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When a game is reviewed, we give ratings for five different criteria:

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Does the game look good? Is the scrolling smooth? Are the sprites flickery? Is the animation realistic? This mark covers all visual aspects of the

SOUND Sound and music that enha

a game are given high marks.
The sound rating is low if the soundtrack or effects are inappropriate.
VALUE

Here, we take into consideration the price of the game, the amount of entertainment it offers and the quality of the packaging. In other words - is it worth the money.

PLAYABILITY
This tells you how addictive
and enjoyable the game isthe higher the rating is, the
more playable the game is.

The most important rating of all. This is what we think of the game as a whole, taking into consideration all the other ratings. In short, how good the

THE MARKS

A C+VG HIT! An outstanding game that shouldn't be missed

game that shouldn't be missed 70-85

A very good game that missed out on a higher accolade due to minor discrepancies. Should definitely be tried, though.

Average to fairly good. Could still appeal to fans of the gen

Below average to average. Generally a disappointment

15-39 Generally a poor game that mightn't even appeal to the

14-Ugh! Binary sewage that's guaranteed to make your con puter throw up.





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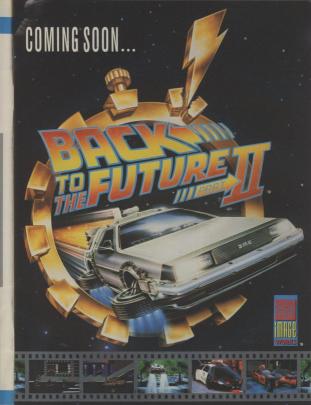
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Ever wanted to flog 32 billion dollars' worth of kit off the back of a lorry? Forget it... What you need is an interesting location, five or six exhibition halls the size of Olympia, a sales force of

piranhas, a vast video wall plus a lot of free booze. John Cook returned from the recent Chicago CES with a pictorial record (plus a stitch in his left knee)...



Sega were being a tittle bullish - launching the Master System in a new box (cheaper too). Don't syspecit it to make it to Europe in a hurry, though. The big push was on the Genesis, of which it is hoped, there will be about around one million in the hands of the US public by the end of this year. Nice video wait too.



NEC is the first to have a CD-ROM on board its console however - and doesn't it Came From the Desert look interesting? Expect other news on the console CD-ROM front









expecting to shift. Around seven million (NB a Spectrum game is doing well to shift 50,000). Compare and contrast, as they



There were a couple of 16 bit products that elicited a few aoshes and wows. Sierra-on-Line's 256 colour, super VGA PC 3D poly-



gons game being one. Then Origin came up with a space game with on-the-wing sprite expansion and compression



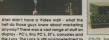
Sega software was looking good, with real 3-D running on a console for the first time in public, all the way from Realtime Games in Britain. There were also rumours of 3-D on Nintendo and Gameboy, courtesy of Argonaut, although this wasn't on public show. Just shows we Brits can still teach the world a thing or two, eh? Award for 'Golly that looks just like the Amiga version" goes to **Builfrog for Populous on Genesis.**



Tetris part three was released onto a suspecting world at the CES. Called Faces, It's another arcade/puzzle from t he warped mind of Russian ace Palitney, Looks interesting.



CD-TV. Sounds cute, doesn't it. That's the name of the Amiga with a CD-Rom drive, which now looks like a video recorder. Believe me, this is the start of something



original piece of hardware for an add-on to your computer? Well, Software Toolworks certainly hope you will, with the Miracle keyboard. Weighing in at \$300, it's a And with Dudley Moore promoting it, how can the Miracle fall? I can see the ad campaign now...."If it makes you sound like Mozart, it's a Miracle."



NEC's video wall srasm't half as good as expensive... expect it to be at least 200



display - PC's, tiny PC's, ST's, consoles and the Lynx. The Lynx is still acknowledged to be a fine machine - but intuition says it's playing against an atmosphere of, "if anyone can mess it up. Atari can." Prove us wrong, Mr Tramiell

GOOD **IMPRESS-**IONS

essions have leapt on the compile tion bandwagon with the release of Chariots of Wrath, Palace's Cosmic Pir ate, and Kenny Dalglish Soccer Man-ager, all for £24.99 for the ST and

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Erk! In last month's Neo Geo feature.

SONY CD GIVES YOU THE EBJEEBIES

- this is what the Yuppie of tomorrow will keep in his hand-tooled Moroccan leather briefcase. The new Sony EB has a flip-up high resolution dot matrix screen and a flip-up alphanumeric key-



EEEEEEK!

tor, the alien hunter who kills American computer screen near you. Activision.



pad, with five assignable function keys. But what makes it such an innovative and exciting gadget is the fact that it is the world's first pocket computer with a built in CD-ROM drive! The disks which are encased in a plas tic sleeve are about the size of CD single, but can store a stack of informa tion. Sony are releasing the machine in Japan with 18 disks which range from the standard address book-type software to film review compendiums. Not only that, the machine also has the facility to double as an audio CD player so the Yuppie of tomorrow will also be able to listen to his favourite Frank Zappa singles wherever he goes. UK prices are uncertain, and a LIK release date is even more uncertain, but don't be surprised if you see it in the front of Dixons' window by this time next year.

THE **OBITUARY** COLUMN

two software manufacturers and one hardware manufacturer Geordie softco, Tynesoft, departed

this life in mid June, after years of happy programming. Amongst their hits were the Winter and Summer Olympiads, Superman, Circus Games, Their next release was to be the much publicised Horrorsoft title, Elvira - Mistress of the Dark, a game which promised to set the adventure world alight, but it's future is now uncertain.

Grandslam shuffled off this mortal coil at about the same time as Tynesoft, after a long and, on the whole. worthwhile innings. They were the people behind such classics as the PacLand and PacMania conversions. Thunderbirds, the original Hunt For Red October as well as the home micro versions of the little-known coinop Scramble Spirits and the Megadrive game Space Harrier II.

Finally, we have (or had) Miles Gordon Technology, they who would have liked to have brought you the SAM Coupe. Unfortunately the idea of a souped-up Spectrum never really caught the imagination of a public lusting after Amigas, STs and consoles, and the machine was plagued with delays and problems with the ROM (which recently had to be reissued). What is particularly tragic about the SAM's demise is that software houses were just about to start producing games exclusively for it, Enigma Variations' Defenders of the Earth being



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SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Rainbow Arts have been keeping busy over the last few months, and have now come out with two releases for the Amiga. Khalitain leatures four power-their power of the property of the property



evil, and free the elves' souls from etenal damnation. They're both out and about at this very moment priced at

DRIFTING ALONG



All you PC owners who want to go crazy behind the wheel of a buggy will a souped-up lawnmower engine can a last of so, because Power Drift has finally arrived, courtesy of Activision. Screaming around at hair-raising speeds, your aim is to threath the opposition around 25 roller-coaster courses including jumps, mounds and blind turns? You think you're good enough? You got 125-997 Then gr tround to your local software emporium, and

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CHUCK UP AGAIN

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MICROPROSE PLANE PLANS with Konami for Nintendo and Se translations of Pirates (buccanee

While we wait with bated breath for Microprose's next flight sim. Knights of the Sky (fly WW1 bi-planes over the Somme) and Andy Hollis' new space blast, Lightspeed, both of which are soon to be winging their way over from the States, news reaches us of Microprose's console plans

The US megacorp is signing deals

with Notistan for Ninetse (buccarreeing shall and exclament on the high translations of Pirates (buccarreeing shall and exclament on the high translations of the high translations of the high translations of the high translations of the high translation of the high translations of the high trans

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A select the droid library and you can access information on any inferior droid to the one currently in your posses ion, displaying their purpose, armament, sensors, drive type and any other information. This one is you, the Influence Device...



▲ ...And this one is a 742 bipedal battle robot. His triple laser packs quite a punch. Still, if you could get control of one...

Deck: Disembarking zone Robots on deck: 4

Raiders on deck: ø Robots on ship: sø Alert status: Green

▲ The computer console also provides deck plans, showing lifts, power points and computers. There are four robots to go before this deck is shut down.



As well as deck plans, a schematic of the whole ship is available. The decks are coloured according to whether or not droids are still active on them.

- AMIGA

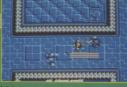
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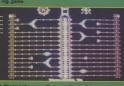




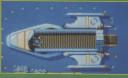
To prevent this, all the robots on each ship must be de stroyed before any raiders stroyed before any raiders can come aboard. A cybernetic influence device (IO) under your control has been reticipater. The IO) has in the control that be about the ship to connect itself into a robot's brain unit and take control of it. The plan is to use the weapons and mobile capabilities of each robot to eliminate as many other robots as possible, moving up the ranks from slow and unter anks from slow and un-



▲ Activate your transfer spark and run into the nearest rob to start the transfer process. There's an option to switch the transfer game off if you want a faster, but lower-scoring, game.



A The transfer game. Fire your allocated charges down the wires to light more cells in the central column with your colour than your opponent, before time runs out. A uto-pu sers, splitters, joiners, terminators and colour switchers complicate the operation.



▲ The ID has taken the controls of a shuttle in the shuttle bay. Now he can fry passing robots by activating the ship's thrusters!



UPDATE

An ST version (compatible with STE) is to be released at the same time as the Amiga version at the start of September. The only really noticeable differences will be the lack of a title tune and colout rades which will be a little less smooth. Gameplay is exactly the same, as is the price.

REVIEW

AMIGA £24.99

guite matched the ingenuity or playability of his original C64 Paradroid, released in 1985, so it was with great excitement that I booted up this revamped Amiga version, Is there any way he could have used 16 bit power to improve the gameplay? Well of course the graphics are vastly superior to the original thanks to artist Michael Field. Each robot sprite is intricately detailed and instantly recognisable, and the way their various arms, legs, heads and gun turrets move is superb. Sound has been similarly beefed up, and as well as the stereo roboburbling and weird background effects, there's a great metallic guitar track on the title screen. Apart from one or two upgrading tweaks and apparently more intelligent enemy robots the action is pretty much the same as the C64 version, and that is by no means bad. Amiga owners have been voicing their concern over the loss of multi-directional movement, but the game certainly doesn't miss that at all, and the vertical deck scrolling is fine. Overall, then, a brilliant translation, destined to be iust as much a classic as the C64 version was.

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GRAPHICS 94% SOUND 89% VALUE 90% PLAYABILITY 93%

OVERALL 93%



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FLIMEC'S SERIOUSIX VETERMINED, BUT OH SO SERIOUSIX CUTE...!









Hiya, fellow YOBS! They've let me out again, just so's I can bring you another stack of letters pulled out of my mailbag this month. If you want to tell the world about your budgie's gamesplaying prowess, why they don't make joysticks like they used to, or who the hell Robert Swan is, drop us a line at YOB'S MAILBAG, C+VG, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE. LONDON, EC1R 3AU.

MR RUDE Yo. YOB

How about sending some of

those goodies that you're always going on about in that fab magazine of yours down here, before I get really violent, fly up there, and kick your f***ging head off? Cheers,

Michael Lattarulo, Chloorkop, South Africa YOB: Oh yeah? Look at me

MIXED PIX FIX

- I'm shaking. Dear YOB. As a Commodore 64 owner,

I'm used to looking at game packaging and seeing Amiga screenshots. I expect software houses to show the best screens of their games, but feel that they should specify the format, or show screenshots from each version (which is what Krysalis did

with Manchester Utd) I was very angry with US Gold (though they are certainly not the only guilty party) after recently buying a copy of "Italy 1990". On the packaging, some outstanding screenshots were shown, so I took them to be Amiga spesee a 3D soccer game on the C64, even if it wasn't as good. When I loaded the game, I was astonished to see an overhead view of the pitch, and no sign of a referee or crowd. It looked like a completely different game! C.J. Willsmer, Thundersley,

YOB: Good point. As you say, companies are bound to put flattering pictures of their games on the packaging to try to entice you to buy them, but putting Amiga screenshots on C64 packaging is especially smelly. Come on, software

houses, let's have some kosher pics, or at least something to say which version of the game they're

By the way, I spoke to US Gold about your problem and they say that, seeing as it's you, they'll sort something out if you drop them a line. See? software people aren't all bad.

CURIOUSER.. Dear YOB

I've got loadsa questions for you to answer, so I'd better get on with it 1) I am considering buying Shinobi and Shadow Warriors for the C64. Are they

worth getting? 2) Are there any American Wrestling games for the C64? 3) What are the best budget and soccer games for the Commodore?

4) I enjoy reading those fab fighting fantasy books written by Steve Jackson and Ian Livingstone. I know that there were a few released on computer, but have any been released on the C64 lately? 5) Are there any plans to convert any horror movies (such as Nightmare on Elm Street or Return of the Living Dead). or any disgustingly gruesome and gory games to the C64? And finally, why have you got

Now send me a C+VG T-

brother round to breathe on

shirt, or I'll send my big

such a stupid name?

Chris Griffiths, Southall, Middx YOB: In answer to your questions:

1. Possibly 2. Yes. Not many good ones though. US Gold may still have some stocks of Epyx's Championship

Wrestling, which was the best of the few. 3. Emlyn Hughes or Microprose Soccer are the top 64 footy games. There are too many good budget games

to list. 4. No. 5. No.

And finally) Because my parents didn't want to handicap me with a name like Chris Griffiths.

... AND **CURIOUSER**

Dear YOB.

Here are some questions, and if you don't answer them I'll nick one of your cool T-

shirts anyway!

1) Have you got any cheats for Operation Thunderbolt, Ninja Warriors, Shadow of the Beast or Blood Money for

the Amiga?
2) Why didn't you print my other brill letter?

3) What would you rate Midwinter for the Amiga? 4) Will you have any free gifts in future issues?

in future issues? Scott Watkins, Napton, Nr. Rugby

YOB: More questions! Blimey, I should be charging a consultancy fee. Hokay, here we go:

 Why ask me? Jazza is the tipster. Oh, he says you're a dopey bum-bag because cheats for all those Amiga games have been printed over the last few months.

months.
2) Because it was crap.
3) Flippin' marvellous!
4) Ho, yes me old beauty.
The lads have promised something completely splendiferous for you punters around Christmastime.

FESTERIN' QUESTION

Dear YOB. There has been a question festering at the back of my mind for some time. I am considering buying either a Neo Geo or a Megadrive, but am wondering what will happen review-wise when the machines are officially released. What I mean is, you can't rereview all the Megadrive games, but new official Megadrive owners will want games like "Altered Beast" and "Super Thunderblade" reviewed, these being new to them, but more than a year old to us.

Finally, you say that UK Megadrive games will not work with Japanese ones, but tell me this: why do UK 8 bit games work perfectly on the Japanese Megadrive via the 8 bit converter?

Hugo Bourcier, London SW3 YOB: Because, Hugo, me old mate, the source of the incompatibility lies in the shape of the Megadrive's cartridge locking gate which, surprisingly enough, doesn't affect Master System cartridges plugged into a completely different slot. We won't be re-reviewing games, but maybe we'll do some kind of round-up for new owners when the official software finally hits the shelves.

PSYCHO FOXED

Dear YOB!

I am the proud owner of a Sega Massier System, and have recently brought Psychot Fox. Within only five completed the game. On the ending screen it shows Psycho Fox clapping his hands and stomping his set on the ground. Then the word DO-SUGOL comes from the top of the screen. What does it mean?

mean?
Adrian Fenwick, Marcham,
Nr. Abingdon, Oxon
YOB: It is actually the
Japanese for "Blimey,
you're a smartass aren't
you?" Remember gang, if
you've got any interesting
queries which are bothering the hell out of you, just
ask your old mate the YOB.

DESPERATE FEMALE

Dearest YOB.

I have been a fan of yours for as long as I care to remember, and have to say that I think you are the most won-derful, intelligent, good looking hunk I've ever seen. Please, make my wildest dreams come true and reply to me on your lovely letters page. Thanks for taking the time to read my humble little letter, my love.

Andrea Walton, Romford,

Essex
YOB: See! See! Now here's
a woman with taste! And
my tongue can't wait to
find out what that taste is
(hur hur). (merely a fanciful
jest on YOB's part, of
course! - ED)

THE LOST NINJA

Dear YOB, You are the coolest dude ever to hit the face of the

BOGGED

rats as you go along.
Bonus Level. Here you must shoot as many iller loidets at possible in a set lime limit.
Level S. This is the final level where you must contront the evil Baddyloo. If you don't kill and you will never be able to go again.
Brill, eh? What do you mean, un o? Oh, go sway then.

rigion. Cheshire
YOB: ON God? Please! No
more toilet games! Unless
one of you can think of
some new angle on this
game design business I'm
going to close this line of
correspondence and get
you to start writing in about
the amount of fresh air you
get in crisp bags, or why
bar code readers never
work, or the state of British
Rall. Or software piracy.

earth, and the only person who can help me. I started buying C+VG nearly two years ago, and the first issue it bought only had part two of the Last Ninja II map. This meant that I had missed part one, and am stuck on level 3 so please print it. Lesile Stevens (Worshipper

Lesies Sievetts (WOS), Upon of the aimspity YOS), Upon of the aimspity YOS, Upon the aimspity YO

POWER STRUGGLE

Dear YOB, I wanna know if the Atari Lynx can run on a slightly smaller voltage. Because of its very short battery life I thought, why not use recharged the state of the shapether only have but he shapether only have but with the lynx be able to run on 7.2V instead of 59°7 if so, would that flect the game in any way (such as the screen not being so bright)?

Keaton "More for the C64" Sumner, Waltham Abbey,

YOB: Keeping the pixels on the screen alight is what uses up all the power, so I would say that the Lynx, like camera flash guns, etc, wouldn't go too well on 1.2V rechargeables. You do get a mains adaptor in the package, though, so don't be too put off.

ST OR NOT ST

Dear YOB, I'm considering purchasing an Atari ST. Before I do, could you tell me which is better; the STFM or the STE? This would be greatly appreci-

Darren Circuit, Mallby, S. Yorks

YOB: Blimey, what an appropriate name you've got, Darren. Yeah, anyway here's the spiel. The STE is the newest version of the ST which has a few minor hardware modifications. namely stereo PCM sound. a 4096 colour pallette, a BLITTER chip like the Amiga's and complete incompatibility with the vast majority of games released pre-1990. Obviously most software houses are now programming with STE compatibility in mind and reprogramming their older games, but unless you re-







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ally want those extra facilities, you'd be best off getting an STFM. And can you believe they didn't make the joystick ports any more accessible?

AND EVEN **CURIOUSER!**

Dear YOB. I just want you to answer 3 1) Do Game Boy games work on the Nintendo?

2) Is the Nintendo 8-bit, 16-bit or neither of these? 3) What are the five best games for the Nintendo?

Matthew Keeling, Sandbach Cheshire YOB: Here goes,

1) Of course not! Have you ever seen the size of a Game Boy cartridge? How would you slot that into a Nintendo? 2) It's 8-bit.

3) My top five are Super Mario Brothers, Super Mario Brothers 3, Life Force, RC Pro Am and Cobra Triangle.

CARTRIDGE CONFUSION

Dear YOB.

I'm getting the official Sega Megadrive when it comes to Britain, but am a bit worried

THERE'S NO-MEANER THAN NINA Dear YOB.

ported* games from Japan will not be made or re-written for the official machine. Please could you answer this for me, because I don't want to go out, buy the Megadrive. then find that all the great games like D.J. Boy and Super Shinobi won't be available.

Kev Buttivant, Cheam, Surrey

YOB: Don't you worry your head about it Kev. All the current Megadrive games will eventually be released for the official British machine. Question is, though, when will it be, Virgin?

YOB: Well, sounds like a

THE ROBERT SWAN QUESTION Dear YOR

Ok then, who the hell is Robert Swan? Tim Curious, Hemel Hemp.

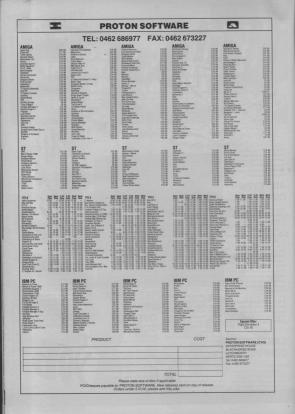
YOB: I put your question to Robert (or "Rob" as we like to call him) and he says that he is in fact C+VG's new staff writer who comes from in. He likes listening to Iron Maiden and enjoys eating Chinese spare ribs

with barbecue sauce (num ber 43). His ambitions are to work with the elderly and to sail around the world in a boat he's building entirely from used matchsticks. His lucky number is 6,294,344,006 and his lucky colour is vermillion. If anyone wants to know anything else about Rob, he says he's more than happy

the four hundred gold ingots stuffed under his bed.

to answer any questions as

long as they're not about





Hiyat Here's another bulging bonaras bag of cheats and tips including a map of Super Shinobi s labyrinth' level. If you've got a worldbeating map, tip or POKE and want to get your name in print, and possibly win yourself a stack of software, why delay? Send it in to PLAYMASTERS, C+VG, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON ECTI SAU





AMIGA

KID GLOVES

Not of the fax machine from Paul of The Computer Shop in Leeds (what a pathetic way in Leeds (what a pathetic way in Leeds (what a pathetic way so not of thing doctors) work with usig comes an infinite lives of the computer of the compute

MANCHES-TER UTD

Here's a simple cheat from Simon Williams of Wolverhampton. If the match isn't going your way, simply press the left mouse button and th game thinks the press on the mouse button was another player wanting to join the game. The opposing team will freeze making it a piece of cake to put the ball in the old onion bag (as they say).

STORMLORD

A nifty cheat here from D Powell of Abertillery. Type DRA-GONBRIDGE on the credit screen, then start the game and press the space bar to pause it. You can now jump straight to the next level with a single press of the L, key.

BLOOD MONEY

All the way from sunny Belgium comes David Barman's tip which provides an infinite supply of lives and cash. All you have to do is pause the game, hit the HELP key and then when things are getting tough, stock up on ships and money by pressing 1 and 2.

ST MIDWINTER

If you're a bit worried about missile attacks while you're out for a quick ski, press S to switch to sniping mode and go to maximum zoom. If Richard Powell of Rotherham is right (and who are we to doubt his word) you should now be invulnerable.

CRACK

Load the game and start it up, then type in SMURF. You can now give yourself and your mate infinite lives by pressing F2 and F3. Dead easy, but it took Jaskiranjit Virdee of Southall to find it

E-MOTION I couldn't get this one to work

on our preproduction copy, but you might as well give it; go. Type in FRANK ZAPPA on the title screen and you should find that a prod of F1 will move you up a level during the game, and pressing F2 puts you forward ten levels. For retrogressive types.



After receiving trillions of phone calls asking "'ow d'yer get through the maze in Super Shinobi", I've decided to print this map of the eighth level which was sent in by Terry O'Leary of Dublin. 10c 10c 200 30 200 20

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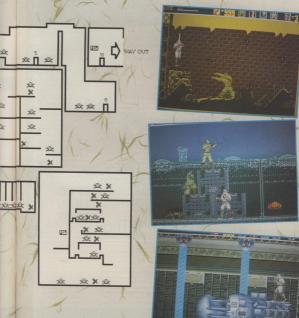
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SHINOBI







Jaskiranjit Virdee comes to

score table). The words VATED' should appear and Don't fall down any holes. load the game. Yet another

Jaskiranjit Virdee cheat (is

Jaskiranjit Virdee's talents becheat mode for this game level, DELETE kills all the

C64 UNTOUCH-**ABLES**

Dafydd Gibby of Dyfed says that if you type in the word TECHNIQUE once the game has loaded, then start the your energy by pressing F5

minutes with a stab of F7. SUPER

WONDER-BOY IN MONSTER-

LAND

Go to the coastal town of Baraboro, then when you reach along to the last house, but don't walk off the edge. Walk back left and you should fall words "SOMETHING WON-DERFUL HAS HAPPENED appear in the status box. You are now invulnerable to every thing except spikes. The so finishing the game problem. Thanks to Richard Wyatt and David Eagle of Pontycymer for that gem of

AMSTRAD BARBARIAN

On the first screen of level one, go straight into the cave hole, just keep pushing right and you will get an extra life Leave the way you came in then return and do it again for yet another life, and you can got more lives than a cow

even). This tip brought to you by the Gareth Royal Amstrad

BLOODWYCH If you're having problems

why not try The Martyn and Barry Method (patent pending) from Martyn Richardson Barry. As the name suggests this is strictly a tip for two players, in which one player sters to follow him. He then lures them into a room where the other player's party is waiting, then while the monparty, the other attacks from behind. When the monsters turn around, the other party takes over the attack. Simple but effective.

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LEVEL TWO After blasting your way through the solid wall, you should find a small cave.

Reverse into it for the 1-UP LEVEL THREE The extra life in this level is

just in front of the 37th statue's mouth. To get past the bosses at the end of this level just nip down to the bottom right of the screen and keep the joypad held down or down and right. If you prefer to go for the points, keep the ship moving in a curve, and of course, press the fire button like crazy.

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London's own Alex Bentley

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On screen seven of this dinky arcade conversion, go to the monster inside. As a reward you will receive the Great Sword. But if you're not satisfied with that, kill yourself and do it again. This time when you kill the monster you should get Excalibur, the mightiest blade in the land.

To get into the test mode. hold down the RUN button



and press SELECT five times. Then hold the joypad UP and LEFT, press buttons your changes (round select. autofire on/off, number of lives) should have registered.

Also, when the title scroon for ten seconds and a message should appear by the Ordyne logo. Now start the game and see what's hap-

Thanks to Donn Nauert for those two cheats.

FIGHTER Donn also says that you can

get all sorts of extra features the high score table, waiting for the continue timer to run out, then pressing LEFT, 1,

O.LK - Push the joypad in the direction of your oppo-

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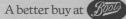




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▲ Beware the Psycho Teddies!



UPDATE

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UPDATE

Emlyn Hughes has been kicking around on 8-bits for some time now, but the C64 version is still the best game of its type on that machine.

MATCH

C'mon the oranges!" or something

▲ "To me! To me, Harry!"

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The Amiga game is virtually the same as the ST. so the same criticisms apply. However, kit design is more limited than on the ST, strangely enough! Again, Kick Off 2 is better and cheaper.

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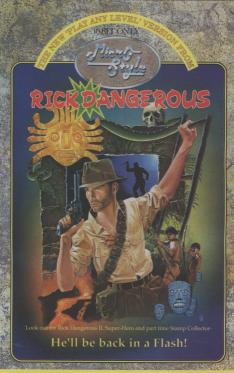
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A Phew! All the options you could want!



▲ Discuss tactics with your team.



▲ PHEEP! Corner!



A Shaw to take the throw in.

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KICK

I he eigening, here was Kck Off, and it was the greatest of all fosty games. From this, Kck Off Extra Time and Player Manager were spawned, but the hungry crowds, who wanted that bit more, looked toward the creator. Dino Din, and water, in hoge for Kick Off 2. And very, did Dino say unto them, worry not, for what you wish for is on the way. And the crowds wated with bater. view, portleds, you can breathe again now, for fick-Off 2 is here, with more against a breath again now, for fick-Off 2 is here, with more against hard you or shaked your Fulchester United as early a Basically in a the same as the onginal Krck Off, but KO2 allows but is four players at once, and has a vast range options including choice of pitch from allower, so with a suddender and the penalty shoot out, afterous, fixed the penalty shoot out, after out the penalty should be penalty s

▼ What! Come on ref, he slipped on the wet pitch!





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▲ "Yellow card! With respect ref. you're a right b..."

UPDATE

Kick Off 2 will be putting them in the back of the net on the ST, PC, C64, Spectrum and Amstrad real soon now.

minimum.

▼ Free kick! Notice the de-



THE GALLUP ALL FORMATS TOP 20

THIS MONTH	LAST MONTH	GAME	COMPANY	SPEC	C 64	AMS	AMI	ST
1	-	Italy 1990	US Gold	Ö		0	0	•
2	1	Fantasy Dizzy	Code Mstrs	•				•
3	-	Pro Boxing	Code Mstrs	•	•	•	-	-
4	2	Paperboy	Encore	•	•		•	•
5	15	Yogi's Great Escape	Hi Tec	•	•	•	-	-
6	18	Road Blasters	Kixx	•		•		•
7		Manchester Utd	Krysalis	•	•	•	•	•
8	3	Indy/Temple of Doom	Kixx	•	•	•	-	-
9		World Cup Soccer	Virgin	•	•	•	•	•
10	4	Rock Star	Code Mstrs	•				•
11	7	Wonderboy	Hit Squad	•	•		-	-
12	9	T I Dizzy	Code Mstrs	•	•		•	•
13	10	Dragon's Lair	Encore				-	-
14	5	Buggy Boy	Encore	•			•	•
15		Quatro Sports	Code Mstrs	•	•	•	-	
16	-	Football Champions	Cult		•		-	-
17		DT's Super Test	Hit Squad	•			-	-
18		Thrilller Pack	Prism		•		-	-
19	-	Chase HQ	Ocean	•		•		•
20	17	Rainbow Islands	Ocean					-







ncredible! Fantasy World Dizzy is no longer at number one! It took a strong epidemic of soccermania and US Gold's Italy 1990 to do it, though. Strange that in spite of the football mania, Code Masters Pro Boxing has come from no-

where to take the number three position. Budget software seems to be even more in evidence than usual, and even Ocean can only manage to get Chase HQ and Rainbow Islands into 19th and 20th positions.

CHARTS⁴

Manchester Utd 4 Battle of Britain Advanced Ski Sim Football Manager 2 World Cup Soccer Treble Champions Treasure Isl Dizzy 18 11

Code Mstrs Code Mstrs Code Mstrs

There's no messing about for US Gold's new soccer game. The Italy 1990 package goes straight to the top of the chart. It's good to see the superb Klax conversion in the chart, but what's it doing at number 15? It should be in the top five at least!

PG'S TIP FOR THE TOP

KICK OFF 2: There's no doubt about it. You could bet your life savings on the fact that this is going to be next month's number one.







As in nearly all the other charts US Gold's the top of the C64 top 20. Apart from that there's not much worth remarking upon in

PG'S TIP FOR THE TOP

INTERNATIONAL 3D TENNIS: After the World Cup comes Wimbledon, so expect once the football thing has died down a bit

C64 TOP 20

		Italy 1990
2	5	Fantasy Dizzy
3		Pro Boxing
4	1	Paperboy
5	-	Yogi Great Escape
6	12	Road Blasters
7	8	Dragon's Lair
8	11	Thriller Pack
9		Quatro Sports
10	-	World Cup Soccer
11		Indy/Temple Doom

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14 4

15 -

IK+ Wonderboy Buggy Boy DT's Super Test Chase HQ

16 -Jack the Nipper 2 Rock Star 18 13 Rainbow Islands 19 -Robocop 20 -

US Gold 81% Code Mstrs Code Mstrs 68% Hi Tec 59% 53% Encore 78% Prism Code Mstrs Virgin

> Hit Squad Hit Squad Encore Hit Squad Code Mstrs Ocean

80% 90% Ocean

91%

It must be the World Cup that's induced football fever in ST owners - there are seven soccer games in the top 20 compared with three last month. Rainbow Islands rules the roost for the third month, but where is Planet of the Robot Monsters?

PG'S TIP FOR THE TOP ou

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KICK OFF 2: Domark's Klax conversion is superb, but I'd say Anco's revamped footy classic is a more likely candidate for next

Rainbow Islands 23 Italy 1990 Italia 1990 23 4 Midwinter 56 Metrocross Manchester Utd

Grim Blood Captain Blood SAS Combat Sim Advanced Ski Sim

Rock Star World Cup '90 Greg Norman Golf World Cup Soccer

Ocean 88% Code Mstrs 96% Krysalis Mastertron Code Mstrs Code Mstrs Code Mstrs

88% 80% 85%

TENNI

18

Code Mstrs



5% 0% 1% 5% 5% 90%

B8%

AMSTRAD TOP 20

This is the only chart in which US Gold's Italy 1990 hasn't rocketed straight to the top. Instead, Fantasy World Dizzy survives a fourth month at the number one slot. Surely it can't be there again next month?

PG'S TIP FOR THE TOP

LIVE AND LET DIE: Encore's recently rereleased Bond game is a good budget buy.

Expect to see that in the chart next month.









PC ENGINE TOP

MEGADRIVE TOP 5

PC ENGINE
The football bug hits the consoles too, and Formation Soccer boots Robo Kid off the top spot mation soccer boots Hobb Rid on the top spur. PC Kid looks like it's going to be a perrenial favourite, as does Chase HO. This chart is supplied by Spectresoft of Covent Garden (071 2401765).

The remarkable Thunderforce III goes straight to number one replacing Final Blow. Whip Rush comes in over DJ Boy, and Super Shinobi hangs in there for another month.

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Er, where's the sound, guys? Either I'm hard of hearing, or there is none! Apart from that, this falls into the "not too good, not too bad" category.

OVERALL



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BOMB JACK

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QUES-TION SPORT

ENCORE uestion of Sport is an-other in Encore's long line of budget re-releases. this being a conversion of the able" Coleman. Ian "Head-Beaumont captain two guestteams through six rounds of points being awarded for correct answers. Unfortunately, 00000000000



THUNDER





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A single combat move and repetitive play make this a pretty dull game. For avid fans only

OVERALL



grinds to a halt. This

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game you've ever seen," the
rave. Himm, well. Blood
Money is good, but not that
good. If it's a melli-wesoners.

shoot 'em up which casts yo and a friend (in two player mode) as heroic pilots chugging through the scrolling caverns of four planets. Naturally, the place is heaving with alien life forms just

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questing up to become can
non fodder, and every one
blasted leaves behind coin
("Blood Money", see?) for
you to snap up and spend
any weapons shops you
y come across. It's nicely pr
grammed and pretty good
fun, especially in the highly
competitive they observed.

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but there are better, similar games on the C64 scene, so Blood Money doesn't really live up to the promises on the

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A decent, playable shoot 'em up but nothing to wet your pants over. OVERALL 799

CECCO'S COLLEC-TION

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The Cacoo of the title is
none other than programmer extraordinaire
Rafaelle Cacco, and this complation comprises four of his bit hits, namely Exolon,
Cybernoid, Cybernoid II and
Stormford, Exolon is a walkalcong platform bast, which is a
taking in one, but is a little
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taking ment. Cybernoid is a great
megablasty shoot 'em up with
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Ace C64 programmer Nick Jones handled the 264 conversions and nade a damned good ob of them. A terrific co action of some of the best arcade games on

OVERALL

lect and aliens to blast, and funnily enough, so is Cybernoid II, but the sequel is quite a bit lougher, has even more weapons and more polished graphics. Stormlord is the only non soi-li game, and stars a heavily armed dwarf who has to rescue fairies in an enjoyable scrolling-polat-form-puzzle-solving separario.

AMSTRAD

£12.99 similar to the Si version, but eve

OVERALL 91%

F-29 RETALIA-TOR OCEAN

Cean's much-vaunted funally makes it to the ST - and was it worth the wait? Um, we-e-ell... Nearly, You'll be glad to hear that the 3D graphics are as spectacular as they were on the Amiga

as they were on the Amiga (and the introductory screeps are just as rough - what an ugly pilott), but judging by the clumsy presentation and bizarre gamejay idiosyncrasies, it seems the game was rushed through the final stages of production. By idio-

syncrasies I mean enemy

seconds into the mission (be-

fore you've even taken offl), particularly delicate landing gear and wheel brakes, and very vague collision detection (by within 20 feet of a structure and you're dead). The manuals and presentation screens are weefully inadequate and compare badly with the likes of LHX Attack Chopper or any recent filteroprose





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C et this. A demon with

et this. A demon with the ebeads is giving everybody had dreams, so you have to get down to his place and use a vast array of laser armament to 'persuade' him to lake the next bus out of town. Alas, being a security conscious sort of demon he's surrounded his galf with all sorts of mon-strous guardians and spiry platforms which can do you

no end of damage, even with

your heavy-duty armour on.

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A treat of blasting mayhem from the makers of Denaris

OVERALL 94%

power at your disposal makes this a terrifically satistying blast, and what makes it even better are the game's great graphics and musicthe sample-packed title track is particularly impressive.

Like I said, get this

KLAX

DOMARK
Connecting lines of coloured tiles is the idea be

hind Domark's conversion of the Tengen puzzler coin-op.

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A superb conversion the arcade puzzle ga.

OVERALL 9

The tiles roll out of the screen at increasing speed on a conveyor belt and the idea is to catch them on a block at the end of the belt then drop them into a grid to make patterns of like-coloured blocks. The more exotic your pattern,





the more points you score, and making certain patterns on certain levels earns you bonus points or level warps. When it comes down to it, it's a pretty simple arcade game and the Amstrad version recorates the leef of the arcade that

thing missing is the arcade game's two-player mode). The display is colourful and the jingles are lively. If you thought puzzle games were dull Klax could be the one that changes your mind.



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and the guardians, without Fragor's supervision, began

fighting for control. Before long, they were soon power-

selves into the very elements

Fragor had brought with him. However, one of the eggs.

having escaped the atten-

to rest in a peaceful valley

dragon.

tions of the guardians, came

Years later, the dragon

came across a young couple,

Artaban and Isolde, who be-

visited them on many occa-

friended him. The dragon

to arrive. Isolde in her



UNREAL

BY UBISOFT

anxiety, called for the dragon from the highest hill, so loud as to catch the attention of a servant of the Supreme fourtiers, who captured her and took her to the found of the substance of the

The copper dragon came to hear of this, and at once told Artaban. The dragon, feeling responsible, swore to

help defeat the dark lord, so Artaban and the dragon set out to destroy the four elements giving evil its power, and find the 'changing blade', a magical sword that recharged with crystals from the comet, and rescue Isolde from a fate worse than death...

UPDATE

The game makes heavy use of the Amiga's specialised graphics and sound hardware so Ubi-Soft aren't planning to release versions for any other machines.

AMIGA 524.90

Ontrail is another of those of the state of

ROBERT SWAN

GRAPHICS 81%
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'ALUE 70%
'LAYABILITY 69%

OVERALL 73%



EVIEW

ST AMIGA





Well, mankind's really gone and screwed up this time. Through overuse of chemicals, they've only gone

To try to redress the balance, man tried to create his right, and they've created a

different horizontally scrolling worlds, each consisting of five levels, and all played against the clock. Venus has a built-in energy cannon, caing from a wimpy standard pea-shooter to a juicy 4-way megablaster! Thing is, you don't have it all your own way

by contact with an enemy in-



REVIEW



A Bloct the huge in the P.47-like honge stan

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sect or laser both, and when the har resches zero, barrig goes one of your three lives. There are five types of the section of your three lives. There are five types of the section of th

AMIGA

Virtually the same as the ST version (no bad thing by any means), but with beefed-up sound, and some smooth HAM backgrounds for the same price. Again, an absolute

OVERALL 94%

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ROBERT SWAN

VALUE 90 PLAYABILITY 93

OVERALL 94%

UPDATE

Sorry, all you 8-bit owners, but because Venus takes advantage of the 16-bit machines' graphics and memory, there will be no versions for your machines.





▲ England one down against the Yugoslavs! What is the world com-BY OCEAN

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like Microprose Soccer), and of the screen, where shot power, the scores and time are also displayed. Building up power for a shot is a case down (so the power bar goes ▼ Choose your team

up) and running into the ball move back to the options screen for results on the other matches, and so it goes knocked out, or win the Adidas World Championship Trophy.

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UPDATE

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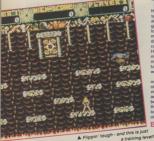
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UPDATE

All you Amiga owners with a taste for driving vourself mad can do so right now, and for the same price.



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▼ Nuke the armoured car at the end of stage one.



UPDATE Midnight Resistance will

be blasting onto the ST at £19.99. C64. Spectrum and Amstrad at £9.99 pretty soon. Keep your eyes on the Updates section for further developments.

COMPETITION RESULTS

If you entered a competition in the June issue of C+VG, you may find this most interesting page in the whole of the mag. If not you may find it pretty dull reading, and would probably be better off turning the page and reading Arcade Action.

Megacomp claims are still coming in, so if you haven't received your prize yet don't worry because you're still being processed (urgh!).

HOTLINE ONE - WIN A MEGADRIVE

TREVOR STEVENS of BASINGSTOKE was the first one to get his postcard yanked out of the sack, so he'll be receiving a super, sexy, soaraway Sega Megadrive in the post dead soon. Nice one. Trev!

HOTLINE TWO - WIN A LYNX

Who gets this portable packet of fun and japes? Why, it's ADAM MOLONEY of ALNWICK. Hooray, and stuff!

HOTLINE THREE - WIN A PC ENGINE
A teeny-weeny console is currently winging its way to
MICHAEL SAMS, who resides in KIDDERMINSTER.

Have fun Michael!
HOTLINE FOUR - WIN AN F15 FIGHTER
BOMBER

Digital Integration were giving away five copies each of the ST, Amiga and brand new C64 versions of their ace flight sim, F15 Combat Pilot, as well as a stack of

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WHEN IT COMES TO BLOWING OFF COMP

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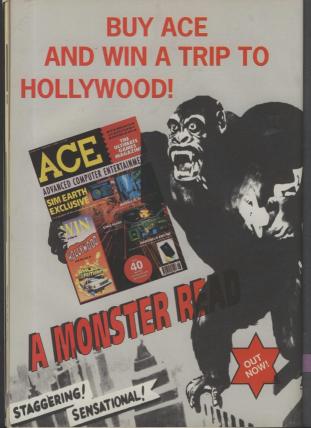
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real winner on their hands. What with a five-

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speed gearbox, all the Formula 1 cars and drivers reproduced in full detail and a driver's-eye perspective, Formula 1 3D could take the chethat's no bad thing. It's a quered flag. As soon as we get in the driver's seat, we'll be revving it up and taking it for a

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version comes anywhere near it, it should be pretty flamin' good.

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bumph, Magic Fly is the ultimate confined-space fighter of the future. All spacecraft will bear a chilling resemblance to present-day insects.

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ent alien craft to blast

out of the stars, networks of underground tunnels, and 10 different weapons at your disposal. Well, if that isn't a recipe for some out-andout blasting, John Craven is the funniest man on the telly.

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MR DO! RUN RUN

Phew! This is going back some years! Mr Dol, for all those who don't know, was a clowr who featured in four ripsnortingly frantic coinops (the first was an absolute screamer!), each getting more and more

probably the most chaotic in the series, and from the look of things from this ST screenshot, it should a bundle of laughs al round. As soon as we get our paws on it, we give you the low-dow

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has to journey around, kicking, punching and chopping loads of bad guys and collecting loads of power-ups. This Shinobi-mickey-take is bound to be a load of affs, so watch for a re-

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FIRE & FORGET II

Have you seen that incredible new arcade game from Titus? Funny, neither have we, but apparently, those bastions of French software have joined up with Taito to release their

first coin-op, Fire & Forget II - The Death Convoy (part 1 appeared on computers some time back). The funny thing is, that not only have Titus made F+F II Into a coin-op, they're converting it to the majority of

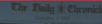


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home micros and the Sega Master System as well (gasp)! Like its predecessor, it's an onthe-road, in-the-air blast starring a flying battlecar. It looks marvellous. as you can probably tell from the screenshot. and from what Paul Glan-Titus' Paris offices a fer

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