, attack it to cause damage. When the cog on its right arm or the electricity in its left charge up, get out of the way quickly. This is the start of a lethal attack, so avoid it!

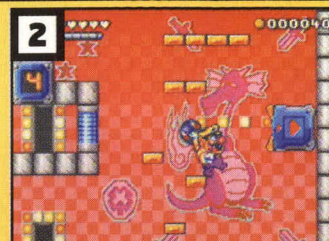
▶ The clock soon explodes revealing a giant, egg dropping bird. Catch eggs and throw them at the small bird at the top to finish him. Kill the chicks that hatch.

## Pinball Zone

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ The start is obvious. Press down on the slope to smash through the little blocks and stop in the next area. Follow the directions given to you in the background and go through the door above.



▲ Here you must throw all balls into blue boxes to open the door. Next, roll right to another door. Before entering, smash blocks to the left for a jewel piece. Next, slam floor to get higher balls. Put in boxes.



▲ In next area, climb across to the left. Enter door to find another room with balls and blue boxes. Slam floor to make the enclosed ball roll into the box. Eat apples and smash blocks to get hidden ball.



▲ Get jewel piece from lower left corner of room, then go through the centre door. From there, roll right. Climb up and right to go through the door. You'll see more balls and boxes. One box is sneakily hidden below the grey floor.



▲ Some of the grey blocks can be smashed to get down. You'll also need to throw a ball through the gap in the right wall to get it in the box there. You'll find the Portal Switch in the next room.

### Escaping Pinball Zone



▲ You've got six minutes to escape and you'll need it because there's a lot to do. In the next room, break the balls free and throw them into the boxes. Exit through door to the left. Grab Keyzer.



▲ The tricky part in the next room is finding all the balls. Use a ball to destroy the blocks trapping two more to the left. Put all balls in boxes and continue. Now follow path to the Portal.

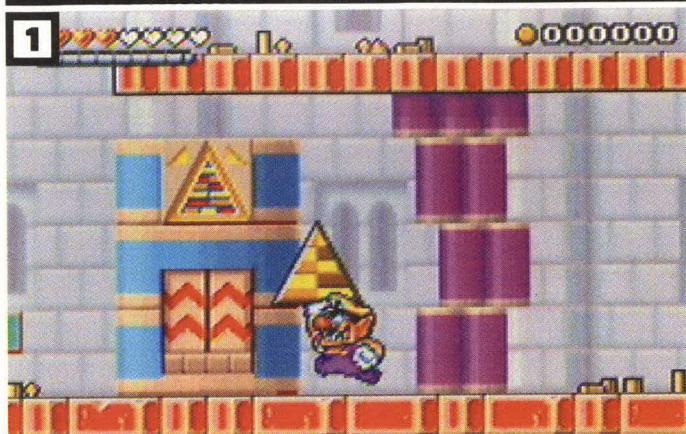




# Topaz Passage

## Toy Block Tower

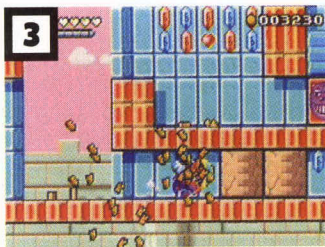
### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Pick up triangle and put it into the hole above the door to unlock it. Enter. Unlock next door with nearby triangle and enter. Grab jewel piece and go through small gap to the right.



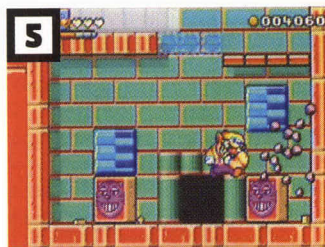
▲ Exit back to previous room, go into top right door. Smash Cat blocks to the right. Stand on blue block to enter door. Get jewel piece and exit. Climb up and roll red ball left. Then head up and through door.



▲ Jump down right. Break all brown blocks and dash attack right into the blue bricks to smash along pathway. Go through door. Touch the flames and run through Fire block. Go right and get burned again.

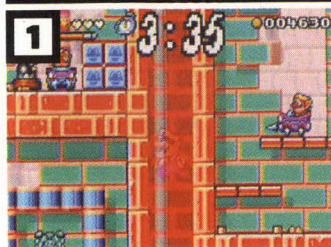


▲ Jump platforms while burning to smash Fire block and get triangle. Unlock door above. Inside, smash both of the left hand Cat blocks and the one in the centre right. Jump up. Pass Keyzer. In door, grab jewel piece.

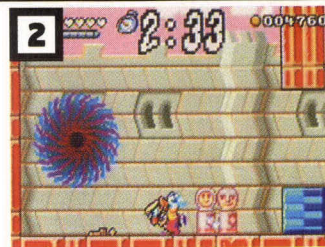


▲ Drop down to the left and smash your way through the blocks to your right. Now you're stuck down here, but don't worry too much. The Portal Switch is here and, when you press it, new platforms appear.

### Escaping Toy Block Tower



▲ You have four minutes to get out. Jump up and exit. In next room, only smash left hand Cat blocks. Climb out, take Keyzer and go down red Pipe. You'll land on the final piece of the jewel. Run left and fall.



▲ Run left and through door. Continue until you fall from door in mid air. Go up the ladder and through the door. Run left and through another door. Now you're outside and the Portal is to your left.

## The Big Board

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Head right until you reach a square with a rotating number. Try to get as high a number as possible. Avoid stopping the cursor at the bottom of the screen on a thunderbolt or grim reaper.



▲ Continue right. Pick up a jewel piece on your way. Drop down gap in next area and go left. Get jewel piece then go back up and right to find another quarter of the jewel in lower part of next area.



▲ Go right, climb up platforms and keep going. Hit the next two revolving blocks and grab the last piece of the jewel. In purple room, hit all rotating number blocks then go through top right door.



▲ Hit two rotating number blocks in this area, then climb up the left wall to the top of the room and go through the door. Use the slope to roll right through the gap and you'll hit the Portal Switch.

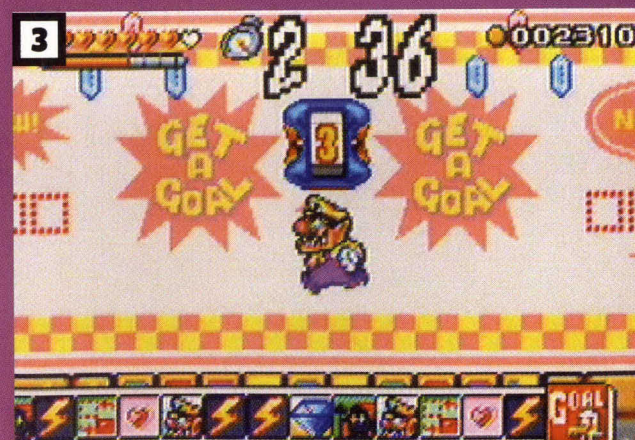
### Escaping The Big Board



▲ In this short level you're given three minutes to find Keyzer and the Portal. Use the newly appeared blocks to get to the door above. In the next room there's a revolving number block.



▲ This block doesn't stop spinning when you hit it. You must use it to get the word GOAL at the bottom of the screen. You'll need to get the right number at the end or the counter will bounce back.



▲ When you get to GOAL the block will vanish and you can smash downwards to get Keyzer. Make your way to the bottom, then go right and out of the door. Now it's a long but straight route left to the Portal.



## Doodle Woods

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ To the right, the blue area above the red platform will disappear if you jump into it and reveal the first piece of the jewel. A pig then appears who paints pictures of enemies that come to life and attack.



▲ Head right, avoiding the pig's doodles as best you can, and then fall down to a lower area. Now go left and into a blue location. Smash the blocks on the red platform in the second blue location to reveal a hidden door.



▲ Get jewel piece inside and exit. Go left and jump down. Head all the way right and climb up, then go to the left. Move up platforms and head right. Smash through the wall of grey blocks. Hit Portal Switch.

### Escaping Doodle Woods



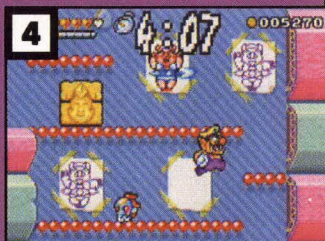
▲ You've a lot to do but you're given six minutes so you should be fine. Follow the arrows and get Keyzer. Roll down the slope to the left. Climb up the platforms and make your way left at the top.



▲ In the red cave, push the blue pencil left to get down. Go left and push purple pencil right to make a platform on other side of the wall. Drop down and push blue pencil left to make another platform.



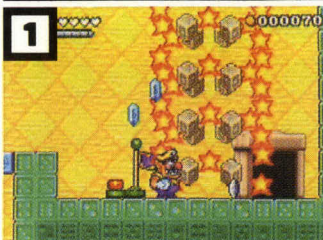
▲ Now climb both pencils to get up, then go right through the gap to get a jewel piece. Go back left and continue upwards. Further up, push the purple pencil right to make a platform. Go up and right, drop.



▲ You'll land on the purple pencil. Jump right and exit. Go down and right, into blue room and get jewel piece to the right. Climb up and left. Now just keep sprinting left to find the Portal.

## Domino Row

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Firstly, press the red button to destroy the wall and enter the door. Now knock down the dominoes and hit the red switch before they do to destroy the wall. Go through the door, then quickly run right to beat the dominoes to red button.



▲ The wall obstructing the first jewel piece will crumble. Grab the jewel piece then go through the door. Drop down and right, then go through next door. Roll right. Follow the path and enter the door in the upper right area.



▲ Now climb up and go through the door. Race the dominoes to the button. Afterwards, drop back down into the water and head left to retrieve the jewel piece. Go through the door above the red button and follow the dominoes.

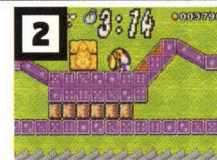


▲ Don't forget to collect your goodies from the top door if you win the race against the dominoes. Afterwards you'll find the Portal Switch in the room on the other side of the lower door. Avoid the spiky fish which swim around in the water.

### Escaping Domino Row



▲ When you hit the switch a four minute count down will begin. Return to and enter the door you came in through and drop down gap. Go either left or down and round to the next door.



▲ Drop down and go through door. Go left. Roll left off slope, jump over gap and smash through small blocks for jewel piece. Roll left again, jump gap and fall to door. Head left and climb up.



▲ Continue retracing your steps back towards the start. Drop down where you see Keyzer to get him. Smash blocks below and go left for the jewel piece. Now go up the red pipe and left to Portal.

## Aerodent

This time you have to deal with an inflated teddy bear and a small mouse. How hard can that be? Well, it's tougher than you think!



▲ Throw one of the spikes you've collected into the bear's bottom to temporarily deflate it. Now hit its flashing feet to turn it over and expose the rodent. Use your jump attack and hit it twice before he retreats.

▲ Once again you have four minutes to defeat this boss. He floats at the top of the screen, throwing metal spikes on parachutes. Jump on them and pick them up.



▲ Running out of time is the main problem with this boss, so buy a strong item to help defeat him quicker. Avoid the fire because it wastes loads of time while Wario runs around in pain. You'll have this licked in no time.



# Sapphire Passage

## Crescent Moon Village

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Climb the platforms and enter the door. Go up ladder and through the next door. Outside, head right ignoring the big ghost. He can hurt you. Go through the door here. Go up to the next floor.



▲ Go to the slope and crouch to send Wario rolling right and through the gap. Turn into a bat and fly under the door ahead to find a jewel piece. Now fly up to go through the door that you see.



▲ You're outside again. Go right and drop down where you see the diamond. Use the dash attack to smash the blocks to your left for a second jewel piece. Run right and enter the door you see.



▲ Go upstairs and hit the switch to change the blocks and create a slope. Go back down and roll off the steep slope right for another jewel piece. Go outside, then right and smash all crates.



▲ You'll see a small gap in the floor with crystals in. Drop down, swim left and up to get the last piece of the jewel. Go up the pipe and continue heading right. If you go through the door you find you'll discover the Portal Switch.

### Escaping Crescent Moon Village



▲ You're given three and a half minutes. Before rushing off, touch the bat to turn into Vampire Bat Wario. Now fly up, avoiding the light, and collect Keyzer. Go out through door.



▲ Remember that big ghost outside? He's still there waiting for you because he wants to steal Keyzer! Avoid this spook or you will never make it out before the bomb explodes.



▲ It's easy to get out of this level. You have all the jewel pieces and the Portal Switch hasn't changed the level at all so just retrace your steps right back to the Portal.

## Arabian Night

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Go inside and use flying carpet to get to the door above. Now you're outside again. Go right and use another carpet to fly to upper right door. Inside, go down, get jewel piece.



▲ Through door, right and in other door. Now fly up and right avoiding bats to second piece of jewel. Go further up and out door. Drop down to the right and enter the temple.



▲ Head left, jump down through Beezley Pipe to make Beezleys appear. Go right and get stung to float up through bat pipe. Turn into Bat Wario and fly around to Keyzer.



▲ Exit this room. Fly to upper right door. Enter, climb up and drop right. Grab third jewel piece. Now climb down ladder to right to find the Portal Switch. Ready?

### Escaping Arabian Night



▲ Okay, you've got four minutes to find the fourth piece of the jewel and get out. Drop down. Go right in water. Keep going and you'll get the last jewel piece. Jump back into the water.



▲ Swim down, but not too far or you'll be sucked back by a strong current at the bottom. There's loads of money under the crates, so do a smash attack from high above if you need the cash.



▲ Not much time left! Swim left under wall. Jump out of the water, up the platforms and into the pipe. You're nearly there now. Go left, through the door and right to the Portal.



## Fiery Cavern

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ Go to the right, jumping across the lava without getting burned. Go into the door ahead. Continue right to find the first jewel piece. Further right you'll find a ladder. Climb up it and through door.



▲ Go left and grab another jewel piece, then come back and go right. It's pretty much a one way path which takes you through a few more areas and another door. Drop down the small gap you find.

### Escaping Fiery Cavern



▲ When you drop down you'll land on the Portal Switch. You're given five minutes this time but you still have loads to do so you'll need every single second. Get a move on!



▲ The level will suddenly freeze over, changing some areas. Go right through door and climb up next room to another door. Go right and down ladder for the third jewel piece.



▲ Smash block to the right. Stand under the falling snow to turn into a snowball and roll left. Through this door and the next. Make your way up and follow the cave left and into door.



▲ Down ladder, use ice platforms to get Keyzer. Continue left and enter door. Go left, drop down, climb thin platforms and jump attack block for jewel piece. Drop down and left to Portal.

## Hotel Horror

### Finding the Portal Switch



▲ In the first corridor you find, go to the far end of the hall to get a piece of the jewel and go into room 104. Activate the ladder switch and climb the right hand ladder. Hit second switch and go up again out door.



▲ Run to the far right for next jewel piece and head into room 302. Then go left, hit switch and fall down to the right. Go through door 201 and then head right. Get jewel piece then go into door 202 where you'll find a bat.

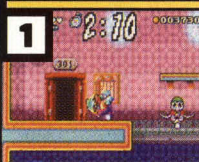


▲ Touch the bat and fly up the right hand side of the room. Go through the door marked 402. Grab the last jewel piece you need in this level then go to right to find room 404. Remember, don't kill the enemy that's in here!



▲ Throw the enemy to the top platform and eat the apples it throws to transform into Fat Wario. Stand on the block and jump to smash it with Wario's formidable weight. You'll find the Portal Switch... rush time again!

### Escaping Hotel Horror



▲ You'll be given four minutes on the clock. You only have Keyzer to get now and that isn't a problem. Exit room 404 and head left to room 402. Drop down and exit. Go back through door 201.



▲ Go up and through the door marked 301. Then go left, climb up the stairs and go right into room 401. Get burned by the fire and, while Wario's charging around in agony, jump the platforms and hit the Fire block to get Keyzer.



▲ Now exit room 401 and go back to the stairwell. Touch the ghost's shots to turn into Zombie Wario and fall to the bottom. Get out through the bottom exit on the right and head through the Portal.

## Catbat

Catbat is an ugly cross between a cat and a bat. Well, who'd have guessed it...? Let's go sort him out.

► You have four minutes to win. His weak spot is that little bat head at the top. Hop up onto the waves of water and jump attack the little bat. He spits out black mines that make you swell but they don't hurt.



▲ If you fall into the water, avoid the power drill. When the waves rise and fall, you'll need to time your attacks accurately. Soon, the small bat head will break off completely.



▲ Now the bald patch on the top of his head is the soft spot. Again, use the waves to get high enough to smash attack it. Avoid the red mines as they explode if you touch them.



# Golden Pyramid

## Golden Passage

### Escaping Golden Passage



▲ As soon as you fall from the Portal you land on the Portal Switch. You could just exit straight away but you need to get the jewel pieces and Keyzer, of course. You've got nine and a half minutes, so move it!



▲ Run right through the first area avoiding the falling chandeliers. If you fall down a gap you'll land in some water and be washed back to the start. Break the blocks in the second area and jump into the water.



▲ Swim down, right and use a bubble to get through the currents to a jewel piece just above. Now swim to the far right wall and use a bubble again to float up. Jump out of the water and exit.



▲ Go right and drop down for second jewel piece, then go back up the purple pipe. Get hit by the enemy's hammer and bounce to the right and fall. Then spring up again just right of where the jewel box was.



▲ Head right as far as you can, drop down at end to see a bat. Touch it and fly up and left to get jewel piece. Drop down and fly back up to go right. Go down ladder and hit red switch.



▲ Go back up ladder and roll down the slope. Grab the fourth and final jewel piece in the level. Smash the block to get down. Jump out of the water to the left and go right to see the scientist man.



▲ Pick him up and jump to the right. Throw him right through the small gap to smash the block obstructing your path. Now go left and back up the ladder. Go right and roll down the red slope again.



▲ As you roll, jump over the two large gaps or you'll fall into the water. Collect Keyzer, then jump down into the water and swim left back to the start of the level to escape before the time runs out.

## Golden Diva

Wario's biggest and best GB adventure so far may be coming to an end, but there's still one more boss to beat before he gets his hands on the lovely loot.

Golden Diva is a mysterious ghost like boss who doesn't like to show her face. You've come so far that you deserve to take home the ancient treasure, so don't let her get in your way. You've got six minutes so let's kick some butt...



▲ Floating heads come at you. If they get you they'll pick Wario up and waste time. Jump on these heads, then pick them up and throw them at Diva's Fan.



▲ When all four heads are gone the fan will disappear to reveal her mask. Diva will throw a blue beetle. Jump on it to turn it into a ball, then pick it up and throw it at her head. Charge up your throw.



▲ Now she'll drop a blue ball with a teddy bear on it. Quickly charge into it, sending it ricocheting around the room to hit her head. If you take too long to hit it, it will flash and then explode.



▲ Her next attack is to throw black eggs. Catch them before they hit the floor and they'll flash for two seconds then explode. Throw it at her, timing it so it explodes on her head. Kill any chicks that hatch.



▲ Now she'll throw a spiked hammer. Wait for the spikes to disappear. Pick it up and throw it into the air. Now stand under it so it hits you and turns you into Bouncy Wario. Now spring into her head.



▲ Soon she'll begin to do all four of the previous attacks together. Counter as many of them as you can but watch out for the beetle... it's the hardest attack to avoid. Time is beginning to run out!



▲ When her health gets really low her tail will go green and she'll use it to stomp the floor. The area of floor that she hits disappears, revealing spikes. Fall onto them and you'll lose a heart.



▲ Pass under her so she stomps down, then jump attack her head. Try only to let her stomp down in the middle of the screen so that she doesn't destroy the whole floor. Keep it up and victory's yours!

## You got the money

Well done! Wario has made it through the dangers of the ancient ruins and can now enjoy a life of wealth and luxury. And you get to boast about completing one of the best games on the GB Advance.





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the best letters and stuff we really  
like, so it pays to get your letters in.  
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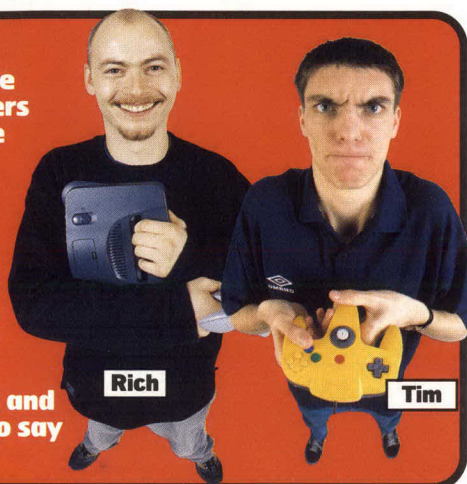


# Club Mario

HERE'S THE BIT OF THE MAGAZINE THAT YOU WRITE...

✓ Your letters ✓ Bowser's Prison ✓ Game or lame? ✓ Mario's Hotline

What an inquisitive bunch of readers you are. We've had loads of excellent Nintendo related questions and interesting comments this month, so let's see what the NOMsters Rich and Tim have got to say about it all...



"Many people don't like the new look Legend of Zelda title but I think that it's unique, not strange. It looks like no other game ever made and it shows Nintendo's GameCube is a lot more advanced than other consoles. Anyway, it's being made by Shigeru Miyamoto so of course it's going to be great."

Oliver Pryor, Essex

■ We can't believe the differences of opinion that the new look GameCube Zelda title has caused. You know you're gonna want it, though! **Tim**

"I think a good game to bring out on the GB Advance or GameCube is Tekken Tag Tournament. On GBA it would be great. If one of your warriors is low on health you can swap instantly for a fresh fighter."

Daniel Meighan, Bedford

■ Great news, Daniel! An awesome version of Tekken is being released on Game Boy Advance soon. **Tim**

■ This portable brawler is shaping up to be a real cracker as well. **Rich**

## MARIO'S WINNER!

"I found a picture of Grand Theft Auto 3 for Game Boy Advance. Is this actually going to happen in the UK? If it is, I'm saving my money!"

Harry Ellis, Crowthorne

■ Then you'd better get saving, Harry, 'cos GTA 3 should be hitting your GBA early next year. **Rich**

"The Nintendo 64 may be a classic console but, like all classics, it belongs in a museum. As a long time Super NES owner I'll shed no tears for the N64's passing. I only hope that the GameCube console and software is competitively priced."

Derek Nesbitt, Ballymena

■ With games such as Perfect Dark, Goldeneye, Legend of Zelda and Banjo to name but a few, the only place the N64 deserves to be is in your bedroom, being played. It's still a fantastic piece of kit. **Rich**

## MARIO'S WINNER!

"I can't believe that some people don't like the new look GameCube Zelda, just because it's different. I think it's fantastic. Nintendo is taking a risk and already people don't like it, but when it's done it'll be a really original game."

Kirsty McHugh, Appleby

■ Nintendo isn't afraid to take a risk. Some stupid people laugh at titles such as Pikmin and Koro Koro Kirby, but in the end the Big N is always right. **Rich**

"I'm sad that more of the Kong clan won't feature in Super Smash Bros. Melee. Imagine using Diddy's guitar to knock out Bowser!"

Douglas Wright, Portrush

■ It's a shame that more members of the DK crew won't appear in the game, but it's still awesome. **Tim**

"I heard an extremely disturbing rumour that the GameCube might not be released in America and Europe. Surely this can't be true?"

Peter Curtis, Kent

■ That's a very disturbing rumour indeed, young Peter, and one that's totally, totally wrong. **Rich**

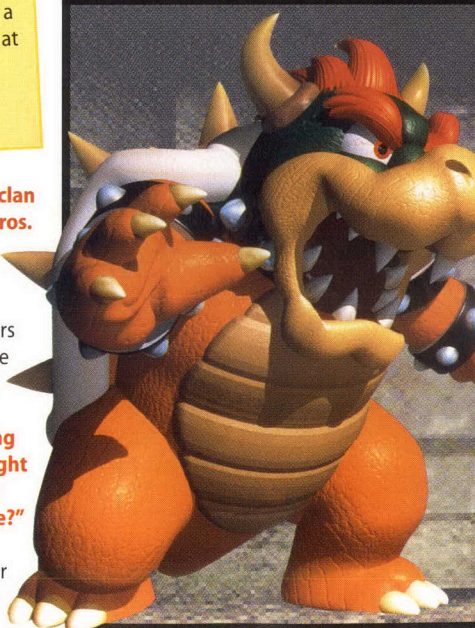
"Ecks Vs. Sever looks ace! When I saw it I thought it was a Nintendo 64 console game. I'm getting it."

Matthew Adnett, Suffolk

■ Ecks is fantastic. Opinion is divided at NOM Towers as to which GBA blaster is best, Ecks or Doom. **Rich**

■ I think Doom is much better. **Tim**

## Bowser's Prison



If you had to do time in Bowser's Prison, what three N64 games would you take with you?

Send in your list of three games and why you'd take them and you might be banged up with the ultimate bad boy, Bowser. But please note, you must send a photo with your Bowser's Prison entry. No photo, no entry. Sorry!

### Krishan Patel

My three games would be...

(1) Perfect Dark

Why? I could learn to use stealth and cunning to get out of Bowser's Prison.

(2) Conker's Bad Fur Day

Why? The humour would keep my spirits up, meaning that I wouldn't let myself get pushed around by Bowser.

(3) Shadow Man

Why? Because the frights and nightmarish monsters would keep me alive in Bowser's dull prison.



Remember to mark your entries 'Bowser's Prison'.



## Mario's Hotline



Don't bottle it up! Give Mario's Hotline a ring and get those burning issues off your chest. Don't forget to leave your name and telephone number.

"I'd just like to say that the new Legend of Zelda GameCube adventure looks great."

Gerald

"Come next Spring, the 'Cube's gonna change the world of console gaming forever."

Elliot

"I'm a huge fan of Sonic the Hedgehog so, when Sonic Advance comes out, I hope that you treat him with as much respect as Sega did when he was on the Dreamcast."

Thomas

"Although most people think that the new look GameCube Zelda is pants, I think it'll be completely wicked."

Robin Ainsworth

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## Blag Fest Answers

### Blag Fest December 2001

Paintball Pro  
(A) Billy the Kid

Crystal Crazy  
(A) Suicune

Cyber Scooby  
(B) Scrappy

Ghostly Game Boy  
(A) Stretch, Stinky and Fatso

Now you Sia  
(B) The T'Soas

Ring Around  
(C) Frodo Baggins

Goody goody Gundam  
(A) Mobile Suit Gundam

"With games such as Mario Sunshine and Luigi's Mansion, I can't wait to get a GameCube. It'd be great if a Conker game came out for it."

Adam James, Islington

■ Mario Sunshine certainly looks fantastic but, as usual, Nintendo is keeping the game very secret. **Tim**

■ A Conker adventure would be great on GameCube. Let's hope he makes an appearance. **Rich**

## MARIO'S WINNER!

(Sung to the tune of Robbie Williams' Angels.) "Inside my mag, there's a picture, of a GameCube game. And do they know, the places where I go, with my '64? 'Cos I have been told, that the GameCube, is the best console. So when I'm lying in my bed, thoughts running through my head, that the '64 is dead, I'm loving GameCube instead. And who'd have thought, it offers me Luigi, a new gen of Extreme G, and a bit of Donkey Kong. And a battle's fought, inside my Smash Bros. CD, a perfect sequel for me, the hours spent playing are long, it's gonna save me. I'm loving GameCube instead."

Bruce Asher, Kent

■ A truly awe inspiring song, Bruce. This work of Nintendo genius really cheered us up. **Rich**

■ It's become the NOM office anthem. Thanks very much. **Tim**

## Mario's Hit List

Why not tackle one of these sizzlin' subjects...?

- What's gonna be the biggest Nintendo game of 2002?
- Was 2001 a good year to be a loyal Nintendo gamer?
- Did Game Boy Advance make your Christmas the best ever?
- What was the worst Nintendo gaming moment of 2001?

## Game or lame?

Have you ever had a fantastic idea for a game that's so good, you can't believe that it's not already been produced? Then jot down your sparkling idea and send it in to us at Nintendo Official Magazine. You might even see your creation on these pages! Send your ideas to the usual Club Mario address.

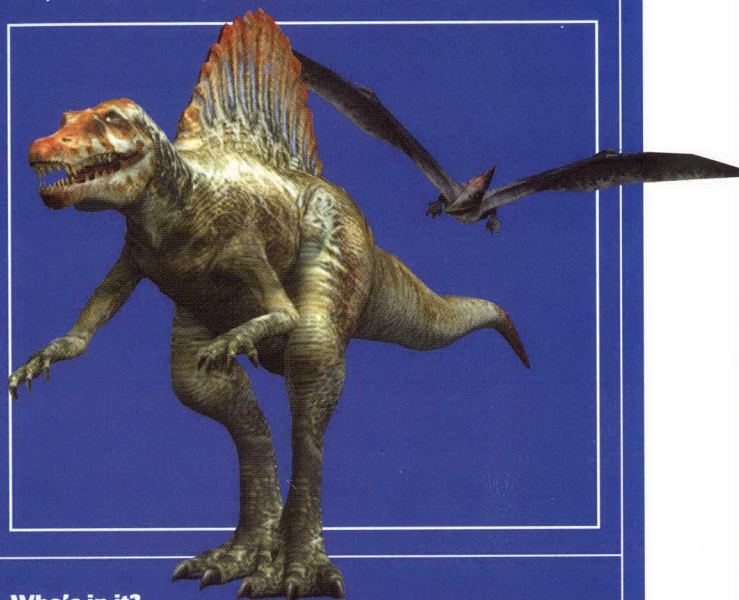


Name  
Game name

Andrew Campbell  
Jurassic Park III: Snap

### What's it about?

Dr Alan Grant and Billy Brennan are on a mission to photograph as many dinosaurs as they can, but watch out for the rival team.



### Who's in it?

Dr Alan Grant, Billy Brennan and the bad guys from the movie. Of course, there'll be loads of dinosaurs from the film for you to photograph.

### How does it work?

You have to photograph different dinosaurs to earn money and buy new equipment. Watch out for the other teams as they'll be trying to get the best shots for themselves. The final level will have you hunting a Spinosaurus to get a picture and the best snap wins.

### NOM thinks...

Taking all the cool action from the Jurassic Park movies and mixing it with the fun of Pokémon Snap seems like a great idea to us. You could have all the cool movie vehicles and some of the characters from the other two films hidden in the game as well.

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# BLAG FEST

We've got more GBAs to give away this month, along with some amazing Robot Wars goodies and some cool Monsters, Inc. movie merchandise. Keep those entries coming.

## Get 'net smart

Chat rooms are great as you can talk to people and be anyone you like. You can even make things up so that the person you're talking to doesn't have a clue who you really are. Unfortunately, paedophiles can also pretend to be other people and they're good at using the Internet to find potential victims.

But this doesn't mean that you should stop visiting chat rooms. Far from it. The risk of being in contact with a paedophile is low. Make it lower. Don't give out personal details such as your mobile number or e-mail address. And most importantly of all, never arrange to meet anyone. That 16 year old you were expecting could easily turn out to be a 45 year old pervert.

Always remember that it's the paedophiles who are dangerous, not the chat rooms themselves. For more information visit [thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

Christmas certainly seems like a distant memory, and now you're probably looking for something to amuse yourself on these long dark winter nights. So why not pop into your local Electronics Boutique store to see what's new in the world of Game Boy Advance, the hottest handheld console around? There are great Game Boy Advance titles to look forward to, including Advance Wars, WWF Road to Wrestlemania and Ecks Vs. Sever to name just a few! Why shop anywhere else...? Call Talking Pages on 0800 600 900 for your nearest store.

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## Triple Advance

If you're suffering from post Christmas blues then we could have just the thing to brighten up those boring winter nights. We've teamed up with the Home Office and Electronics Boutique to give you the chance to win one of three Game Boy Advances. If you want to get your hands on one then just answer this question...

**Q** Who is the current Home Secretary?

- A** Jack Straw
- B** Tony Blair
- C** David Blunkett







### Advanced Destruction

We've teamed up with the lovely people at BBC Multimedia to bring all you Robot Wars fans a really cool prize. We're giving one winner the chance to bag a Game Boy Advance and a copy of Robot Wars Advanced Destruction. Two runners up will receive a copy of the GB Advance game. To be in with a chance of winning, just answer this question...

**Q** Who is the presenter of Robot Wars?

- A** Craig Charles
- B** Craig Fairbrass
- C** Craig Maclachlan



### Boo to you

From the people who brought you Toy Story comes Monsters, Inc. and it's set to be one of the biggest animated sensations ever. Thanks to the guys at Vivid Imaginations and Ravensburger you can get your hands on giant floor puzzles and cool interactive Monsters, Inc. toys. To be in with a chance of winning just answer this question...

**Q** What is the name of the human girl who stars in the Monsters, Inc. movie?

- A** Aha
- B** Surprise
- C** Boo



▲ These Monsters, Inc. toys look awesome!



▲ The girl shares her name with a Mario ghost.

## How to win ►

- 1 Write your answer on a postcard or the back of a sealed down envelope.
  - 2 On one side write the answer to the compo, your name, age and home address.
  - 3 On the other side, mark it with the compo name and our address: Nintendo Official Magazine, EMAP Active, Angel House, 338-346 Goswell Road, London, EC1V 7QP.
  - 4 Lick a stamp, stick it on your entry and post it.
- The closing date for all competitions is 14 February 2002.



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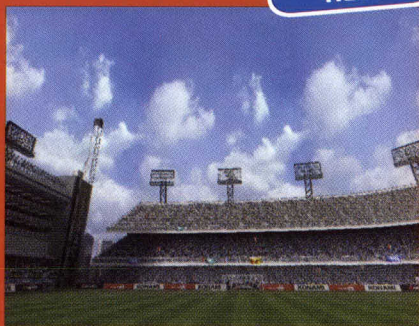
## Game Info

By: **Konami**

Type: **Football**

Release: **TBC**

GAMECUBE  
NEW



▲ The graphics are so realistic that it's hard to believe you're playing a game, not watching The Premiership.

# ISS 2

● Exclusive to GameCube ● All new game ● Top graphics

It's one title we've all been waiting for with baited breath, and now we can finally confirm that ISS is definitely coming to the GameCube. And we've got the exclusive screenshots to prove it.

ISS 2 for Nintendo's GameCube is being created by the same development team responsible for International Superstar Soccer 64 on the N64. This brand new edition is set for an early 2002 release in Japan and the United States, so it could be with us in time for the GameCube's European release.

Very little is known about the game other than it will feature 50 international teams, all complete with the real player names. Gameplay wise we can expect the usual mix of pick up and play controls and all the moves, tricks and flexibility that ISS games are renowned for. Expect more info in the very near future.



▲ All the players will be included, making ISS 2 even more realistic.  
◀ Attention to detail like this will make ISS 2 one of the best football games on any console.  
▶ There will be loads of realistic stadiums to choose from in ISS 2.







◀ The gameplay will be similar to previous ISS games, so you just know that this new edition is going to rock.



▲ The best football video game ever made? Could be!

## We think...

**There's no doubt that, when it comes to footy games, ISS is in a league of its own. And with next generation graphics and all the ace playability of previous ISS games, this could be the best yet.**



## Game Info

By: **Konami**  
Type: **RPG action**  
Release: **TBC**

GB ADVANCE  
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# Z.O.E.

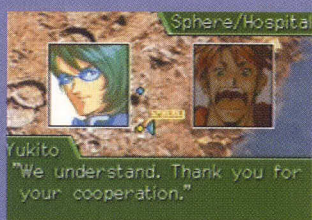
# Fist of Mars

● Fight giant robots ● Heavy duty weapons

**T**he name of this title may be unfamiliar to Nintendo fans but Z.O.E., which stands for Zone of the Enders, was a big hit on a certain Sony games console.

This series of games is now coming to GBA, picking up where the original adventure left off. The game is described by its makers as a tactical RPG, with a whole range of hi tech weapons and vehicles to control including giant robots called LEVs.

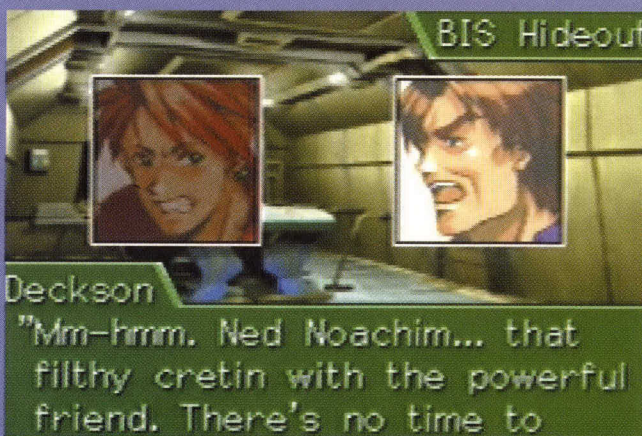
The game stars a young boy called Cage who accidentally finds himself in control of a LEV which takes him on an adventure fighting for the resistance on the surface of Mars. Battles are fought using turn based attacks, with almost all weapons and vehicles being upgradable with new moves and attacks.



▲ The action takes place on planet Mars.



▲ There are loads of fighting robots.



▲ Being a tactical RPG, Z.O.E. features loads of text screens which tell the story.



▲ Z.O.E. battles are turn based in a similar style to Pokémon on the Game Boy.

## We think...

Little is known about this game at the moment, but we like the idea of battling huge robots on the surface of Mars. Hold tight for more information next issue.



# Rogue Spear

## Game Info

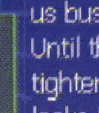
By: **Ubi Soft**  
Type: **Action**  
Release: **March**

● Heart pounding action ● Smart graphics ● Clever missions

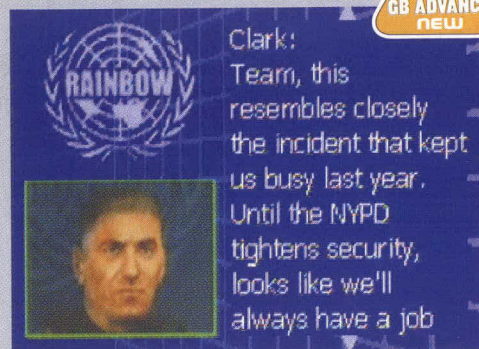
**R**ogue Spear is the latest all action, covert operations adventure from the people who brought us Rainbow Six on the N64. The biggest difference is that this time the action's being staged on the Game Boy Advance.

Based on Tom Clancey's blockbuster book, the game is full of super stealth missions where choosing the right team is just as important as picking the right weapon to use. Up to four operatives can be hired for a mission and every available member is rated for their stealth capabilities, aim, health and reflexes. Players can switch between agents during a mission so it's vitally important to know what your team's strengths and weaknesses are.

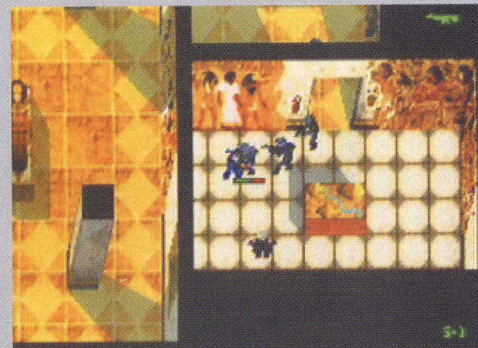
Players are also given a huge range of serious kit to choose from including Frag Grenades and a useful Heartbeat Sensor, along with all the basic shotguns you could possibly want. This strategy adventure will also support four player action via Game Link cables.

															
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	Aim	100													
	Health	82													
	Reflex	78													

▲ Each of your skilled operatives is rated, so pay close attention to their strengths.



▲ You'll be briefed on the mission in hand before you set off, giving you an opportunity to plan your tactics in advance.



▲ The character sprites may look a little on the small side, but it's the strategy elements that'll keep you hooked.

◀ The missions will take your team across the globe, from icy wastes to the pyramids of Egypt. Each environment throws up particular problems for your squad to overcome.



▲ Rogue Spear won't reward gamers who plough in with all guns blazing. It's all about stealth and strategy.  
◀ The enemy soldiers in Rogue Spear have great artificial intelligence, but they're no match for a skilled human player.

## We think...

**This looks like it'll be great fun when it comes out later this year, with a winning combination of sharp graphics, well thought out missions and awesome firepower.**





▲ Graphics like this would have been astounding on a Super NES, never mind a GB Advance!



▲ Broken Sword on the GB Advance offers players a colourful and realistic world to explore.

# Broken Sword

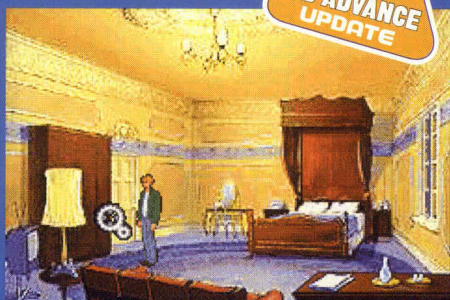
## Shadow of the Templars

● Incredible story ● Tales of intrigue ● Unmask the villains ● Unbeatable GBA graphics

### Game Info

By: **Bam!**  
Type: **Adventure**  
Release: **March**

GB ADVANCE  
UPDATE



**A**ction, adventure and intrigue are coming to the Game Boy Advance in the shape of **Broken Sword Shadow of the Templars**.

We gave you a quick look at this promising GB Advance title back in issue 110 and showed you the level of graphical detail and depth of puzzles that you can expect on the game's release.

This month we've gone one step further by taking time out to have a quick chat with the Broken Sword developers, Revolution, to see what juicy and exclusive stories we could uncover.

And the clever people behind the game weren't afraid to give us the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about what to expect.

George Stobbart, the game's hero, is an American abroad. While sitting in a café he sees a bomb explode which was left at the scene by a clown.

By chance, George soon meets a struggling student of photo journalism by the name of Nicole Callard. She believes that the recent bombing he witnessed is just the tip of the iceberg.

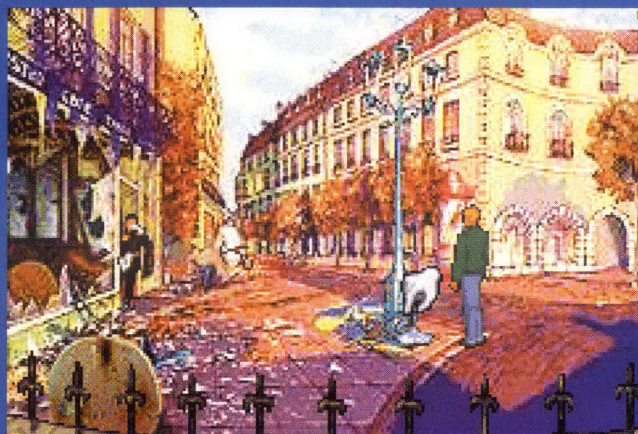
Together, George and Nicole aim to find the clues and unravel the mystery in order to solve a very dark and dastardly crime. Their dazzling quest will take them all around the world.

Broken Sword is easy to get to grips with. Players take control of George and move him around the screen. By doing this, George will come across people and objects which he can interact with.

The game is a conversion of the PC title, but the interface has been revamped to suit the GBA.

Broken Sword has loads of cool and interesting puzzles, whether it be uncovering clues or dodging the enemies, and it's great fun to play.

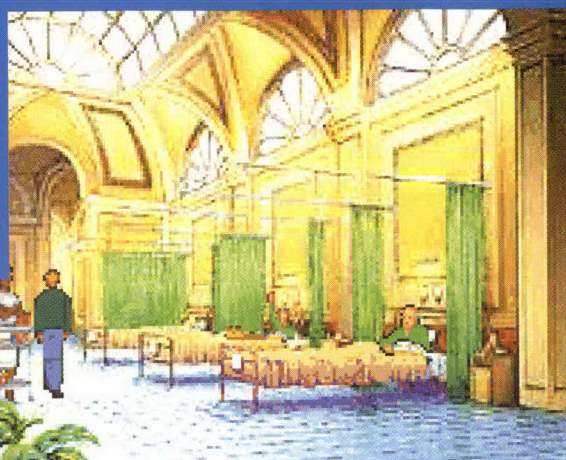
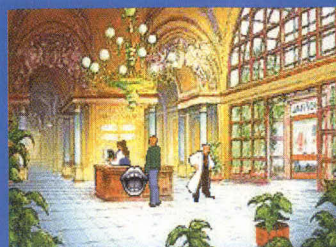
◀ Icons appear on the screen and you can position them over items in the environments to let George interact with them.



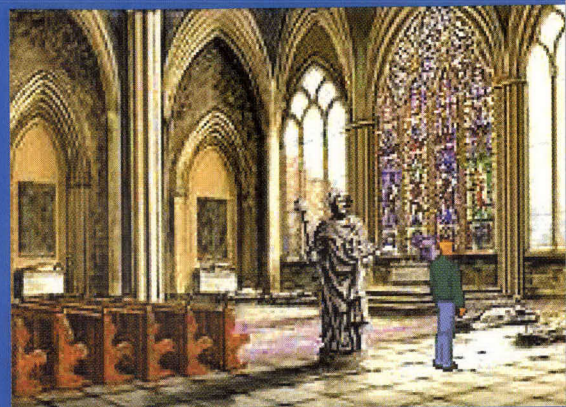
▲ This amazing adventure will take you all around the world as you try to solve the mystery of the bomb and the malicious clown. Sounds complicated to us!

◀ George's quest will even take him to secret, underground chambers where all manner of dangers lurk. The game looks great and it's incredibly atmospheric.

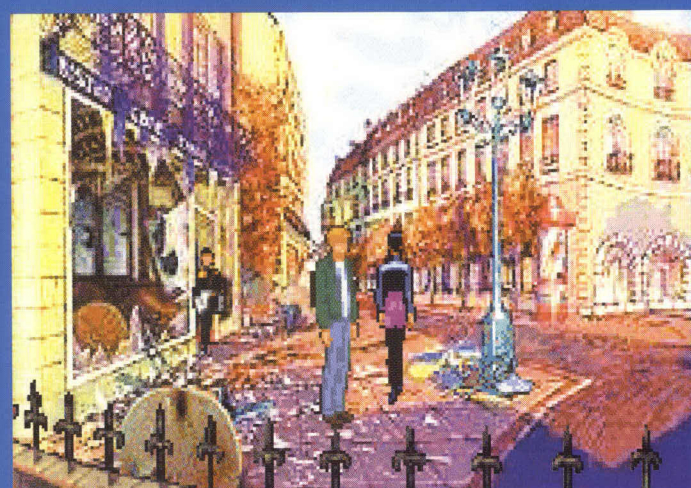




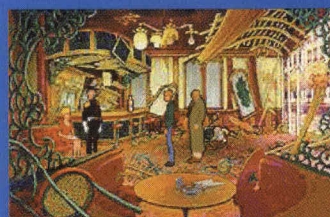
▲ The key to success is interacting with every person you meet to discover clues and so on.  
▶ The hospital scene looks very convincing and it's hard to believe that this game is running on a handheld.



▲ Much of the adventure is set in Paris, but you'll get to visit and explore other cities and countries as you play.



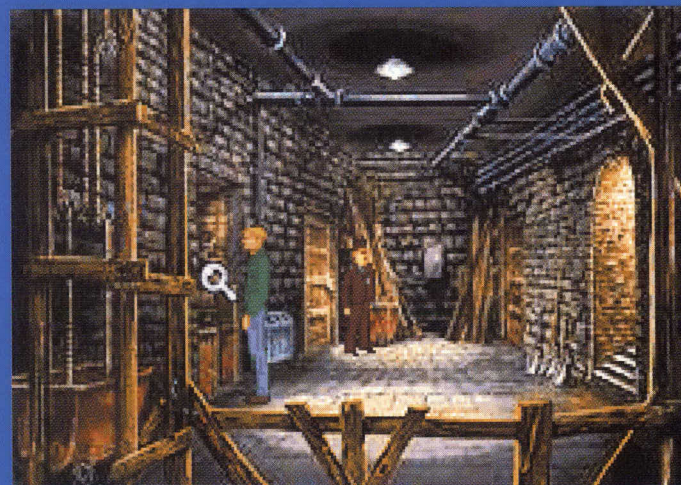
▲ The streets of Paris may look peaceful now, but a strange and unnerving mystery is about to unfold. Taking part in Broken Sword isn't like playing a normal video game. In fact, completing this GB Advance adventure is more like reading a classic mystery novel.



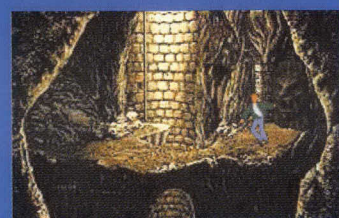
▲ There are hundreds of interesting people to talk to along the way, each one with their own intriguing story to tell.



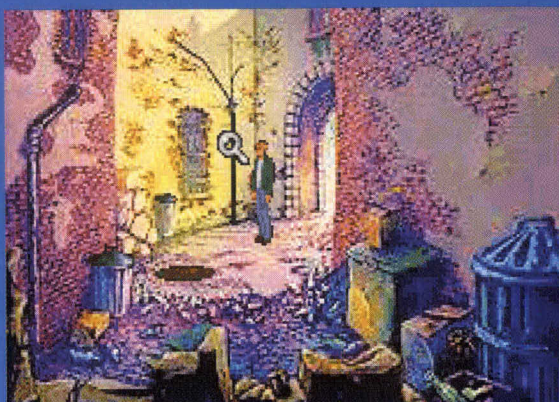
▲ The lighting effects are great in Broken Sword, making a real difference in the appearance of indoor and outdoor locations.



▲ It's best to examine everything as you explore as essential items, maps and clues appear in the strangest places.  
▶ Although talking to people is essential, be careful who you trust. Not everyone is willing to help our intrepid hero.



▲ George is a foolhardy adventurer and he often ends up in dangerous places, all by himself. He'd better be careful when exploring this ancient underground tunnel.  
▶ Even the back alleys of Paris could hide vital clues which will help George solve the mystery of the clown bomber.



▲ Aside from the exploration elements in Broken Sword there are also lots of action sequences which are designed to test your reflexes rather than your puzzle solving skills.

## We think...

**Broken Sword isn't an obvious choice for a GBA conversion, but the developers at Revolution have taken the bull firmly by the horns. Broken Sword looks like it could be an absolute cracker.**



## Game Info

By: **Midway**  
Type: **Fighting**  
Release: **TBC**

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# Mortal Kombat Advance

● Brand new shots ● Ultra violence ● Finish him!

**T**he controversy over video game violence is set to start again as the **Mortal Kombat** series gets set to continue on the Game Boy Advance.

This latest version will be based around the Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 arcade game, with all the gore, guts and splatter you've come to know and love.

Judging by the screen shots we've seen so far, MK Advance's graphics look like they'll give the GBA Tekken game a run for its money. It looks just like the Super NES edition.

All of your favourite characters are included, with the exception of multi limbed Sheeva, so you'll be able to relive all of those classic fighting moments again and again.



◀ Even the bosses will be playable.



▲ All the classic special moves will feature in MK Advance.  
▶ Look at all the fighters! Smoke even makes an appearance.



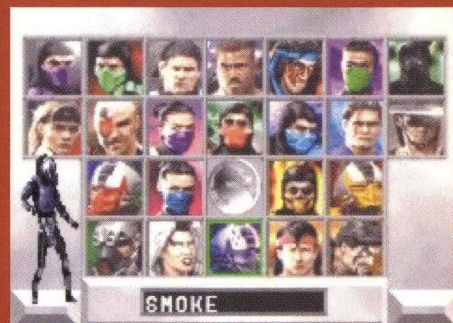
▲ Liu Kang and Scorpion are two of the oldest fighters.



▲ If you're scared by the Fatalities, use a Friendship finisher.



▲ There could be a Fatality here, and it won't be pretty.



## We think...

**When they're done well the Mortal Kombat games are up there with the best fighting titles, so we've got our fingers crossed for this one. It should be a gem.**

# Army Men Operation Green

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NEW

**You just can't keep a good toy down. And with that in mind the Army Men are coming back to the Game Boy Advance in Operation Green.**

Once again the irrepressible Tan army are trying to take control of the miniature plastic world and it's up to Sarge and his pint sized heroes to save the planet.

This new Game Boy Advance edition features 17 lush levels of hardcore blasting action in areas such as the city, jungle, beach and countryside. Of course, there'll be some indoor levels, too.

The artificial intelligence of the Tan enemies has been improved so that you'll have to be on your toes at all times to win. But the meaty weapons on offer should soon see off the Tan threat.



▲ More miniature action with Sarge and the boys.



▲ The tanks look like a lot of fun to drive around.





# Soul Calibur 2

● Super storyline ● New characters ● Wicked weapons

## Game Info

By: **Namco**  
Type: **Beat 'em up**  
Release: **TBC**

**A**fter a brief appearance at last year's Space World show, we've finally got our hands on more info and pictures from this stunning fighting game.

Soul Calibur 2 is set in the second half of the sixteenth century when trade routes were opening up all over the world.

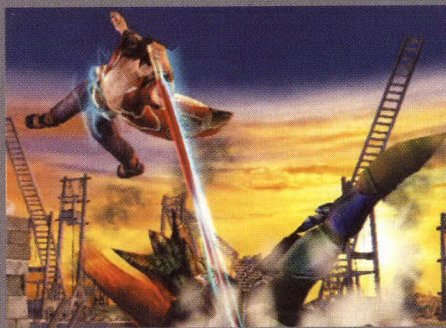
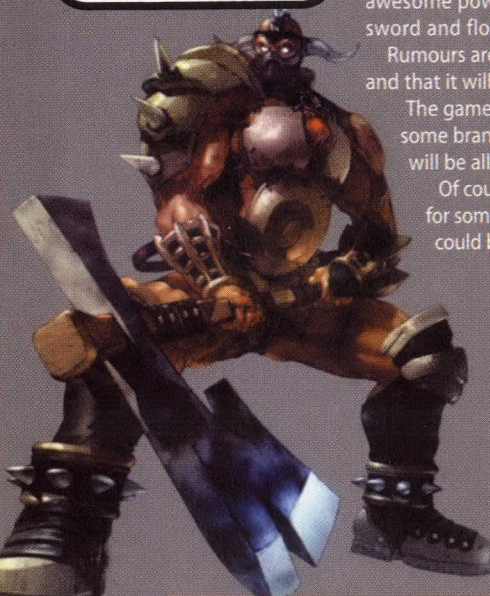
Terrifying legends tell of a magical blade which is capable of awesome powers and a dark, evil spawn which emerged from the sword and flooded the skies above Europe.

Rumours are beginning to surface that the spawn has risen again and that it will try and use the legendary sword for its evil ends.

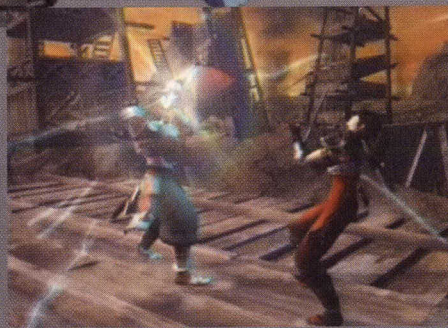
The game is basically an update of the original Sega brawler but some brand new characters are making an appearance and there will be all manner of hidden extras to find.

Of course, the processing power of the GameCube will allow for some truly stunning visuals and the frantic two player option could be one of the best things on Nintendo's new console.

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▲ Some of the special moves are incredible to look at.



▲ All the characters in the game have their own skills.  
▲ The flashy effects are incredible and the game looks even more detailed than versions seen in the arcades.



▲ The costumes are great, too. It's a very stylish game.

## We think...

**Beat 'em up fans rejoice because Soul Calibur 2 is something special. The mixture of weapons and combination attacks sets this game apart from its rivals.**

## Fast News

### ● Yabba Dabba Doo!

Hold tight, Flintstone fans, because we've got the world's first screen shot of the forthcoming GameCube title based on the recent movie, Viva Rock Vegas. This Flintstones game is a stone age racer featuring 12 stages which take Fred and his primitive family all the way from Bedrock to Rock Vegas on a mission to win the Boulderball Run. Sounds like a lot of fun to us.

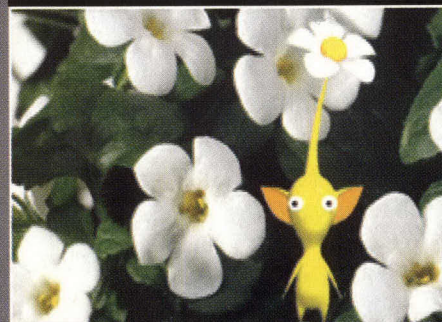


### ● Bond is confirmed for GameCube

Electronic Arts has confirmed that its James Bond title, 007 Agent Under Fire, will make it to GameCube. This 12 mission adventure features both first person and driving levels and should be released early in the year.

### ● Nintendo make flowers

Following the amazing hype surrounding Pikmin Nintendo is teaming up with a flower manufacturer to produce an exclusive Pikmin plant. The white bloom will bear a striking resemblance to the flowers seen on top of the little creatures themselves. Very strange...



### ● Play GB Advance on your TV

With the cold weather around you may not feel like playing your GB Advance outside. Because of this you might be interested in the adapter found at gamegizmo.com which allows you to play your GBA on a TV, giving you all the backlit, frost free gaming you'll ever need.

### ● The King of Fighters is coming to Game Boy Advance later this year

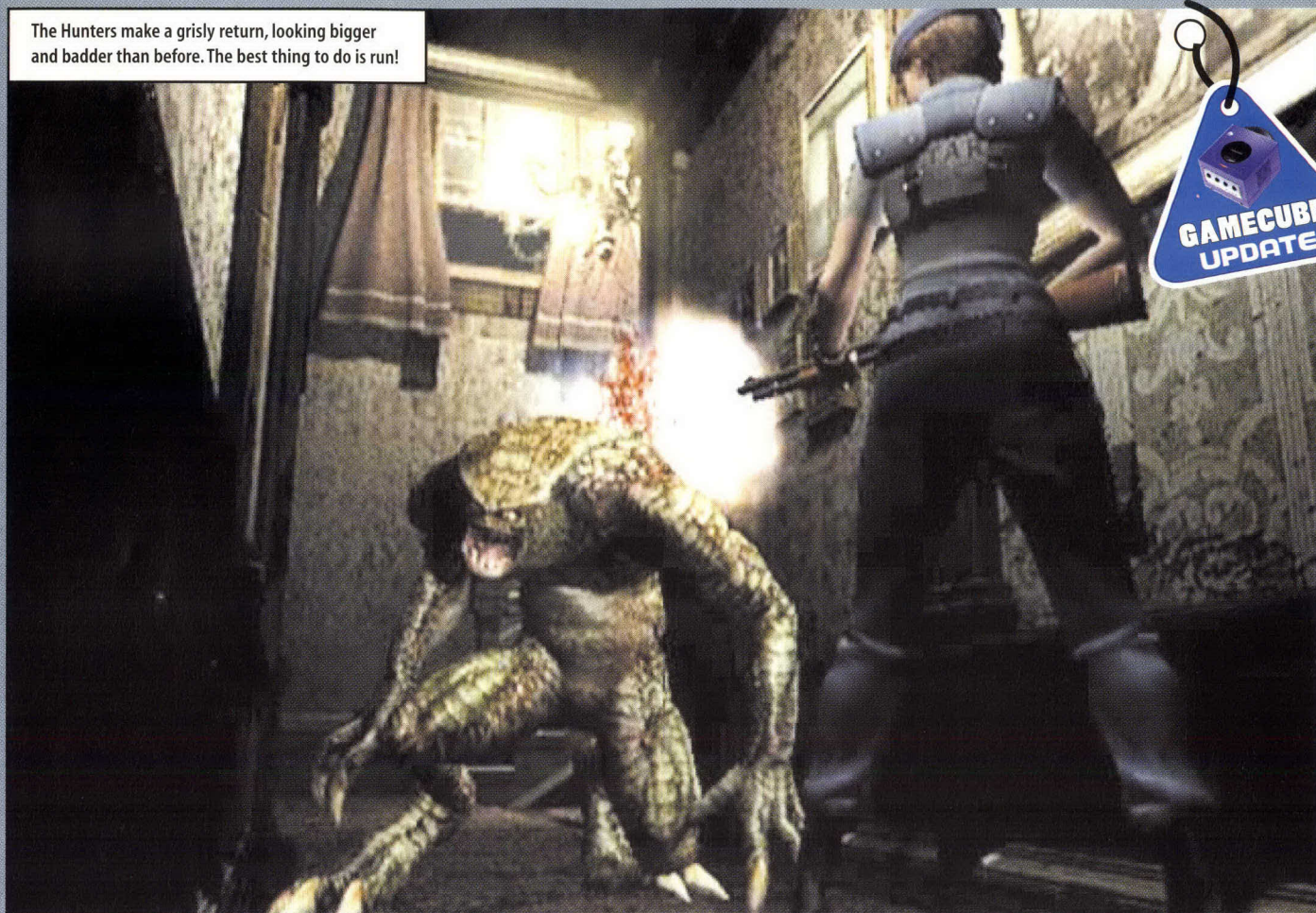
The classic arcade and Neo Geo fighting legend, King of Fighters, is coming to Game Boy Advance. This team based brawler will once again feature legendary fighters Kyo and Iori, along with loads of play modes and hidden characters. More on this title next month.







The Hunters make a grisly return, looking bigger and badder than before. The best thing to do is run!



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# Resident Evil

● Brand new screens ● More zombie action ● Stunning graphics ● Terrifying storyline

## Game Info

By: **Capcom**  
Type: **Adventure**  
Release: **TBC**

**F**ollowing the news that all Resident Evil games will be exclusive to GameCube, we've unearthed more amazing shots of the first adventure in the series.

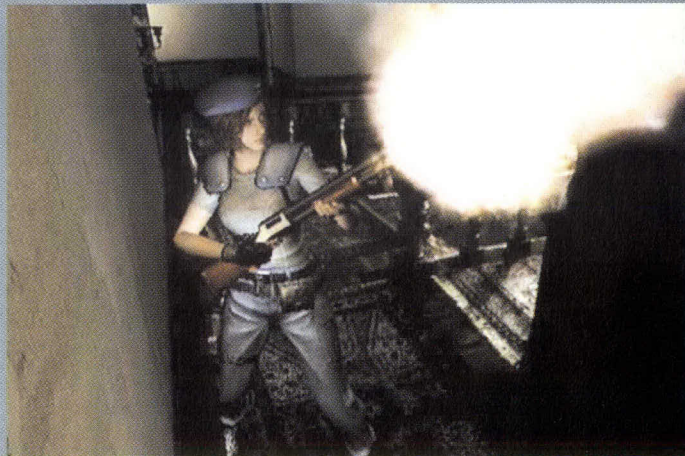
The first GameCube Resident Evil release is a remake of the original survival horror quest which appeared on the PlayStation. However, the 'Cube version will feature updated puzzles, improved graphics and better controls.

The backgrounds are still pre-rendered, meaning that they aren't interactive. However, this also means that the environments are detailed, atmospheric and very realistic.

The cool thing is that the real time character graphics are equally stunning. As you can see from these shots, the level of detail is incredibly high. Resident Evil is slated for a March release in Japan, but no date's been set yet for a UK debut.



▲ It's obvious from this shot that the developers have paid a lot of attention to the lighting effects. The shadows and reflections are almost lifelike, just like a good zombie movie.



▲ The blasts look so good that you'll probably squander all your ammo looking at the realistic flashes. But bullets are incredibly hard to find in Resident Evil games, so don't waste 'em.





▲ It's hard to believe that these are shots from a video game, not the latest Hollywood blockbuster horror flick.



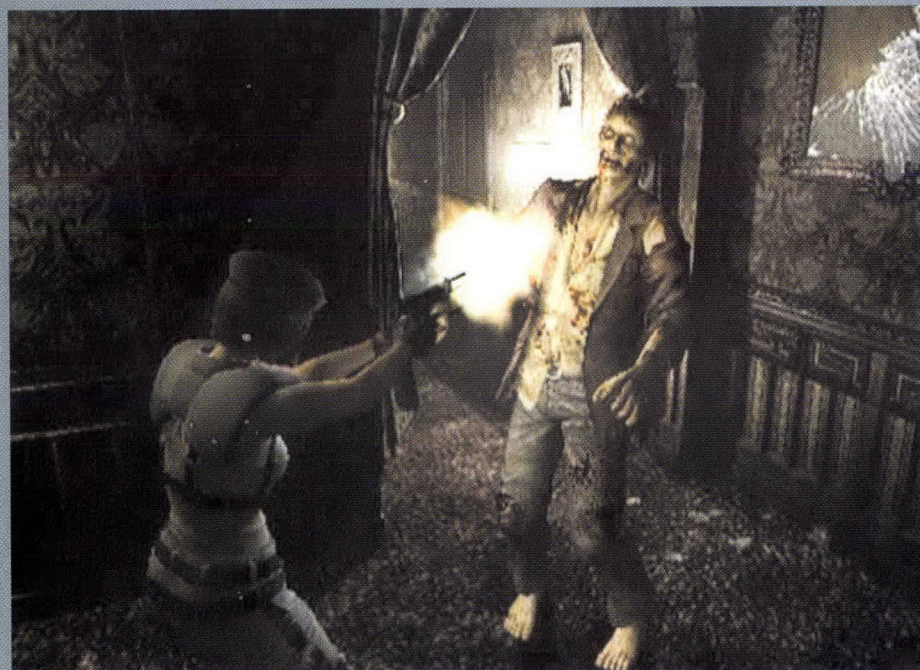
▲ The zombie attacks look more scary and gruesome than ever. At least you'll look good after you die in the game!  
 ◀ Both the characters in this GameCube update have more moves, which will make for a more entertaining quest.



▲ The pistol looks equally as impressive as the shotgun. And check out the detail on Jill Valentine's face! This game blurs the boundaries between fantasy and reality.



▲ If you want to save your game, you'll have to use one of these typewriters and an ink ribbon. Don't waste the ink ribbons as there are only a limited number in the game.



▲ Jill Valentine has the ability to pick locks, but she can't carry as much ammo as the male hero, Chris Redfield.  
 ◀ Zombies just keep on coming, even when you've pumped 'em full of lead. A head shot's the best way to finish them off.

## We think...

**Every new shot has us salivating in anticipation! The graphics are amazing and the lighting effects are second to none. You'd better get ready 'cos this is gonna rule.**





# Dark Summit

● Massive mountain to 'board down ● Snowboarding with a story ● Ace looking characters

## Game Info

By: **THQ**  
Type: **Action/sport**  
Release: **TBC**

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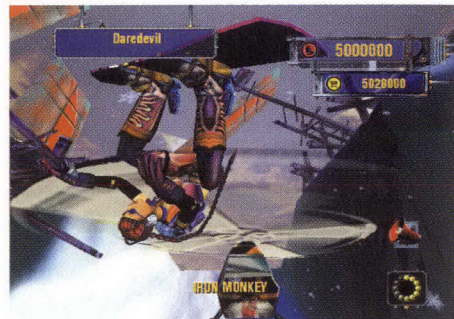
▲ Dark Summit has got plenty of attitude, so expect it to be a popular game when it arrives on the 'Cube later this year.

**D**ark Summit may sound like a guns and gore shooting game, but it's actually a snowboarding title. However, this is the very first 'boarding game with a storyline.

In the game you control Naya, a no nonsense lady 'boarder charged with reopening the dark summit of the game name. Chief O'Leary has closed the mountain, stopping Naya and her fellow 'boarders from doing what they do best; looking cool and tricking like it was going out of fashion.

To reopen the mountain, players will have to complete a series of ever more difficult challenges in a game which features more than 40 tough missions.

◀ The graphics look cool. If the story element works well, this could be one of the best snowboarding games around.



▲ Performing tricks is a major part of the game, with certain missions challenging you to pull off daring stunts.



▲ The developers haven't spoken about the multiplayer elements yet, but you can expect a nippy split screen mode.

## We think...

**Dark Summit on the GameCube sounds like something completely different, which has to be a good thing in our books. Let's just hope the story and 'boarding aspects get equal attention.**

# Smashing Drive

**J**ust like buses, taxi driving games always appear in threes. First came Crazy Taxi, then Simpsons Road Rage and now we've got details on Namco's 'Cube game, Smashing Drive.

Set in a futuristic city, the aim is to deliver punters from one point to the next in the shortest time. The twist comes in the form of weapons which include battering rams, rockets and buzz saws. With any luck, the game should be on the shelves this summer.

► Crazy Taxi is one of the best games we've ever played, so it'll be interesting to see how Smashing Drive compares.



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▲ The action is fast and furious with loads of special effects and a cool soundtrack.



▲ The weapons add a new dimension to the Crazy Taxi style gameplay, allowing you to blast your way through obstacles.





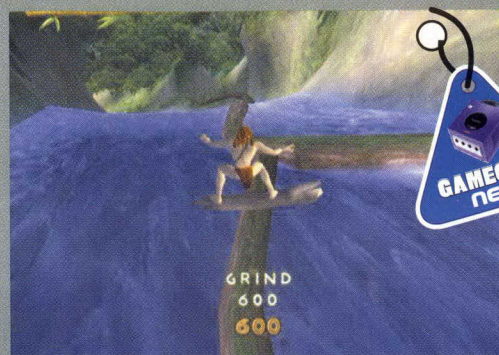
# Disney's Tarzan Untamed

**T**his forthcoming GameCube offering follows on from the recent animated Tarzan movie, and it looks like a laugh riot!

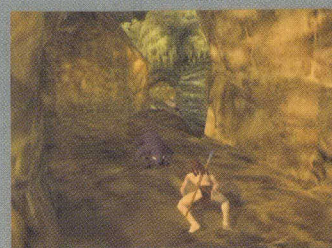
Tarzan Untamed is a 3D platformer which features lots of extreme sports elements, including surfing and vine swinging.

The aim of the game is to free all the jungle creatures captured by the evil hunter, Oswald Gardner. Expect the game's release to coincide with GameCube's UK launch.

► He may be a friend to the jungle animals, but this doesn't stop Tarzan getting into scrapes now and again.



▲ The surfing mini game is lots of fun, with fast flowing rivers to negotiate and lots of bonuses to grab along the way.



▲ The N64 Tarzan game was a hoot, so we expect this GameCube sequel to be awesome. Stay tuned to NOM for more news.

# Cel Damage

## Game Info

By: **Electronic Arts**  
Type: **Racing/action**  
Release: **TBC**



## ● Original style ● Vehicle based mayhem

**P**roving that it isn't just Miyamoto losing his marbles with the toon shaded new look Legend of Zelda, here comes Cel Damage for the GameCube, a stylish, toon style battle racer.

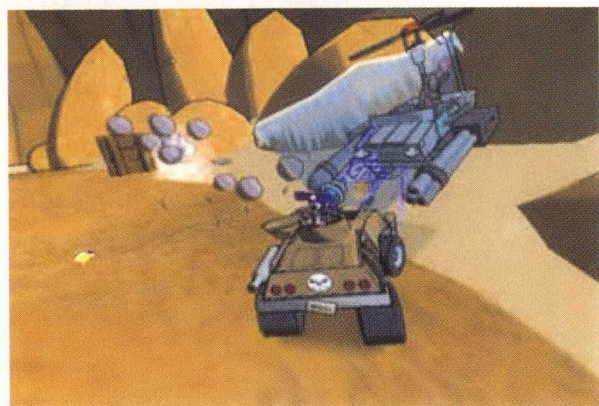
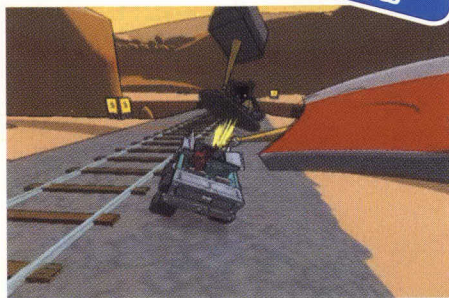
Looking like an insanely drawn and animated cartoon, the game pits you against other drivers in a last man standing smash-a-thon. Using more than 30 over the top weapons, the aim is to dish out more toon style aggression than you receive. To help you do this the out there attacks create

◀ The stylish graphics look much like those being used in the GameCube Zelda title, except that they're futuristic.

► There will be loads of amazing weapons to use, each one giving you an upper hand over your opponents. We're looking forward to using the black hole weapons.

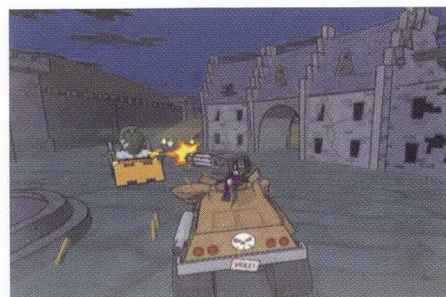
everything from black holes to more familiar means of destruction, such as oversized mallets.

The game features 10 levels set over four worlds, and three main gameplay modes. Smash Attack is where you go for it with all you've got, while Battle Race is much the same except that you've got to get to a certain point before your fellow racers. Flag Rally is a challenge to see how long you can keep hold of a flag and a two player mode will also be included when the game finally arrives later in 2002.



▲ The two player mode is still in its infant stages, but we expect it to be a right laugh with all those weapons.

◀ The cel shaded style has become very popular in video games, and it's a look which suits this game perfectly. Cel Damage is a potential GameCube classic.



## We think...

**Cel Damage looks stunning, with a visual style which breaks away from the norm to create something stylish and distinctive. We hope to have the all important information on how this game plays next month.**





# Mobile Monitor

● Play GameCube anywhere ● Surprisingly good portable graphics

## Game Info

By: **Interact**

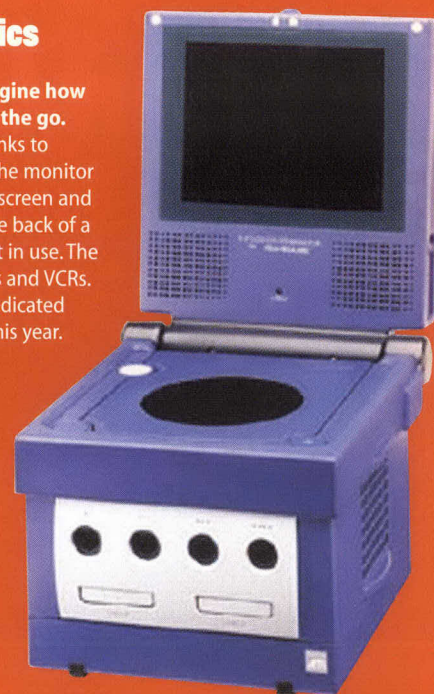
Type: **Portable GameCube screen**

Release: **TBC**

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**T**he GBA is a fantastic bit of kit, but imagine how cool it would be to play GameCube on the go. Well, that dream is coming ever closer thanks to Interact's Mobile Monitor for GameCube. The monitor features a 14cm, high resolution backlit screen and stereo speakers. The unit clips onto the back of a GameCube and folds down when not in use. The screen can also be used for DVD players and VCRs. The unit comes with a car adapter and a dedicated battery unit should be available later this year.



## We think...

We've seen a game running on the screen and, while the results aren't as good as a decent home TV, it's still very impressive with good clarity and sharp colours.

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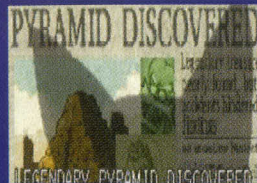
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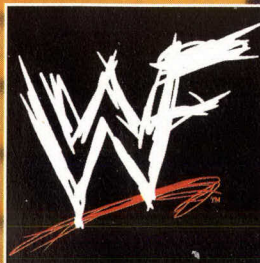
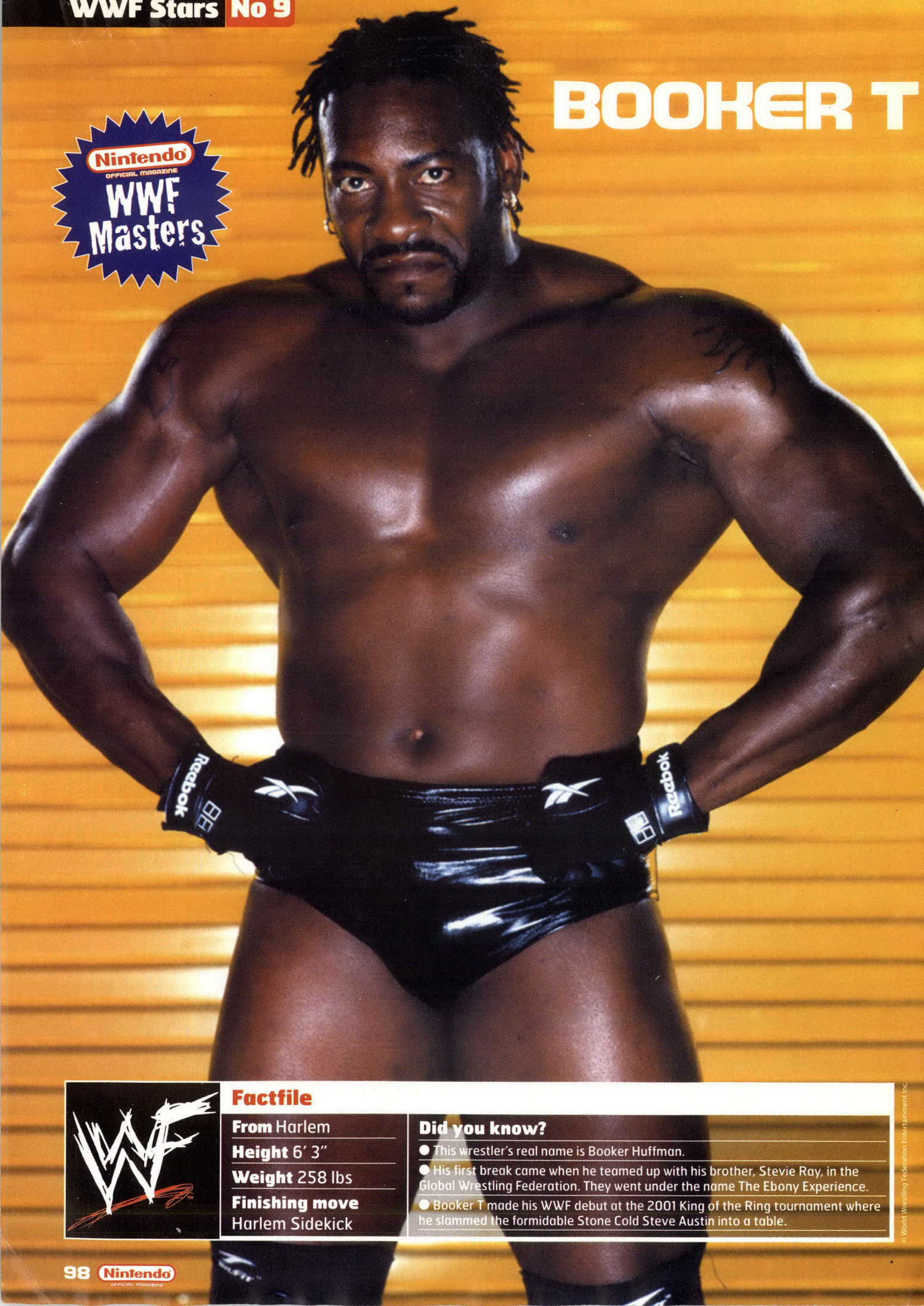
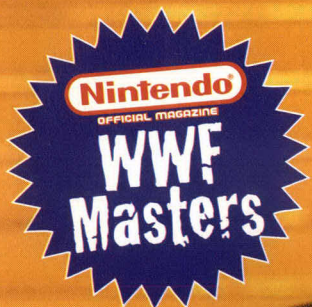
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# BOOKER T



## Factfile

**From** Harlem

**Height** 6' 3"

**Weight** 258 lbs

**Finishing move**  
Harlem Sidekick

## Did you know?

- This wrestler's real name is Booker Huffman.
- His first break came when he teamed up with his brother, Stevie Ray, in the Global Wrestling Federation. They went under the name The Ebony Experience.
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