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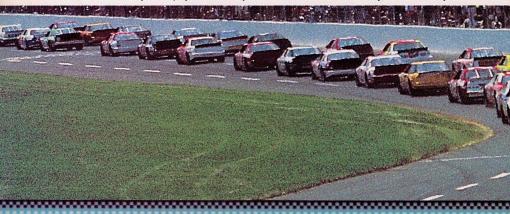


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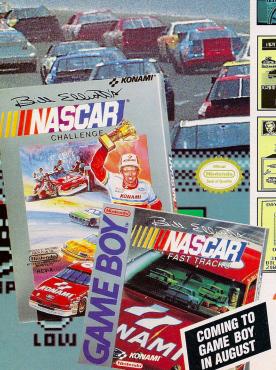






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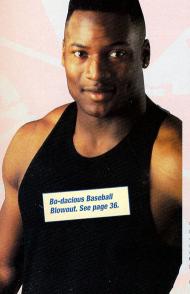
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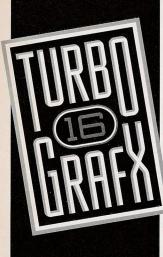
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# urboGrafx-16



#### Aeroblasters"

"... one of the best shooters... It's all here - great detailed graphics, huge difficult basses and great game play with a learning curve that leans to the hard side which is a welcome addition to a home game. The weapon power-ups are awesome!... Yery challenging and

#### -Electronic Gaming Monthly

Alien Crush™

1989 Best Simulation Game -Video Games & Computer Entertains

"... Alien Crush features finely detailed creatures reminiscent of the film, Alien, lots of bonus situations and some of the finest music ever heard in a video game. ...it's downright

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Battle Royale"

"This wrestler has lots of different characters and plenty of rip-roaring action 'mano to mano' as well as great 'free for alls'. Great music, statistics and even the managers fight for the rights to each fighter. It has it all."

-Electronic Gaming Monthly "A rock 'em, sock 'em free-for-all...the graphics are nicely detailed and sharp-looking...add it to your collection. This is a great party game."

#### Blazing Lazers™

"The ultimate space shooter! Nine levels of pulsating aliens, advanced weaponry, and enormous Bosses! A total blast from start to finish!"

-Electronic Gaming Monthly

"One of the fastest-paced games for the TurboGrafx-16, Blazing Lazers will keep you

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Bloody Wolf"

1990 Best Arcade Action Game Award

-Game Player's Magazine

"Bloody Wolf is a cool Commando-style shooter that combines a frontic shoot-em-up pace with dual pools... One of the best Turbo games I've played, combining Coetro with 16-bit graphics, but contains a much more expansive environment to explore. Tons of power-ups and challenging Bosses help make Bloody Wolf a delight to behold!" -Electronic Gaming Monthly

#### Bomberman"

"...if you like crowds, this is one of the most fun multi-player games around. For beginning gamers or anyone looking for an addicting, relatively simple to play puzzle game, Bomberman is a blast."

#### Bonk's Adventure

1990 TurboGrafx Game of the Year Award

-Game Player's Magazine

1990 Most Exciting New Theme Award 1990 Special Achievement Award

-Electronic Gaming Monthly Magazine

1990 Best Action Video Game Award
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment Magazine

"NEC scored a hit with this card, and rightfully so. Bonk's Adventure has.. technique as well as good looks...unique...an all new type of video game adventure!"

-Electronic Gaming Monthly Magazine

"Bank's Adventure has all the ingredients to become not only a successful game, but also the first installment of a successful series of games. The main character is cute, the head-butting is superb, and the creatures and situations are inventive. The fact that you can reverse direction and go backward in this game is another strong point. The graphics are share and, well, charming."

#### Bravoman" "A unique approach to an action game. Super graphics."

-Electronic Gamina Monthly

#### China Warrior™

"Not just another chop-'em-up game, this one shows the characters in amazing detail.
Fight your way to the end, attacking enemies and other moving objects."
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment

"Kung-fu kick-'em-up that uses extremely large characters. The detail is extraordinary - you can even see your hero bleed from his mouth as he gets beat up!"

—Electronic Gaming Monthly

#### Chew-Man-Fu"

"...the whole look of this vast (550 screens!) game is decidedly off-the-wall, with screen after screen of bizarre, weird, and silly stuff rendered in colors of eye-popping brilliance. This game could be a real sleeper."

-Game Player's

#### Cratermaze™

"Cratermaze is a game that will appeal to the whole family, thanks to its good graphics, interesting animation and splendid sound effects."

—Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Cvbercore"

"...Cybercore is a fast-action shoot-'em-up that's challenging enough to tax even veteran gun hands. Its combination of detailed graphics and interesting sound effects make it a game that you'll return to often." -Video Games & Computer Entertainment

Deep Blue"

"Patrol the ocean depths in your mechanized sub-fish, blasting all types of marine life. Capturing power capsules lets you modify your weapons list. The music is well done as

the graphics detailed and colorful. There aren't many underwater video games so this one is nearly in a class by itself." -Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Devil's Crush"

1990 Best Simulation Game Award
—Video Game & Computer Entertainment Magazine

"Devil's Crush is a perfect example of why video pinball has such exciting potential......the movement of the ball and the action of the flippers are so realistic that it plays just like any arade pinball machine... You'll definitely want to see Devil's Crush for yourself."

"A combination of realistic pinball action and bizarre insectoid graphics made Alien Crush the last word in video pinball... and finally, that sequel's been hatched: Devil's Crush for the TG-16... Devil's Crush is a must-have for those who enjoyed Alien Crush. It's loaded with more dever animation, impressive graphics and Gust trenelle action than the original. -Video Games & Computer Enterta

#### Double Dungeons"

"...the 3-D maze effect is done very well... A good 2-player game... A split-screen window also allows two people to explore independently."

-Game Player's

#### Dragon Spirit\*

Became a winged serpent and destroy the evil that has invaded your land! Hard-hitting action with power-ups, bosses, and more!!"

-Electronic Gamina Monthly

"Instead of fighting a dragon, you are one in this game. Zio through the sky, shooting down enemies and bombing various types of monsters, while you pick up crystals for extra power. Your dragon can grow up to three heads and acquire all kinds of weapons, even shooting filmes!"

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Dragon's Curse"

 "Dragon's Curse is a good-looking, action-packed game that's perfect for hard-core TurboGrafx-16 swordsmen. Heavy-duty hackin' and hewin' is the order of the day...Dragon's Curse won't drag on.

Dungeon Explorer"

"Dungeon Explorer is the perfect hybrid of action and adventure... outstanding graphics help compliment this card that guarantees a long quest and plenty of thrills!"

"...up to five people can play, helping one another out by taking on the various enemies that cross each other's path. One, for instance, can play the part of a wizard casting magic to save your little band of souls. If your magic falls, you can always resort to good, old-fashioned shooting!" -Video Games & Computer Entertainmen

#### Fighting Street"

"Originally called Street Fighter in the arcades, this CD-ROM game features real voice and orchestrated music that's just like the quarter-muncher!"

-Electronic Gamina Monthly

"This CD-ROM game pits you against four large apponents. Duke it out using kicks, jobs and outright punches. The detailed, colorful graphics are supplemented by real music and voices from the CD player."

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Final Lap Twin™

"...so whether you want straight up no frills racing, or an unusual four-wheeled adventure let Final Lap Twin take you for a ride"

"Select your track and head out in your open-cockpit formula race car. Steer, shift and brake your way across the finish line. The screen is divided into two holves that allow player against computer or two-player mode." -Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Final Zone™ II

"Final Zone II is another great CO game for the TurbaGratx. The graphics are great, the voices are excellent... The game play is fast and there is a lot of action..."

—Electronic Gaming Monthly

"...a (D-based shooter, gives you five characters, seven levels of action, an elaborate story, map screens, and high-fidelity sound effects that take full advantage of the (D's awesome audio capabilities." -- Gamo Player's

#### Galaga™ '90

"Originally...in the arcades, this superb space conflict loses nothing in the translation."

--Electronic Gaming Monthly

"Galaga '90 is an excellent shoot 'em up." -- Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### J.B. Harold: Murder Club

"Combining digitized video, CD quality stereo music plus true human voice...you have to go out and pound the pavement, search for clues, interrogate suspects and gather enough evidence to make an arrest." -Electronic Gaming Monthly

J.J. & Jeff"

"...the overall game play and hidden goodies are what make this game a winner..."

—Video Games & Computer Entertainment "JJ & Jeff has a lot going for it...it's challenging without being ridiculously difficult. And it's definitely addictive."

-Game Player's

#### King of Casino"

"...I have to admit that NEC's King of Casino is the most complete gambling simulation I've seen...from checking into a fancy hotel to flounting cash in a casino, it's all here."

—Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Last Alert"

"...features cinema-type intermissions and real voices. Last Alert is a very good CD game with coal animation. The potential for CD technology scores another one with this good

#### Legendary Axe"

1989 Video Game of the Year
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment Magazine

"Legendary Axe has a little of everything; loads of axe-awinging action, layer upon layer of high-quality music and smooth, colorful animation. The combination of these elements brought this action adventure to the lay of the video game heap like insting cream."

—Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Legendary Axe" II

"Legendary Axe II is quick, action-packed, and enjoyable

-- Game Player's

#### Military Madness"

1990 Best Military Strategy Game Award
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment Magazine

1990 Rest War Game Award

-Game Player's Magazine

"Military Madness is an excellent introductory war game. It's extremely playable and always tense, and it does is job better than several computer war games currently available. If you're looking for a different kind of gaming experience on your furboGrafx — one that takes good advantage of the system's capabilities."

"Military Madness is a game that puts you in exciting and unpredictable strategic combations. Terrific stereo sound, realistic battle simulations, and awasome graphics are only a lew of the reasons why Military Madness is an interesting addition to any Turabofforts Collection."

Monster Lair" 1990 Best Shooter Game

—OMNI Magazine

"Monster Lair is a fast and colorful game that's even more fun when played by two people... And because the game is on CD, the stereo soundtrack is superb. Monster Lair has enough charm to last through many playing."

#### Moto Roader

"Up to five human players can race for the finish line in this high-speed challenge. The options are many with several different race tracks, six different futuristic vehicles and several different music scores."

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Neutonia"

"If the TurboGrafx-16 is your first game machine, don't miss Neutopia"
— Video Games & Computer Entertainment

" Neutonin will offer hours of excitement "

-Game Player's

#### Ninja Spirit"

1990 Best Game of the Year (TurboGrafx-16) Award
—Electronic Gaming Monthly Magazine 1990 Fyrellence Award -Game Player's Magazine

"...the level of intensity is unmatched, with multiple weapons, options and shadows all coming into play. The Bosses animate and fill the screen and truly provide a testament to what this system can do... Nimja Spirit stands out...and earns our Turbo Game of the Year

-Electronic Gaming Monthly, 1991 Video Game Buyer's Guide

"Forget 'Budokan', this is true martial arts action. Awesome weapons and power-ups and intense ainip action. Excellent graphics and authentic Japanese BGM. Great gameplay and cool basses. Best Turbo card yet."

—Electronic Gaming Monthly, 1991 Video Game Buyer's Goide

"Ninje Spirit is so good that it might even oppeel to gamers who don't think they like ninje games. Its fost and varied, and the challenges get more difficult as the game goes on. Rinje Spirit is probably that best martial arts game to appear so far on the TurboGrafx-16 — and one of the best on any video game system."

-Game Player's

#### Power Golf"

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#### Psychosis"

1990 Best Sci. Fi. Game (Honorable Mention)
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment

"From a purely visual standpoint this cart is worth its weight in gold. The graphics are

R-Type"

"The legend has never looked better than on the Turbo! All eight levels of monstrous play grace this four-meg masterpiece!" -Electronic Gaming Monthly

"One of the best arcade-to-home translations we have ever seen comes in the form of R.

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Sherlock Holmes Consulting Detective"

"...for the first time in video game history, thanks to the huge memory in a CD, we will be able to play a game that will contain real video footage! Introvin perfect speech with synchronized lip movement and it will be difficult to believe that this is a video game!"

—Electronic Gaming Monthly

#### Space Harrier"

"...stay tuned to NEC's channel for arcade quality Space Harrier action, and you can solve this cliff hanger for yourself."

#### Snlatterhouse"

1990 Best Coin-op Game Award
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment Magazine

"Splatterhouse...is another fantastic example of how good Turbo games can be. The game is challenging and graphically outstanding...! love it."

"Talk about tension and suspense, wow!. Splatterhouse has plenty to go around. Excellent graphics and challenging game play make this seven-level nightmare come true. Very entertaining..."

#### Suner Star Soldier™

"Massive amounts of firepower...tons of power-ups, huge basses and great graphics."

—Electronic Gaming Monthly

"...features eight vertically scrolling stages of gorgeous graphics, non-stop interstellar space fighting, four different weapons, two defense systems, and numerous power-up possibilities."

——Gam
At times there is so much action on the screen you can get lost in...the rockets, bullets, attackers and shrapnel streaking across the screen. If you're looking for a hat-action shooter...it will keep you sweating."

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Super Volleyball'

"...Incredible, gargeous graphics... The best sports game I've played for the TG. 'Nuff

-Digital Games Review Digest

-GamePro

"Sports fans can enjoy solo play or two-person competition in Super Volleyball. The big-screen views, crisp detail, and startling depth of this game's graphics almost convinced u that we were watching a live game on TV." -Game Player's

"NEC's Super Valleyball brings the popular sport to the TurboCrafts-16 with lots of options, a comfortable user interface and, most of all, loads of atthletic action on screen. All in all, Super Valleyball is ogo oph. chilenings insulation. If you've hockering to take your place among the world's volleyball harves, Super Valleyball may be right in your legach.

-Video Games & Computer Entertain

#### Takin' it to the Hoop'

1990 Best Sports Game Award

-Game Player's Magazine

"...a well-balanced and entertaining sports game..."

-Game Player's

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"Hardcore gym rats know there's no substitute for an honest-to-goodness game of hoops. Takin' It to the Hoop has all the thrills, none of the spills, and some top notch video round ball. Call time aut and give it a try."

#### Tiger Road"

"A multitude of vertical and horizontal scrolling adventures...dean graphics and sound...bonus rooms and secret warps...beef up both strategy and options."

—Electronic Gaming Monthly

#### Timehall"

1990 Best Strategy Game Award
—Video Game & Computer Entertainment Magazine

"...if you like puzzle games, Timeball has it all. It's highly recommended."

#### TV Sports Football 1990 Parents' Choice Seal of Approval

-Parents' Choice Council

1990 Best Sports Video Game Award
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment Magazine

1990 Fyrellence Award

-Game Player's Magazine

"TV Sports Football has been built around a unique Turbo feature - 5 player simultaneous action! As such it's a lot of fun with everybody getting into the action.

...think of it as a party football game.. Electronic Gaming Monthly

"TV Sports Footbell is simply one of the finest football simulations available for any game system. It skillfully combines realistic sound effects, arisp graphics, and awesome action"
—Game Player's

#### Veigues Tactical Gladiator

"Veigues is a fighting vehicle like none you've seen before...it can glide swittly, pivot, leap and fly through air...it's a category unto itself...there's plenty of good old fashioned shoot em up, but the key...is how well you strategize."

"The game play makes Veigues a solid fun game...that will keep you bouncing on your robatic toes."

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

#### Victory Run™

"Probably one of the best driving games to come along for any system. Victory Run bas true 3.0 effects, including hills and curves, and enough variety in the curves to keep you occupied for some time. The car handles like a race car should and the power drifts are better than any racing game to dote... Very addicting! -Electronic Gamina Monthly

This high-speed game is a version of the Paris-to-Dakor road roce. You start out by stocking up on parts like brakes, suspension and engine, then zip through the countryside outside of Paris. Control screen will be up uto man id-40 ps in might and book to marning. Controls let you rocelerate, brake and shift gens while displays give you constant updates on your speed and engine PRM."

#### World Class Baseball"

"This game allows two players to compete against one another, or one against the computer. You get the best seats in the stadium, behind the catcher, or an overhead view. Digitized voices add to the realism, along with realistic scoreboard images and player

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment

"...World Class Baseball is very close to perfect." -Game Player's

#### World Court Tennis"

"A visually stunning tennis game that plays well and offers head-to-head -Electronic Gaming Monthly

"World Court Tennis combines the action of top notch Singles and Doubles tennis with the shimmy of an unusual tennis adventure. It's game, set, and match for NEC!"

#### Ys™ - Rook I & II

1990 Best Role Playing Video Game Award
—Electronic Gaming Monthly Magazine 1990 Best Background Music and Sound in a Video Game Award
—Electronic Gamina Monthly Magazine

1990 Best Role Playing Game Award

1990 Best Adventure Game Award
—Video Games & Computer Entertainment Magazine 1990 Best Sound Award

-Video Games & Computer Entertainment Magazine 1990 Best Fantasy Role-Playing Game Award
—Game Player's Magazine

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-Lee Pappas, Video Game and Computer Entertainment

"Over 42 minutes of true stereophonic, high fidelity background music...two full length quests containing 1700 different screens...in addition to over 20 minutes of cinema type intermissions."

-Electronic Gamina Monthly

"If you're a role-play adventurer who's been waiting for a reason to invest in a TurboGrafx-16 CD-ROM wirt, here it is...'s has got it all - great graphics, engaging RPG game play and a brain draining quest."

#### TurboExpress"

1990 Best New System of the Year Award

—Electronic Gaming Monthly Magazine

1990 Best Game System of the Year

-Chicago Tribune

1990 Best Top 100 Products of the Year Award
—Popular Science Magazine

"....IIEC's TurboExpress, which is much more sophisticated than anything else on the market and features more entertaining games than any other potoble."

—Los Angeles Times

"... a land-held game machine that boats high-quality color graphics and super sound. Even better, it was the same contridens on the IEC TurboGraft - 16. An optional oftodoment turns the unit in a of that this in the paind of your hand. Unbertunderly, they sphem so growed to be so popular that you might have to be patient to get your bonds on one; stores sell out their stocks quality."

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#### TurboGrafx"-16 System

ulay Culkin plays Kevin McCallister, who has to defend his house against a pair of ling burglars in the movie <u>Home Alone</u>. "...Mocaulay says his primary goal in life is I his own TurboGrafx-16 video game system..." -New York Times News Wire Service

...The TurbaGrafx-16 has the most impressive graphics, color and sound of all the new

-San Francisco Examiner



#### By The GamePros

It's that strange part of the year, GamePros, when the realities of the magazine biz challenge your sense of time (and test your patience). We all know that the Summer '91 Consumer Electronics Show is the place to see the latest in video game hardware and software. You know that CES just closed shop in Chicago a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, we can't share with you what you know we've just seen because as we put this issue of GamePro together the show hasn't happened yet. Confusing, huh.

So, until we can report back to you, here are some of the things we expect to see at CES. Also, check out the previews in this month's ProNews Report.

Obviously, the hot systems non-news is the Super Nintendo Entertainment System (still on track for a September or October '91 debut) and its games. Look for Actraiser from Enix and Darius Twin from Taito (see Overseas ProSpects, this issue). Capcom's list includes Final Fight and Ghouls 'n Ghosts. Konami counters with Castlevania IV and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Electronic Arts is doing John Madden Football and Lakers vs. Celtics. Asmik's got supersonic combat in D-Force. Irem's firing up Super R-Type.

In hardware news, Atari's still growling about its Panther system. Camerica's flashing peeks at their compact disk game player for the 8-bit NES and an awesome portable 8-bit NES/Game Boy clone-combo (see the Cutting Edge, this issue).

Eight-bit NES carts continue to come on strong. Dragon Warrior III is due from Enix. Konami promises King's Quest V and Contra III. Tecmo's unleashing Ninja Gaiden III and Super Tecmo Bowl. Capcom'? Think Mega Man. Hi-Tech Expressions is playing cat and mouse with Tom and Jeny, and it's about to unveil America's doll – yes, Barbie! Camerica's got 20 games, some in multi-game carts. Batman returns from Sunsoft. Hot-B's gone fishing with Blue Marlin. Koei's going crazy with Napoleon in L'Emperor. Electro Brain promises Boy and His Blob II.

Handhelds are still hot, and the Game Boy's still leading the pack. Bullet-Proof's Faceball 2000 puts on a happy face with four-player dodgeball. Battletoads will hop out of Tradewest. Wizardry will work its magic for Nexoft. Ultimately Ultima will show from FCI. And everybody knows Mega Man's due from Capcom (see GamePro, February '91). The Game Gear's gearing up with Shinobi, and the Lynx's backlog of great-sounding games includes Stun Runner and NFL Football.

The TurboGrafx-16's Fall lineup is this issue's Buyer's Guide, and the latest and possibly greatest Genesis carts were featured last month. But when you think Sega, also think number "2" as in Joe Montana and Golden Axe.

Okay, fellow 'Pros, those are a few tidbits from our notebooks. Get out your scorecards and tune in to the next issue of GamePro – but cut us some slack if we miss a few.

GamePro's Game Faling System



Graphics: Judges the cart's pix, animation, and artistic design; Sound: 5 = Turn up the volume! 1 = Noise pollution; Gameplay: Rates how smoothly the game's command interface and controller functions translate into onscreen action and fun; FunFactor: Here's the bottom line: Is it fun? Challenge: Rates the computer's smarts and game skills, but remember a low rating here isn't necessarily bad and vice versa. See Graphics, Sound, Gameplay, and especially FunFactor.

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#### Desperately Seeking Originality

I totally agree with Jonathon! (See The Mail, GamePro, May '91) He is right about the games that are out right now. For example - Commando, Bionic Commando Ikari I. Ikari II. and Ikari III are so similar it almost feels like vou're plaving the same game, StarTropics and Battletoads are about the only two good games with great plots and characters to come out within a four month period. The rest of the games are the same old stuff.

Jeremy Wise, Longwood, FL

I'm writing in response to the letter Jonathon Cocco wrote regarding the video industry, and I have to say that I agree with him 100% on the matter. I've played a great many games lately and I've beaten most of them during a twoday rental. Some games I can play over and over, and some of them insult my intelligence. They should make action games where you have to do more than mercilessly strike people down and add a little depth to the characters. Maybe then they would get more attention. What's going on with those video games manufacturers?

Derek North, Colorado Springs, CO

#### Irate about Ratings

I am writing in response to an item in the May issue's ProNews Reports. The notion of holding the release date back on Razor Soft's StormLord because of a little skin is ludicrous. What is it with game editing in America? This so-called controversy would be non-existent in Japan. Sega of America has already ruined one great game, D.J. Boy. I agree with Razor Soft in that some T.V. commercials are more revealing than the little that is shown in their cart. They should leave Storml ord as is! P.S. I would love to hear more views on this subject from other readers.

Michael Carney, Denver, CO

#### What Happened to BDL?

I'm an avid gamer who's interested in learning about the BDL Nintendo color compatible handheld. I also want to know when it's going to come out. I saw the May 1990 issue and the October 1990 issue, but other than that there hasn't been any more information on it. Please shed some light on the subject.

Nick Siebel, Cincinatti, OH

(You're in luck, Nick. It just so happens that we're including some additional coverage to the BDL system in this month's Cutting Edge. So, flip to page 12 and dig in! - Ed.)

#### Honesty Is the Best 8-Bit Policy

I hope I won't have to worry about this, but how do you rate your games? If vou're like other magazines, you probably rate games by a 16-bit standard. I hope this isn't true. It seems I can't get a good rating on a Nintendo game anymore because of Genesis, the TurboGrafx-16, and other arcade-quality graphics systems I don't own, or ever will. The guestion is: can I get an honest rating from your magazine, or do I blow my money at the local video store on low quality games for the NES?

Jason Hall, Fuguay-Varina, NC

(Jason, we can assure you that when we sit down to review 8-bit games, graphics and all, we compare that particular game's graphics, honestly and fairly, against other top 8-bit titles we've seen, played, and/or reviewed. There are such vast differences in memory and color capabilities between 8-bit and 16-bit graphics, that to compare the two would be not only be unfair, it wouldn't make any sense! - Ed.)

#### Atari 7800 - An Endangered Species?

I own an Atari 7800. I get all my new games only from the Atari mail order department because I can't get them anywhere else. I'm wondering what the future holds for the 7800?

Edwin Nelson, Chicago, IL

(On your behalf, we queried Atari about the future of the 7800, and the President of Atari Corporation, Larry Siegel, was kind enough to reply personally, So. Edwin, here's your answer straight from the top: "In response to your 'Dear Editor' letter,

Atari would like to offer some comments. The 7800 is and will be a part of our overall game programs. Our strongest sales on this unit recently have been in Europe. We have many new cartridges coming for the unit. As the market here in the U.S.A. moves toward color handheld and more advanced console systems, retailers have been cutting the shelf space available for 7800 titles. We will continue to support the system with new software, but I suspect gamers would be better served by investing in a Lynx or our new 32-bit console system we will unveil in early 1992.

Thanks for your continued support on the 7800.

Regards. Larry Siegel President, Atari Corporation")

#### T.V. Or Not T.V.

I have read that there will be a show called "GamePro." Lalso read that the host will be JD Roth. Is this your idea? If it is, when will it be on? What channel? What time?

Anthony Changho, Cranbury, NJ

(Well, Anthony, you're on the track, but we don't want to spoil the whole mystery just yet. Then again, we don't want to send you away totally empty-handed, so here are a few more tasty clues. Yes, there is a T.V.related project currently in the works (our idea) and, ves. there is a strong possibility that JD Roth (former host of the hit series Fun House) might be our main video-host man. That's all for now. Stay tuned into the upcoming issues of GamePro for further details. - Ed.)

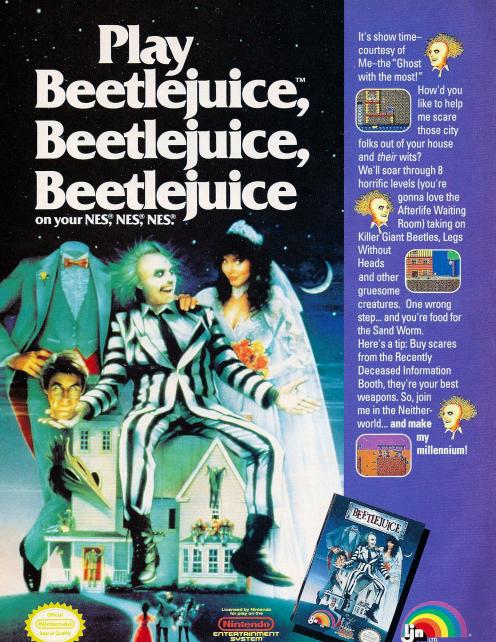
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By the Whizz

## Only from Camerica

Unless you've been locked up in solitary confinement or (gasp!) not reading GamePro magazine, you know all about the Game Genie and the giant-killer stance Galoob Toys is taking versus Nintendo over that innovative Camerica device. But the Camericans have no intention of sitting on their, uhh, hardware. Once again they've fired up their U.K. connection and recruited the high-tech boys at Codemasters to conjure up some killer 8-bit products.

#### Multi-game Carts and the **Superchip**

Over the next eight months, Camerica plans to release 20 new games on 14 different carts (see ProNews Report, Game-Pro, May '91). Hold on, math nuts, we know the the numbers don't seem to add up. Camerica's got multi-game carts, the Gold Quattro Series which packs 2 megs and features four 512K games. Now,



most multi-game carts flow out of the Asian video game marketplace. Maybe vou've seen 64-in-1 or 100-in-1 carts. But the puny memory size (usually 1 meg max) downgrades graphics quality, and they aren't full, multi-level games. Camerica's software gurus have come up with some slick programming tricks that



enable each Gold Quattro game to fit a full cart's worth of game-playing in one fourth the space.





Huge creatures attack the Ultimate Stuntman.

And look! Up in your TV! It's Superchip! The new Camerica Gold Series carts feature a customized slab of silicon that enables the 8-bit NES to paint 16-bit quality graphics! All Gold Series carts will contain a Superchip, which manipulates all the graphics in the game. In addition to knockout graphics quality the Superchip will treat you to some of the largest NES sprites to ever jump out of your deck.

#### At Last, the Twoheaded Monster

Have your NES and vour Game Boy, too If this sounds familiar it's because this is actually the nearlegendary handheld that's sneaking around the video gaming dimension (see ProNews. GamePro October '90). This awesome

color portable is reportedly slightly bigger than a regular Game Boy with a large backlit color screen. It plays regular NES carts and uses your two regular NES controllers or joy sticks, too. To play Game Boy carts you slip them into what looks like a regular 8-bit cart with a back pocket. Sound cool? Get this. You can connect the unit to your TV, too. That means Game Boy games on a big screen. Wow!

#### 8-bit CD!

Not too many details available about this one so don't call us, yet. But basically if you're an 8-bit owner who's been slavering over 16-bit CDROM games, get set for your own compact disc action if you've got an ordinary compact disc player. Camerica's CD interface box has the dimensions and looks of a regular 8-bit cart. You simply plug it into the ear phone jack of an ordinary CD player and then connect it to your NES, Slip a specially formatted CD into the CD player and - showtime! No, you can't play any other type of CD games on the unit and, so far, Camerica plans to be the only source of games.

#### The Camerican Dream

Camerica seems determined to walk where few companys dare, along the cutting edge of video game technology. They're on a mission to give 8-bit gaming a new lift, and undoubtedly drive Nintendo a little bats in the process.

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#### Jumbo Osaki Hole-in-One Golf

#### By Fanatic Fan

Here are some guidelines to success as a manufacturer in

the Japanese gaming market. First, wait for a great piece of hardware to appear (such as the Super Famicom). Next, set to work designing a baseball or golf simulation before too

many other companies get the same idea.

The Super Famicom has been out for several months now, so it should come as no surprise that the first wave of golf games are hitting Japanese retailers. Leading the charge is Jumbo Osaki Hole-in-One Golf from Hal

America (known as "Halken" or Hal Labratories, Inc. in Japan).



Tee it up and decide your best route to the hole.

Jumbo Osaki is a well-known professional golfer in Japan. While it's a safe bet this game will be released in the US, you can also expect Mr. Osaki to be 'sliced' from the packaging – possibly to be replaced with a golfer more known to the Ameri-

Hole-in-One Golf enables up to four players to compete on a beautiful-

ly portraved, 18-hole golf course. You get great fly-bys and over-



can market.

Great closeups on the greens!

head views of every hole. Another slick 3-D graphic feature enables you to "chop" any hole into sections against a cross-sectioned grid so you can examine the terrain before you make a shot.

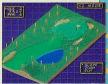
tween holes you get a slick "fly-by" view.

You can play a standard tournament or a Skins match (where you earn a point for each hole you beat your opponent). There's alapse you gram at any hole on the

so a practice mode to improve your game at any hole on the course.

Hole-in-One has some nice extras such as a zoom mode and a close-up view that focuses on a particular portion of the green. There's also a password feature that enables youto save well-played holes.

Hole-in-One will entertain scratch golfers and chip n' putters alike. And you don't even have to know who Jumbo Osaki is.



Focus in on a specific part of the course.

## Actraiser

#### By The Unknown Gamer

When you first click on Actraiser by Enix for the Super Famicom

you know, as Balki on the TV show "Perfect
Strangers" would say, "you stepped in something good!" Actraiser is a real mindblower!

Actraiser's gameplay is a great merge of action and strategy. Consider it a cross between Populous and Wizards and Warriors. You start as an angel blessed with the power to populate a

world. Your world has six lands, and once you create the people you must protect them and help them to prosper. Can you say, "God for a day?"

Every level is divided into three stages: intense fighting, a population explosion, and then more fighting. The game begins with you spiralling downward – it feels like parachuting without the chute. By the time you land you no longer look



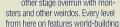
We built this city on rock and roll...and a little bit of divine intervention.

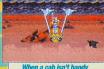
like an angel – now you're the statue of a mighty warrior come to life with an awesome sword and some magic powers, too. You leap into hardcore, horizontally-scrolling hacking and slashing to reach the end of the stage and defeat a boss creature.

After the first stage, you're an angel again, hovering above a small village. From this overhead perspective, you lead the peo-

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an perspective, you lead the beginned to be ple of the village as they build roads and buildings. "Be fruitful and multiply!" you shout from the heavens. And the peasants obey. Once you help your people destroy certain evil symbols they grant you more power. You'll need it, too, in order to tackle another stage overrun with mon-





FACTO WAS TIME 274 SCORE

when a cab isn't handy catch the next best thing – a seagull float!

and intense fighting.

When you settle your world and finish the game, your reward is an even more intense action game. Play again, and

you can enter a Special mode. Here you refight the side-scrolling stages, but the monsters are faster and harder to kill.

Actraiser is the first Super Famicom product to seriously blow us away. And crank up your television – the soundtrack of this game is radical! It truly is the future of gaming.



Slash your way through traps and enemies.

Jumbo Osaki Hole-in-One Golf by Hal

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## Darius Twin

#### By Charlie T. Aslan

Here's an intergalatic shoot 'em up featuring some awesome en-

emies. Darius Twin is a one or two-player simultaneous shooter starring some baddies that belong under the sea. Spaceships shaped like fish... what were those alien bozos thinking of down in the design department?



High detailed, multi-scrolling backgrounds bring the game alive.

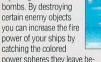
And check out the big boss - a full-screen shelled monster that resembles a hermit crab with a gland problem. If Crabby can't grab you with his claws, he'll blast you with fireballs. This dude needs to be shelled and turned into crab cakes!

Darius Twin is a horizontal shooter like Gradius III, but

you won't see as many enemies on the screen simultaneously. But another difference is that the game never slows down - one

of the more frustrating features of Gradius III.

You pilot the Silver Hawk Quadron on a mission to conquer the enemy using missiles and bombs. By destroying certain enemy objects power of your ships by catching the colored



power spheres they leave behind. Of course there are plenty



This big fish is easy to kill by firing at his head.

of big bosses to challenge you - if you make it that far. Killer Hiiia, the giant barracuda ship. Dark Coronatus, the hideous sea horse, and Full Metalshell, a giant turtle, are just some of the

baddies waiting for you.





Multi-scrolling backgrounds make Darius Twin great to look at. And once you get to

the higher levels, the multi-scrolling gets super complex! If you have an urge for fish blasting, look for Darius Twin in the U.S. some time before Christmas 1991.

Darius Twin by Taito (8 megs)

## Ultraman

By Charlie T. Aslan

In the Sixties and Seventies. Japan was a place constantly

under attack by monsters. You think tornadoes and earthquakes are destructive, try living in a city where a giant



It's curtains for Telesdon!

lizard stomps on your savings and loan before you get to deposit your weekly pay check!

Eventually, these colossal creatures crossed the Pacific to overrun the U.S. If you love monster movies. you've probably sat through at least one rubber-costumed Japanese

creature flick, Godzilla, Ghidrah, Mothra, Rodan (the flying lizard, not the artist!) - the list goes on and on. And once these creatures were through scaring us in films, they attacked us at home via our televisions.

Leading the way was a half-hour show entitled "Ultra Man." The plot was simple. Haivata, an average joe working as a photographer for the Science Patrol (a sort of intergalactic police force), finds himself constantly encountering



huge monsters - a different one every episode! Fortunately, when Haivata lifts a special Beta Capsule into the air, he becomes Ultraman, defender of truth and a dude who really hates lizards - especially large ones!

Ultraman is Bandai's first release in Japan for the Super Famicom. It's a ten level head-to-head battle game, as you take

on the role of the aluminum foil-coated warrior from space.



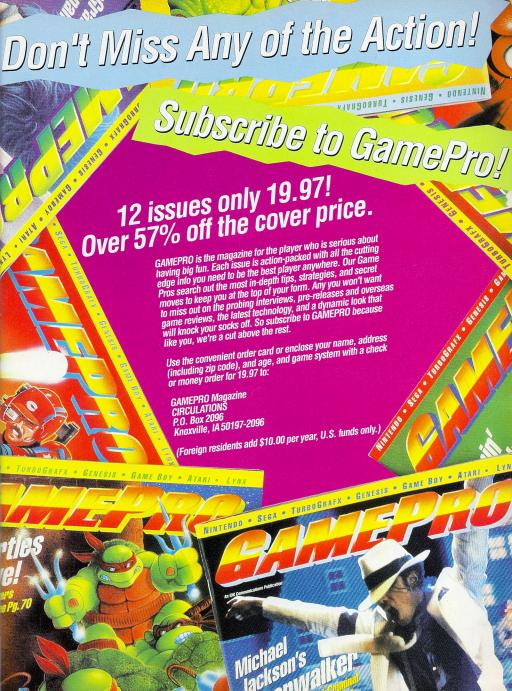
makes it appearance in America. A new Ultraman TV

every successful mission. series starts this Fall on syndicated television, so according to Bandai, the U.S. version of the game will feature a new series enemies.

Whichever version of Ultraman is for sale come Christmas you can count on one thing - it will be a MONSTER hit!

Ultraman returns to the skies after

Ultraman by Bandai





#### By Hack 'n Slash

Yeah....so we took a little break! Thanks for sendin' in all that mail to let us know how much you missed us one postcard with postage due! Just for that...we're baaaaaaaaack!

Since it's baseball season we couldn't overlook Clutch Hitter. We found Fanatic Fan bogartin' the darn thing, so guess who's guest writing the review? But home runs aren't the only things flyin' high this month. Strap in for supersonic action with F-15 Strike Eagle.



#### F-15 Strike Eagle (MicroProse Games)

F-15 Strike Eagle is NOT just another combat flight simulator. The graphics are awesome. In fact, you might get dizzy, so lay off the junk food before you fly. But what will really knock you out is the ability to fly just about anywhere you want to go. Spend all your time sightseeing, however, and either the bad guys will knock you out of the skies or you'll run out of precious fuel.

You take off on six missions that really circle the globe. You'll combat enemy aircraft, ships, tanks, and the kitchen sink in murderous scenarios called the Gulf, the Arctic Sea, the Front, Dog Fight, Night Mission, and finally the brain-straining

enemy afterburner, but as you survive your sorties you'll work your way up the ranks. If you distinguish yourself in combat, you even earn medals with a slick animated ceremony at the end of the mission. Naturally, the Medal of Honor is tops.

F-15 Strike Eagle is an aerial combat coin cruncher that's strictly for top guns. It's a quaranteed quarter gobbler.

(Jump onto the F-15's controls right now and MicroProse has a special tee-shirt promo for arcade aces on until December '91. See your local machine for details.)

PROTIP: Fly under oil rigs and other likely (or even not-so-likely structures) to earn bonus points.



armaments, remember you must have de-

coys to survive the game.



ers Association license. The result is everything you could ever want in a baseball video game. This game not only plays great, but it features all your favorite ballplayers, too. And the players in the game LOOK like their real life counterparts. Heck...they even PLAY like their real

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Writer/Artist: Francis Mao Art Director/Co-plotter: Michael Kavish

PREVIOUSLY: GamePro has been dispatched onto the world of Bonk's Adventure in search of a hidden Evil Darkling menace. At that moment, in another part of the Video Dimension, the Evil Darklings had perfected a method to cross the interdimensional barriers to Earth, and successfully transported the newly reprogrammed Stalker into Alex West's apartment! Zardoth alerted GamePro to this drastic turn of events, and told him that he could transport GamePro back to Earth only after he had defeated the hidden Evil Darkling in Bonk's Adventure. Meanwhile back on Earth, only a few moments after his arrival, Stalker was startled by someone knocking at the door - it was Alex's girlfriend, Kelly. Utilizing his shape-changing powers.









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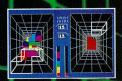
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- A. Nearly 750 combinations of blocks and pit layers.
- B. 11 challenging skill levels.C. A centerfold from the Pork Farmers Journal.
- D. A "rep" for being addicting.
- All of the above except for the picture of the pig.



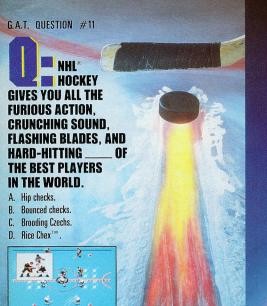


G.A.T. QUESTION #10

## CENTURION THE ONLY THING YOU CAN'T DO IS:

- A. Shatter your opponents' chariots, and whip their sorry hehinds.
- B. Excoriate gastropod lifeforms.
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By Slasher Quan

In The Rocketeer, Cliff Secord, an aviator by profession, gets a shot at his ulti-

mate fantasy – to fly without an airplane – when he finds an awesome rocket pack. Trouble is, this amazing gizmo already belongs to someone else, and you can bet he wants it back!

Set in 1939 and based on the soon-to-be-hit Disney film, The Rocketeer has all the key elements of an Indiana Jones-type epic adventure: Secord's the unsus-pecting hero who must expose the gang of criminals who would kill for the rocket pack, Nazis have kidnapped Secord's girffriend, Jenny; Neville Sinclair, a hip European movie star but secretly a Nazi sympathizer, is the ringleader responsible for the misdeeds.



Neville Sinclair's a bad man!

#### Fly Guy Artillery

For a mundane pilot, Cliff sure packs a mean set of guns. He's armed with two



Use the pistol during this rooftop confrontation.

types of Guns, a Rifle, Hand Grenades, and a devastating Bazooka. They all use the same generic ammo, in direct proportion to their destructiveness. If Cliff runs low on bullets, he can always bust a few uppercuts. Motion lotion (a.k.a rocket fuel) keeps Cliff's rocket pack flying, and hearts keep his vital signs on the positive side. All three items can be wrested from Sinclair's thugs or found along the way.

PROTIP: Punch panels, lockers, tree stumps, and other likely background features for hidden prizes. Also, here's a quick powerup trick: if a hitman jumps out of a doorway and he's carrying an object, more of his colleagues will follow, also bearing gifts.

Bandai's new title earns a thumbs up in the gameplay department. Secord handles well on land or up in the sky, and his arsenal has the potency to handle all comers. The only nit-pick is that you can't pause the game as you shuffle weapons.



The streets are mean in this game.



Sinclair's heavies are supposed to be badder than bad, rougher than rough, meaner than...well, you know. But in practice their onslaught is pretty dull. Most assailants just sit still and continuously shell you or charge recklessly into your waiting fist. One of this game's weak points, in



You can duck under most shots.

addition to a flat music score and average graphic display, is the narrow range of enemies. On the other hand, some of that patented German technology pays off big time for the bad guys especially Homing

Air Mines, miniature RoboTanks, Bomb Launchers, and the overpowering Aerial Machine Gun Emplacements.

PROTIP: Proximity Mines are guaranteed to give feisty heroes like Cliff fits. To bypass one, move in close, wait for it to rise to shoulder height, and duck just as it detonates. Timing is everything!

PROTIP: Eradicate the Enemy Rocketmen with a barrage from your trusty pistols. Don't take to the air or you'll catch a few rounds in the chest; these guys are best dealt with on foot.



altogether grenade throwers who toss their loads from high-up win dows. Keep moving and you'll make it through in one piece.

PROTIP: The toy-sized RoboTanks fire in a pattern. Hop over their blasts and get in a return volley before the next shot.

#### Cruisin' for a Bruisin'

Crime-stopping sounds like the matter at hand for protagonist Cliff ("watch out for that treeeeee") Secord, but it's more a question of survival first and sweet revenge later. The plot unfolds in dramatic



You get six multi-level Chapters.

cinema interludes between each of the six Chapters, which may not hold a proverbial pixel to the Tecmo theater in the Ninja Gaiden series, but definitely capture the edge-of-your seat movie atmosphere. Every act transpires in a different setting, including a hangar, a night club, and even inside a mammoth zepoelin.



Chapter 3 begins at the Bull Dog Cafe.

If Cliff takes one too many bullets in the teeth, he gets unlimited continues and/ or a password. Even with these aids bringing Sinclair to justice is a challenge fit for any super hero (or Gamepro).



PROTIP: Here's a sure fire strategy for the gyrocopter at the end of Chapter One: stay left and restock your weapons, life, and rocket pack from the troopers who float

down, and then zoom up and aim for the nose of the chopper with your bazooka. For an accurate lesson in gyro-thrash tactics, watch the demo mode.

PROTIP: You can easily pass over many stages, such as the first one in Chapter Three, by using the rocket pack to skim through the clouds.

PROTIP: Lothar of the Aryan people confronts Cliff in Chapter Three. Get up in his face with one-two combinations (and insuits, if they help) for an easy K.O.

PROTIP: In Chapter Five, stage two (the park), there's a secret bonus area in the tree tops at the beginning of the third stretch of forest. Don't pass this up as it contains a purple heart that heals all of your wounds.

PROTIP: Destroy the grey controlling radar dish in the first stage of Chapter Six, to deactivate the Electrofields. Use punches to save ammo, but wreck the Aerial Machine Gun Emplacement first. After the radar's dust, use the unlimited item door nearby to power up.



The Rocketeer takes off!

#### Crash Landing

In many ways, this cart is first cousin to earlier stalk-n-snipe blockbusters like Rolling Thunder and especially Rambo. The rocket pack flying is really the only original addition to this oft-used theme. This and the predictable enemy attack patterns may leave most rocket jocks only partially satisfied with The Rocketeer's valiant performance.





Price not available
Available now, 2 megs

## NINTENDO PRO REVIEW

By Andromeda

England's in trouble and who better to save the day than the legendary Robin

Hood! To save the realm from the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, Robin must break out of prison, return to Sherwood Forest, and defeat the Sheriff and his sidekick, Mortianna the Witch.

#### Adventures in and out of Sherwood Forest

As Robin of Locksley, a.k.a. Robin Hood, you're the star of this one-player cart. Robin's adventures include a journey into a haunted well, a battle with a wild boar in Sherwood Forest, a tryst with Maid Marion in Dubois Manor, and getting to the church on time to stop a wedding.



Robin's the best swordsman in NES England.

This combination role-play game and action/adventure cart (similar to the Adventures of Link) has a little bit of everything, including overhead role-play style adventure sequences, sideview horizontally scrolling one-on-one swordfiphing called a Duel, and a free-for-all Melee where Robin's band battles the Sheriff's men in overhead-view combat.



PROTIP: Here's an effective Duel tactic. Back up against a table or any other obstacle, crouch, and wait for your foe to come

close. Then, stand up and quickly slash him repeatedly, then return to a crouch.

## Rob from the Rich, Give to the Poor

The role-play aspects are the backbone of the game, but they're nicely blended with the adrenalin-pumping hack and

PROTIP: The best way to climb down into a Well is to use a rope!

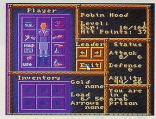
PROTIP: When you reach the Forest search for the Long Bow and grab every Quiver of Arrows you see. Now Robin can defend himself from a distance, and he suffers far less damage.

## ROBIR TOOD

slashing. As Robin gathers his Merry Men and battles with the Sheriff's forces he also earns points to increase his strength and build up his experience level.

PROTIP: The Catacombs are a great place to build up Robin's experience points and grab special items. Position Robin in a narrow passageway and then stand and fight the soldiers as they come at you.

Throughout the game Robin also searches for items that he needs – everything from a leg of mutton to restore his hit Points to special items such as letters that contain clues to help him on his journey. A special menu screen enables



You can't manage your gear without a menu.

Robin to eat or drink, read, examine, swap weapons, and check out his inventory of items.

PROTIP: Yellow Potions restore health and Red Potions help you move faster. Save your Red Potion for your visit to the Cathedral.

PROTIP: Don't forget to grab the hidden torch in the Arab Prison or you'll be in the dark in the Catacombs.

PROTIP: If you want to get into Dubois Mansion to see Marion, you'll need to show the guard something to prove you're a Locksley. PROTIP: Whenever you see a "dead body" use the Search command.



Melee is a wild free-for-all.

#### Have at 'Em

Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves brings an enduring legend to the little screen in an entertaining way. Great graphics, including good-looking digitized images of Robin and the lovely Maid Marion, combine with realistic sounds such as the clashing of swords to give the game a nice feel in conjunction with the lively mix of role-playing and swordplay. But advanced gamers take note: Robin Hood testing for adventure? Be a legend in your own time.



Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves by Arcadia \$49.99, Available September, 2 megs







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### NINTENDO RO REVIEW

#### By the Missing Link

Willy the rockin' tom cat and his girlfriend Jill were the hippest, most together

kitty-couple in town. Hangin' out in all the finest alleys, scaling trees, yowling at the moon; the city streets were their oyster. Alas, a cat-tastrophe put the brakes on this love story. Jill was abducted by her secret admirer, Mugsy, the town's resident dog-faced crime boss.

Willy flipped! Not only had his girl been taken, he'd been upstaged by a dog! Determined to get Jill back, Willy dusted off his trusty Punch Gun and set out to find Mugsy. Sounds like the purmfect revenge!

#### Here, Kitty Kitty

This solidly above average adventure takes Willy into the depths of Mugsy's elusive criminal empire, stretching out over five Channels (levels): Downtown Street, Sky Ace, Playland, Western Adventure, and I Love New York. You have the option to "tune" into Channels One thru Four in any order. Channel Five is strictly paws-off until you complete the others.

Uncover bags of money during your search and, for a small fee, you can take advantage of the Shopping and Bonus Channels. Here you can enter a basket ball toss or bet on the roulette wheel, as well as purchase power-up items, such as Jet Sneakers and a spiky version of the Punch Glove.

#### Stink attack!

We were afraid the Channel-ch ing option might skin this kitty car mystique and challenge, since playi the Channels get progressively hard you play them in normal order (One Four). On the contrary, this cart's got a "video-brain" which it uses to adjust the difficulty of each Channel. For example, if you play Channel Four first, the game automatically boosts the difficulty level of the others by upping the enemy quota. Clever Kat!

PROTIP: The best all-around weapon available on the Shopping Channel is the Twin Ball.



PROTIP: While riding atop the biplane in the Sky Ace Channel, you can easily avoid the swooping bomber planes by iumping over them.

#### **Acro-Katics**

Unfortunately, Willy didn't get in on the nine lives deal (he has three lives). He does. however, have some slick acrobatic tricks up his sleeve that help him hang onto

those few lives as he dukes his way through the standard action format - lots of enemies, a middle boss, and an end boss,

By attaching his Punch Gun to ledges, lamp posts, or tree branches, Willy can swing himself around like a fan blade and take out enemies, as well as launch himself up and over obstacles. Easier said then done. The greatest gameplay challenge is learning how to do these flips and somersaults without flinging vourself onto an enemy or, in some cases, right over the edge of a cliff!



PROTIP: In the Western Adventure you can blast Indian foes right through the rocks.

#### Pretty Kitty

Willy's ice blue fur and hammed up expressions are the best graphic features. Aside from that, it's pretty basic 8-bit stuff, clear but not terrifically detailed. The sounds fare about the same.

PROTIP: Go for some fast and easy bucks on Channel One. Jump onto the roof of the moving train, dodge enemy bullets by leaping over them, then grab the loot.

#### Kat Scratch Fever

Rockin' Kats is a cool cart and though it probably isn't the top pick of this



## Power Blade

#### By Bro' Buzz

Power Blade is a blast! In this futuristic, one-player fighting cart, you

take on alien saboteurs in seven Sectors of rowdy, sideview, multi-scrolling, extraterrestrial-erasin'



des vs. Beast.

The fighting here is nonstop fun on the

run. Your bodacious boom-

Power Blade, is great. Enemies hold five types of power-ups that among other things make the Blade more lethal and increase its range. Find the Metal Suit to really lack up your firepower.

#### PROTIP: The boomerang blocks enemy shots and, if you Jump after you throw it, you can make "trick" shots.

The Sectors are full of fiendishly good times. They're lengthy mazes stuffed with mess of tricky jumps, robot defenses, and other hazards, but gameplay is top notch. finely-tuned to your thumb-presses.

In each Sector you track down an agent with an I.D. card that enables you to reach a

boss quardian. You battle 24 types of aliens including Acid Frogs, Bouncing 'Bots, and Flying Metal Fish. The eight slick-looking boss crea-



The Metal Suit helps in boss stages.

tures have mean moves especially Sector 2's Dragon and Sector 7's Robohead.

#### PROTIP: Re-fight regular bad guys to reveal different items and build up power. PROTIP: Need help? Try 2F0G5991 or G29B3930.

This is an excellent action cart that you'll replay again and again. Two skill levels, sector time limits, passwords, unlimited continues. and the ability to play sectors in any order keep the fun flowing. Stay sharp for Power Blade



Power Blade by Taito Price not available Available now

#### Bill Elliott's NASCAR Challenge

## By The Missing Link

Bill Elliott, the big cheese of NASCAR stock car racing, has

ioined Team Konami. The result is a decent. first person perspective NES racing cart titled, naturally, Bill Elliott's Nascar Challenge.

With the limitations of 8-bit graphics, first person perspective driving games are rarely a treat for the eyes: this one's no exception. Konami makes the best of it, however, and despite NASCAR Challenge's average sound, graphics, and car control, it packs a loaded car-customizing toolbox that might lure auto racing fans in.

Choose the make and model of your car (Ford Thunderbird. Chew Lumina, or Pontiac Grand Prix).



Life in the pits.

down to the name appearing on your NASCAR driving license.

Getting down to the nitty-gritty, the race driving is fun though quickly mastered. You can choose four different tracks, and you can drive an eight-race Championship Season. Choosing the best car modifications for each track, learning how to pass, and knowing when to make a pit-stop makes the winning difference.

PROTIP: For maximum steering control keep your thumb on the center of the pad and tap side to side quickly.

PROTIP: You won't hear the competition coming from behind until they're right on top of you. Check your rearview mirror quickly and regularly.



Burning up the track!

PROTIP: H's better to stick with an automatic transmission until vou get the hang of steering, passing, braking, etc.

If you're itchin' to climb behind the 8-bit wheel, take a chance and tear up some asphalt with Bill Elliott's NASCAR Challenge.

Bill Elliot's NASCAR Challenge by Konami \$53.95 Available June '91

## High Speed



#### By Andromeda

The classic pinball machine, High Speed, is headed your way in a

four-player version for the NES. The theme of this screamer is speed as you try to shoot

your ball onto the Santa Monica and Bavshore Freeways. Trip the green and the vellow lights and you'll have



The pins are looking good!

a chance to run the red light and make your escape after a high-speed chase, complete with sirens, flashing lights, and the highway patrol. Earn bonus points and extra balls the usual way, by using your flashing flippers to light the counters for high scores.

#### PROTIP: If you run the red light and escape to your hideout, you get to play three balls at once.

To send the action into high gear High Speed has a few special touches unique to the NES, including Tumbleweeds that drop your ball down a drain and Rust Balls that destroy your flippers.

PROTIP: Destroy Tumbleweeds, Rust Balls, and other nasty things immediately by aiming your ball with your flippers.



Bonus Levels spice up the action.

Two special bonus rounds feature Pachinko and Race action. If vou do well here you can select some

snazzy special features such as Lightning Bombs or an extra ball.

PROTIP: In Pachinko fire fast to get your four balls into the slots - the quicker you are the more points you score.

Authentic voices, above average graphics, and that old pinball magic, make High Speed a cart in the fast lane.

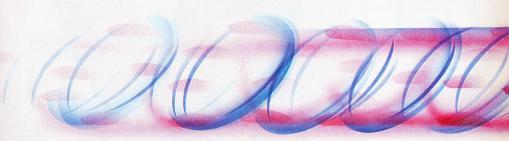


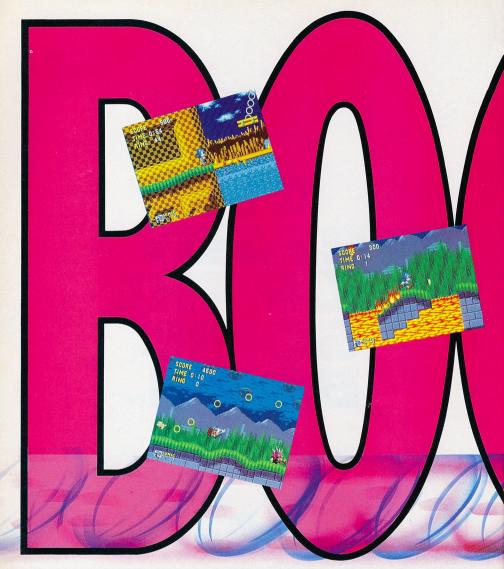
High Speed by Tradewest Price Not Available Available September, 1 meg

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# GET READY FOR THE SONIC BOOM.





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Think fast. C'mon faster. What happens when a not-so-common hedgehog reaches supersonic speeds? A Sonic boom, of course. And you'd better get ready for it. Because here comes Sonic The Hedgehog." He's the fastest critter the world has ever seen, and he's a hedgehog with a major attitude.

Watch him smirk in the face of danger as he blazes his way through hilly pastures, underwater caverns, marble ruins, strange cities and a cybernetic world of enemies in a race to save his buddies.

Sonic's got everything a hedgehog could ever want: tricks, gadgets and speed. Lots of speed. And he's not



## IS OUT. AND NO ONE CAN STOP HIM.

afraid to use it. Just try to keep up as he gives the bad guys the run-around with his infamous ultra-sonic spin attack. There's never been anything like it.

So don't blink or you just might miss Sonic The Hedgehog. He's fresh, he's on Genesis, and he's here. Well uh, at least he *was* here.

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has a team in the Majors has a team in Hardball! However, the players are all fictional. One or two people can play a regular game or a best-of-seven World Series. You get a password in World Series mode, so you don't have to start from the beginning if your "series" gets interrupted. There are two difficulty levels and a choice of two different bats – corked or regular (obviously the corked bats have more "pop").

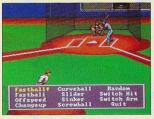
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All the major league cities are represented.

Before trying your glove in competition, test your bat down in the batting cage. Here the pitcher is at your command. You can make him a righty or a lefty, who throws any pitch in the game (fastball, fastball, curveball, screwball, offspeed, changeup, slider, and sinker). You can even switch hit.



Your own batting practice pitcher!

PROTIP: Take advantage of the computer by stealing often. Any player with a stolen base total over 20 can take a big lead and easily swipe second (or even third) base.

Humm-mmmm-mm Baby! It's that time of year again – when thoughts turn to Dodger dogs and Brewer brats, double-

Dodger dogs and Brewer brats, doubleheaders and extra innings, and of course, San Diego sushi (gosh...it's tough to say that without choking). Baseball's back!

If you're a diehard diamond fan, you'll be stoked when you hear about all the new baseball carts coming. Whether you be a Genesisser, a Nintendoite, a Turboplayer, or a Game Boy Groupee, there's a baseball cart coming for your system. Even the Super NES will have not one, but THREE carts, all before Christmas.

Here's a look at the newest video versions of America's pastime. So grab a seat, dudes, and keep that glove handy!

# Hardball!

By Fanatic Fan

If you're a baseball fan, and you own a computer, chances are you have a copy

of Accolade's Hardball! Over 500,000 copies of this classic were sold for an assortment of computers – not a giant number by Nintendo standards, but phenomenal in the PC world.

Now comes Hardball! for the Genesis, and it's filled with all the things you'd expect in a great baseball cart.

#### 26 Teams...No Waiting

As in real baseball, there are 26 teams divided into four divisions. Any city that

#### Yer Outta Here!!!

One of the first things that will catch your eye, or should I say ear, is the great sound of this cart. Seventeen-year National League veteran umpire, Ed Montague, lent his distinctive voice to this effort. Believe me...you'll notice the difference. When you strike out you know it! The video game ump barks out a bone-vibrating "Steeerike" and punches his fist in the air when you whiff on a pitch. It's a far cry from the non-emotional ump in Tommy Lasorda Baseball.

#### Three-and-Two Count, Nobody On

Graphics in Hardball! range from spectacular to above average. The pitcher/batter confrontation screen which makes up half the game is great – the best of any baseball cart to date. Both pitcher and batter are extremely detailed and well-animated. They're also super large! Whether you're at bat or in the field you always start from the pitcher's perspective looking in on the batter. Once a ball is in play, you shift to a three-quarter overhead view from homeplate looking out. Once the ball is hit the graphics drop to "above average" – character animations are limited, and the players seem robotic.

#### Dugout Whining

The only negative in Hardball! is that the players are "clean uniform" types – they never dive for ground balls or jump for balls hit over their heads. If I had to pay these lazy guys, I'd be looking to cut salaries the next season.

Other minor quibbles include sluggish running controls (it's difficult to get runners to take an extra base), a lack of wild pitches and passed balls (What can say? I'm a Phillies fan!), and having to watch the travel path of any balls hit during batting practice. But these are minor problems that are easily ignored since the game is so good.

PROTIP: To stretch a single into a double, press the B button and Up just before your baserunner reaches first. Timing is every-thing! If you do this incorrectly, your man will sit on first.



Blow your fastball past the hitters!



Great pitching and clutch hitting could win you a World Series!

#### 7th Inning Stretch

Hardball! is the first 16-bit baseball game I can recommend. Sure, there aren't a whole lot of 16-bitters out there to choose from, but all you need is one good one, right? Hardball! has that great balance of action and strategy that's so important in great sports carts. So get your butt off the bench and grab a bat, it's time to play some Hardball!



Hardball! by Accolade \$54.95 Available June, 8 megs

# Legends of the Diamond

By Fanatic Fan

Baseball video games can be divided up into two categories: games that use real

major league players and games that use fictional rosters. Using real major league

players in a video game requires a license from the Major League Players Association. Using actual major league team names and uniforms requires a license from Major League Baseball. Both licenses are pricey – which is why you see a lot of baseball video games with fictional rosters.



You control the greats - such as Lou Gehrig.

#### Wheelchair Baseball

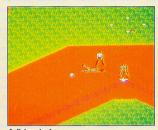
Bandai, however, has tried something different with Legends of the Diamond, a baseball simulation for the NES. Rather than stocking the teams with the overpriced players of today, Legends of the Diamonds includes, uh, legends. Now, you can play a four-game tournament with Hall of Famers and future Hall of Famers. One or two players can compete, and there's a 26-letter password when you're in tournament mode.

To help you choose your teammates, you can check out a player's stats and background. Not only can you find out such essential info as what position they play, how many homers and RBIs they have for their careers, and why they're in the Hall of Fame, but the old pros themselves tell you how they feel – whether they'd be an asset to your team today, or they're just too pooped to play (you have to remember, some of these guys are either very old or have been dead for decades).

PROTIP: The key to building the perfect beast – pick some mashers for the middle of your batting order. Hank Aaron and Bark Ruth are the best power hitters available, try to have one of them bat fourth.

PROTIP: The ol' Men on First and Third Steal Play works every time in this game. When you have a guy on third and first base at the same time, send the runner from first to second. When the throw goes to second, send the runner on third a couple of steps towards home. You'll get an easy steal of second base.

PROTIP: Choose a rabbit (a good base stealer) for the top of your batting order. Ty Cobb and Billy Hermann are the best this game has to offer.



A diving stop!

#### No Bench Babies Allowed

Because Legends of the Diamond is a Baseball Hall of Fame who's who, you'll have a hard time deciding who to put in your lineup. You only have one spot left. Who ya gonna pick: Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Lou Gehrig, Roberto Clemente, Ty Cobb, Willie McCovey, or Ernie Banks? See? Your pitching staff could have such all-time greats as Cy Young, Bob Gibson, Whitey Ford, and Dizzy Dean. There are 24 position players and six pitchers to choose from. You can't go wrong with any player selection – these guys were all superstars of their eras.

#### **Bells and Whistles**

Legends of the Diamond contains a lot of nice touches that make it an interesting diversion. Fans catch catchable homeruns, weiner dogs chase down foul balls, fights break out when players are beaned, and the computer is an aggressive, challenging opponent. But these plusses are counterbalanced by a few problems - primarily that Legends of the Diamond isn't a step forward for NES baseball Older carts such as Baseball Stars (by SNK) and Bases Loaded II (by Jaleco) play much more realistically. Also, Legends' graphics and sound are minor league. The graphics aren't awful they're very similar to Baseball Stars' no frills. The background music, however, will drive you batty!



Was Bob Gibson the hardest thrower ever? See for yourself!

If you got misty-eyed when the White Sox tore down Comiskey Park, you might like Legends of the Diamonds. Playing with Hall of Famers is intriguing and makes for good entertainment, even if it's only for an afternoon.



Legends of the Diamond by Bandai Price not available Available Sept, 3 megs + MMC3 + 64k S RAM

## Bo Jackson Hit and Run

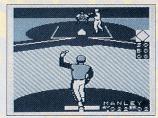


We all know he knows just about every sport. But does Bo know the Game Boy?

Bo Jackson Hit and Run Baseball and Football may be a mouthful of a title but this cart tries its darnedest to bring you a load of top notch sports action. Since this is a baseball special we'll examine Bo's baseball prowess here.

#### **Good Looking Baseball**

This cart's got one of the great plate-to-mound perspectives around. When you're at bat you see the action from behind the batter, and when you're on the mound you see the action from behind the pitcher. The graphics in this view are larger than normal, so the batting perspective in particular is near real. Trying to get a hit is challenging fun.





Pitcher's and batter's views are great!

PROTIP: Exaggerate your curveball with the directional controls and computer batters have fits.

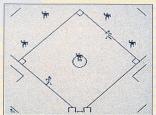
The cart also packs some terrific close up graphics. Naturally, Bo's looking good as he gives you batting advice. You also get a great shot of the catcher flashing you a sign and some neat replays of leaping catches and close tags at the bags.

Bo's got some great fielding and baserunning details, too. Players can dive or jump for a catch. You can direct outfield throws to two different cut-off men. Runners can slide into the bags.

PROTIP: On defense play outfield hits to take a big bounce off the walls.

PROTIP: Play close attention to balls hit into the outfield gaps. Both outfielders run after the ball but only one can get to it.

But Bo Baseball isn't flawless. On a hit ball, the graphics toss you a curveball. The perspective switches to the familiar



The on-field action's looks tame, plays good.

semi-full field, overhead view. However, the players here look like the video equivalent of stick people. It seems tacky at first, but the gameplay is crisp enough so you get used to it.

Also, you can't direct your bunts, and it's very tough to just attempt a hit and run. You get seven teams, but there are no series modes or passwords to help you compile wins.

#### **Bo Knows**

Bo Jackson's Hit and Run boasts some great features, no doubt about it. The pitcher-to-batter perspective is one of the best around Game Boy or NES. Bo's a little gimpy, but he's still one of a kind.



Bo Jackson Hit and Run by THQ Price not available Available July, 1 meg

# Extra Bases

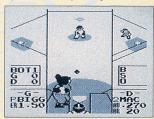
By Slo' Mo

Is that a baseball in your pocket or are you a Game Boy ballplayer? Either way

you can have your cake and eat it, too, with Extra Bases from Bandai.

#### Traditional Baseball

Extra Bases is a nifty little video baseball cart that provides just enough of a taste of video baseball to satisfy anyone's craving for baseball to go. You get 14 teams,



Traditional look for a traditional game.

19 players to a team. Each team is identified by a letter that actually corresponds to names of Japanese major league teams, but the rosters are fictional.

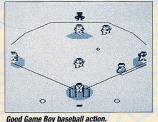
The graphics are traditional video baseball fare. All the players are pudgy. squat, doughboy-style characters. At the plate, you get a close up look from behind the batter facing the pitcher. On the field you get a 3/4 overhead view of the defense.

The animation and the gameplay are quick enough to keep the action flowing, even though every player's throw bounces to the bags. Despite the wimpy arms, your guys have a lively repertoire of baseball skills. On offense you can substitute hitters, steal bases, tag up, hit and run, and aim your bunts. On defense you can switch pitchers, pick off runners, dive for hard grounders, or jump up for hot line drives.

PROTIP: Computer batters are suckers for breaking balls - curves and sliders.

#### PROTIP: Always take a slight step away from the plate to get as much wood on the ball as possible.

The computer's worthy competition, although you'll quickly be able to beat it consistently. A password system enables



you to save wins so your team can go for an undefeated record. Two-player match ups are probably the most challenging although that requires an extra Extra Bases.

PROTIP: Men on first and third? Steal second every time.

#### A Steady Player

Extra Bases is a solid performer that'll give Game Boy ball players a good workout, Looking for a Game Boy hit? Go for Extra Bases.



Extra Bases by Bandai \$29.99 Available May

## **Bo Jackson** Baseball



Welcome to the next generation of NES baseball games. Bo Jackson Baseball features

large, detailed views from the batter's box looking out and the pitcher's mound looking in, as well as \% overhead views



ment, but arque anyway.



Looks like a whiff.



for fielding. Every detail has been included in the first NES baseball cart produced outside Japan. Twenty-six Major League teams are included (with fictional players), and Bo Jackson is available on everybody's bench. Fanatic Fan sez, "Check it out!"

GAMEPRO . July 1991



Bo Jackson Baseball by Data East for NES \$49.95

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Available September 1991

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# BASEBALL BITS!

**RBI Baseball 3 (Tengen for Genesis and** TG-16, Available July)



A video game baseball classic enters the '90's! RBI Baseball 3 has all the Major League teams with their actual players (as always), but now they have Genesis graphics. Different types of ballparks will be available (domes, natural grass fields, etc.), and there will even be an instant replay feature. RBI 3 looks like it has major league potential.

**Electronic Arts Baseball (Electronic Arts** for Genesis, Available Fall 1991)



This game is based on one of the all-time bestselling PC baseball titles - Earl Weaver Baseball. Unlike the other sports games available for the Genesis, this one is a pure simulation, testing your managerial ability. The cart includes all Major League teams with full rosters. Additionally, every Major League stadium will be available. Try your bat against Boston's green monster or perhaps the friendly confines of Chicago's Wrigley Field. Does the cavernous dimensions of Houston's Astrodome aid pitchers? You be the judge. EA's baseball game will also have a battery backup to go along with multiple megs of memory. Sounds like another sports smash from EA, eh?

Super Professional Baseball (Jaleco for Super Famicom, Available 4th Quarter) From the people that brought you Bases Loaded, Bases Loaded II, Bases Loaded GB, etc. etc. comes the first "serious" baseball cart for the Super Famicom. This cart features those great Bases Loaded pitcher-batter duels, as well as a new slant looking from behind the fielder to catch

Pro Baseball Game League (Sony for Super Famicom, Available 4th Quarter)



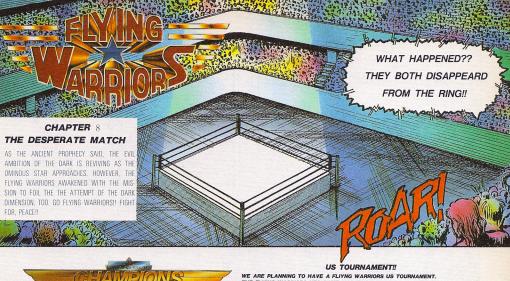
A cutesy baseball cart with great graphics and topnotch sounds/music. An edit mode enables you to build the perfect team.

Super Ultra Baseball (Culture Brain for Super Famicom, Available 4th Quarter)

If the success of Baseball Simulator 1000 is any indicator, this one should be hot!

#### Baseball Rumor Mill

Look for an 8-bit NES baseball from Acclaim next year featuring a "high profile" baseball star. Sega will also make another stab at creating a baseball cart for the Genesis, Perhaps Tommy Lasorda Baseball II - the Slim Version, NES licensee, Seta, has a 16-bit game for the Super Famicom. They're currently looking for someone to bring it to the U.S. for them. Plans for TV Sports Baseball for the TurboGrafx-16 have been delayed but the game is on its way - TG-16ers should keep an eve out for it around Christmas or Spring '92. One more rumor that might be reality by Christmas time - the folks at Microleague Sports are looking to turn their smash PC hit, Microleague Baseball, into a video game, probably for the NES. Microleague Baseball is a statbased game with graphics - but more managerial than arcade action.

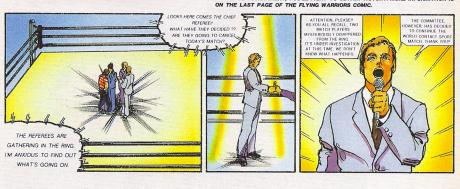


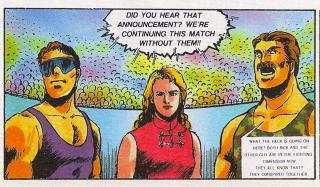


THE FLYING WARRIORS NES GAME HAS TWO FEATURES:

THE DESPERATE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE LIGHT AND DARK, AND THE CONTACT SPORTS MATCH GAME.

IN THE US TOURNAMENT, YOU'LL FIGHT TO OBTAIN VICTORY. MORE INFORMATION IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE FLYING WARRIORS COMIC.

















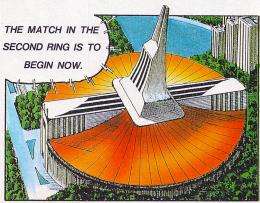
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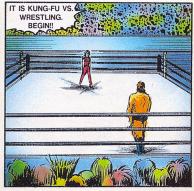
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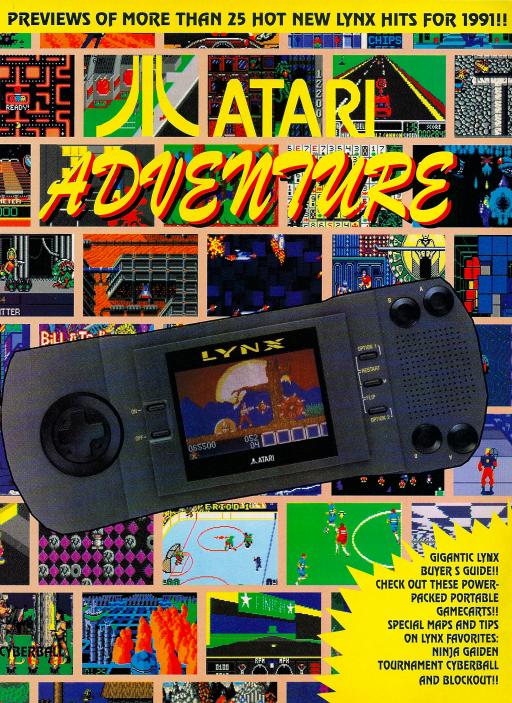












# MEET THE \$99 ATARI LYNX! IT'S LEANER, MEANER AND DELIVERS EVEN MORE COLOR-PACKED

CAME ACTION ON THE GO FOR A PRICE THAT HAS THE COMPETITION SEEING CREEN!

Ever since its introduction last year, the Atari Lynx color portable game system has attracted a large following of players who settle for only the very best in video games. With a large library of proven arcade hits, as well as original titles designed specifically for the supercharged hand-held, the Lynx has used its advanced scaling capabilities and detailed graphic characters to bring the most power-packed action you can get into the palm of vour hands!

Now Atari has announced the release of their latest portable powerhouse - a finely retooled version of the same system, boasting a new sleek design. But what's even better, is that now Atari will make it possible for you to get your hands on portable 16-Bit power, at an incredible price of \$99.95! Now you can bring home all the power of a full-color 16-Bit hand-held, with superior functions not found in even

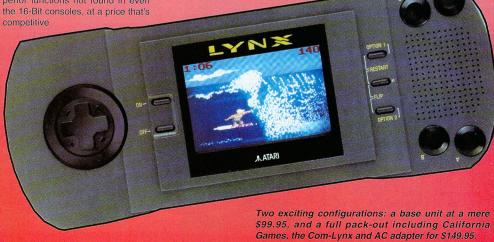
with much less sophisticated black-and-white hand-helds.

How could Atari repackage their fantastic system for a retail price that's only slightly more expensive than the Nintendo GameBoy®? First of all, the system Com-Lynx cables, power supply and California Games cartridge will now be available separately. You can, however, experience the excitement that the Lynx has to deliver at an introductory price impossible to refuse! For those who want the full bang. Atari will continue to offer the standard Lynx model with the California Games cartridge. power supply and Com-Lvnx cable for multi-player gaming at a reduced price of just \$149.95!

How has the Lynx changed between the new set and original \$149.95 set - once again a great value for any video game enthusiast

getting into the exciting world of portable play? The best news is that it hasn't! Despite the lower price, the Atari Lvnx is just as fabulous as before, with duplicate button arrangements and a special flip function that enables the Lvnx to be easily played by both righties and lefties alike! Lynx is the only system that lets you position the controls where you want them!

Atari has scored a direct hit with a super system filled with unmatched power at a price that can't be beat! With its unique construction, expanding library of arcade hits and powerful features such as scaling, the Atari Lynx is a video gaming tour-de-force! Now, at a lower price, the Lynx is an attractive alternative to other hand-helds and game machines on the market!







Buyers of the standard Lynx system get their choice of Gates of Zendocon, Blue Lightning, Electrocop or Chip's Challenge game FREE!

# \$99.99 LYNX

The world's first color portable, handheld video game system uses a palette of 4,096 colors to display up to 16 colors at once. At 16 MHz (four times faster than competitive units), it's the serious player's choice!

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# LIVESONE LISSESSONES!



The Lynx Cigarette Lighter Adapter gives two players hours of onthe-road fun, without draining your batteries!

The Lynx Carrying Case has room for up to 12 game carts, the cigarette lighter adapter, a sun visor, spare AAsize batteries, and the AC adapter, as well as the Lynx itself. The removable velcro hinges allow you to customize the padded bag's interior. All accessories are sold seperately.

The Lynx also can be carried about in this pouch, which accomadates the Lynx, the ComLynx cables, spare AAsize batteries, and Lynx game cartridges. All accessories sold seperately.



# \$149.99 LVNX

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The ultimate portable system, in an unbeatable package! In addition to the hot Atari Lynx, you also get the ComLynx cables that allow multi-player capability, and an AC adapter so that the system can be played anywhere electrical power is handy! But the bonuses don't stop there—you also get California Games and a special second cart—making this a pro player's dream machine!

# THE HOTTEST GAMES FOR THE

#### **BLUE LIGHTNING**

Atari presents one of the most intense aerial dogfights ever! Outstanding scaling effects produced by the Lynx's powerful graphics processor bring Blue Lightning into a class exceeding most 16-Bit home systems! The colorful graphics and 3-D effects are so impressive it was voted Best Hand-Held Game of the Year!

#### CHIP'S CHALLENGE

Nerdy Chip McCallahan has a crush on Melinda the Mental Marvel and would do anything to join her computer club The Bit Busters. Chip must challenge over 144 intriguing puzzles in order to be accepted into the club. A huge variety of new concepts and original ideas incorporated into a puzzle game that has something for everyone.

#### ELECTROCOP

You're a new breed of cop, and you've been summoned to the offices of Megacorp. They tell you that the president's daughter has been kidnapped along with some Top Secret documents. You must progress through the abandoned research lab, breaking codes and finding new weapons. Excellent three-dimensional action!

#### **GATES OF ZENDOCON**

The evil spider has assembled his hordes, captured you and sent you into his deadly web of universes, now you must fight your way out! Gates of Zendocon features 51 levels of shoot-em-up action with bright and colorful graphics plus 2 difficulty levels and password entry. Progress through all the levels and fight it out with the huge boss.

#### **GAUNTLET: THE THIRD ENCOUNTER**

Eons ago, an enchanted Star Gem crashed into the Earth at the base of an ancient castle. Evil creatures from the castle captured it and plan to use its power to destroy mankind. You and your friends must journey through a Gauntlet of 40 mind boggling mazes to rescue the Star Gem. Great 4-player simultaneous action!

#### WIL A W

"The best version of Klax the home market will ever see" says Electronic Gaming Monthly! A perfect translation of the arcade puzzler invites you to stack the colored blocks or throw them back! Try creating rows for Klaxs and bonus points! Superb digitized sound effects and music and extremely addicting game play!

#### R4M24G=

A revamped version of the famous arcade classic! Lizzie the Lizard, George the Gorilla, and Ralph the Werewolf are all back plus a new edition to the group Larry the Lab Rat. Colorful graphics and hilarious animations make the game come alive. Up to 4 players can join in on the fun and mayhem!

#### ROADBLASTERS

In the not-so-far off future auto racing will take on a whole new dimension. Based on the Atari coin-op, RoadBlasters is a fast and furious driving/ shoot-em-up with all the sights and sounds of the arcade. Catch the special weapons dropped from the weapons craft overhead. Equip yourself with UZI cannons, Nitro, and Cruise missiles to blast through all 50 levels!







# HOTTEST HAND-HELD AROUND!!

MS. PAC-MAN

The all time classic is back. Ms. Pac Man must gobble up dots, power pills, and an occasional ghost to get through each maze. Everything has been faithfully recaptured in the Lynx version, even the cute intermissions from the arcade are there! Ms. Pac Man is a blast from the past anywhere you go, and don't worry, the patterns have all been changed.

#### PAPERBOY

This translation of Paperboy for Lynx brings home all of the action from the coin-op. Peddle your bicycle through the neighborhood delivering papers to your subscribers' homes. Watch out for mad dogs, remote-controlled cars, and careless drivers as you try to survive an entire week in the burbs. If you make it through the week, you get to keep your job!

#### ROBO-SQUASH

In the 31st century, two warring factions are tearing the Federation apart. Are they going to solve their dispute with an intergalactic fire fight? No, they going to play Robo-Squash. Go against the computer or use the ComLynx to challenge a friend in a deadly 1-on-1 tournament.

#### RYGAR

You are the chosen one who is to rid the land of hideous monsters and powerful, lurking creatures. In this translation of the arcade game you must battle your way through 23 challenging levels in order to restore peace to the People of Good. This game features great graphics and game play. If you fail, evil will rule forever.

#### SHANGHAI

In this version of the ancient solitaire concentration game, you must match tiles of the same style. Remove all the tiles and you win. Tiles are arranged in the shape of dragons, bears, fish and other Chinese symbols. Challenge 7 different puzzles in this game of intricate moves and timeless strategies.

#### SLIME WORLD

You are Todd, a brave and fearless explorer and you want to conquer Slime World, a world filled with bizarre creatures, flowing rivers of slime, and man-eating plants. 8 players can join in and fight their way through 6 complex and challenging levels. A fantastic adventure with lots of huge slime filled caverns to explore.

#### XENOPHOBE

The excitement of the arcade classic can be relived when up to 4 players join in on this alien extermination mission. The space station is infested with every kind of disgusting alien creatures. Pick up special weapons along the way and clear out the base before it self-destructs.

#### ZARLOR MERCENARY

You are a mercenary hired by the Zarlors, the arch enemy of the ruthless Merdicants. Your mission: to fly across the Merdicant lines and cripple their army. Choose from 7 different characters and blast your way through 6 exciting levels alone, or with 3 other mercenaries in this explosive shooting game.





#### **MARTIAL ARTS!**

#### ARCADE ACTION!

This visual masterpiece for the Atari Lynx system sports intense graphics and excellent sounds. Ninja Gaiden has all the excitement, powerups, and weaponry of the original coin-op classic. Rare is a game translation that retains the phenomenal feel of its parent game.

A particular surprise in Ninja Gaiden is the graphic integrity of the backgrounds and character animation. The colors are vibrant and lack no luster at all. Also, the animations are brilliant and smooth.

Lastly, Ninja Gaiden consists of the one thing that few games offer: marvelous player control and response. Fans of the original Ninja Gaiden will be pleasantly thrilled with this rendition. Every aspect of the game flows smoothly and cleanly. Bravo, Atari!!

#### **EXCITEMENT!**





#### LEVEL ONE!

This is a good place to practice your basic skills as a ninja warrior. Take on the evil Sumo Wrestler at the end.





#### LEVEL TWO!

There isn't too much room to operate on this level. The Blade Brothers will try to chop you into little pieces.





#### LEVEL THREE!

Take a tour through the backroads of the local slums. Beware the Dragon Team! Everything isn't as it seems...



# GRAB THESE POWER UPS TO SURVIVE!!



Life Pill - These are scattered throughout the four areas. Get them all.



Ninja Sword - This mighty weapon will slice through the enemies like butter.



Power Pill - This life pill will restore all of your hit points. Do not miss these.



Bonus - This life pill will restore all of your hit points. Do not miss these.



Extra Man - It's always nice to find a free man inside a box or phone booth.



Time Restore - Time is replenished when you locate the rare Time icon.



#### THE ENEMY

These Jason look-alikes will try to stop you.



#### FRONT SWING

Knock the enemy back with this blow.



#### SMASH 'EM

Break phones, cans, and boxes for icons.



#### REAR SWING

A devastating rear blow to the enemy.



#### HIGH JUMP

Jump straight up to reach high altitudes.



#### FRONT PUNCH

A quick and powerful blow to the face.



#### NINJA SWORD

Grab the icon for this power-ful weapon.



#### FRONT KICK

Weaken the enemy with the front kick.



#### WALL JUMP

Flip off the walls for surprise attacks.



#### ROUND KICK

Finish off the enemy with this move.



#### ENEMY FLIP

Toss the enemies around with this move.



#### BAR SWING

Similar to the front and rear swings.



#### BAR SWING

Move on the bars to avoid the enemies.



# POWER PULL

Pull yourself up or lower vourself down.



























Careful!! Many good players have lost powerful running backs, agile wide receivers, or star quarterbacks to a fiery explosion!















BE READY FOR ACTION!





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#### RUN

Use the powerful running back to break through the defensive lines!

#### **OPTION**

Decisions, decisions. Pass, Run, or Bootleg? It's your choice!

#### PASS

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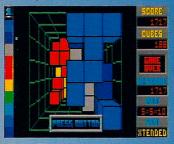




#### THE 3RD DIMENSION...

A new game for the Atari Lynx system, Blockout gives the falling block theme a whole new look and feel. This added dimension opens up a whole new bag of worms since 3D blocks can be almost any shape or size.

Boasting superior graphics and better difficulty settings than most puzzle-block games, Blockout is a challenge for people with a strong will and heart! Numerous unending levels of fun await the serious gamer who never gets enough of those twisting, colorful shapes. The best of the best will have a hard time keeping up with Level 9, the fastest game in town!



Ugh! This is what happens when you don't practice the rotations. The extended block set is for pros only.



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The Main Menu allows you to view a demo, practice, learn, or customize a game according to your skill level.



Use the Help screen to learn the various moves and rotations. Wise players master the Z-rotation first.



Use the speed and set-up screens to start at lower levels, then move up as you learn the different techniques.





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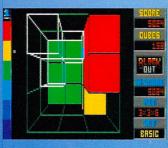
By using the color bar to the left, guide the falling three dimensional blocks into their proper positions. The flat setting is similar to Tetris since none of the block have depth; only by rotating the blocks will they have that perspective. Practice at this level until you become comfortable with the rotations and block shapes. Limit the rotations to 2 or 3.



#### BLOCK OUT!

This is what the game is about! After careful planning and a little luck, you can clear all of the blocks from the screen. Blockouts are far easier on smaller boards than large boards. Work your way up to larger boards only after mastering the smaller ones. Each Blockout will net you a huge bonus! Try to get them early.





#### BE CAREFUL!

Never let the blocks get too high, or else you'll run out of room to maneuver the incoming blocks. In order to rotate the blocks, you need space to move. Try to keep the blocks as flat as possible, and do not set them on end unless it is absolutely necessary. Practice in a three-by-three-by-six area to learn quick and accurate rotations.



#### THE Z-ROTATION!

While the X- and Y-rotations are far easier to learn, the Z-rotation is the most valuable rotation at your disposal! It is possible to play without the Z-rotation, but the game eventually becomes far too fast to waste time with multiple X- and Y-rotations. Play the practice game to master it, and you'll begin to play like a pro!



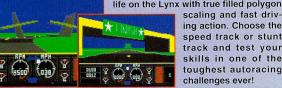
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#### THE LYNX IS ON THE PROWL!!

The Atari Lynx is shaping up to be one of the best video game systems around. With some of the most advanced home video game hardware on the market and an ever-increasing line of software, the Lynx is tearing up the competition. Currently there are 17 titles available and over 36 new titles scheduled for release in 1991! Many of the new titles are arcade translations of popular Atari coin-ops such as Hard Drivin', Vindicators, 720°, APB, Xybots, and even more recent hits such as S.T.U.N. Runner and Hydra! Atari also has a great lineup of sports titles for 1991 with NFL Football, Tournament Cyberball, Hockey, World Class Soccer, Golf, and a unique basketball contest called Basketbrawl (where you do a lot more than just play ball)! There are also many eyecatching originals like Barbarian Bodyquard, WarBirds, Turbo-Sub. and Scrapvard Dog - a really fantastic side-scrolling actionadventure for the portable Lynx. With over 40 titles scheduled for availability and a new lower price, it looks like it's going to be a great vear for Atari!

#### HARD DRIVIN'

The Atari arcade classic comes to life on the Lynx with true filled polygon



#### **ROLLING THUNDER**

You're the slickest secret agent since James Bond himself! Now you

must infiltrate a terrorist organization and rescue your partner alone! Great arcade action brings you all the looks and feel of the coin-op classic.



#### HOCKEY

Grab your stick and hit the ice. Realistic game play and smooth

scrolling bring all of the fast action of real hockey to your Lynx. When the pressure is on, try not to get in anybody's way or a fight might break out.



#### NFL FOOTBALL

Catch the pass, and run up the sideline for a touchdown! As many as

4 players can pick teams from a list of official NFL organizations! Excellent scaling of the field as well as digitized voices calling the plays!



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#### S.T.U.N. RUNNER



Pilot your vehicle through a vast network of winding tunnels at speeds exceeding 700 M.P.H!! Blast the opposition with lasers to come in first place.

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#### TOKI

This original action game based on the little seen coin-op is a great action/adventure title for the Lynx. You must guide Toki through forests, caverns, and mountains. Along the way pick up the special weapons left after killing certain enemies. Great fun from start to finish!

#### **WORLD CLASS SOCCER**



An original soccer game from Atari featuring a scaling field that zooms in where the action is.

You have to be fast and furious to kick the ball past the goalie. One to four players can challenge the best in world class soccer!

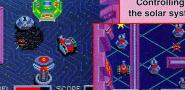
#### TURBO-SUB



Aliens have taken over the Earth's skies and seas. It's up to you to rid

the planet of these other worldly troublemakers in the air and water! The fate of the extremely detailed Earth is in your hands...and missiles!

## VINDICATORS Controlling the most powerful tank in



the solar system, you must infiltrate an alien space station to eliminate their leader. One or two players can play simultaneouly in this great conversion of the Atari coinop hit.



#### WARBIRDS

An original flight simulation from Atari, In WarBirds up to 6 players can test their skills in some of the most intense dogfights ever! Excellent scaling and use of polygon graphics give multiple perspectives duplicate the feel of true flight!



#### HVDRA

Based on the recent arcade smash from Atari, this translation is still in the early stages, but looks like it'll be a hot one. Safely transport the cargo back to headquarters in your combination boat/ jet plane. Blast the enemy ships with power-ups gained along the way.



#### 720°

In this coin-op conversion you must ride your skateboard around the neighborhood avoiding traffic and killer bees. Try to pick up enough stray cash to get you into the skate parks and win some serious bucks to upgrade your gear. "Skate or Die!" dude.



#### ROBOTRON

A blast from the past! A great translation of the old coin-op from Williams. While the absence of the two joysticks is obvious, once you get used to the new controls it offers THE most shooting action this side of the arcade. Shoot the bad guys and rescue the humans.

#### SCRAPYARD DOG



This Atari original is still in the early stages, but promises to have lots of hidden secrets and plenty of action. Expanded from the 7800 version, Dog is a great adventure!

#### A.P.B.



All Points Bulletin! In this arcade translation you must search out and bust the bad guys. Listen to reports from the station to find your criminal. Awesome voices.

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#### CASINO

Now you can play the slots without even going to the city of lost wages. Try your luck at black jack, roulette, craps, slot machines, and poker. Walk around the casino and see where the action is. Don't worry, there's nothing to lose and everything to win!



#### PACLAND

Pac Man is back in an all new adventure. This time instead of gobbling dots, you must run and jump your way through Pacland. Chomp on fruit, dodge ghosts, and hurl obstacles in this great arcade translation. A cute and colorful adventure that everyone in the family can enjoy.



#### BASKETBRAWL

An original multi-player basketball game from Atari. If you thought the pros played hard, than wait 'till you play against a group of street punks in a furious "No Rules" game in the street. Pick up the knives and nunchuks when the going gets rough. Get ready to rumble!



#### **XYBOTS**

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#### BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

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Battle your way through an enchanted land to rescue the captive princess! Journey into villages, forests and caves as you collect info and weapons in this original adventure cart from Atari.



#### **GRID RUNNER**

It's the sporting event of the future. 1 to 4 players can compete in this futuristic version of soccer. Grab power-ups along the way and carry them to your opponents goal and blast it in before the timer runs out.



#### **GEO DUEL**

Maneuver your ship in a gridlike world of speed and danger. Dodge the many obstacles on the grid surface while leaving a wall of light behind you. Try to trap your enemies and make them crash to their doom.



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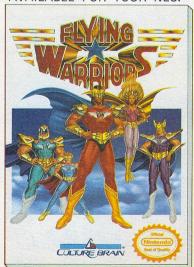






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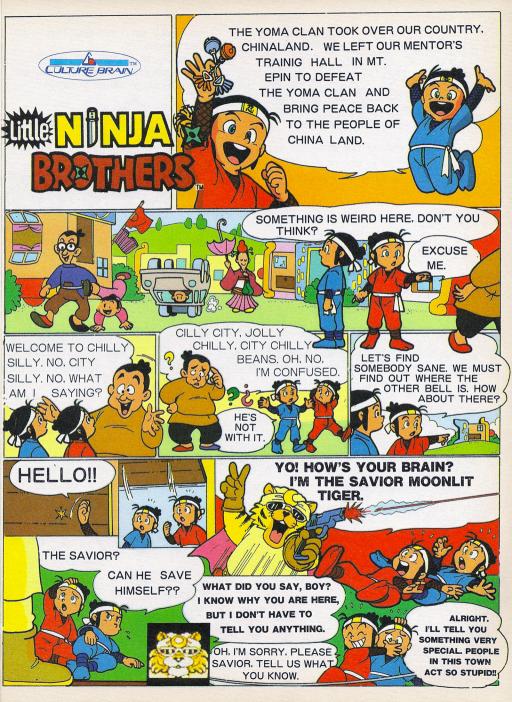
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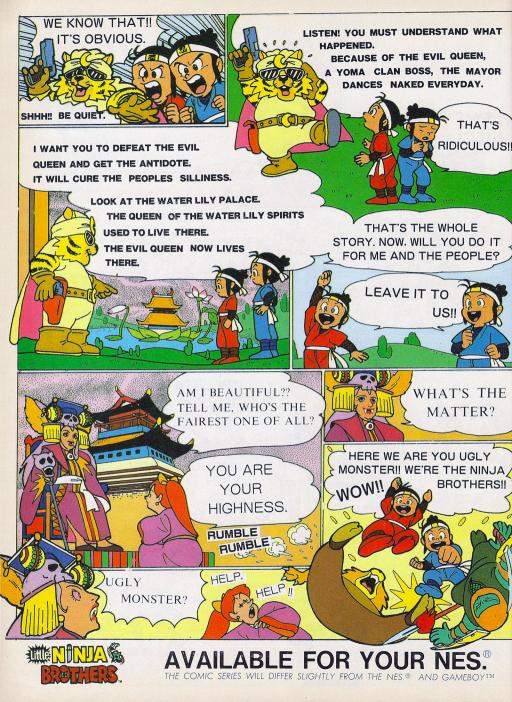
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By Boogie Man

You flip on your TV set and immediately the dark image of a huge bat casts an eerie

glow across your living room. This can only mean one thing: The Joker's back in town! You're needed.

You quickly put on your black cape and cowl – and pick up your Genesis control pad. This time laughing boy is yours!

### The Dark Knight Returns

The Caped Crusader's chased the Joker through the NES and the Game Boy, now he takes on the mad master of homicide on the Genesis. Batman by Sunsoft is a great action/adventure cart where you hunt the Joker through seven thumb-numbing levels to wipe that crazy arin off his face. Much of the sideview multi-scrolling action is reminiscent of Revenge of Shinobi, ESWAT, and Shadow Dancer, but in addition to the general jumping, punching, and kicking action, Batman also sports two horizontallyscrolling vehicle shoot-em-up stages, where you guide the Batmobile and then fly the Batwing.



The art of surviving in the Flugelheim Museum.

### **Bat Looks**

This is a gorgeous cart that features the same dark look and gothic creepiness that gave the movie is unique style. In fact, this cart follows the movie in several ways. The storyline is straight from the film, and the seven levels of the game

take place in locales Batman movie fans will recognize such as the Axis Chemical Factory and the Flugelheim Museum. There's a slick between-level sequence that's straight out of the flick; even the cart's Vicky Vale looks like Kim Basinger. Levels 5 (in the air over Gotham City) and 6 (inside the spooky Gotham Cathedral) are excellent

### **Cool Crimefighting**

Batman has more than good looks going for it. The overall combat is murder, and the vehicle stages add an excellent mix to the action.

Batman's fighting technique is lean but mean. He's got a nice straight punch, but his crouch kick is best against most foes. You can quickly toss deadly Bat-



### Batman's crouch-kick.

arangs, if you've got 'em, and they have unlimited range. When the Batmobile or the Batwing takes over, you get machine guns and guided missiles, too. However, the supply of Batarangs and missiles ilimited, and you must replenish them by grabbing the appropriate icons when they appear.



PROTIP: On Level 1 save your Batarangs for the Boxer boss, then use them all. But remember you can't damage anything if it's offscreen.

PROTIP: Batman's defensive stance (hold down B) stops just about every regular punch or shot, including laser blasts, but if

### you try to use it as you stand toe-to-toe with Bazooka men you'll take a hit.

The 'Man's moves are similarly scanty – a regular jump, a crouch, and an aerial somersault – but they're enough to get him out of hot water. He can also pull himself up out of tight spots with his unique Grappling Hook, which he fires directly over his head to latch onto some scenery.





PROTIP: You can jump up and stomp down on some of the bad guys.

#### The Joker's No Joke

The Joker's gang is a murderous motley crew. Just the same, one-on-one you'd handle any one of them no problem-o. However, teamed with the obstacles and traps, they're formidable. In addition to the usual assortment of jumps and moving platforms, you must dodge autolasers, sidestep dropping chandeliers, and tip-toe across exploding pipelines. Thugs and Sliders beat your brains, and Bazooka men and Hitmen blast you into Bat dust. Axel's got several axes he'd like



Jokermobiles mean vehicular homicide.

to grind – on you. In the vehicle stages you drive up against high-tech mechanized terrors-on-wheels such as Assault Tanks, Rocket Launchers, and a Nuclear Power Blaster. Up in the sky you battle a tough squadron of Joker-copters and the infamous DDID Clown Balloons.

PROTIP: The Bazooka men on Level 2 lean forward right before they fire.

PROTIP: On Level 3 you can beat Axel, the big axe dude, by ducking down and kicking him.



PROTIP: Level 3 boss Sinbad Crusher is a real cut up, just remember that you can jump over him and hit him from behind. Also, he can't hurt you when he jumps into the air, but you can hurt him there. PROTIP: The Level 4 Grenade Launchers fire in an arc. You can drive under the arc to blast the Launcher.

This game will drive you, well, batty. Level 1 is so easy it's just a warm-up, but then the game gets progressively more difficult until you're ready to crush your controller. Levels 2 and 3 are deceptively tough fun. The gangsters and the traps don't seem to be hard, but before you know it – Game Over! Levels 4



The Batwing battles Joker Copters against Gotham's night skyline.

(a Batmobile war on wheels) and 5 (aerial combat with the Batwing) are just plain tough vehicle stages. Level 6 is a classic knockdown drag out showdown with the Joker, but you must re-fight all the bosses and take on several new creeps.

You can start with 3, 5, or 7 lives, and you can continue where you left off up to 5 times. To keep yourself going, you can increase your life meter from 4 increments to 8 increments, grab Hearts, and find a few 1-Ups.

### The Legend Continues

Batman's a great action cart that every Genesis street-fighter must take on. If you're bats about Batman, get this cart!

Batman doesn't throw anything new at you, but even though you may have done it all before, it's never looked this good. Even the music and the sounds stand out. Batman's a winner.

Has the Joker finally had his last laugh? We hope not.



Batman by Sunsoft \$54.95 Available now, 4 megs

### GENESIS PRO REVIEW

By Doctor Dave

Renovation lit up the skies with Gaiares (see GamePro, March 1991) now it's about to

turn a spotlight on the Dark World! Valis III is another 8 meg cart new from Renovation for the Sega Genesis. This hot sidescrolling hack-n-slash adventure game will definitely keep you on your toes!

In this mean cart, you play a woman warrior named Yuko who has journeyed

You'll find Cham at the end of Act I if you defeat Garther, one of Glames' henchmen.



Yuko and Garther fight to the finish for Cham!



Yuko, Cham, and Princess Valna wait for the Valis Sword to regain full power in this animated sequence!

# WALLS

to a place called "Dreamland" to become a Valis Warrior and defeat Glames, the ruler of the Dark World. If you plan to survive the seven Acts of thumb-burning sword fighting just know that you'll need an edge – the Valis Sword to be exact.

The game's called Valis III because there were two previous carts which starred Yuko and the Valis Sword. The first installment was a PC Engine cart that never left Japan, and the second appeared here for the TurboGrafx-16 CD-ROM. Is there an ongoing storyline that connects each game? Yes. Do have to be familiar with the other carts to go nuts over this Genesis version? Not at all.

### Three Woman Warriors

Valis III is an outrageous challenge, but you have help. In the first two Acts you recruit two partners. Your first task is to rescue Cham who was born of the Dark World and is avenging her father's death.



Be sure to search all areas for hidden 1-ups!

Act II consists of both vertically and horizontally scrolling stages. You can now use either Yuko or Cham by pressing Button A. Yuko still has her sword although it has limited power for now while Cham uses a bladed while which is more effective.



Cham is the most useful character with her bladed whip.

At the end Act II you must free Princess Valna, Yuko's sister, from a magic crystal cell. Once Valna is free, she takes over and battles another of Glames' subordinates. Kolilanba.

Defeat Kolilanba and now you 'll be able to select any one of three main characters to fight onward. You can change characters at anytime except while fighting bosses.

#### **Dark Shadows**

From here on in get set for wicked swordplay. The Dark World looks great for a place overrun with zombies, scorpions, and giant flies. But don't let the sights



distract you! The fighting is furious. If you're good you can shed some light on the Dark World with any one of the characters, but they each have unique skills which require different fighting techniques. If you make it through with one character, go for it again with another character.

#### A Cut Above

You may have seen this title for the TurboGrafx-16 CD-ROM, but this Genesis version has much more detailed background graphics with multi-scrolling and a hot soundtrack. The gameplay is fast and reacts quickly to your controller moves. The animated sequences between each Act are nicely done with a great storyline that keeps you eagerly anticipating what comes next. Read my lips: This is one game that you shouldn't pass up!



Valis III by Renovation \$69.99 Available now, 8 megs

# FIGHTER.



The setting—Earth, the future. The defense computer protecting the entire planet has been invaded by a constantly mutating, evolving virus. One lone volunteer has the courage to face the virus on its own ground. Converted to raw data and transferred into the circuits of the computer, the molecular structure of this brave warrior is transformed by the as-yet untested Image Transfer System. Into the circuits of the computer steps an unlikely hero—the Quantum Fighter! Six levels of challenging action, unequalled game control, and a surprising arsenal of weapons!



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### GENESIS PRO REVIEW

### By Doctor Dave



Sega's done it again! Just as with Golden Axe, they've cranked out an awesome,

side-scrolling, action-packed Genesis translation of one of their hottest arcade titles. This time it's Alien Storm!

If you've never fed quarters to Alien Storm in the arcades, know that this cart's very similar in style and gameplay to Golden Axe for the Genesis. In this eight mission extraterrestrial

eight mission extraterrestrial blaster, two players can play simultaneously. Your task is simple: rid the Earth of outer space vermin.

### The Heroes

To start the game, you select one of three characters. Each one is armed with different types of weapons including a special weapon that wipes out all monsters

onscreen. You can't really control when the various regular weapons appear, but they all do the same damage.



Save helpless human families!

Each character is formidable, and they're all a kick to play. The woman has some hot moves, but it's her flame thrower that makes things sizzle. She busts great flying leaps and super flips for acrobatic attacks. Her special weapon is a gigantic missile that drops down out of the sky. The man is a real buffed dude, but that doesn't mean much here. His favorite weapon emits a beam of cracklin' energy. He has a friendly attack ship which flies by and sprays enemies with lasers. The robot is an awesome metal dude with an electric whip. His special weapon enables

him to self destruct, thus destroying everything around him. Then, he reconstructs himself in seconds.

#### **Alien Nation**

Once you pick a player, you're ready to rock and roll. Each mission starts off with a side scrolling level. The aliens have landed and they're already taking over. You must use all of your killer moves to stop them.

Clear a level and you enter a building for a first person perspective shoot out. Fire your



PROTIP: In the first-person stages always pick up energy canisters and shoot firstaid kits to restore life power.

### Extra-tough Extraterrestrials

You won't run into many boss creatures, but you won't miss them as you fight through the eight missions! In each mission, you run across nightmarish alien beings such as winged heads, awful space slugs, gigantic spiders, gross little gremlin-type creatures, and other things too disgusting to try to de-

scribe. Each monster has a special attacking style, but their killer move is to either latch onto your head or swallow your body whole!



weapons at aliens as they sneak across the screen or leap out at you from their hiding places.



The Robot's electric whip.

Then, on odd-numbered missions, you put on your running shoes and chase the space pests in a super quick, side-scrolling, run and qun track meet.

PROTIP: Take a few steps towards any alien you attack so you can swing around and get the thing behind you.

PROTIP: Sometimes shooting humans in the first-person stages drains your energy.



PROTIP: Destroy this boss by flipping over him and firing downward.

### The Doctor's Prognosis

Alien Storm mimics the arcade version perfectly. You get a great variety of easy-to-do moves, and there's never a dull moment. The simultaneous two player function in particular is outrageous fun! Don't let the Aliens take the Earth by storm!



Alien Storm by Sega Price not available Available July

## Dare to wield the sword of Valis!





kay, so the real world isn't so bad. But Dreamland and the Dark World are absolutely killer! And you're part of it.

You become Yuko Ahso, and you get transported to the otherworld to defend Dreamland against attack from the Dark King Glames. Only by wielding the powerful Sword of Valis can Yuko and her twin sister, Valna, defeat Glames' evil hordes.

Characters like Oueen Valna, Cham, and the evil Garther make this dramatic action game unlike any other.

Valis III. A game so realistic you'll have trouble separating fantasy from reality.









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### TURBOGRAFX-16 PRO REVIEW

There is life after The Jungle Book, at least for Baloo the Bear. Baloo, on the questionable advice of his pal, Louie the Orangutan, is off and running on a coconutty adventure to find an ancient stone man

By The Missing Link

utan, is off and running on a coco-nutty adventure to find an ancient stone map, which leads to the lost city of Ionia – home to the secret powers of the universe.

Easier said than done. Not only has the map been split into five pieces but Baloo's longtime arch enemy, ShereKahn the Tiger, is itching to get his paws on it, too. Move over Indiana Jones, Baloo the Bear's about to make action adventure history.

### **Doing the Watusi**

You name it, jungle, ocean, or frozen wasteland, and a piece of the map has found its way there. Baloo takes the ride of his life through seven levels (four regular levels and three Secret Levels) in this globetrotting map-a-thon. He slips, slides, swims, leaps, and flies (via bi-plane) through exotic and dangerous places such as the lush Watusi River Valley, the frigid loe Caves of Thembria, the trenches of the Great Simeon Reef, and ShereKahn's corporate headquarters, the Aerodrome. Each time Baloo conquers a level he's rewarded with a piece of the map.

Champagne and red carpets aren't part of the welcome package in these places. Instead, Baloo's greeted with spears, wrenches, snow balls, and gleaming fangs by the local inhabitants, including Watusi jungle-warriors, Barracudas, and Panthers.

PROTIP: In the Ice Caves, duck down and let the penguins jump over you.



PROTIP: Jump over Electric Eels while you search the Simeon Reef.



### **Bombs Away**

Big Baloo's equipped with plenty of builtin brawn, the bear necessity for defense since he tosses anything from coconuts to scuba gear bubbles to knock the beasties on their noggins. Baloo's a little slow on the re-load, but a quick flick of the Turbo-Switch speeds up his pitching. However, even that won't help you fend off the occasional partially-seen or totally off-screen enemies that blind-side Baloo.



PROTIP: Baloo's not fast enough to keep up with the wrench-lobbing Panthers in the Aerodrome. To avoid hits in the back, move forward as fast as possible until you reach the elevator.

PROTIP: Be very careful when you jump over the second ice hole in the Thembrian Caves. Position yourself at the very edge of the puddle before you jump, otherwise you might hit your head on the icicle overhead and fall in.

### Beauty and the Beasts

It's dew claws up for Tale Spin's graphics. As you might expect from a Disney/NEC collaboration, the animations and the sound are first rate.



PROTIP: When you reach ShereKahm's office, position yourself where the first and the second bookshelf connect and start blasting coconuts diagonally upwards. You'll be able to deflect the falling books, as well as hit ShereKahn.

### Can You Bear It?

All you Turbo-tappers who've been patiently awaiting a new action adventure title may be in for a surprise. Fast-action and frustration are the name of this game, questionable attributes when it comes to the impatient gamer. For the nimble-fingered experienced player, Tale Spin is a moderately challenging adventure. You might want to tag along as Baloo spins this tale.



Tale Spin by Disney \$ 61.99 Available July, 4 megs



The TurboGrafx-16 is a rad video game system, but we all know you need great games to make a great system. Take a look at what TG-16 owners have in store for them by the end of the year.

### The TurboGrafx-16: Trying Harder

### The Addams Family

They're serious and spooky, mysterious and kooky. They're altogether ooky. That's right, Compact Disc Players. the Addams Family is about to bring its hauntingly funny perspective on life to the TG-16 CDROM. This off-beat action-adventure game will be based on the movie currently in production. Of course, you get all the weird characters that make up the great Addams Family household - Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester, Grandmama, Pugsley, Wednesday, and Lurch ("You rang."), (By NEC. One Player, Available November)

#### Andre Panza Kickboxina

Most of you are familiar with kickboxing, but you may be wondering "Who is Andre Panza?" Better smile when you say that, he's the current world champion of kickboxing! In this pugilistic sports simulation, you

learn the sport of kickboxing by going through training, practicing, and then entering a major tournament. You face eight opponents, and you get 56 moves. You can even customize your controller commands so your character displays a certain "style" by using **Bonk's Revenge** your favorite moves. The game saves all this data. It's a kick. (By NEC. One or Two Players, Available October)



**Astralius** 

Here's a role-play game that really rocks. Battles are fought with music, and spells cast in battle graphically conjure up robots, fire creatures, and genies. You explore four hostile continents with the aid of highly detailed overhead maps and slick close-up maps. Sounds good. (By IGS. One Player, Available September)

**Bonk's Revenge** 

Bonk's back! This time he bumps heads with King Drool III, grandson of the Drool he cooled in Bonk's Adventure. Bonk's Re-**Bonk's Revenge** venge (see GamePro, April '91) takes the cranium-crashing bad boy through eight labyrinthine levels in a headbutting romp through prehistory. Bonk gets new powers including flying and spitting fire, and you get some great hidden bonus rounds. Bonk still good. (By

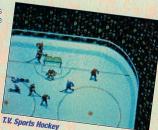
NEC, One Player, Available August)

#### **Darkwing Duck**

What evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Duck knows. The Duck? Yes, Darkwing Duck is about to make his debut as Disney's newest afternoon kiddee cartoon show, and soon after that he'll be winging his way to the TG-16. This little, waterproof crimestopper is sort of a Lone Ranger with webbed-feet. In this action/adventure game you'll assist Darkwing Duck on a stupefying investigation. It's a quack up. (By NEC. One Player. Available November)



Welcome to the world's premiere international tennis tournament. You can play doubles or singles against tennis pros from all over. The cart splits the screen horizontally, so you get two views (two different perspectives) one on top of the other (just like Final Lap Twin). There's a full screen court view, too. Use two TurboExpresses and you each get your own view. (By NEC, One or Two Players, Available September)



#### Impossamole

Mild-mannered Monte Mole was having fun in the sun – until the Aliens decided to join him on his vacation. They need a hero to save their galaxy so they endow Monte with amazing superpowers turning him into -Impossamole! In this 4 meg game you travel to five different out-of-this-world planets to face some hilarious creatures. This game's not just for laughs, but it IS fun. (By NEC, One Player, Available September)

# BLOBERT IS BACK!

DAVID CRANE'S THE SCUP OF PRINCESS

BLUE BOY

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That's right, jelly bean—loving Blobert (Blob, for short) and his faithful Earth-boy companion are back in a brand-new adventure for Game Boyl This time out, the duo's exploits take them to the Royal Castle of Blobolonia\*,

I Castle of Blobolonia", on Blob's home planet, as they attempt to free the lovely—and imprisoned—Princess
Blobette from the clutches of the treacherous Antagonistic Alchemist.

Join our heroes as they encounter secret rooms, clever traps, and dangerous obstacles in the labyrinthine depths of the castle.

But all is not lost—these two share a very special secret: With each flavor of jelly bean the boy feeds Blob, Blob will magically transform

into a different shape that can help this intrepid pair get past just about anything the Alchemist can conjure upl

The sensational sequel to

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#### It Came from the Desert

It Came from the Desert is still coming, but it's getting closer. This is a great-looking CDROM game that combines digitized video images of real-life actors with regular TG-16 graphics. In this tribute to B-science fiction movies, those wild and crazy nuclear scientists have screwed up in a major way. Now, Love It is a small town with big bug problem, as in giant ants. This game is swarming with arcade-style action. If you thought the Amiga version looked good, according to NEC you ain't seen nothing yet. (By NEC, One Player, Available October)

#### Lords of the Rising Sun

Travel back in time to feudal Japan via CDROM. Join the blood feud between two brothers in this action/strategy game, where you command armies, storm castles, and even mobilize assassins to help you become Shogun. Got a yen for samural action? (By NEC. One Player, Available December)





It's tough to make a buck anywhere after a huge

war devastates Earth and the Solar System. The Silent D'Buggers are

outer space mercenaries with a nose for cash. In this first-person perspective shoot-em-up you join the SDs as they enter a long-dead space station in search of a legendary cache of gold. You must fend off an army of weird space beings hiding throughout six murderous maze-like levels in this 4 meg game. (By NEC, One Player, Available October)

#### **TV Sports Hockey**

This is great ice-scraping ice hockey with an international flavor. You can play an exhibition or an eight-team tournament with teams representing the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R., Poland, and five other

countries. When you take a slap shot there's a great behind the player perspective. If your opponent takes a shot on goal, you instantly become the goalie. Using the TurboTap up to five people can play, on

the same side or mix and match. Fights? You bet, but it means the penalty box for you! (By NEC, One to Five Players, Available October)



### Turrican All the awes

All the awesome adventurer Turrican wants is a good night's sleep. But first he must defeat the evil **Yo, Bro!** demon Morgul, who is responsible for the fears

and nightmares of mankind. Turrican's epic adventure takes place across an enormous universe that includes five different worlds. The state-of-the-art weaponry here is outrageous. Get set for some serious thumb burns. (By Ballistic, One Player, Available 4th Quarter)

#### Yo, Bro

Yo, Bro! You're the town's baddest bear on a boar! A mad professor's dealing obnoxious creatures around town. Bogus! To make the streets safe for serious shreddin', you must pick up weapons, save the straights, and eliminate the monsters. Better skate straight, it's 30 rounds of wheel-burning thrashing. And talk about your bro's, four Beach Boys songs make up the musical score. Help me, Rhonda! (BV NEC. One or Two Players. Available August)



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### By Brother Buzz

Welcome to ancient Japan where men were men and ninjas really were ninjas.

Lord Nobunaga Oda is trying to unite the country, and he's just heard a rumor that his awesome adversary, Shin Takeda, has died. To make sure he's asked a ninja master to send out a spy, but the master only has one student – Taro.

#### Taro's Tales

Ninja Taro from American Sammy is a cool, epic tale for serious Game Boy adventurers who want their hacking and slashing and their role-playing, too.



Keep the spooks at bay.

This is a great-looking Game Boy cart with nicely detailed characters and picturesque scenery. You guide Taro through an expansive countryside as he fights weird beings, converses with other characters for vital info, and collects weapons and items. Taro does all this slicing, dicing, and enticing via a ¾ overhead perspective.

There are no levels in the usual sense, instead Ninja Taro features seven adventures that force you to think as well as fight. The adventures seem unconnected but of course they reveal information and items necessary to unravel Lord Takeda's mysterious disappearance. Your tasks include exploring cursed caves, capturing an elusive thief, and finding a lost boy. Sometimes you must return to a story you think you've completed.



PROTIP: Always talk to characters. Even if you've spoken with them already, the second time around they may have new advice or important tools, especially Ninja Masters.



### Monsters and Mayhem

The cart's menacing menagerie looks like it materialized straight out of Japanese folklore. You face assorted demons, specters, and other monsters as well as evil samurai. The regular villains and creatures move in predictable patterns, but there's a gang of 'em. Each story has a unique adversary that requires a special strategy. And, every so often you fall into one-on-one combat with one of several different, big, hulking monsters. When you face these guys, you'd better think quick, they're deadly.

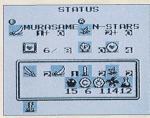
PROTIP: Bad creatures hold special items. If you find something good (such as Herbs), keep slashing them to replenish your supply.

PROTIP: You don't have to grab meat unless you need it. In fact, leaving a piece of meat (or any other item) untouched means the creature who held it won't regenerate.

PROTIP: The Thief attacks in a circle. Wait and use Ninja Stars.

Don't blame the cart if you meet defeat. Taro has no slick moves, but his

weapons include two swords, Ninja Stars, Daggers, and Bombs. Special Ninja items include Water Spiders for crossing waterways, Camouflage to blend into the background, and Fire that turns you into a human torch. The easy to use Sta-



A well equipped Ninja needs a Status Screen.

tus screen enables you to monitor your health and power and switch Ninja powers/equipment control to any GB button. You also get plenty of power-ups, unlimited continues, and a battery backup.

**PROTIP: Ninja Stars can fly through** scenery.

PROTIP: Don't be macho in ancient Japan, restore your life power whenever you can.



Ninja Stars are powerful short-range weapons.

### A Big Little Adventure

If you're looking for a rousing adventure story, take on Ninja Taro. You'd best be prepared to log some hefty Game Boy time, but it's fun to visit old Japan and lose yourself in Taro's challenging quest. This ninja cart deserves to come out of the shadows.



Ninja Taro by American Sammy Price not available Available July, 1 meg with battery backup.

# Light Boy is Bound to Aitract Aitention!



The Vic Tokai Light Boy is the best thing that happened to my Game Boy. It's "lights out" and the action hasn't ended; it's just beginning. I can see the LCD screen a hundred times better,

because Light Boy magnifies the screen 1 1/2 times. Light Boy even comes with batteries. What more could I ask for!?! It's no wonder Light Boy is bound to attract attention...





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### GAME BOY PRO REVIEW

By The Missing Link



Roger Rabbit's up to his ears in trouble and ooooooh he would just kiss you if

you'd help him out - puuuuhlease!

Gloomy days for Toon Town. Judge Doom's made a bogus ruling – he wants the deed to T-Town, and he'll de-animate any Toon who tries to stop him.

#### Bun on the Run

And you thought Twin Peaks was a tiny town with big secrets – peanuts! Game Boy Toon Town's practically ooozing with slimy secrets and shady characters. In fact, that's how all the trouble began.

Compliments of Judge Doom's goons, the Weasels, Toon Town's rightful owner, Marvin Acme, bought the farm and Jessica Rabbit's been kidnapped. What's a cartoony rabbit to do? Hop into the sleuthing-mode and make like Dick Tracy.

#### A Hare-Brained Scheme

There are six parts to this cottony tale. While you dodge bullets and bombs from Doom's Weasel pack, you scour every street, building, and back alley of Toon Town, questioning everyone and searching for clues, weapons, re-energizing Carrots, ammo, and anything else that might help you in your investigation.

Capcom's served up creme of the crop tunes and cool graphics that scroll every-which-way. The key Toon-players retain their cartoonish good looks, too. For example, Roger has his signature ear-twitch, Jessica's still got the best curves in town, and you'd swear Bob



PROTIP: Eddie isn't joking when he offers to give you advice. Don't hesitate to ask for his help, often.

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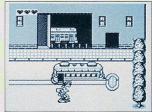


Hoskins has taken up permanent residence in the Game Boy video-dimension as Eddie Valiant.

#### Scared Stiff

Moving Roger around town is easy. Although Roger's not a quick bunny, he's nimble. Bunny boy does, however, have a nasty little rabbit habit that costs him. For some reason whenever Roger gets up close and personal with Weasels and other Toon enemies, he comes down with a sudden case of stage fright, becoming slow, stiff, and difficult to control. Prepare to eat some lead.

All is not lost. There are two good ways to remedy this affliction. The first is the Punching Gun. Once you get the hang of using it, you can attack enemies from a distance. The second remedy is life-giving Carrots. Keep your eyes open and memorize where they're hidden. Then, when you're on the verge of becoming rabbit stew, go back and grab one.

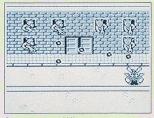


PROTIP: The street car ticket is good for a round trip. There's a reason for this. Think about it hard when you're trying to track down the Toon Gun.

PROTIP: Toon Town may be small, but it has a challenging geography. Memorize the quickest travel routes -- it could save your life.

PROTIP: Unless you're riding the Street Car, avoid the building due West of the Street Car station at all costs.

PROTIP: Keep an eye on gates and doors. Sleuth out the right clue and a previously closed door may suddenly be wide open the next time you pass by.



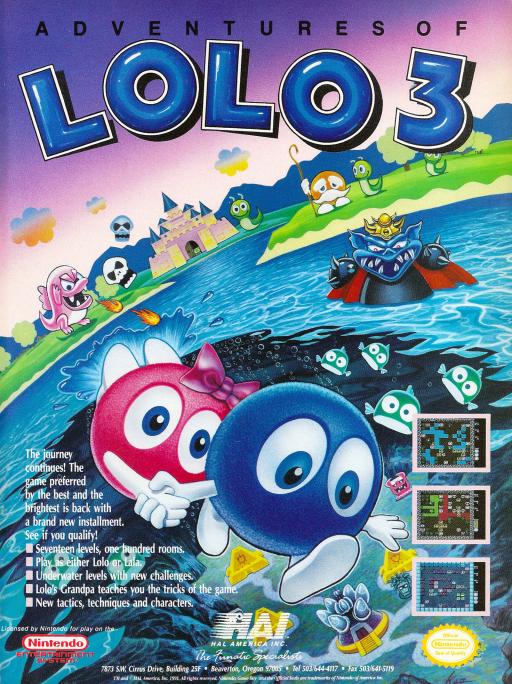
Open season on rabbits.

### They're Playing Your Toon

If you love a good portable mystery, get into the Roger Rabbit habit. A game for all ages, Who Framed Roger Rabbit is a clever and entertaining whodunnit that's challenging enough to keep you interested without causing you to rip out your hare.



Who Framed Roger Rabbit by Capcom \$29.95 Available August, 1 meg



### Caesar's Palace



#### By The Spam Weasel

"Pssst! Hev dude! How'd va like \$1,000 to spend in Las Vegas?"

That's the deal in Caesar's Palace, a new Game Boy gambling cart from Arcadia.



Step through the glass doors of Caesar's and you can do anything do. If you want

Should you go for the flush?

you want to to play some

Slots, just pick a machine. If you want check out the temperature, just walk out the doors. It's all up to you and your wallet.

PROTIP: The more dough you win, the more luxurious your ride home will be. But lose all your money, and it's the bus for vou.

Most of the games you'd find at the real Caesar's Palace are here, and they play the

same. The miniature casino has five 5-Card Draw Poker machines (including a \$100 machine), two Blackiack tables



Where to first? The wheel? Blackjack? Roulette? with no minimum or maximum bet, a Monev Wheel, and eleven different slot ma-

PROTIP: Your best bet to win the big bucks is to try the \$500 slot machine or the \$100 poker machine immediatel

chines. You even get restrooms.



Lose all your money and vou'll get a one way bus ride to Palookaville.

Gambling's not the same when there's no money involved, but Palace is a fun

Caesar's afternoon diversion any-

way. The graphics and music are above average, and it's a lot of fun trying to win enough money for a limo ride home. Geez...if only it was this easy in real life



Caesar's Palace by Arcadia Systems Inc. \$29.99 Available 4th Quarter '91, 1 meg

### Mysterium



#### By Andromeda

If you think you've got what it takes to be an Alchemist then prepare to

enter the Mysterium. Here you'll have to use your knowledge of the magical properties of metals and minerals to rescue an ancient civilization of ants.

PROTIP: Study the Alchemy text provided in the manual carefully. In the higher levels of the game you'll need to perform experiments to discover the most useful transfor-



This fire pit melts stones into glass kevs.

Mysterium combines one player role play Game Boy action with an original twist alchemy. As you wind your

way through each of the ten maze-like levels of the Mysterium you'll have to collect metals and minerals (i.e. iron and lead) and transform them into useful items by dropping them into pools of fire, acid, water, or mercury. Use the items you create in the transformations to escape the different obstacles on each

PROTIP: If you get spun by a Spinner, refer to your map

PROTIP: Don't



Fight for your life against this winged sement.

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use the Stone Key to go through the Stone door on the first level. The door takes you back to the beginning of the maze and you'll need the Stone Key on Level Two.



The inventory screen orga-

fast-paced acnizes your alchemist's tools. tion, but for alchemists and others who enjoy role play and puzzlers it's as good as gold.



Mysterium by Asmik \$24.95 Available August, 1 meg

### Sneaky Snakes

Sneaky Snakes by Tradewest is



### By Bro' Buzz

one of the best just-for-fun games to slither into the Game Boy in a while. Attila and Genghis (in two-player mode) are the cutesy little Sneaky Snakes who must snake through 16 serpentine

levels to save Sonia Snake from the nasty Nibbler

This cart is an excellent light-hearted action adven-



Be a ssssneaky ssssnake.

ture game with groovy graphics. On each level you run into swarms of Nibbleys - Nibblefish, Nibblesquids, Nibblesprings, Nibble-



spensers to get in good position to gobble Nibblevs. Bombs can't hurt you there.

the idea. Gobble them up to add sections to your body till you can tip the scale that opens the gate to the next level. But watch out for bombs.

splats, you get

beasts, and the Chopper, a real bad axe that cuts you down to a little snake.

You'll have a great time slithering after the Nibblevs through land, sea, and air. Levels are peppered with power items and warps to hidden stages.

PROTIP: In Level 3 there's a hard to reach hidden Warp to Level 9 somewhere above



Don't get axed by the Chopper.

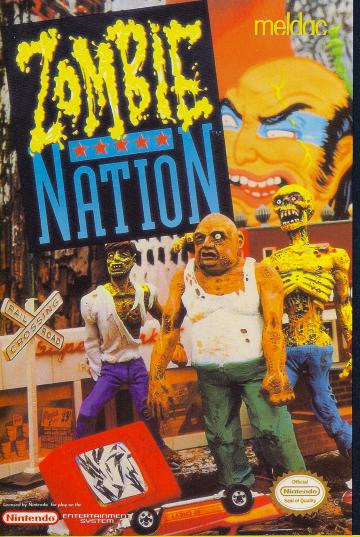
PROTIP: If you're underwater, tap A to swim. Press Up for an extra boost.

Sneaky Snakes is a hilarious adventure cart with truly unique heroes. It's a guaranteed snake charmer for all ages.



Sneaky Snakes by Tradewest Price not available Available now

### THE ZOMBIES ARE COMING!!!!



By I. C. GOOLS, Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK--What appeared to be a harmless meteorite crashing in the Nevada desert has turned out to be Darc Seed, an evil alien creature with horrible powers. By shooting strange rays, Darc Seed has turned the helpless nation into zombie slaves.

Mayor Heminhaw immediately called an emergency press conference where he read the following prepared statement. "I um, er,ah, I am doing everything, ah, er, humanly possible to see to it that ah, this situation er, um, this terrible situation ah, comes to a ah, ahem, a swift and , er, um, um, a swift and um, satisfactory close.



### **Ground Shaking NES Action**

Zombie Nation is a ground shaking action/shooting game for the NES. The object of the game is to wreak total destruction on everything you see (it's a dark and dirty job, but somebody's got to do it). Meanwhile, you need to rescue as many zombie hostages as you can in order to gain enough strength for the ultimate showdown with Darc Seed (he's toast!).



### Devastating Graphics and Pounding Sound

Zombie Nation's graphics are so devastatingly realistic you'll almost be tempted not to demolish them (yeah right!). And the relentlessly pounding sound effects will make you feel like you're right in the middle of the action hammering away at skyscrapers, mountains, and everything else that crosses your path. So don't just stand there like a Zombie, get your copy now!

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# ZOMBIE SHATION



By Toxic Tommy

Dr. Knavic's got monsters on the brain – especially when an accidental explosion frees

all his experimental ESP creatures. Unfortunately, they take your twin sister along when they solit. What a headache!

### Extra Sensory Perceptions

Psychic World is a shoot and scoot action/adventure cart from Sega. You play Lucia, Dr. Knavic's assistant, and you're on an action-packed, side-view, multi-scrolling bug hunt across four mindbending levels – the Prairie, the Ice Field, the Ruins, and the Fortress.

The color graphics look pretty cool and the animation's great. However, Psychic World's pix suffer from the Curse of the Handheld Video Game. The graphics look good because they've got great details, but you really can't see all the details on the small screen. You know there's more there than meets the eye. But no sweat. It isn't hard to appreciate the imaginative creatures, and the bosses look great.

Sound and music? Yes.

### **Mentally Prepared**

Lucia's hefty arsenal is awesome; not bad for a handheld heroine. She starts out with an ESP Booster Helmet and a Psy Cannon. That means you'd better find some weapon icons in a hurry. Don't worry, though, Lucia can blast out of the starting blocks – this girl is quick!

PROTIP: Make extra long jumps by using Lucia's speed to build up momentum and then quickly hitting Up and A. It takes practice and timing.

Most creatures leave something besides a bad memory behind when you zap them. You can score four ESP powers – the Shield, Levitation, screen-cleaning Explosion, and Teleportation (back to the beginning of the round), and four Attack powers – the icy Hydro Wave, Burning Bullets, the Freeze Ray, and the barrier-breaking Ultrasonic.



Stuck? You need a Hydro Wave like that one over to the right.

PROTIP: In the Ice Field, you can use the Hydro Wave wherever there's rain to create ice cube stepping stones to hard-to-reach places. Use Burning Bullets to melt mistakes.

### Creatures from the Id

Be prepared for some psychological damage. This cart's overrun with mental monsters that really chew up your life points such as goo people, ice beasts, birds of prey, and cyclops blobs.

PROTIP: Some creatures are only vulnerable to certain weapons. For example, the Level One boss monster is susceptible to the Psy Cannon.



Watch out for the Level One boss' protective flames.

The beasts aren't all this cart has in store for you. You'll have to wade against

river currents, slip and slide across ice slicks, and bust death-defying leaps, too.

PROTIP: To reach the Level One boss creature's lair, hop across the horizontallyflowing platforms until you reach the far right side of the screen past the entrance. Now quickly jump up to the handholds.

#### Mind Control

Gameplay here is excellent. The cart responds instantly to your thumb tapping, so you can pull some slick moves. An



This flower's seeds have bite.

ESP Attack Window slides open with two thumb presses to freeze the action and enable you to quickly cycle through your gear.

The game gives you plenty of chances to win through unlimited continues. However, there are no passwords, os, since the Game Gear is a real battery vampire, get an AC adaptor, unless your last name is Eveready or Duracell.

### **Are You Psychic Enough?**

Psychic World is a brain-spraining action cart that ought to keep you busy for several days. Mental midgets need not apply.

Looking for a great escape? Keep this cart in mind.



Psychic World by Sega Price not available Available now

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**By Rigor Mortis** 

Once there was a fastpaced, innovative video game that teased and frus-

trated even the most seasoned game players. It utilized a revolutionary two-joystick control system that enabled a player to shoot and move 360 degrees independently. Even though it's long gone from the arcades, its name is still spoken with reverence by veteran videogamers -"Robotron!"

Shadowsoft has successfully downsized this huge arcade hit to fit within the tiny confines of the Atari Lynx. This version looks, sounds, and feels EXACTLY like its arcade predecessor from the flashing Robotron logo at startup to the distinct laser and explosives sound effects!

### You Can't Keep a Good Robot Down

It's the year 2084 and mankind has fallen prev to its own ultimate, technological creation - the Robotron. Guided by their infallible logic, the Robotrons conclude that humans are inefficient and must be eliminated. The fate of all mankind rests on the shoulders of a genetically-altered super warrior armed with only a highpowered laser, lightning reflexes, and cunning battle skills. Guess who?!

At the start of each level you materialize upon a large, open playing field filled with hapless humans, obstacles, and Robotrons. Destroy the Robotrons and save the humans before they become zombie-like, killer "Progs!"



PROTIP: You're momentarily invincible at the very start of each level. You can't shoot

### Malevolent Mechanoids

You'll have your hands full with the Robotrons. Their attack is fast and furious. Swarms of swift Grunts can't shoot, but their sheer numbers can overpower you. Speeding Spheroids zip around creating Enforcer Robotrons that hunt you relentlessly. Floating brains convert humans into deadly Progs. Finally, flying Quarks build Tanks that fire deadly Orbs, which ricochet off the walls.

can only be destroyed by shooting their



PROTIP: Save the humans as soon as pos-

Robotron's exciting gameplay is unfortunately hampered by cumbersome controls; however, neither Shadowsoft nor Atari are to blame. The coin-op Robotron's double joystick control was a revolutionary design that's simply impossible to replicate with the Lynx, but a valiant effort has been made to compensate for this with three move and shoot options. It takes a bit of practice, but you'll be able to function effectively.

PROTIP: Control Option C featuring continuous firing directed by Button A, which rotates your fire clockwise, and Button B, which rotates it counter-clockwise, is the best option for beginners.

PROTIP: With Control Option C, move in the same direction as your firing rotation to prevent any confusion in the heat of the battle!



are only a few enemies left!

### Robotron's Ratings

Although Robotron is a blast from the past that may not be as glitzy as video games out today, it's clearly one of the better Lynx games. Older gamers will want to experience that old thrill again. and younger players will see that a game need not be overly complex in order for it to be interesting and challenging.

Fast, frantic, and exciting, there's nothing mechanical about Robotron!



Robotron 2084 by Shadowsoft, Inc. \$34.99 Available July '91, 1 meg



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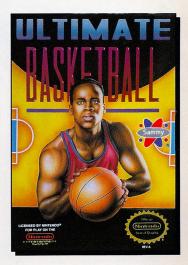
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### Adventure Island II (Nintendo) Island Select!

### WORLD SELECT MODE

- 1 FERN ISLAND
- 2 LAKE ISLAND 3 DESERT ISLAND
- 4 ICE ISLAND
- 5 CAVE ISLAND
- 6 CLOUD ISLAND
- 7 VOLCAND ISLAND
- . S DINOSAUR ISLAND

You can begin the game from any island by using this button sequence. At the title screen, just press Right, Left, Right, Left, A, B, A, B, and Start!

### Ikari Warriors III: The Rescue (Nintendo)

### Continue in 2-Player Game!



While playing a 2-player game of Ikari III, you can continue any time a player's game is over by pressing Upper Right, A, and B simultaneously on that player's controller. This works on any level just as long as one player is still alive and fighting!

Bradly Schaffer, Hackensack, NJ

### Metal Storm (Nintendo)

### Passwords!



Here are the passwords for Levels 2 - 6.

WFT-7B35-N75 Level 2

HRT-273♥WVM Level 3

FMM-FFC7-B5Z Level 4

M67-WL35-WQ5 Level 5 9T-LQ3K-QGM Level 6

Also, to defeat the Level 2 boss easily, destroy one Energizer and stand where the red meets the green. Now shoot either up or down (You may have to move over a little). When the Energizers open to fire at you, they'll take your hits and be destroyed!

Steve McCartney, Waukesha, WI



### Sagaia (Genesis)

Palamedes (Nintendo)

DEMO TEST

STAGE OLEAR 1 STAGE GLEAR 2

STORE CLEOR 3 LEVEL OLEGR

This code will enable you to watch all of

the ending demo screens that pop up after clearing each stage! Wait for the title screen to appear, then hold down Button

A and Right on Controller 2 and press

Start on Controller 1. The DEMO TEST

ENDING EXIT

Demo Testi

### Sound Test!

screen should appear.

To check out the sounds in Sagaia, you must first earn a high score. Instead of entering your initials, input the letters ZZT. This will pop you into the sound test menu.

### Willow (Nintendo)

### Start with Every Item!



The following password enables you to start a new game with every item in your inventory.

8zs L4B W4K fvM 6JW 5Kq

### Flying Warriors (Nintendo)

### The End!

Here's the ending code for Flying Warriors:

END

Ethan Scott Baird, Swampscott, MA

### Fortress of Fear (Nintendo) Six Men

When you lose your first three lives, enter W ♥ W at the player's name screen. Now when you replay the game you get six lives.

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### Aero Blasters (TurboGrafx-16)

### Four Extra Credits and Sound Test



Here's how to get four credits at the beginning of Aero Blasters. Press Right three times and then hit Select. "Credit" appears onscreen underneath "Blaster Scramble 2." Increase your credits up to 9. Press Select again and you'll get the sound test.

Aren Seifert, Minneapolis, MN

### Gargoyle's Quest (Game Boy) Plenty of Passwords!

These passwords are from various positions in the game. Look 'em over, you might find one that will help you out!

EAGG-TN99 = 8 Lives

K8EE-5WBD = 10 Lives

ZGBZ-ABYP = 4 Lives

ZFRZ-GBZO = 7 Lives

HSD6-JHQQ = Level 3

IT9Q-VL6S = with Candle of the Poltergeist

9U5J-LAVZ = 3 Lives + after finding Dark

### Twin Cobra (Genesis) Instant Full Firepower!

At any time during the game, press pause, then press Up, Down, Left, Right, then hold down A and press Start.

### Burai Fighter (Nintendo)

Here are some Burai Fighter asswords.

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Level - Alba	tross
Stage 2	HEA
Stage 3	JEEP
Stage 4	KING
Stage 5	LIME
Stage 6	MILI
Stage 7	
Level - Ace	NILE
Stage 2	PALM
Stage 3	EALL

FALL.

#### Stage 4 IDEA Stage 5 PLAN Stage 6 MONK Stage 7 IDOL. Level - Ultimate Stage 2 FLAG

**IOKE** Stage 4 ONCE Stage 5 PAIL Stage 6 GOAL. Stage 7 **ICHI** 

Mike Love, Mt. Pleasant, TX

Stage 3

### Twin Cobra (Genesis) Stage Select!



The following keypresses enable you to begin at any Stage. At the title screen press Up, Down, Right, Left, and then Start.

### Strider (Genesis)

### Special Music

There's a secret tune in Strider. On Level 4, go to the large tree trunk with the vine on the ground just before you fight Lago the Mechanical Dinosaur. Now move Strider very slowly from the left side to the right side of the trunk by pressing Right little by little until the music changes. If it doesn't work the first time, try again.

Rashid Cummings, Bronx, NY

### Shadow of the Ninja (Nintendo)

### Select Stages!



You can select stages in this hot title by just following these directions. First you must type the following code at the title screen: A, A, A, A, B, B, B, B, A, B, A, B, A, B, A, B. You should hear a small chime, which signifies that that the code was entered correctly. You will now need two controllers for the following procedure.

This chart shows what buttons on each controller to press simultaneously in order to enter each stage!

elle each stage.					
controller #1	Controller #2	Stage #			
none	none	1-1			
none	(B)	1-2			
none	(A)	1-3			
none	(A), (B)	1-4			
(B)	none	2-1			
(B)	(B)	2-2			
(B)	A)	2-3			
(B)	(A), (B)	3-1			
(A)	none	3-2			
(A)	(B)	3-3			
(A)	(A)	4-1			
(A)	(A), (B)	4-2			
(A), (B)	none	4-3			
(A), (B)	(B)	5-1			
(A), (B)	(A)	5-2			
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For sound test, simultaneously press A and B on Controller 1 and 2 and then press Start.

John Mercway, San Jose, CA



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G72 Q0J = Detroit Pistons vs. L.A. Lakers

Ruben Cartagena, Coamo, Puerto Rico

### Midnight Resistance (Genesis)

### Skip Stages!



Here's how to skip any stage during a game. Wait for the title screen to pop up. Make sure "START" is highlighted in red, then hold down Button C and press Start. After the game begins, press Start again to pause the game. Then press Button A and you'll find yourself on the next stage! You can repeat this procedure on any stage!

Wilbur Viado, Los Angeles, CA

### MUSHA (Genesis)

### Have 20 Options!



You can play MUSHA with 20 options by pressing Start to pause the game, then pressing the following control sequence: Up, Up, Up, Down, Down, Down, Left, Left, Left, Right, Right, Right, C, C, B, A, and Start!

Jim Craforson, San Mateo, CA

### Super Volleyball (Genesis)

### Special Moves!



For a Super Serve press Up, A, and B simultaneously.

For a Super Spike that will knock over anyone on the opposite team that tries to return it, press Down, A, and B simultaneously after setting your spike.

### MUSHA (Genesis)

### Round Select!



Here's how to select rounds in MUSHA. Tum on the game and wait for the SEGA sign to appear, now press Reset. Wait for the SEGA sign to reappear and press reset again. Do this 9 more times. Then let the title screen pop up and enter the Options menu while you hold down Lower Left. You will now see ROUND listed underneath GAME LEVEL. Move down to Round, and press Right or Left to select Rounds!

### MUSHA (Genesis)

### Add Five Lives!

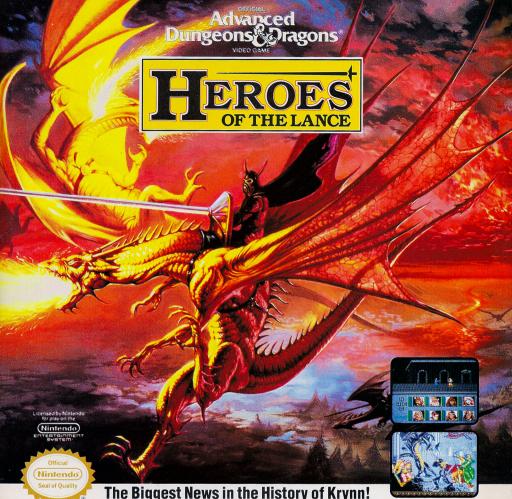


To add five lives while you're playing MUSHA, press Start to pause the game, then press Right, Down, Right, Down, Left, Up, Left, UP, B, C, A, and Start.

### Wings of Wor (Genesis)

### Stage Select!

To select stages in Wings of Wor, first enter the Options menu from the title screen. Now move the cursor down to CONTROL. Just wait there about 15 seconds. Now press the A button and you will see STAGE pop up on the screen. You can now select any Stage!







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### Silver Surfer (Nintendo)



Silver Surfer can make you an intergalactic nut case. Use these passwords to tame the game. Simultaneously press Up on both controllers to display the password screen. Now you can enter all three of these passwords.

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Jimmy Yee, San Francisco, CA

### Battle Royale (TurboGrafx-16) Get Back into the Ring!

Now you can get back into the ring after you get thrown out! Press Button I, Up, Down, Left, Right, Button II, Up, Down, Left, Right, Button II, Up, Down, Left, Right, and finally Button II.

Kevin Hill, St. Pete, FL

### **Boomer's Adventure** (TurboGrafx-16)

### Stage Select

This password enables you to select any stage: ANCIENT.

Garland Raye, Tulsa, OK

### **MUSHA** (Genesis)

### Play with Full Firepower!

You can fully power up your ship in MUSHA anytime you're playing by using the following keypresses. First press Start to pause the game, then press B, B, C, B, B, C, Up, Down, and A.

### Ninja Brothers (Nintendo)

Sound Test Mode!



If you're interested in checking out all of the music in Little Ninja Brothers, just enter the RPG mode, select PASSWORD, then type in SOUND as your password.

Yves Menard, Alexandria, ON, Canada

### Mega Man 3 (Nintendo)

### Freeze Your Enemies

To freeze any enemy in Mega Man 3, plug in two controllers. On Controller 2, push Up and A and just start playing with Controller 1.

Brian Mahar, St. Petersburg, FL

### Splatterhouse (TurboGrafx-16) Face the Fifth Boss



First use the old level select mode trick. During the title screen, press Run. You'll see the rain falling. Now hit Select three times. Next. hold down Lower Left and press Button I. Okay, set the select mode to 00 and be prepared to fight Boss No. 5.

John Contreras, Bergenfield, NJ

### Sword Master (Nintendo)

### **Unlimited Continues**

Now you can keep fighting on in Sword Master with endless continues from the beginning of the stage in which you were defeated. At the title screen hold down Down and Select. Now hit Start to begin a game. When you've used up your allocation of five continues the messaage "Free Play" will appear at the bottom of the screen. Now you can continue your quest.

J.D. Roth, Hollywood, CA

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### **Nintendo**

### Smash TV (Acclaim)



Thanks to the folks at Acclaim, Smash TV. one of the most innovative coin-op titles to date, has made its way home to the NES. In this futuristic game showstyle cart you and a partner compete in front of a simulated studio audience for cash, prizes, and your life?! Yes! Armed with lasers, smart bombs, grenades, and force fields for level-warping, you become a modern day gladiator as you defend yourself against huge armies of creatures including Combat Drones and Mutants. To simulate the hands-on feeling of an arcade game, they've even included an option which enables you to use both controllers at once. Smash TV gives an entirely new meaning to game show theme carts.

Available August '91

### Adventures of LoLo III (Hal America)

Peace and harmony in the land of the little round people has been disrupted once again. In part three of the LoLo and Labasaga, the King of Eggerland swooped down and sprinkled a magical dust over all the residents of Eggerland, transform-



ing them into stone. The poor Eggerlanders will remain little round rocks for eternity unless LoLo and LaLa track the bad king down and destroy him. In the 100 rooms of this puzzle adventure you see all of those old familiar foes (Medusa Heads and Snakies) as well as some new ones. They're called Mobies, and they appear in yet another new game feature, the underwater levels. Don't be an egghead, help LoLo and LaLa rock the king's boat.

Available July '91

### **Defenders of Dynatron City** (Lucasfilm Games)



Jet Headstrong and his zany crew of superhero pals are the stars of Lucasfilm's second contribution to the Nintendo gaming scene, Defenders of Dynatron. Mutated into superheroes as a result of fallout from Dynatron City's atomic-powered sewage plant, our friends, Jet Headstrong, Toolbox, and Buzzsaw Girl, have taken on the characteristics of tools of the time (a buzzsaw and a toolbox) with unique powers to match. Jet and company go on a hunt for the evil Dr. Mayhem and his villainous followers over eight action-packed vertically and horizontally scrolling levels. Heads up and thumbs up for Jet Headstrong and the Defenders of Dynatron City.

Available Fall '91

### Genesis

### Faery Tale Adventure (Electronic Arts)



Electronic Arts has another game-ace up its sleeve, Faery Tale Adventure. In this PC conversion you get all the basic elements of a challenging role play game: exploration, magic, monsters, treasures, potions, and more plus highly interactive animated battle scenes. The plot revolves around three brothers, Julian, Phillip, and Kevin who each have a highly developed trait, such as exceptional bravery or kindness. You start off with Julian and play his character until he's killed, then one of the brothers takes over. The mission is to seek out the missing Talisman; the only icon that can save your home town of Tambry from the evil forces of the night. However, you must first build up your character's bravery and vitality points, so you can successfully battle your way through dangerous territories such as Turtle Point, Sorcery Island, and the dreaded tombs of Hemsath...and then you live happily ever after.

Available July '91

#### **Dinoland** (Renovation)

It's pinball with a prehistoric gameplay twist. Renovation's new 16-bit pinball game, a first for the Genesis, gives you all the same great flipper-action gameplay you get from an arcade, as well as three challenge settings: normal, hard, and dangerous. Each level even comes with two big bosses! The hero of this crazy pinball saga is Dino the Dinosaur. A multi-talented reptile, Dino acts as both a pinball and as a free-standing fighter. The challenge



is to figure out when to use Dino as a ball to do things such as break open barriers and rescue his girlfriend, and when to use him as a regular dinosaur to free himself from the clutches of the grab-happy dinosaur foes – Tyrannosaurs and Allosaurs. Pinball or action thiller game? Take your pick. No matter how you slice it, Dinoland's a pinball lovers paradise.

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### TurboGrafx-16

Camp California! Yo Bro'! (NEC)



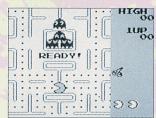
NEC's back on the programming track with a new cart titled, Camp California! Yo Bro! In this six level, two player (non-simultaneous) game you play Little Bro, the local skateboard shredder. Your job is to save the town from Professor Liverhosen's herd of wicked experimental creatures, which include everything from massive man-eating plants to dogs on hoverboards. With your trusty slingshot in hand or a heat-seeking rocket launcher if you're lucky enough to find one, you must skate your way through the streets picking off these creatures and saving townspeople. Managing all that heroism can be tricky when you have to dodge everyday street hazards, such as rocks and slick puddles of grimy motor oil. There are even four authentic Beach Boy

tunes to help you dudes and dudettes get stoked for the big skate-down. Camp California's lookin' good!

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### **Game Boy**

Pac Man (Namco)

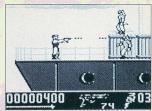


Everybody's favorite chomping-head, Pac Man is back in action. This time he's shown up on that ever popular portable system, the Game Boy. Of course if Pac Man's back, those pesky ghosts, Inky, Blinky. Pinky, and Clyde must be back. too. Right?! They're back alright, and they're more anxious then ever to get the Pacster in their ghostly grasp, Based on the original arcade version, Game Boy Pac Man takes you on one continuous journey through a never ending hall of mazes in search of Power Pills. Chemies. and Oranges - those tasty goodies that give Pac Man ghost-munching powers and bonus points. This pint-sized Pac is ready and waiting to go anywhere. Beware. Pac-addicts, this porta-Pac will get you hooked, for sure!

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While attending to a vessel in distress, a U.S. Navy helicopter is shot down by a terrorist gunboat. You and your fellow Navy Seals have been assigned to bring down the terrorist coup and retrieve both the prisoners, as well as a stolen supply of Stinger surface to air missiles. Your mission takes you through the crowded streets of Beirut city in search of an illusive



informant; the only person who knows the location of the terrorists hideout. A slow-firing handgun and a machine gun are your two main sources of defense. Your third resource is a fellow team member, a specially trained sniper, who you can call upon for help twice during each level. A one man, five level rescue mission is never easy, unless you're a slick Navy Seal.

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### Game Gear

G-LOC (Sega)



Grab vourself a Game Gear and load it up with Sega's new arcade port-over title. G-LOC, and you can experience the thrills and chills of high speed aerial dog-fighting right in the palm of your hand. In this miniaturized, two player version you get two views, a first person cockpit complete with heads up display and a behind your tail view. As you soar, dive, and spin your way through the nine hair-raising night and day combat missions, you'll find yourself faced with a hearty helping of predicaments which include having to chase the enemy under bridges, through winding canyons, and over narrow ocean channels. Fasten vour belts, budding jet jockeys, G-LOC's gonna' blast your gravity boots off!

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### Nintendo

### **Dragon Warrior**

Dear ASK THE PROS, I am stationed in West Germany and I've recently been playing Dragon Warrior I. My problem is that I've pretty much mastered the game except that I can't find the Stones of Sunlight that are in Tantegel Castle. I've looked everywhere in the castle and surrounding areas. Can

Emesto A. Amava, APO, NY

#### Dear Emesto.

vou help me?

The Stones of Sunlight are hidden outside the castle itself, but they're still within the castle area. From the point where you purchase keys in Tantagel Castle, go outside and move to the right (but DON'T leave the castle area). Stay close to the wall and head south. Go around the water and you'll find a door in the ground (the cellar). Enter the cellar and you'll find the Stones you seek.

### **Genesis**

### Michael Jackson's Moonwalker

Dear ASK THE PROS,

I've been stuck in Michael Jackson's Moonwalker for months. I can't figure out how to defeat Mr. Big, Do you have any tips?

Adam Forfang, El Sobrante, CA

#### Dear Adam

To defeat Mr. Big in Michael Jackson's Moonwalker your best bet is to use the spaceship and then keep moving while you're shooting. The most effective strategy is "hit-and-run" – fly by him and fire helder. NEVER pause to aim or you'll get nailed. This strategy takes a while, but it's the safest way to win.

#### **Ghouls and Ghosts**

Dear ASK THE PROS.

I'm playing the Genesis classic, Ghouls and Ghosts. I've seen a couple of tricks for the game in your magazine, but I was wondering if there was a level select you could give me?

Daniel Voorhees, Moorestown, NJ

#### Dear Daniel.

You bet! To get the level select in Ghouls and Ghosts, press UP, DOWN, LEFT, and RIGHT as the title is dropping from top to bottom. A musical chord will sound if the trick worked. Now do one of the following sequences to select your level:

LEVEL	SEQUENCE
The Execution Place	Start
The Floating Island on the Lake	Button A+Start
The Village of Decay	Up + Start
The Town of Fire	Up + Button A + Start
Baron Rankle's Towe	r Down + Start
Horrible Faced Mountain	Down + Button A + Start
The Crystal Forest	Left + Start
The Ice Slopes	Left + Button A + Start
Beginning of Castle	Right + Start
Middle of Castle	Right + Button A + Start
Loki Dov	wn + Right + Start

By the way, there's also a way to play a Japanese version of the game. Just select OPTION on the opening screen. Choose the last numbers for music (26) and sound (56). Next hold the lower left part of the directional pad while pressing A, B, C, and Start.

### TurboGrafx-16 Dungeon Explorer

Dear ASK THE PROS,
I heard a rumor that there's an invincibility
code for Dungeon Explorer. Is this true,
and if so, what is it? Thank you.

Steven Sethi Burleson TX



Being invincible makes the toughest foes seem like wimps!!!

#### Dear Steven,

That was no rumor, that was a S.W.A.T. The invincibility code for Dungeon Explorer appeared in the S.W.A.T. section of the January '90 issue of GamePro. But just in case you don't have that issue, here it is one more time:

First type in the password:

DEBDE

DEBDA

Then, press Run and Button I simultaneously. The screen will read "Password Error." Now press Button II and choose your character!

### **Game Got You Baffled?**

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### **Questions G and H** Winners

### **Ouestion G: Metal Gear** (Konami for NES)

Dear ASK THE PROS. In Metal Gear, I don't understand how to get the rocket launcher. It's supposed to be in a certain room, but I can't find it. Please solve my problem.

Junior Rodriguez, Lake Wales, FL

#### Answer:

To get the rocket launcher you must first have a rank of four stars. When you do, radio Jennifer at frequency 120.48 and she'll provide you with the rocket launcher and the compass. She'll place them in two different rooms.

Paul Bartoldo, Fremont, CA

### **Ouestion H: Super Mario Bros. 2 (Nintendo for NES)**

Dear ASK THE PROS. In Level 6-3 in Super Mario Bros. 2 just past the pyramid door, there are a few clouds and then a door. I have tried numerous times, but I can't reach the clouds to get to the door. Is there a way

to reach the door and, if there is, where

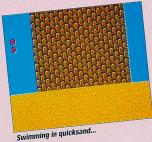
does the door lead to? Gerold Shelton, Moline, IL

### Answer:

You can't reach the door in the clouds from the pyramid area. The only way to get there is at the beginning of Level 6-3. Choose Princess Toadstool. When you go up the ladder you'll see some quicksand just to your left and a big rock wall on top of the quicksand. Jump in the quicksand and let the Princess sink until her head is just under, then start moving left under the rock. Keep pressing Button A so you don't drown. Soon you'll end up on the other side of the wall where you'll see a door. This door will take you to the clouds just past the pyramid.

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### **Nintendo Settles Price Fixing Charges**

Nintendo of America says it will hand out up to \$25 million in coupons to customers and will pay \$5 million in order to settle price fixing charges brought against it by the Federal Trade Commission

Nintendo agreed to partially refund people who paid \$99.95 for the NES between June 1988 and December 1990. Everyone who bought an NES during this period is entitled to a \$5 coupon. good towards the purchase of a Nintendo game cartridge.

According to Nintendo Vice President Howard Lincoln, Nintendo did not admit to violating antitrust laws, it just settled the case to maintain consumer good will.

### **Konami's Christmas** Line-up

Yikes! Better start saving your sheckels 'cause Konami has a truckload of hot stuff coming between now and Christmas '91. For the NES there's: Pirates (the hit PC

swashbuckling adventure). Where in Time is Carmen San Diego? (from the Broderbund smash series - fun and educational!), Monster in My Pocket Tiny Toons, Contra III, Kings Quest V (another former PC megahit), and Bucky O'Hare (rabbits in space?). Konami will also hit the scene with Star Trek for the NES and the Game Boy. These carts will tie-in with the 25th Anniversary of the tee vee classic. Beam us up, Scotty!

Other Game Boy fare includes: World Circuit Series (an overhead F-1-type racing game), Blades of Steel (it's about time there was a hockey cart The Legend of the Mystic Ninja



for the GB!), Castlevania II. Teenage Mutant Ninia Turtles II, and Double Dribble: 5 on 5. Sounds like a happy holiday season for the folks at Konami!

For the Super NES look for The Legend of the Mystical Ninia (a ninja warrior action game with hot graphics), Gradius III. Castlevania IV. and Teenage Mutant Ninia Turtles. Everything but the Turtles will be available before Christmas.

### Revenge of the **Battletoads**

Can't get enough of the hottest NES cart of 1991? Good news. Toadsters! The Battletoads are shrinking down, so they can fit on your Game Boy. According

to Tradewest

Battletoads will be released for the Game Boy this August. Also in August, Jack Nicklaus Golf for the Game Boy.

### Capcom Summer/Fall **Game List**

Big things goin' on at Capcom (as usual!). Mega Man 4 will be ready for the NES by November. In the Disney line, Little Mermaid is available this month (see our review next issue). Tale Spin is coming in the Fall, and Darkwing Duck will be ready for the SNES in March of '92. And speaking of SNES stuff, don't forget about Final Fight in September, U.N. Squadron before Christmas. and Ghouls and Ghosts, Finally, the seguel to the Game Boy hit,

Gargoyle's Quest will be available for the NES (that's right, the NES!) around January 1992.

### Sega's Fall Genesis Line-up

An impressive collection of software is coming for the Sega Genesis this Christ-Castlevania IV mas. Leading the pack is Joe Montana II, the second Sega football title of 1991 for the Genesis. Sports gamers (that means you, Fanatic Fan!) will be happy to hear that Sega is expanding their sports category with the additions of new hockey and baseball carts. Also in the

works Hallow World, a fantasy roleplaying game from the makers of Dungeons and Dragons TSR. In addition, look for Golden Axe II. Cyborg Justice, and the cutesy Fabtek coin-op, Toki.

### **Big Plans at American Sammy**

Look for American Sammy to release a Neo-Geo version of their NES roundball cart. Ultimate Basketball. The new super version will be called Dunk Star.

American Sammy also has BIG Super Famicom plans. They've just inked a deal to do a super Football game for the new 16-bit Nintendo, plus they're working on Faery Tale Adventure. Faery Tale Adventure will be an 8-meg cart filled with real voice, plus a battery backup. The folks at AS say that the game will be extremely user-friendly, asking you (via the special voice chip) what action you would like to take. But wait! There's more! The PC fantasy adventure, King's Bounty, is coming for the SNES as well. King's Bounty is the New World Computing adventure quest/fantasy roleplay/battle strategy game.

### "Trog" Migrates to the NES

Trog, the dinosaur-munching coin-op caveman, is coming to the NES this fall thanks to Acclaim. The object of this popular 1991 Williams Electronic Games arcade title is to maneuver your dinosaur through a maze, snapping up dino-eggs in your path. The carnivorous caveman, Trog, is also in the maze, ready to turn you in to a dino-burger at first chance. The Williams coin-op was filled with great Claymation - it's safe to say the NES version won't. But you can expect a plenty of fast action and cartoony graphics.



### **Virgin's McGames**

It was only a matter of time. The video game industry is dominated by guys ages 8-16. Most fast food buyers are guys ages 8-16. Somebody put two and two together and ended up with cheeseburgers! Yes. McDonalds is coming to the world of Nintendo M.C. Kids is an upcoming release from Virgin Games, Inc. (formerly Arcadia Systems, Inc.) for the NES. It's a one or two player "Mario" style cart with many different large scrolling levels. The object is to get back Ronald McDonald's bag of magic from the Hamburglar All the other McDonaldland creatures will be there, too, and each game will include a bag o' fries and a chocolate shake (just kidding...but wouldn't it be great?).



### Koei's Grand Prize Winner

Terry Barkley of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, was the grand prize winner in **Koei's** "How Well Do You Know Our History Contest?" (*GamePro*, ProNews, Jan. '91). Barkley was chosen from over 10,000 entries. He'll receive a Sony Handicam for his knowledge of Chinese and Japanese military history. Actually, you didn't have to be a "Jeopardy" candidate to win —

the questions were all multiple choice and most of the choices were obvious (even WE figured them out and we're no rocket scientists). Another 200 gamers won Koei carts or Genghis Khan t-shirts. Way to go, dudes!

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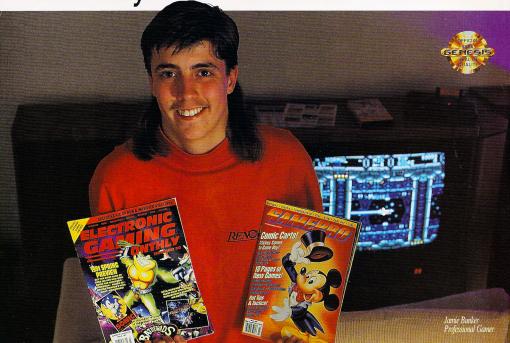
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