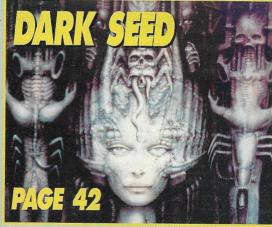
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LIQUID KIDS

o you remember New Zealand Story? Well, Ocean is working on a sequel called *Liquid Kids*.

Once again our cute little friends are in deep trouble. Their once peaceful home has been invaded by a terrible fire demon whose plans are to rule the world! Worse still, your girlfriend and entire family have been kidnapped by the foul fiend and his minions.

It's up to you to battle through six hazard-ridden levels to rescue them. Each stage is made up of three or four sub-levels.

Armed initially with water bombs you must collect various bonuses if you are to succeed. Ocean is still working on the game and a summer release for both the Amiga and ST versions has been pencilled in.



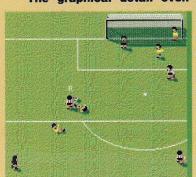
SENSIBLE SOCCER

ow come a game that possesses decidedly average graphics and sound can be such a big seller? Well, Anco's Kick Off 2 has been on top of the footy game league since its release. Many games have tried to knock it off top slot, few have even come close.

Now however, it looks like as if we could see the game to topple Kick Off 2. Sensible Software's Sensible Soccer looks like it has been snapped up by Renegade.

The game is apparently a hybrid of both Speedball and Kick Off with far more attention to detail than the latter. Apparently the game features about 40 national teams and 64 European clubs.

The graphical detail even reaches as far as the



spectators who perform Mexican waves when the action gets really exciting!

The computer even plays you the 10 best highlights of the match after the final whistle.

No details of when Sensible Soccer is to be released but expect it pretty soon, appearing on the Amiga first.

CANNON FODDER

Gosh those Sensible Software chaps are really busy. In addition to working on Wizkid, Mega-lo-Mania 2 and Sensible Soccer they're also putting the finishing touches to Cannon Fodder.

The game itself is best described as Mega-lo-Mania meets Lemmings meets Paintball. You take control of a troop of



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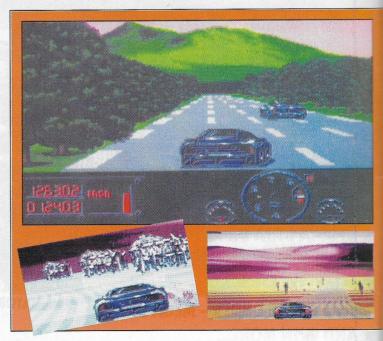
The Lemmings connection comes in the control method; you don't control your troops, instead you issue commands and they follow them according to their circumstances.

The game hasn't been signed up yet but it can only be a matter of time.

BULLFROG - CD REVELATION

You may be interested to hear that Bullfrog, of Populous and Powermonger fame, has indulged in a CD ROM development kit and is experimenting with the technology as we speak.

The team is currently embroiled in the PC version of **Populous 2** and is lavishing time and expertise on an introduction sequence and spectacular interleaving screens that look likely to



esigned by Renovation in the States this is one of a growing breed of 'power, over beast' games. 'power over beast' games.
Available on Mega Drive
this month, Master of
Monsters is all beat, hack
and slaughter action with
you in control of a variety
of ugly creations.
Graphics are excellent,
equal to coin-op standard,

and control is surprisingly spritely considering the size of the monster sprites.

It is however, sha the shelf with a host beast beater games consoles. So let's hope that new features which e been included really p hack 'n' slay fans on





rival Guest, the spectacular Trilobyte CD ROM project.

CD ROM is proving to be a massive leap in presentation quality, to such an extent that cinema has come to computer gaming - it's exciting stuff!



Here's the latest news on Mindscape's Mario game. It will feature the Mario gang in an education frame of mind.

In this particular episode, Mario is Missing, Luigi embarks on a perilous journey to find his bruv. The first game will be available in autumn with others following on in the new year.



JAGUAR XJ220

ore Design is putting the finishing touches to two Jaguar car-based games. Having signed up a deal with the British car manufacturer, Core has called upon the talents of Mac Avery; the clever chap behind the brilliant Thunderhawk.

The first game to hit the shops will be Jaguar XJ220 Sports Racing. The title will feature the usual 'behind the car' view and will set you behind the wheel of a super fast XJ220.

You'll race over 12 different countries trying to keep ahead of other cars in your class such as Ferrari F40s and Porche 959s. Jaguar XJ220 Sports Racing will be available on the Amiga sometime in April.

The second game bearing the Jaguar name will feature the 3D graphic style first used in Thunderhawk and will include the Le Mans 24 hour race. Don't hold your breath though, it won't see the light of day until Christmas time.

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team has planned for you...

VIKING CHILD

"I have seen the future of video game and his name is Brian the Viking Child!" A prophetic and imaginative quote, I think not, on Viking Child on Game Boy.

Now the sequel promises eight new levels of norse-style action, featuring a host of Viking villains.



The action comes in the form of the usual platform romp, as Brian. the Norseman, takes on a

bunch of ugly and 'orrible adversaries on his journey to Valhalla.





That humungous lump of 18 carat gold, known widely as the World Cup is in your sights, in this soccer title.

Plenty of swords, shields and

potions to try out in this quaint Norse

To be released on the Super Nintendo in April, Super Soccer Champ is rumoured to be the best footy game yet on console.

The game is presented as a raised horizontal view, rather than the overhead perspective made famous in Anco's Kick Off. It features fast-moving action with special tricks, such as bicycle wheel kicks and flying headers.

The game features two-player action with swift player to player switches to alter the pace of the game.

KIDZ MOUSE

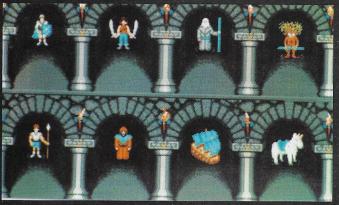
Kids everywhere are bound to love this cute little rodent. Aimed at youngsters aged between 5 and 11 years old, the Kidz Mouse is available for the Amiga and ST

Priced at £35, the Kidz Mouse comes complete with a birth certificate. The unit features the same internal



workings as Logitech's mice and also comes with a handy 10 page instruction booklet.

This Logitech mouse is available later this month



WARRIORS OF REL

mpressions is set to release its first fantasy war game. Dharak is a land of chaos, inhabited by goblins, arcs, trolls and the like. It now seems that an evil leader is uniting the beasts of Dharak against the neighbouring, peaceful lands.

You must lead a ramshackle army against the invading forces. Players must utilise their strengths and protect the innocent villagers. In addition players may also call upon the magic of wizards and priests.

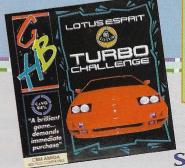
Warriors of Releyne will be available towards the end of March on the ST and Amiga with a PC version due in May. All formats will cost £29,99.



Here is a list which has been compiled by GX, with the help of Centresoft and Leisuresoft, to keep you up to date with all the games which will be hitting the shops in the coming week.

There may be some changes to the release dates of some of the games but keep an eye on the shelves, these games shouldn't be too far behind the date indicated.

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Here's your exclusive chance to see where your favourite game stands in the software charts.

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After the onslaught of games that were released over the summer it has been difficult to keep up with those which were snuck out on general

release! However there are a few worthy of special note which I'm

sure you'll want to seek out...

STEEL GUNNER Supplier Namco

ig cabinet, large screen, two guns with tactile trigger response, flash graphics... ooh look, it's ANOTHER Operation Wolf clone. What a tremendous surprise!

OK, I can accept the sudden exploitation of man's primeval desire to shoot at things in the arcades - BUT - I do think that the concept is becoming a little worn!

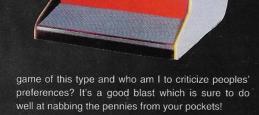
Space Gun, Operation Wolf, Rail Chase, Laser Ghost, Line of Fire... to name but a few... c'mon! the joke's over guys!

Basically in Steel Gunner you and another player take on the role of super cops with massive weapons who must rescue a very clever robotics professor from a marauding gang of intensely unpleasant terrorists.

Their intention is to force the prof to build a mega-bot that will destroy the city and leave them in control. All you have to do is shoot things. It's as simple as that.

Point your gun, pull the trigger and kill the bad guys! Just to be extra original you can also pick up extra weapons by shooting at certain pods. Hmmm very different...

On the whole it's your average blast which is faultless in terms of presentation but simply boring conceptually. However, everyone has their favourite



X-RATING: XXX





STRIKEFORCESupplier Midway

race of vicious Saurian lizard-men has overrun the New Earth Solar System colonies and is proceeding with a project of quite horrific proportions.

The intention is to capture the human race and then genetically mutate the unfortunate prisoners into strange hybrids which can be used as slaves on the home world – the dreaded Mega-Star Apocalypse.



Your mission is to save the colonies and rescue your beleaguered comrades before the Saurians have their wicked way. The operation, known as Strikeforce, is an all-out assault utilizing the very latest weapons and equipment.

As you can probably guess from this brief resumé of the story-line this game involves an awful lot of shooting. Yes, scrolling shoot'em-up is back in fashion... and about time too!



Featuring two-way parallax scrolling backdrops, startling graphics and sound, one or two-player simultaneous action and a plethora of options, Strikeforce looks set to be a really popular game.

Players have
the chance to
decide which
planets they
want to attack, which
weapons to use and when they
wish to pop to the shop to buy hunkydory power-ups. Then, once they're
up to full strength they can then
decide when to attack the
Apocalypse itself.

All being well, you should be able to find it in some of the larger arcades in the country.



This week our intrepid reporter visits the Metropolis to chat with a few punters in the relatively new computer and consoles section of the world's largest music and video store - HMV, in London's Oxford Circus.



y Amiga is really good but that doesn't stop me from looking for a Game Boy. Everyone seems to have 'em and the games are pretty good too.

I like simulations more than anything, and Microprose seems to be the best software house for that with constant improvements. A



couple of years back the graphics were really bad. I follow motor racing and enjoy other sports such as rugby and Tottenham football. football team is ace.

Simon Morris (21)

t the moment I'm studying Communications and Sociology at Goldsmiths

college and I use an Amstrad PCW for my work. I've also got a really old 48K Spectrum.

I play Tetris there in the union. Although I've got some naff games, I never play them because I've not had the Spectrum out for years now. Musically I

like all sorts, Disco Trash really. I read amusing novels and go to the theatre.

Juan Begarros (14)

-Loc is really good on my Game Gear but I've only got three games at the moment. I'm looking to get another, there's more of a selection in here than back home in Madrid. I play basketball in a team for school as well as football on a regular basis which I enjoy.



This week in

London

Ken Droo (8)

y best game on the Nintendo is Megaman and on the Amiga it's Robocop III. I suppose I prefer the Amiga. Most games are good and I haven't got a rubbish one yet. I like to spend most of my time playing about on my computers.



Tim Reed (32)

Jollywell in North Wales is where I've popped down from. I've got a Mega Drive which I'm very pleased with. I've also got a Game Gear which despite being a little sore on the eyes is alright.

Sonic is my favourite, it's got everything, it's a good game. Another good game is Robocod, I like that, I'm interested in the opera and I watch a lot of TV, I'm not really into sports a great deal.



Torsten Scholtz (19)

im very pleased with my Amiga although I wouldn't mind

a A3000. I like the Archimedes but the Amiga has to be my favourite. I've seen lots of bad games but, um, I can't seem able to think of any at the moment

I like table top games and role-playing. Runequest is enjoyable, as is a German game called Mitgard. There's lots of fantasy shops here in England which is great.



Osman (25)

've come from Norway, my brother's got the machine, an Amstrad PC. There's some good games on it, adventure games are what he really likes. I enjoy sports and play squash and football. I like English soccer and will be going to watch Leeds soon. I saw the film JFK - very good, very controversial.



The family Marius

e've got a Super Sega back in France and also an Amiga. Double Dragon is a pretty good game. We like to play lots of different things and there seems to be quite a lot to choose from here in HMV.

I play basketball at school and I watch a lot of films and videos. We really enjoy the action movies, especially with Segal and Van Damme.

Andreas Bauer (19)

remen in Germany is where I come from. I've got an Amiga and my favourite game is Another World which is very good. I practice karate back home. I also like roleplaying games when I can get hold of them. As for music I especially listen to Genesis Queen and Nirvana.



SHOP TAI

Product Controller - Caroline Bowring

his store is the largest in the world. The computer section has only been open for five months, we started just before Christmas and it's doing remarkably well. It's picked up and is proving its worth considering that it's only a small section at the moment and there's a lot of competitors on the street.



We're looking to to expand the area because things are really tightly packed together. It does get a lot of customers through traffic passing by, but it's far from an ideal situation. It would be better against a wall.

We sell mostly Nintendo and

The ones that sold the most

1.....Bart/Camp Deadly 2.....Dragon's Lair 3Chip 'n' Dale 4.....Duck Tales

5.....Nemesis 6World Cup

7Star Wars 8Tennis 9Double Dragon

10.....Quackshot

Game Boy games, but that's reflected by the special purchase offers on at the moment. We have special offers on a wide range of games, with prices from £3.99 going up to £14.99

THE TERMINATOR

25 COPIES OF THIS ALL-ACTION CLASSIC VIDEO TO BE WON IS BACK

Arnie won Mr Europe at the age of 16 and went on to win Mr Universe seven times. In what documentary film about body-building did Arnie star?

- Muppet Movie
- Pumping Iron
- Gone With The Wind

What nationality is Arnold?

- **a** Austrian
- **b** Swahili
- **C** Mongolian

Arnie and a squad of soldiers were pitted against an evil and powerful alien in which movie?

- Mary Poppins
- The Graduate
- Predator

Which actor played Arnie's unlikely brother in the movie 'Twins'?

- **Danny DeVito**
- **b** Errol Flynn
- Rowan Atkinson

In 'Terminator 2', name the boy who will grow up to save the future of the

human race

- Tom O'Conner
- Des O'Conner
- John Conner

his classic became a cult film and led to a sequel that was one of the biggest grossing movies of all time.

Now you can control the Terminator yourself, in a stunning arcade adventure.

Virgin games is set to release this all-action game on the Mega Drive, Game



Gear and Super NES. All you have to do is answer these questions about the fearsome ßBT800 himself, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

You could then win yourself a copy of the original film, 'The Terminator'. Answers to reach us no later than 2nd April, 1992

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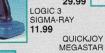
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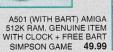






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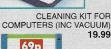


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The elements that unite to make a classic game are elusive at the best of times. Few titles have really shone brightly enough to be considered great. Let's investigate and, to give you an idea of what's important, break the evaluation of the game down into 10 major sections.



GRAPHICS

Sit Xenon II and the original Space De Invaders side by side and you'll look at Xenon first won't you? Both games are classic but the presentation makes a huge difference.

Despite your initial reaction, beauty being only skin deep and all that, you may find that what primarily impresses you is, in fact, merely superfluous.

Look at the Sullivan Bluth games like Dragons Lair! The graphics are superb but gameplay

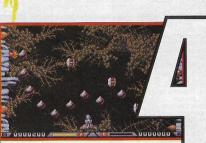
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Obviously something like Lemmings or

Mario is going to keep you
occupied for quite some time due
to the sheer number of levels.

Simulators, strategy games or adventures are your best bet.

Just recently there has been a boom in the simulator market as software developers strive for greater realism in their games. Everything from a submarine to a MiG has been



GAMES-X FAVOURITES

In order to test out the theory of a 10 category evaluation we tried it out on some peoples' favourite games in the office to see if any of them could be perceived as 'greats'. A broad spectrum of titles was selected with the hope that a good few 'classics' could be justified...

	GRAPHICS	SOUIND	ORIGINALITY	LONGEVITY	ACCESSABILITY	LEARNING	ISITEUN	TARGET	CHARACTER	REPUTATION
LEMMINGS	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
SUPER MARIOWORLD	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V
FLIGHT SIM I	V			V		V		V		~
LOTUS TURBO				V	V		V	V		V
SUPERCARS 2				V	V		V	V		V
DUNGEON MASTER	V		V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
IK+		V			V		V	V		V
XENON II	V	V			V		V	V		V
SPACE QUEST IV	V	V		V	V		V	V	V	~

ACCESSIBILITY

There's nothing worse than sitting down to play a new game and not being able to get into it, now is there?

If it doesn't have

all those really grasping and accessible qualities

then you soon become bored and just can't be bothered to carry on.

Games such as Mario or Lemmings just grab you from the moment you pick up the joystick, while on the other hand



there are numerous titles which come and go and are never remembered simply because they're such a pig to get started on

DOES IT REACH THE TARGET AUDIENCE?

There aren't many games that actually appeal to everyone. Your average flight simulator will probably be way over the head of many younger players.

The escapades of the latest wave of mango chutney eating ninja gerbils is hardly going to hold the

attention of your more mature player. Few games manage to transcend these limitations. Sonic, despite being aimed at a reasonably young audience, has been accepted by a huge audience. Likewise, Mario has broken the mould.

The complexity of the game is obviously very important in determining the target audience – a hard game is more than likely aimed at an older and more mature audience.

PLAYER/CHARACTER RELATIONSHIP

The central character of the game is very important! Look at Sonic, Mario, or Dizzy – they're all roaring successes. People

seem to take them to their hearts in a way not dissimilar to cartoon characters.

They feel a degree of empathy with the protagonist, important to their enjoyment. It would appear that when developers try to put famous characters into a game, it doesn't work as well. Just look at the Turtles or Bart. I rest my case!





SOUND

Just as with the comments about graphics, the quality of the sound makes a difference.

It helps if something sounds like either the London Philharmonic or Def Leppard in concert rather than a small budgie being strangled while underwater!

Obviously the limitations of your particular computer have to be taken into account, but there are

still some good tunes and effects, even on the Speccy!

Over the years there have been a number of soundtracks that stick in peoples' minds. Who remembers the loading tune to Sanxion on the C64?

All said and done though, the quality of the sound is only the icing on the cake.



EVITY

simulated at some point. The possibilities are boundless.

Adventures are obvious category to keep you going for ages; games like Dungeon Master and Eye of the Beholder are so vast that you can roam around the virtual world for months before you've seen everything!



The originality of a game is very important in the way it is perceived by both the public and the press.

The arrival of games like
Lemmings has really made
people sit up; this classic blend of
strategy and puzzles has really
shaken things up a bit! Over the
ars there have been a number of

trend-setters and these are always the ones that are remembered.

Space Invaders was the first shootyshooty, Pac-Man started off the maze craze, and eventually Dungeon Master begat a thousand 3D RPG games.



LEARNING CURVE

A learning curve? What's that then guv? Some games get better and better as you progress further into them.

Take Dungeon Master or some of

the Sierra adventures for example. As you start there are certain simple tasks to perform, but many possibilities open up for you due to your experiences.



Well, is it? What's the point of playing a game if you don't enjoy yourself? This basically depends on personal taste, but there are many games which appeal to a broad audience.

It's hard to specify what makes a game fun... some people find playing war games enjoyable, while others find it the most boring thing imaginable!



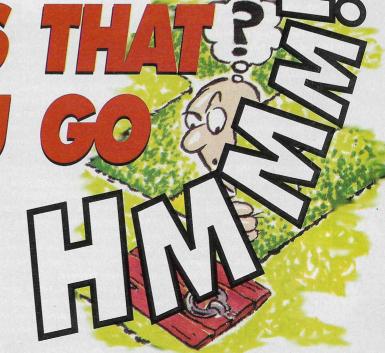
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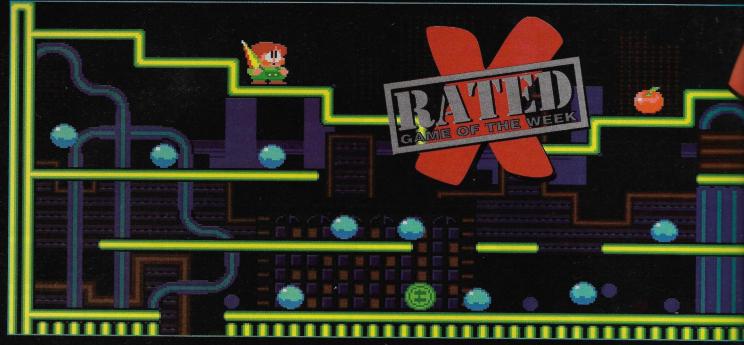
REPUTATION

In recent years the development teams behind games have become much more apparent. For example, if a new Bitmap Bros game was released

tomorrow, loads of you would check it out, wouldn't you?

Likewise, if you heard that a new Mario or Sonic game was to be released you would want to see it. This reputation is important; some great games have gone unnoticed because they have come from an obscure development team.







Oops! Now that wasn't supposed to happen! After carelessly wandering into the path of an enemy I've suddenly gone and died

Some of the beasts you'll encounter on your journey are strange indeed. Here we see Bub being attacked by a hoarde of accordions





Bub and Bob will have to visit many areas on their quest: Casino, Ocean, Music, Toy and this one, the Sky Star, to name but a few



oth of the original games in this series have been arcade smashes, but Parasol Stars was only ever released onto the PC Engine.

Now those very nice people at Ocean have converted it across to the home computers for our gaming pleasure, but can it live up to the original's high standards?

Well, let's see... Bubble Bobble is, for me anyway, far better than Rainbow Islands and Parasol takes us back to the roots of the first game with fast two-player fun.

BROLLY GOOD

As the title suggests, our heroes are this time armed with umbrellas which they'll use to catch falling bubbles, fling said items across the screen and prevent themselves from falling too quickly.

You can also use the brollys to catch many bubbles, this will gradually make the one

you are going to throw bigger.

When this reaches its largest size it will do some special task, such as create the waterfalls of the first game.

These fall down through the platform and

PARASOL ST RANBOW ISLAND

capture any enemies that get in their way. You can also collect potions and catch new bubbles that you'll find lying around the various screens.

These allow you to fling lightning or other such weapons and can wipe out many enemies in one foul sweep, making the clearing of a screen drastically easier than normal.

There are eight stars with seven levels on each. There are also a number of hidden stars for you to find during the game so if you complete the quest there is still something for you to go back to.

On the last level of each star you'll have to confront and get rid of a large boss-type creature.

These can only be killed using special bubbles so you'll be glad to hear that there are potions to be found on these screens that you can



Not content with helping out the people of the Rainbow Islands, Bub and Bob must now go out into space

for their next adventure. This time they are ridding the Parasol Stars of all evil in the third episode in the Bubble Bobble saga.

collect and then use. However, should you lose a life then the energy of the beast is put back up a bit and you'll have to collect the potion once more.

IT'S A MIRACLE!

The only thing that I missed from Rainbow was the two-player option of the original so I was overjoyed to find that Parasol has brought this back in.

This feature gives the game a

tremendous amount of fun and also makes it that little bit more annoying.

"Why annoying?", I hear you ask. Well you can pick each other up with the umbrella and not only arguments but fully blown fights will be seen to erupt during the game.

Among the bonus items that you can collect during play are little things called Miracles. These will either get rid of completely or only



which are

difficult

to kill

SWINGING ON A STAR



Here we go, now this looks fairly simple. Not many aliens and they are all fairly small, so these should cause no problem



Ha! They ain't got a chance as I whip out my umbrella and start attacking them in a most violent fashion

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partly destroy the enemies. This depends on whether you get three or two of a kind, but either way they are very useful to collect.

Controls are as simple as you'd expect them to be if you've played the original two games.

Using the umbrella may seem complex at first but with a little practice you'll be mastering the game in no time. You start off the game with four lives and two credits to use, should these run out.

Thus you can guarantee that you won't complete the whole thing for at least a few months after the purchase, which is how every game should be.

Will Bub and Bob return for another adventure? Who knows, but if they do it will certainly be well received by the public!



Here you see the various stars that you'll visit during the game, these will only be in colour when you have completed them. The hidden ones won't appear until you have found them in the levels

NASTY OLD BEASTIES



This ugly looking robot is a bit of an annoying creature to kill, so you'll have to power up the star bubbles and let fly



The sea monster appears at the end of the Ocean Star and is killed using the lightning. Your brolly will protect you from those falling rocks

FACT FILE

Software House: Ocean
Programmer: Mick West
Graphic Artist: Don McDermot
Sound: Matthew Cannon, Keith Tinman

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Platform games today seem to be where it's at and they are all getting better all the

time, although in my mind nothing will ever beat RoboCod. Parasol Stars succeeds in not being blotted out in an already over-inflated genre through pure addictive gameplay.

Fans of both prequels will undoubted enjoy it since it is more of the same but even those who hated Rainbow, and there are some people like that, will find something more appealing in Parasol.

To be honest, Rainbow did get a bit boring after a while but Parasol thankfully doesn't suffer from this. The gameplay is as simplistic as you can get, all you have to do is leap about and kill the nasties, but the game is in no way easy to complete.

The graphics are in exactly the same style as Rainbow which is a good thing because it means that younger gamers will like the game as well.

Every little enemy in the game has cute eyes and will smile as they bounce around the screen giving you that familiar feeling of rising chunder.

All in all this game is better than Rainbow Islands for it is far more simplistic to play but it is not up to the quality of RoboCod. Maybe The Addams Family will be the one to beat it!

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The ST version is exactly the same as the Amiga in every way, even the sound effects!

The tune is of a slightly lower quality but the difference is hardly noticeable.

This is a very playable and addictive product. A game well worth buying andit will keep you playing solidly for weeks to come.

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The Commodore version is going to be the only 8-bit machine the game is

going to be released on, allowing for the game to be of a much higher quality than usual. Both graphically and sonically this is a highly impressive product. The C64 version couldn't be more impressive than it is.

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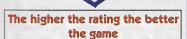
X-RATING: XXXXX

Gameplay: 19/20 Lastability: 19/20 Presentation: 17/20

GAMES-X SCORING SYSTEM EXPLAINED!

It's not difficult but we want to make everything as clear as possible. So sit down and listen carefully as you're talked through the various aspects of the game reviews...





Feargus, being a roughie-toughie rugby player, likens himself to a broom broom car engine and has been

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straying from the Games-X office for a wee jaunt with his granny every Friday morning. The purpose? A shopping trip!



Pam doen't believe that Feargus is taking his Granny shopping. On the contrary, she thinks he's on the razz most

Thursday nights and simply can't make it in early in the morning. Ferg denys this, claiming he can take his beer!

Sharon has had one heck of a time recently. The poor lamb had a blow out on the way to work and ended up



walking in. On the plus side, if you can call it that, she has a secret admirer. Known to us as Doug the Jug.



This is the accolade given to those games of exceptional quality and which the Games-X reviewers feel deserve extra recognition

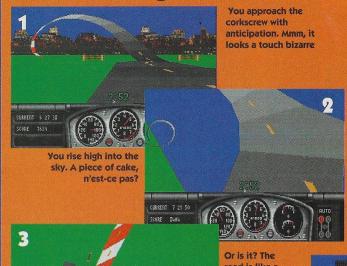


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Going Loopy



Or is it? The road is like a ribbon, and you come tumbling on down PLAYER DIE SCIC CAP A TYANG CA

The super-duper Stunt Track, full of dispills and thrills

The sandy, dusty landscape of the Autocross track

SUPER

Selecting your car and transmission. The cars act differently, so it's worth trying out each first

ard Drivin' has been claimed in some quarters to be a classic twist to the driving game genre.

No perfect steering, false gear changes or surviving crashes here thank you very much, but a driving game for drivers, offering a sense of reality unseen in most simulations of this type.

There are three courses in Race Drivin': the original, from Hard Drivin', the stunt track with loop the loops, bridges and so on, or the speed track. The two new courses vary in quality.

The autocross track is a touch basic; the objective is to simply dash around a triangular loop in the desert, registering the fastest possible time. It does get a trifle dull unless you have the two-player link-up.

The super stunt track is a revelation; a rather large and certainly varied game to test your driving wits on all manner of tricks.

It's not all bizarre stunts though. You need accurate driving skills to suss out the mountainside twisty-turny roads before you go onto the course proper.

HEAD IN A SPIN

Here 'you're faced with the obligatory loop the loop, a tunnel, depressions and bridges, not forgetting the devilish corkscrew stunt track.

Here you've got to slam on those revs, stay on track, and go upside down



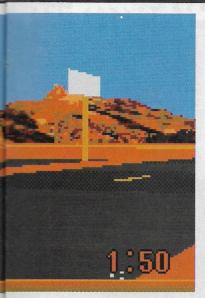


The racing 'autocross' track. To test your wits at

Choose COURSE



The good of fashioned Hard Drivin' course, with both speed and stunt aspects



breakneck speeds



Going round

Mad cow! Mad cow! On the mountain twisty approach road just ignore their pitiful moos



You gotta be careful around those twisty turns



Else. Well, you'll end up falling off. Whadya expect?

and round and around, great fun to be sure but tough

The options available in Race Drivin' are an essential part of the game. You can select your car type from a choice of three. There's a Sportster, a tough and resilient all-round car.

The Roadster, with its superb handling and cornering abilities, and finally the Speedster, a sleek aerodynamic performance car which can nip along the straights at a fair old pace.

You can select the transmission on these motors, either automatic, to acquaint yourself with the courses, or manual, whereby you choose the gears according to the situation you're in.

Manual transmission is awkward, but it certainly adds an additional element to gameplay.

Other options made available in Race Drivin' include the ability to adjust the sensitivity of steering, be it with mouse or joystick.

A major criticism of Hard Drivin' was the ease of oversteer which made the game unplayable at times.

This can now be ironed out to a greater dearee.

Of course, being

game of vectorised graphics, the speed can be slowed down with additional scenery and an increased number of opponents' cars

FROM SPRINT TO STROLL

Like most simulators, these can be turned off, allowing for a great deal more smoothness in both the scrolling and the

Another touch is to play head-tohead with another driver. This twoplayer link up requires a cable, but does offer a further dimension to gameplay.

You only see the opponent if you're overtaking or overtaken, adding some nail-biting tension to the proceedings.

All in all, a tough all-round driving challenge. Whether it's slick enough is another matter, and it's probably better to try before buying. It's good, but then I

liked Hard Drivin' whereas a lot of people didn't.

offware House: Domark. **Development Team: Walking Circles**



Race Drivin' is a game you'll either love or hate. If you like such fast action racing

Microprose Grandprix, then you may be disappointed by the lack of features and sensation of speed.

Graphics are different, to say the The advanced vectorised graphics are typical of the Atari arcade original and are rather nice, but they're hardly spectacular. Scrolling isn't too bad but could surely be improved on.

Although Race Drivin' does offer a distinct sense of realism and speed to the driving game genre, there's still room for improvement. Nevertheless, the choice of courses does allow for some fun to be gleaned.

Thankfully, the control mechanism which constituted the 'hard' in hard driving has been improved. Now it's not impossible, just extremely tough.

You can adjust the mouse or joystick sensitivity to an acceptable degree, making the oversteer easier. The selection of tracks isn't quite perfect yet, although the new Super Stunt track is excellent.

From whizzing around corkscrews, dashing through tunnels and clinging on to twisty mountain paths, it offers quite a tough challenge to the ardent hard driver.

The autocross track is, frankly, a tad boring. Simply whizzing around a loop doesn't hold much in the way of a thrill factor.

The original course is still in there, bless it, permitting you to do the trusty stunt track or the more audacious speed track.

Race Drivin' can only recommended to those who enjoyed Hard Driving. With a greater sensation of speed, the options make you wonder how you did without them.

A good game for a few hours of driving enjoyment, a game where your parents will probably be able to whack their children into shape, for a change.

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With all the similar new features as found on the Amiga version, it's a good conversion although the scrolling is jerkier. If you have played Hard Driving, then you know what to expect.

£29.99 OUT LATE MARCH

X-RATING: XXXX

Gameplay: 12/20 **Lastability: 10/20** Presentation: 11/20

Following on from the success of Hard Drivin', Race Drivin' really puts you straight in the driver's seat, in more ways than one. As a driving simulation of the classic Atari coin-op it improves on the original, but how much?

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Programmers: R A Cooke, D Eaton **Development Team: Exentrix** Graphic Artist: M J Alder Music: P Webb

gamesplaying, but as a title that is only going to set you back eight smackers there can be absolutely no Hover Sprint is far from being original concept doubt that it's very good value.

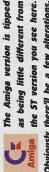
Compare this with something like Hard Drivin' and it's not hard to see that Codemasters is really on to something special here! The game is very easy to control and there are enough tracks to keep you busy for some time.

ports and you have something that is facility through either the MIDI or serial Add to this a multi-player link-up certainly up there with Stunt Car Racer! Graphically the game is very fast and smooth and rivals many of the more expensive vector games that are around at the moment.

than adequate, giving, on the whole, a On top of this the sonics are more top class presentation.

player game it doesn't really grab hold of you and hang on. However, if you really love 3D race games I'm sure you'll My only complaint is that as a oneget more than £8 worth of play out of it!

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the ST version you see here. Obviously there'll be a few alterations, but I can't see much being changed apart from the sound effects.

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Lastability: 13/20 Gameplay: 15/20

Presentation: 15/20

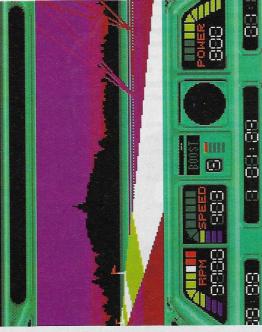
The chunky looking Blue Flame is the first of the four to have a manual gear box. If you're a good driver this should make the acceleration better!

within a month of each other, now comes Codemaster's first ever There's definitely a popularity surge for the old perspective racing game right now. After Microprose Grand Prix and Domark's Race Drivin' being released vector graphics game...

front before your opponents

know what's hit 'em

foot down and get to the back of the grid. Put your



Vight time racing... what a pleasant looking purple hazy sky eh? Red sky at night... hover car drivers crash 'cause they're can't see where they're going



establishes all connections with the Your computerised repair system smashing your front windscreen. mportant onboard systems



After whipping the car up into fifth boost by pressing the fire button. gear you can activate the turbo

for its the highly competitive area of 3D nauseatingly cute Dizzy Codemasters is obviously branching out from simple platform romps into games, hence the saying 'not another bloody Dizzy game", reviously famed racing games.

For a game of this type to work really well there are

number of criteria which must be met. the vector graphics of the 3D 'world' have to be fast Firstly, and smooth.

the end of the day it's control and finally, at has to be easy to Secondly, it

9 succeed on all three counts! Quite an Thankfully it would appear that has managed achievement for a first attempt! got to be playable. Codemasters

DRIVING FORCE

The Wolverine has a bit more oomph. It

The Streaker 2 is a reliable and easy to drive little number although a wee bit sluggish in the old poke department

still has automatic gears but a greater

top speed

Although set in a futuristic scenario of mythical suspended race tracks different to many of the games of this Hover Sprint is not significantly traversed by high speed hover cars, type that have been and gone over You take your place in a series of races, comprising of four Hover

The Pulsar is the real meaty mobile – manual gears, high powered engine. Monstrous stuff

your way from the bottom of division four to the top of division one.

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Racing on any of 20 tracks your only aim is to win and gain as many points as possible. Pretty simple, wouldn't you say?

To push your driving abilities to the limits you have a choice of four Hover Cars, each varying in their levels of power and ease

easiest car for example The of handling.

weight vehicle the Streaker 2, is an automatic,

around the track with the greatest which

On the other hand, the Pulsar is a real monster! Five manual gears, high powered engine and not unlike a smelly acceleration

of this quality would not have been A couple of years ago, a game seen as a full price title, let alone an substance off a shovel! £8 budget game!

Admittedly, it does have limited

The overall impression given is one of quality, and the lads down at appeal, but it is quite fun. The tracks are reasonably interesting and the Codemasters must be extremely graphics are fast and smooth

proud of themselves!

Cars each, while you attempt to work



What strange enemies! Here we see my city under attack by large, tank-driving hamsters! Cor, I'm dead scared!



Look on the map screen to see just how well your colony is doing and find out where ore and fuel are to be found



The command centre is the important building in the colony so you'll have to keep plenty of back-up power



more of the same with the only apparent differences lying in the terrain and various types of enemies to do battle against. as Populous and Sim City were used to think that games such the most boring computer products known to man.

Utopia was the first game of this style that I tried to play; it's easy to get into but very difficult to master.

difficult levels...

You still have to plan out your colony as strategically as possible

while at the same time readying yourself to destroy the enemy city. Basically The New Worlds offers

Keeping the population happy and building a city to have great defenses is a very difficult business.

your people entertained, or Do you opt to build a sports complex to keep do you build missile silos as defence against air attacks?

doing. When you start the game the determines how well you are rating will be 55 per cent. Quality of Life rating have a The city will (QOL) and always

> The command centre, the most important building in the game

Keeping law and order in the

your spacecraft takes off and

lands, but not without fuel!

A launch pad, this is where

scroll around the terrain and

see the entire colony

These arrows allow you to

Keeping law are city is easy with a security HQ another building is currently Scaffolding shows where

being constructed

Ship-building yards are useless unless next to a launchpad

Your source of power is the sun, building a hospital or security HQ.

so plenty of solar panels are needed.

and you'll also require something in Each of the 10 scenarios has a Unfortunately this isn't quite enough which to store the collected power, known as Flux Pods which also act as markers.

for raw meat to deadlier enemy race; the range covers 10 metre long knight-like creatures caterpillars with a taste with metal skin.

Consider their characteristics well when designing defences. terrain Every

The tanks and ships are build. In some cases there are also dentical to the original product which will undoubtedly please fans. great pools of lava.

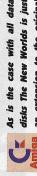
> At times the only way to survive is to raise taxes, thus lowering the

à

QOL. You can raise it again

Some of the ideas for aliens are incredible, obviously created by a very warped imagination.

Programmers: Graeme Ing, Robert Crack Graphic Artist: Bernie



game. Graphically this is fairly basic, it seems to have aged quickly since its disks The New Worlds is just an extension to the original original release six months ago.

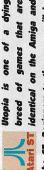
Vevertheless, the new backgrounds are interesting and different enough in themselves to warrant a purchase.

The beauty of Utopia is that it is addictive. These new planets will keep immensely playable and incredibly you going until the sequel is released.

mastered the original particularly since these new challenges are far tougher this without having already However, it isn't recommended than those of the original.

disks at the moment are around £5 cheaper than the original game at The price is also enticing, most data around £90, making it incredible value. If you own Utopia and are close to beating all of the worlds then this comes heartily recommended.

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identical on the Amiga and the ST. Beginners to the genre will be able to get into it quickly and easily ithough it must be said that the going breed of games that ar does get slightly tough.

It is hard not to recommend data disks and if you are a fan of the original same then you'll definitely want an addon to an already impressive product.

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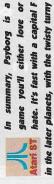
mountains or

buildings on which you are unable to

X-RATING: X

Presentation: 15/20 Lastability: 17/20 **Gameplay: 17/20**

Development Team: In House



It seems like a cross between the old game, Encounter, and the original the canyons. Although not as sleek, it's as fast and has a degree of cerebral Star Wars game where you go through taxingness in choosing the best route. vortexes becoming obscene later on.

through the uneven corkscrews at a It's simple yet tough. A rugged and easily responsive joystick such as the Bug is both ideal and essential to nip breakneck speed. It's worth a go.

enjoyable romp which you can return to gameplay is amazingly addictive. An again and again. It's typically French, Although it looks average, but for a change, it's rather good.

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this doesn't distract, what there is is The Amiga version is just as fast, with smoother scrolling quality about it. Sounds are minimal, but effects. It might look a triffle simple, but it has a sheer addictive good enough. An enjoyable romp.

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The speed of your PC

stilted in slower versions. There aren't ression to the gameplay. It's still fast but the scrolling is rather many enjoyable action games available makes a definite imp on the PC. This is one of them.

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Presentation: 12/20 Gameplay: 13/20 Lastability: 13/20

through the obviously. A typically Androphere spies. A galactic vortexes to the ubiquitous odd rid the universe of species which isn't ouches and novel French game with Fly your rery popular, extras. ou are Duncan Norton, a military-style chappie with a massive mind. The planets the galaxies are being infiltrated by the enemy.

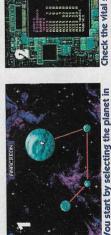
Androphere spies are using their influence on friendly planets and they must be eradicated.

these alien creatures, and to get to these infested planets you spirit your You're the psyborg assassin of mind away.

IWISTS AND TURNS LIKE...

This isn't a simple case of wanting to be somewhere then, poof! You have to travel galactic vortexes, twisty turny tunnels which link the ethereal to the material.

rather than neutralising the actual these vortexes is the aim of the game, through Travelling



Check the vital statistics of what you're going to expect

the correct order of vortexes

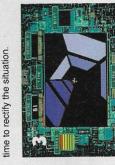
creatures, and it is rendered in fast | and it's wise to slow down a notch when there's only a single panel path action 3D graphics.

novel, but the technique and The graphic system is hardly The vortexes are a series gameplay are different.

three to twenty sides. This is panelled tunnels, with you've got to cling to but most of the panels are missing, and whatever is available fine, ð

up, back to slow down You can conto speed slight movements on the joystick; your travels by trol the speed of and fire to stop. forward

travel at is frenetic to say the least, The speed you can



/ou're thrown straight in at the deep end, as the path splits

accrued by staying on the path, up to This all depends on the time a maximum of 100 time units. to take, which corkscrews

easiest route either, because some have power-ups or other special options. Some add extra time, bonus points, make you bounce or even It's not just a case of taking the transport you further forward.

> limit to com-plete each planet-ary vortex and if

You have a timeall over the place.

op nox

stray,

you're

Some are bad though, making backwards to the beginning, which is you stop dead or invisible, or slow you down or make you rritating to say the least.

... TWISTY TURNY THING

premises and, depending on the bonus credits accrued, buy certain Every vortex has at least one shop, signified by a flashing yellow square. This allows you to enter the invaluable items.

offered a little bit of



ou swerve left and right at a hectic pace. It takes nerves



bits, you kill off these ugly mugs After hurtling through the twisty



Corkscrew ahoy! It's a big one which goes on and on and on...



his should be easier, since the vortex is complete

You can buy extra lives, more time or even invulnerability. With 40 planets in eight solar systems to get your teeth in to, the boredom threshold should be limited.

They do get tougher, but a nice touch is some easy levels now and again, limiting the irritation factor.

It's certainly a game to try enthral all adrenalin addicts at least before you buy, and a game some of the time.



ou can take a breather by popping n the shop for some goodies

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Sega, Nintendo, Lynx, Game Boy, Famicom, Game Gear, PC Engine

It's a week for outstand-

ing Famicom releases, what with the superb Super Contra III and the best version of Smash TV I've seen. Also feast your eyes of the excellent Kid Chameleon, and the not-so-Classic Two Crude Dudes. In addition we take a glimpse at The Terminator for the Mega Drive...

NIGEL MANSELL ON THE

Gremlin Graphics, the software house responsible for the first-class Top Gear, is presently hard at work on their next Super Famicom release, Nigel Mansell Grand Prix.

Based around the brutal Brit's speeding racing skills you, as the driver of a multi-million pound F-1 car, must negotiate 16 circuits that are identical to the real courses, with South Africa replacing America.

The game will feature pit-stops and

qualifying laps, and will be viewed out of the cockpit utilising the Famicom's rotational hardware a great deal. You can expect to see this racing classic around Christmas, with an NES version appearing at about the same time.

F1 GRAND PRIX

Remember F1 Grand Prix, the excellent racing game for the PC Engine and Mega Drive? Well now a Famicom version is due to appear.

The action is viewed from overhead, and features a bundle of courses which will test your driving skills to the limit. The game was fast on both the Mega Drive and the Engine, but the Famicom game promises to be even more impressive, especially with the inclusion of Mode 7.

ENGINE SLIME WORLD

Slime World first appeared on the Atari Lynx and proved to be a highly-popular exploration/shoot'em-up. As a heroic space explorer, you must enter the green glow of Slime World, and hopefully battle your way through numerous levels of dripping goo.

The game looks excellent, but you'll find out more when the game is released some time around March/April.

BONANZA BROS COME BACK FOR MORE

Bonanza Brothers has appeared on nearly every format, be it Mega Drive, Amiga or Spectrum, and has proved to be equally addictive whatever the machine it's played on.

A game for one or two players, the basic aim is to break into various houses and steal as much swag as you possibly can.

You must avoid the security men as well as cameras, then make good your escape. More info when we get it.

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Two Crude Dudes

Not a promising title, but don't judge a book by it's cover, or so they say.

Once again this is another Mega

Drive beat'em-up, converted from the arcades and probably known better as Crude Busters.

COKE ADDS LIFE

This beat'em-up is for two players, Biff and Spike. As the Two Crude Dudes, you must punch and kick your way through five stages of nuclear desolation.

You'll be attacked from all sides by wrestlers and all sorts of muscly meanies. You can punch and kick by pressing B, or pick up objects and enemies with A, and throw them by tapping A once more. C makes the dudes jump, with a flying kick made possible with a combination of C and B.

You are awarded either three or five lives, which are divided further into an energy bar. Each punch knocks away at your power, but this can be replenished thanks to the Coke machines.

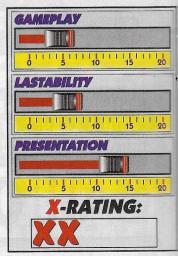
Two Crude Dudes looks so dated, because the game has absolutely nothing new to offer at all. It's a substandard beat'em-up that is not







outstanding either graphically or sonically, and I found myself cringing as attempted to punch the lights out of the thugs standing nearby. Save your money, don't buy this because I'm sure you'll be bitterly disappointed.





MEGA DRIVE TOP 10

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....CASTLE OF ILLUSION #

.....TOEJAM AND EARL #

Rocketeer

Rocketeer was Disney's hope for the best movie of last year, but was sadly beaten into second place by blockbusters like Terminator 2.

You may recall that some versions of T2 were pretty dire, so can the flying hero beat the muscly cyborg in the game stakes?

you recirculate and killing in order

Based loosely around the movie of the same name, Rocketeer is set over five levels of sky-riding action.

As Cliff Secord, you must battle against the might of the Nazis, and keep the X-3 Booket Back in

the X-3 Rocket Pack in safe hands.

The first stage of the game throws you right into the heat of the action, in an air race which you must win.



Using button A to increase airspeed you must zoom around the triangular circuit, while at the same time avoid ramming the other pilots.

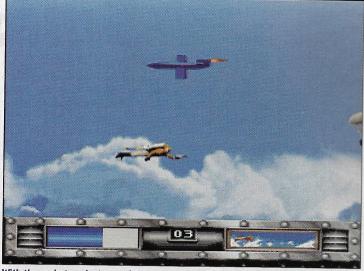
Complete 10 laps, then repeat the process for a 15 lap race. The next scene is inside the hanger, where Cliff is ambushed by the dastardly Nazis.

They want the rocket pack, and they don't mind killing the odd American in order to get it.

This stage is similar to Operation Wolf, with the added ability of flying to avoid the Nazi's deadly stick grenades.

You must then compete in the air race again, although you must now fly the rocket pack to victory, rather than the more secure Gee Bee airplane.

After another brief shoot-out in the hanger,



With the rocket pack strapped to your back, you take to the skies. Use your gun to shoot the oncoming shells, but mind you don't ding your backside on the rockets

you take to the skies in search of your beloved Jenny.

While flying along, you are attacked from all sides by missiles, bombs and other rocket packers hoping to grab your X-3.

In no time you're battling it out in a Locust aircraft against waves of German Fokkers.



hand, it is graphically impressive and there is a lot variation between the levels, but I really disliked the way you had to replay the stages having previously completed them

For instance, you have to win the air race three times before you finally take to

the skies, and are attacked twice in the hanger bay.

It's quite tough but I think you should find yourself nearing the end after a week of playing, and to sum up, an addictive cartridge

but I'd definitely think twice about paying £50 for it.

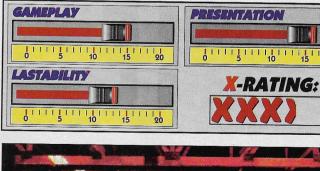


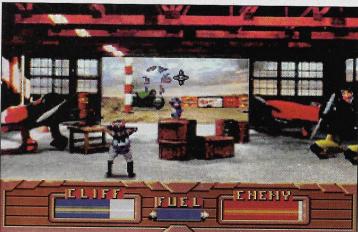
Onto the last stage, a hectic battle on top of a huge Zeppelin. Jenny is being held

hostage on the thin surface, guarded by one tough cookie that's not going to let you stroll straight past.

Beat him, and the luscious Jen will drop to her knees and worship your body.

Rocketeer left me in two minds as to whether I liked the game or not. On one





Go for it, Rocketeer, blast them Nazis with your ray gun! This Operation Wolf-type stage is easy so long as you keep collecting the first aid kits for energy



The Gee Bee is a maneouverable aircraft, but has it got the speed to outrun the others? Use button A to increase your airspeed and L and R to steer

Hands up all those of you who've played the computerbased version of this arcade game? It's a bit rough don't you think? For those of you

who have absolutely no idea what the game is about though, you (and a friend in two-player mode) are thrust into a Running Man-style TV game show scenario.

Smash T

Here you must compete for prizes against hoardes of cybernetic battle droids who are intent upon both removing your limbs and pounding your head into a sticky mess.

Basically the whole thing is a topdown view of a single room where you must run around picking up prizes and blasting the living daylights out of every type of bad guy imaginable.

Once you've managed to clear a room you must move onto the next one in the complex, until you eventually reach the enormous end-of-level guardian who must be obliterated before you're allowed to leave the show.

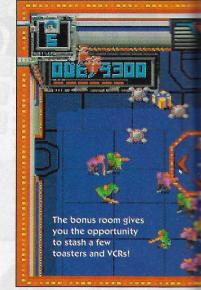
Sounds simple doesn't it? But there are a few problems! For a start the cybernetic bad guys don't just stroll in, shout BOO! and run away.

No, they run in, ooh, about 100 or so at a time and then proceed to beat you repeatedly about the head with very large baseball bats.



Alternatively they'll jump into a tank and shoot very large missiles at you, or, if they're feeling really mean you'll get 30 or so homing robots who chase you around the room!

All is not against you though! Not only do you get the chance to pick up dosh and VCR's as you're battling through the rooms, but you also occasionally run into some rather splendid weapons which make things a bit more exciting.



Photon guns, grenade launchers, missile launchers and force fields are all available at some point and will all make the removal of troublesome thugs and vagabonds considerably easier.

These arms are especially useful when you're battling it out with one of the four incredibly huge end-ofshow guardians who



Levels tend to begin sedately and quietly before the carnage really starts heating up

Kid Chameleon

Kid Chameleon is the coolest kid on the block, apart from me of course! In fact, he's so cool you could pour water down his trousers and

ice cubes would fall by his shoes!

Anyway, the local arcade is the centre of attention, as a new game is promising hologram youngsters the ride of their lives.

The berserker freaks out and charges at the nearest wall. Thanks to his hard head, he'll break it down

The machine will take them to another dimension, but the game is too real for its own good.

IMMENSE!

The ever so nasty Dark Destroyer has managed to break free of the game, and is kidnapping the players when they enter the machine. So far every contestant has failed to beat the Dark Destroyer, but Kid Chameleon will have to defeat the beastie and get home by 6.30, or face the wrath of his mother.

> Kid Chameleon is very much based around the two console classics. Mario and Sonic. Put simply, Kid is a platform romp of immense proportions, that includes hundreds of foul enemies and a ton of bonuses with which to defeat them.

> Set over 103 huge stages, the game spans more than 1850 screens. You must work your way



As the Iron Knight, you can climb walls by repeatedly tapping button C

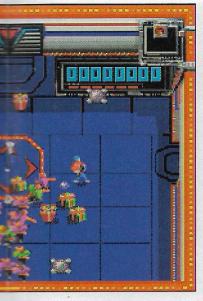
to the lair of the Elsewhere Evilmeister, but there's more than one route if you use the teleporters.

The game starts in Warrior Pass, which consists of nine sections, which divide further into two or three sectors each. Next is Dragon Fate, followed by Black Perils and Chaos Maze.

The last stage is the Final Marathon, and if you manage to battle your way across Blizzard Mountain and through the Ice God's caverns, you still won't be prepared for what's next.

Button A is used to make the Kid run, while pressing B will make him jump. C is left to activate for the special power, which depends on the helmet you're currently wearing.





take an absolute age to destroy, believe me!

Those of you with a particularly good memory, or those of you who appreciate the classics, will doubtless find some similarity between Smash TV and the Williams stonker of an arcade game Robotron.

Indeed, the screen layout and



hectic gameplay is very similar to that of the ageing classic. Fans of the no-holdsbarred backs against the wall zap'em-up will love it!

Admittedly, not a great deal of mental dexterity is required. In fact it requires virtually zero thought whatsoever! You do need fast reactions and an itchy trigger finger though!

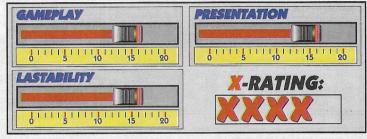
FINAL VERDICT

After seeing the awful Amiga and ST version of this game I was concerned as to how the Famicom version would fare.

Thankfully I can quite honestly say that Acclaim have produced a faithfully accurate arcade conversion which should have all you shoot'em-up fans going crackers.

Definitely worth checking out, especially if you've played the arcade game. The similarity is startling!





The helmets appear frequently throughout the game, changing Kid into a more powerful Warrior.

The knight helmet allows Kid to

scale vertical surfaces while the skull transforms him into a tank which can blow away the enemy with its deadly skull cannon.

DON YOUR HELMET

Collecting the samural helmet will award Kid with ninja skills and a vicious katana sword, while the winged hat grants him the ability to fly like a cyclone.

The skycutter is skateboard headgear which places a hoverboard at the Kid's disposal, while the hockey mask transforms him into a Jasonesque maniac.

The beserker can charge through solid walls, while Micromax can stick to walls and EyeClops has the ability to reveal hidden bonuses.

Although the game does not use a password system to restore your game to a certain point, you can increase the amount of continues you have by collecting coins.

Lives can also be picked up in the form of Ankhs, while the diamonds collected can be used as a type of deadly smart bomb.

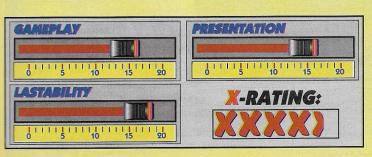
OK, OK, I know the game's a blatant rip-off of Sonic and Mario, but who's cares if it's great? Kid Chameleon is simply that, a great platform game for the Mega Drive.

It may not be as graphically impressive as Sonic, but it's filled with neat touches and improves on Sonic's downfall, namely its lasting appeal, because there's 103 levels!

To sum up, Kid Chameleon is an excellent platform romp that looks good, sounds good and plays well – what more could you want?

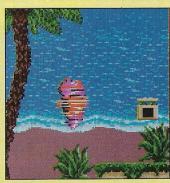


If you can collect the skull icon, you'll transform the Kid into a thundering tank which can blast away enemies with it's powerful cannon





The island of the lions is crawling with huge wild cats. Forget their gaping jaws, watch out for the magic staff



To scale heights the Kid can either climb the surfaces, use the lifts or fly up as the Cyclone warrior

Super Contra III

Contra III is a Midnight Resistancesque game, featuring two rock hard soldiers a mass of alien scumbags and a bunch of grotesque quardians that make the elephant

man look like Julia Roberts.

In this hectic shoot'em-up, the faster you can fire, the longer you'll live. Starting with the standard issue

assault rifle, you can soon build vour aun into something with more punch.

By destroying the power-pods that hover above, you can collect one of seven weapons. The scatter-gun sprays bullets out in five directions, the flamethrower incinerates any nearby enemies

and the laser rips the scum in half.

Homing missiles are perhaps one of the most useful weapons, while the shells are equally devastating.

The last two power-ups are extremely handy, one a shield that offers temporary invincibility, the other a high explosive smart bomb.

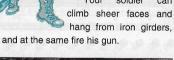
The first scene is viewed from the side, and using the D-pad you must run for your life to the right. Button Y fires your gun, and B is used to jump.

MUTANT TURTLE

A detonates one of your smart bombs, while holding both the left and right

buttons at the same time sends your warrior into a manic death-spasm, spinning and sending bullets shooting out in all directions

Your soldier can





robot flinches and retaliates with a ball of fire

Having beaten the heavy-breathing turtle that protects the end of level one, the perspective changes as you drop down to the next combat scene.

Stages two and five are watched from above, in a Rotox-style section.

Using the left and right buttons to rotate your soldier, you must collect the five power-ups in order to beam out to the next level.

A steel mill is the next setting, when the two battle buddies are ambushed by a huge robot that entraps them between its legs!?!



The fourth stage is a super-fast motorcycle ride when you must ride your hover-bike through a tunnel filled with biker thugs, then leap up to grab hold of a helicopter which whisks you away.

Soon you're attacked by a Rocketeer robot, then you must jump from the chopper and cling for dear life onto a cruise missile! You're approached





Yeah, this is more like it, a tank!

by a huge flying craft, whose engines you must destroy and avoid its fire by jumping from missile to missile.

No sooner are you out of one hostile situation than you're in the next, it's another overhead power-up retrieval game like stage two.

You will finally confront the ultimate nightmare on stage six, which is heavily inspired by Giger's Alien.

Personally I thought Super Contra III was tremendous fun, and is one of the best Famicom blasts in a long time. It may not be the most original cartridge around, but it uses more than one style of game to great effect, and is graphically and sonically outstanding.

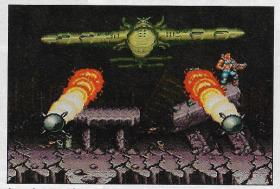
If you want to experience an enthralling shoot'em-up for the Super Famicom, save up your pennies and sample the delights Super Contra III.



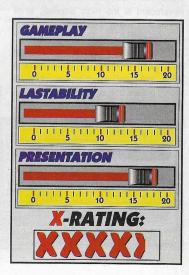
You're dropped into the middle of the action clinging to a cruise missile. Below, the final guardian rests in peace, or does it?



Stage two, and you view the action from overhead. Using the left and right buttons to rotate, destroy the turret



Just when you thought you'd completed level one, the scene is set ablaze by two napalm shells



The Terminator

"I want to see Sarah Connor... I'm a friend. I'll be back!" The cold, guttural voice of the Terminator. Then, nice as pie, he drives a Chevrolet into the police station and annihilates everyone.

Schwarzenegger's portrayal of the unfeeling, unstoppable cyborg has turned the Terminator into one of the biggest box office smashes of all time - and they say he can't act for toffee!

Inevitably, there have been numerous game incarnations of Terminator 2 on various formats, and Bethusda Softworks even published an arcade adventure for the PC, in which you controlled either the T-800 or Reece and must destroy the other.



In the level three police station scene, Sarah Conner has to be rescued yet again

MUCH MAYHEM

Virgin Games is publishing a game based on the first film, where we discover, through various time leaps, that useless diner waitress Sarah Connor is the most important factor in the future of the world, because she becomes the mother of the rebellion leader John Connor.

You play Kyle Reece, one of John Conner's most loyal rebel soldiers (and his dad as

Developed by Probe ware, of Outrun and Turtles fame, it attempts to follow the film by depicting certain action sequences and transforming them into gameplay.

It has to be said that there's an awful lot of bloodletting in the game, usually as the result of horizontalscrolling fisticuffs and with various blasting weaponry. But the game is actually split up by certain individual missions.

The first task is to blow up reactors by setting bombs detonating them. But Terminators of all shapes and sizes are bent on one thing, and that is to eliminate you.

With machine guns and explosives you've got to cause

SEGA MEGA DRIVE PRICE: CTBA VIRGIN

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The first stage sees you as Reece trying to penetrate SkyNet, where the timedisplacement machine stands.

He must first avoid the towering HKs (Hunter Killers), before entering the complex.

Inside, Reece will be swamped by Terminators, and only skill and courage will allow him to battle through to the Time Machine.

DOWNTOWN LA

The second stage takes place back in the 20th Century, and you must guide the only hope for Sarah Conner through the dark LA streets, dodging the cops that try to gun you down.

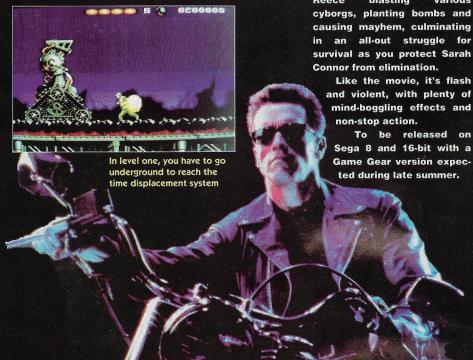
At the police station, where Sarah Conner is being held, Reece must rescue her before she's shredded by the Terminator.

The action is non-stop with Reece blasting



As Kyle Reece, you must avoid the police and local vigilantes to get to the Tech Noir bar in time to rescue Sarah Conner





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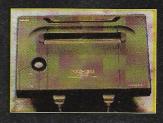
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Yet another day, yet another tips page intro, yet another bit of text that you probably don't read. I think I must be going down with a bout of paranoia, things are getting a tad quiet here at: Tip-X, Games-X, Europa House, Adlington Park, Macclesfield SK10

4NP. Maybe you could all cheer me up by sending in some luverly letters?

UNREAL - LORICIEL

Don't tell me some of you actually bought this abysmal excuse for a game? It's a bit rough 'innit? Never mind though, I'm sure those of you that did are finding it a bit tedious and would therefore like a cheat...

All you have to do is type
ORDILOGICUS when you see the picture
of the dragon. Also, if you press [Return]
you'll skip levels! Thanks to Tony
Coleman from Bucks for those.

RBI BASEBALL II

- DOMARK

When your opponent reaches third base, keep the joystick held to the left, hold down shift and press fire. Old matey chops should now be hit out. It works, believe me!



POPULOUS II

I'm far too good to you aren't I? I mean! All these Populous II codes I keep giving you – just incredible or what?

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That's enough of that! These codes are far too boring to spend hours typing in... More next week.

UNDER PRESSURE CE - ELECTRONIC ZOO

Nice graphics, shame about the distinct lack of gameplay eh? Well, according to John Thomas (surely not???!) from Middlesborough, if you type GRYMALKIN on the Amiga version you can skip levels by pressing F1 and as change would be supposed to the numeric keys.

As chance would have it, a letter from Badvoc the Almightily Pungent from Chelmsford also reveals that a similar effect can be attained on the ST by typing OCCAI

RUBICON

- 21ST CENTURY



Big Unc, as Brian is now unceremoniously known within the pages of this glorious tome, has recently stumbled across a rather splendid cheat for that distinctive little game from those 21st Century chappies.

All you have to do is pause the game and press the asterisk on your keyboard. A message will tell you that the cheat mode is activated, and you'll be rewarded with infinite lives.



CE TEST ILL DRIVE II

- ACCOLADE

Try typing GAS to make your car whizz to... guess where? Now, you don't possibly think that it could be the gas station do you?

Geoff Crammond has done a cracking job in translating the 16 circuits of the high-speed world of the Grand Prix driver. Now it's time to guide you around an entire season's racing...







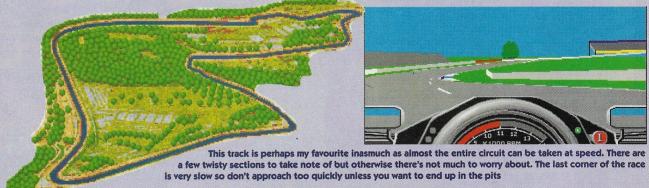
RACE TWO - BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX - CIRCUIT: INTERLARGOS

The corners on this circuit tighten up towards the end of the lap, making passing even harder. However, there are a number of fast sections at the beginning where any obstructing vehicles can be sorted out with ease. Also, watch out for an offending piece of grass on the start/finish straight!





RACE THREE - SAN MARINO GRAND PRIX - CIRCUIT: IMOLA



RACE FOUR - MONACO GRAND PRIX - CIRCUIT: MONTE CARLO



If you think Phoenix is demanding, then you won't like this track at all. Almost every corner is a slow one, the worst being a hairpin left-hander, although there are a couple of exceptions. The two prime passing sections are under the tunnel and the start straight









Don't be put off this circuit by the amount of corners; they are fast ones for the main part and can be taken quickly. However, there are two very tight corners, one at either end of the track, which have to be taken very slowly indeed. There are plenty of passing sections around

RACE SIX - MEXICAN GRAND PRIX - CIRCUIT: MEXICO CITY



Long and twisty but not too slow. Watch out for one very tight corner that can only be taken in first gear. This is more than made up for by the very fast final bend, yearning to be taken at full whack. Stray off the racing line though and you'll end up with a different story!

RACE SEVEN - FRENCH GRAND PRIX - CIRCUIT: MAGNY-COURS





This is a very long track with a fast back section but you'll have to be vigilant of a few chicanes that keep your speed down a bit. Moreover, there are a couple of very tight corners, one leading into the finish straight. The pits are slightly deceiving and can be entered by accident, so be warned!

RACE EIGHT - BRITISH GRAND PRIX - CIRCUIT: SILVERSTONE



Normally this is an easy circuit, but for how much longer? The new Silverstone is here! It is still very fast but now there are a number of slower sections included to keep your concentration intact. The only real problem is the final section which is fairly slow and a pain when confronted with backmarkers



Elvira, mistress of the dark and owner of one of the most famous cleavages on both TV and film. Can you help her in her mission to claim the throne of Transylvania?



As you undoubtedly know from your wise

reading of the instruction booklet, the weapons come in three forms. The dagger, which does one point of damage; the star, which does two points of damage; and the torch which does guess what? - three points of damage.

Once you have hold of the torches try to power up the weapon to the fifth level. Avoid lower level weapon icons because you will automatically revert to the lowest power of a weaker item





After many of your encounters with the numerous bad guys that roam around the landscape, you will be in need of rejuvenation. The route guide arrows should eventually lead you to these crucifixes.

Remember the locations and try to return there if you encounter one of the larger obstacles (such as the volcanoes or

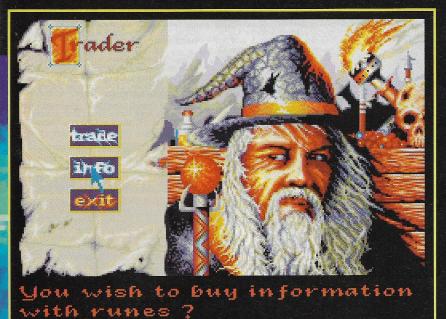
MAGIC





More often than not you will only come across one of each type of spell in each world. The untimed spells can obviously be used as much as you want, but the timed spells are intended for single sections.

For example, the shield is to be used when you find two volcanoes spitting lava into the air. You will also find fire repellents, lightning and feather fall. Use each wisely and read page six in the manual for a description of how each works



THE TRADER

Using the trader is a vital point of strategy within the game. Ensure that any trading you do is with items of use in the world that you are currently in.

If you are holding a spell, you may wish to trade it for one of those described in the game manual on pages five and six. In the fire world for example, you may wish to obtain a fire resistance spell.

It is possible to barter with the trader for information, but any offers that are too low will result in him getting all stroppy and buggering off

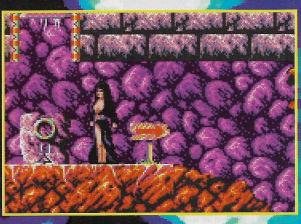
COMBAT

ROUTE

worlds spans a vast area, but to guide you through each section the direction arrows will show you where to go. Very often one will lead you to a

Each of the three

will lead you to a
dead end - when
this happens, there
is an object, such
as a key or
treasure chest,
which must be
collected before
the door will open





Obviously, a large part of Elvira's time in the three kingdoms will involve a considerable amount of combat. Many creatures will fall to just one or two shots, but there are several when you move deeper that require a degree of strategy.

The ogres shown here are one of the toughest enemies, but they are easily destroyed by standing so they are on the edge of the screen. Fire as quickly as possible and try to destroy any boulders



TRAPS

Each world is filled with hazards so beware of some of the following:

Collapsing bridges
Deep pits

Fireball-spitting portals

However, one of the least obvious that you will encounter is the pressure pad operated wall. At first glance there appear to be only two pads (the silvery grey stones) – one to open the door and one to shut it. However, behind the wall there is a third which will close the door again, locking you in.

Don't be tempted by the goodies you see. Just move on by

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FERRY ME HOME

How are you doin'? You've got to help me man, I'm stuck on the game Knightmare on level three, Quest of the Sword. I've gone down the well and I can't handle what that damn chap on the boat does. What does he want? Where can I find it? So be cool and help my vibes to vibe again.

PS What a great mag. See va! PPS Is Black Crypt coming out on the ST? Peace Lovingly, R Clark, Colchester.

HOLY X: You know the old story about paying the ferryman over the River Styx, well this is a slight deviation from the norm. You've got to pelt the sucker with a coin. Easy! Well, this isn't just an average 10 bob, it's obtained by throwing the funnystick at the jester.



Here we see the boat beggar. Simply throw him the coin and he'll be happy - bruised, but happy

The jester is past the fire room beyond the oracle which says 'hunt for gold'. Look for the two switches on the wall of the chamber, activate a pad and press another switch. You'll find another chamber where you see the jester chappy.

As for Black Crypt coming out on the ST. I could say "Yes it is", but I'd be wrong.

NO LAFFING MATTER

Please can you help me on Leisure Suit Larry 5? Every time I play this brilliant game I get stuck. I head into the office of Silas Scruemall and then he gives me the dummy pocket protector.

The game goes onto a password screen where it says, 'Please type in the password exactly as you typed it'. It is here where I don't know what to do. I have read all of the documentation but I've found nothing about a password.

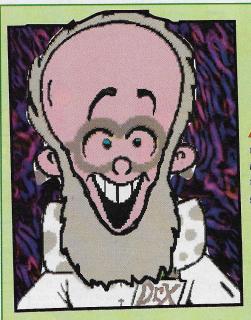
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HOLYMACARONI X: Your actual predicament, my son, isn't really part of the game as I recall. The general consensus around the blessed GX office is that the



The Games-X pyscho, Scoop, knows what it's like to cock up passwords. He imagines he's a ninja and then smashes the computer. He has sworn fealty to me, the great one, and is wearing the kinky green headband of that sect

actual password screen is for saving the game. A password thus allowing only yourself to have access to the files and no other sponger wanting a ride on your



nd lo! He appeared in the clouds, borne by angels. Bells rang, trumpets blared and a choir of nightingales added sweet noise to the cacophony. The meek below grovelled in the dust, their prayers answered. Here he stood, at last. "QUIET!" He boomed. This they did, with the exception of someone asking for a T-shirt. "STOP THIS! I'M BLOODY WELL SICK OF INCENSE. WRITE TO ME INSTEAD." And so it came to pass, if you need the great

one's help, he's available at: HOLY X, Games-X, Europa House, Adlington Pearly Gates Park, Macclesfield-by-Purgatory SK10 4NP.

success. Try reinstalling the game, setting your own password for saving the game and don't forget to use the camera.

IN A TIZZY WITH DIZZY
My sister and I are having trouble with the games Magicland Dizzy and Fantasy World Dizzy. Could you help us?

In Magicland Dizzy we can free most of the volk folk except Dozy and Grand Dizzy. We get to the point where we can't get any further and we've done all we can and we need to know how to get past the volcano and the rat down the well.

In Fantasy World Dizzy we can get past the dragon but don't know what to do. We think we have to use the lifts maybe? Reading from an earlier episode of your brilliant mag, we read that perhaps you have to use the keys?

Please! Please!! Help us, it would be very much appreciated, from your devoted fans.

Jenny and Eleanor Gosnell, Some place in the great scheme of things.

HOLYISH X: Well stone me, It's a jolly good job I know the answers to your Dizzy queries or I'd really have egg on my face. Unlikely, but such is the burden of knowing all, including your little secret Jenny. I know...

Rescue Dozy by lighting the candle and rubbing the lamp three times. To get Great Dizzy, you'll have to wait a wee while. Use the pipes to get past the rat and collect the sticky stuff which you can't drop. Take excalibur and jump past the mirror. Easy really.

The lifts are the key, and the keys are of use. Each lift requires a certain key in the correct combination. Have a tinker around yourself.

CHEAT CHEEK

I buy your magazine weekly and think it's the best computer magazine available. Let's get straight to the point, I'll do you a deal. I'll give you cheats for Fantasy World Dizzy, Pit Fighter, Rainbow Island, Prince of Persia and Lemmings in exchange for the First Samurai. All cheats are for the Amiga.

PS Why is your address nearly the same as



Here we see a nice picture of the Amiga and ST Action 'office' - notice how no one is around? Not much action? Typical, they're just a bunch of wasters unlike us marathon men/women in Games-X who battle week in, week out to produce a mag of mystical proportions

the Amiga Action address? Gary Smith, Hertford.

HOLIERTHANTHOU X: In times gone past, I'd have a nice bolt of lightning come from the skies to frazzle your hair for such blasphemy. How dare you approach me with cheats. You know how I hate them. Horrible, horrible, horrible things. BAN CHEATS!

Well observed Gary! Yes those rabblekinder action people are in the next office. I say 'next office' loosely, a couple of partition boards strung up.

AST THE DEADLINE

I'm stuck in the Infocom text adventure, Deadline. I've got to the point whereby I know those who did it but I just cannot arrest both of them at the same point.

I've completed the game, but I'm instructed that there's a better way. I know that I need to get the two together someplace, but where?

Theresa Campbell, Maidenhead.

HOLYFATHER X: I can tell you immediately where to arrest the two characters. I played the game many, many years ago and believe you me I've forgotten the names which you so kindly forgot to include. Dunbar, I believe, is one.

Simply, with the verbal, material and clinical evidence, hide behind the shed. You'll then be able to confront the villains and you can tuck yourself in, safe in the knowledge that you've actually completed one of the classic adventure games.

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X-RATING:

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X Out is possibly one of the best shoot'em-ups to grace the Amiga. Sadly this sequel fails to impress as much.



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A high difficulty level ruins a potentially good game in the sequel to the 8-bit hit, Army Moves. Graphically impressive but otherwise not the type of game to play for longer than five minutes at a time.

X-RATING:



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Quite a novel search and shoot puzzler with cute characters represented nicely on screen. If you can play it for long enough it can get quite enjoyable. A game to be filed under "Different".

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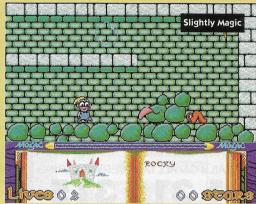
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christmas saw the release of the Dizzy Collection onto 16-bit machines while at the same time the Cartoon Collection was making its debut on the 8-bits.

Now the opportunity arises for ST and Amiga owners to get their hands on five cute games for the price of one.



First off is Slightly Magic, an arcade adventure in which you control an apprentice wizard who is unfortunately locked inside a castle. You have to solve many puzzles to get out and use many spells en route.

Anyone who enjoyed the Dizzy games will get a buzz out of this despite it not being up to the standard of, say, Magicland Dizzy.



CJ's Elephant Antics sees you taking on the not so desirable role of an elephant trying to find his way back home again after being captured by a group of hunters.

With no puzzles to solve, you engage in allout platform action, armed with a seemingly endless supply of peanuts.

Spike in Transylvania is the worst game in the collection but is still fun to play for a while.



Graphically it isn't all that impressive but the puzzles and humour are enough to keep you going for quite a while.

Treasure Island Dizzy was the first Dizzy release onto the 16-bit machines, and it shows! The puzzles are as you'd expect for a Dizzy game but the whole ensemble is let down by the fact that you are only given one life with which to complete the whole game – it will, because of this, get slightly annoying!



Finally, there's the cream of the collection, Seymour Goes To Hollywood, a previously unreleased adventure through the glamourous world of a movie studio.



In the now famous Dizzy style, Seymour is a fun game to play and the central character is even more appealing than the eggy one himself!

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hen Mirrorsoft sadly sank towards the end of last year UBI Soft was wise enough to snap up the rights to two of its finest products.

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Mega lo Mania is by far the best in the recent crop of God sims to appear on the Amiga. Graphically and sonically it is extremely humorous with plenty of sampled speech to grace your ears.



On top of all this it is also very playable, even people like me who couldn't get to grips with Populous will find this pretty plain sailing.

The difficulty level is also perfect, making things neither impossible nor

ridiculously easy in the process. With over 26 different islands for you to battle through this is well worth giving up a weekend for.



Now onto First Samurai. This is basically a platform arcade adventure with beat'em-up roots.

You control a novice Samurai fighter out to avenge the death of his master, the only problem being that the nasty bloke who killed him is now resting many years into the future.



This contains what is arguably the best sound of last year, although the speech does sound a bit German. However, there are plenty of sampled swipes and grunts to keep you interested. Not only this but the graphics are also very impressive.

If you don't own either of these two games, then this is perhaps the best buy you are likely to get this year. At only £5 more than both games cost individually, it is a deal well worth undertaking.

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You start the game armed only with your

bare hands so you must find some means, namely a trusty sword, with which to attack Jaffa's henchmen.

The main sprite is one of the most beautifully animated characters in computer history, although when stood still he looks far from impressive.

The game is also a joy to play, sporting 12 levels filled to the brim with guards, puzzles and platforms for you to get past.

The only down point is the similarity in graphics throughout, hardly a hanging offence though! Well worth anyone's money.

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BOMBER MAN/ DYNABLASTER

roduced by Hudson Soft back in 1990 for the PC Engine, this is arguably the best game produced for that machine.

Everyone who's played it has become immediately addicted, and now the new versions for home computers include all the best aspects, plus much, much more.

The game Bomber Man comes complete with an add-on dongle to make it playable. This is more than an anti-pirating device, it also adds a further two joystick ports to the existing two, thus allowing a total of five players to play at any one time.

This multi-player option will probably be its main selling point. Set on one screen, your aim is to destroy all the other players in your bid to become the top Bomber man.

You select the number of wins needed, from one to five, and then embark on an orgy of destruction.

The multi-player game has two styles of play; either the normal one where you have to collect the power-up icons and blow up your enemies, or the killer mode.

The only difference lies in the fact that in the latter mode you are offered skull icons in addition to the normal ones.

These act in a totally random way, whether it be causing problems for young Bomber Man or speeding you up to an incredible degree.

FUN ON YOUR OWN

The one-player mode is completely different insofar as it's not basic unadulterated violence like in the fun times in the multi-player mode, with anything up to five players vying for success.

You need to plan a strategy to destroy all the ghoulies which attack unintelligently on a

single or scrolling large screen.

64 levels are there to be explored, each divided into eight distinct parts

with the expected end-of-level beastie to destroy after completion of one of the eight sectors.

Power-ups are quite varied and affect the way either your Bomber Man or the bombs act.

You can speed up, be made invulnerable, have massive explosions, leave more than one bomb at a time, and you even have the ability to explode your bombs where and when you wish them to go off.

The French company Ubi Soft will release this classic around the end of April/May for the Amiga, complete with dongle, for the price of £30.99. ST and PC versions will follow suit soon after.

A game of two names, Bomber man or Dynablaster, it oozes classic simplicity with incredible addictiveness. One of the world's most playable games, it is being released on the 16-bit computers, the Amiga, ST and PC.







The aim is to kill all the nasties while collecting from a selection of powerups and seeking out the exit



Expect a fantasy action game every bit as good, if not better, than the PC Engine original

Sneaky Peek





Face your worst nightmare as single-handedly you take on a hostile race. Time is against you and you've still got that splitting headache...



ere's a real teaser for you — what have these games got in common: Bard's Tale, Chase HQ, Defender of the Crown, Dragon's Lair, Sim City, Zaxxon, Pac-man and TV Sports Football?

Well, in case you're baffled, they're all games written by the various members of a new software house, Cyberdreams.

Despite such an impressive pedigree, the programmers at Cyberdreams have not yet released a game on the new label. After two years that state of affairs is about to change.

MOVIE MOTIVATION

Casting an eye over the team's past successes, its talent to produce top quality games is apparent.

However, one of the major reasons behind the formation of Cyberdreams was to produce games based on unique concepts and exciting story ideas.

The programmers at Cyberdreams have also collaborated with some of the movie world's top artists and designers. The end result? Releases that push both you and your machine to the limits.

It features the macabre artistry of H R Giger (pronounced Geeger), whose designs inspired such films as Alien, Poltergeist II and the eagerly awaited Alien III.

Future titles to be released on the Cyberdreams label include Cyber Race, written in conjunction with Syd Mead, the designer behind Blade Runner, whose other credits include 2010, Star Trek I, Aliens, Short Circuit and Tron.

To complete Cyberdreams' film affiliations there is The Evolver, a game that draws upon the wizardry of John Rosengrant. His designs have been used for Terminator, Terminator 2: Judgement

Day, Predator and Predator II.

Even though the point-and-click adventuring system may seem familiar to those found in other games, the similarity ends there.

Drawing on the artwork of H R Giger, Dark Seed features two totally different worlds. You must assume the guise of a science fiction writer by the name of Mike Dawson.

Having recently received a royalties cheque, Mike Dawson has decided to buy himself the house of his dreams, an old Victorian mansion.

Situated on the outskirts of a sleepy village called Woodland Hills, the residence is everything Mike has ever dreamed of. What he doesn't know though is that the house hides a secret far beyond his wildest imagination.

It seems that his new acquisition is the portal to a macabre dimension. The inhabitants of the shadowy world are biomechanical xenomorphs and their goal is to take over the earth.

In order to perform this they must first have at least one of their kind born into man's domain. Unbeknown to Mike he has been implanted with an embryo and within the next three days will unleash untold terrors on the earth.

All Mike has is a splitting headache! As an unsuspecting surrogate father, he must unlock the secret of how to enter into Dark Seed's world before putting paid to the plans afoot.

Over 60 different screens are featured. The normal world is drawn in glorious colour while the domain of the Dark Seed is depicted in an eerie world that reflects the artwork of H R Giger.

Dark Seed will be released on PC at the end of March with an Amiga version to follow in September.

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STORILORD IS DELIVERANCE

Deliverance conjures up images of inbred families, white waters and banjos. So a game about redneck freaks would seem to be the order of the day. Ahem... not quite.

t's actually the follow-up to the immensely successful Stormlord. It's been out for quite a while now on the 8-bit computers, but at long last it is being converted to reach the Amiga and ST owners.

Who on earth is the Stormlord? Well,

he's a big mean chappie sporting a beard who waves a whopping great sword, killing anything in his wake.

Nothing new, you may claim.

But this human meat cleaver has a heart of gold, wishing to free lots of little fairies from their imprisonment in hell.

A long time has passed since the evil Queen threatened to kill off the fairies and invade the Stormlord's home. You battled away then and saved the day, freeing the little chappies from the iron yoke so you could relax and spend your retirement in the garden.

FURIOUS FAIRY FROLICS

Unfortunately, as in most real fairy tales, things didn't quite end so happily ever after. Those cuddly-wuddly little fairies are being held captive again.

You feel it your duty to rescue the tiny people from their incarceration in hell. So much so, ol' Stormlord, bless him, was heard to mutter, 'here we go again'.

Stormlord II: the Deliverance is a hack 'n' slash platform game with sleek graphics. Bearing more than a passing



resemblance to Gods, you have to fight your way past devilish monsters through four expansive levels to free the poor little fairies.

Each level is different, both graphically and in the sonics department, where you have to fight a menagerie of quasi-intelligent creatures appearing out of thin air, or attacking from all angles. It certainly looks non-stop action.

The first level is set in the dingy dungeon, quaintly named Satan's Palace. You then hack your way through the Pits of Hell, the Enchanted Forest and finally to Heaven.

The graphics are nicely rendered in either 32 colours on the Amiga, or 16 on the ST, with large, smooth-moving sprites.

It utilises a different scrolling technique which makes the Stormlord strut along, his hair flowing like a true hero.

Released by 21st Century. Entertainment, you'll be able to get Stormlord II: Deliverance in the shops around April, priced at £25.99. Go on, save the fairies!



Siedly Pell

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I purchased my Amiga nearly two years ago, and with it I found the Deluxe Paint Il package and I was very impressed by it. As I practised I became better at drawing cars, planes etc.

Now I have been using the program for a while, I am beginning to realise that it has limited capabilities and I want to move on to a more advanced program with more and better tools.

The only other program I have tried is Deluxe Paint III and I was not very impressed. I am not looking for animation

Please could you suggest a few better paint programs and also give me some prices?

PS I now have 1 megabyte of RAM so I can use 1 meg paint programs.

David Sharpe, Chadderton, Oldham.

Easy one this, Deluxe Paint IV is just what you're looking for. It is by far the best package available for the Amiga at the moment, incorporating every utility you could want. You do need 1 meg though. It'll cost in the region of £70.

Please could you answer these questions for me?

1. Is the Neo Geo better than the Amiga?

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2. Are Sonic and Mario really coming out on the Amiga?

3. Is Sonic coming out on the Game Gear?

Alex Caunt, Scarborough, N Yorkshire.

- 1. The Neo Geo is by far the most powerful machine, but in terms of value for money the Amiga comes out on top.
- 2. This is the question on everyone's lips, considering the amount of letters we get on the subject. Expect Mario to hit vour screen in autumn '92 - take a look at this week's news for more details.

As for Sonic, well although the rights have been gained by US Gold it is up to Sega to decide when the game can be developed.

3. It's already available.

I've got some comments on your magazine, but please keep the Games-X scoring system. Now here are my Xratings on the most important bits of Games-X.

- 1. The news at the beginning XXXXX
- 2. Compo XXXXX
- 3. Game reviews XXXXX

ORTHY CAUSE

I always read your fab magazine from Dr X to Xit. I think it's a real step for

mankind. To show my love for your wonderful mag I would like to wear some kind of publicity. A Games-X Tshirt perhaps? To put this another way "Gimme a T-shirt NOW or else!".

Nick Glasson, Wot, No Address?

Dear, oh dear, demanding a T-shirt but not including your address. Ne'mind here's a piccy of the GX shirt just to remind you of what might have been.



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Haider Ali Butt, Bradford, W

Sorry I had to shorten your letter but you seemed to get carried away singing the



I am writing to you concerning your reply to James Barret, issue 44. In the reply you said if you only want a computer for games, then you might as well get a console. I do not agree.

When I was a wee tot in 1988 (age 11) all I wanted was to play games. That Christmas I gratefully received an Amiga (the best games machine at the time) and enjoyed games for a year or so, but I got bored with their unoriginality, which led me into the world of the technical side of computers, particularly animation which has kept me occupied for ages.

The main point which I am trying to get across is that getting interested in the technical side of computers does not come straight away and only comes after getting bored of games.

I hope you print this letter as it might guide prospective buyers to steer clear of consoles. Believe me I am very glad I didn't get a console.

Edward Regan, Sutton Coldfield, West Mids.

Give me a break, are you out for my blood? If you'd looked at my reply properly I did say that if you wanted to use your machine for something more that just games playing then an Amiga or ST would be your best bet. Maybe I didn't make it clear enough for the less intelligent of you out there, eh Edward!

Anyway, at least this has proved that there are some opinions loose out there.

IN HIDING

LESSON I have just recently got an Amiga 500+. However I have been unable to OF THE find the expansion cartridge. Please help as I am at my wits' end. WEEK Craig McNeil, Portpatrick.

OK dimbo, If you mean where is extra RAM, it's built onto the main circuit board of the computer. Try booting up with your Workbench and taking a gander at the number of bytes that are free. You should notice it is double the amount found in the old A500.

If you want to expand your A500+ further you can buy extra RAM cards to slot in the expansion port. However, if you do this, make sure the new card doesn't include an internal clock as this will cause your system to fail.

praises of GX. You're spot on with X-it, but surely you should re-evaluate your opinion of Dr X? (No – Doc)

ST STRUGGLE

As a weekly subscriber to *Games-X* it is becoming more apparent that the ST is dying a slow death rather quickly (hmm, interesting mix of phrases there Bri — Doc), when it comes to software houses developing their wares.

With Sierra going for the so-called Premier League, gamers with STs feel some anxiety for the future.

It becomes more and more frustrating each time one buys any games mag to see that games are available on PC and Amiga only.

Brian Clough, Dumfriess,

The situation is such that it's more profitable for software houses to concentrate on PC and Amiga games. I

do sympathise with you and other ST owners, but it's the old vicious circle routine: fewer STs are sold, resulting in less software being produced, so fewer machines are sold...

RIG HEAD

What's your problem? Why doesn't Doc use his brain (eh, sorry I meant pea) and let his head go on a diet. Then you could fit at least another million letters on the page. Or you could hire out his head for advertising space.

Siôn Cavill and Leif Cussen, Wimbledon, London.

You've hit on a brilliant idea there, but I think we could get rid of the old goat.

We've been trying to do this for ages but he won't go away (Excuse me! Due to my extremely high IQ I need an overly large head in which to store my brain. This is a clear case of jealousy, you sad needle = Doc)

TEAM TALK

Bomber fever has hit the office this week with the emergence of Bomber Man on the Amiga. Four-player frenzies seem to be used at any given moment during the day. No longer will I think of a two-player game as argument provoking after witnessing a blast of this corker of a game!

Fungus is once again as chuffed to bits as he could

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possibly be thanks to the England rugby team retaining the Grand Slam. Hopefully this bout of good feeling will result in slightly less work for us! (You can always dream can't you! – Fungus) Hoorah!



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