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In Volume 75, we asked you to send in your ideas for dream games. We didn't expect the tidal wave of responses that came pouring in! Here's just a small sample of what we've received so far.

I think you should come out with a game called Final Fantasy Generations. It would include Final Fantasy 1, 2, and 3, like Super Mario All-Stars. I also think you should have EarthBound 2.

NOAH HOUSE
SEAVIEW, WA

Hmm... my dream game? A sequel to Super Mario Kart. You could get cool power-ups like a plunger that you could stick into opponents. Then, you could shoot them anywhere you like. There would also be power-ups that would make a double of you. Then, other players would waste their shells and bananas trying to spin you out.

CHRISTIAN BRAY
ORLANDO, FL

I think the next great game (if you can make it) would be EarthBound for the Game Boy. Better yet, how about an EarthBound sequel for the Game Boy.

BRIAN ARPIDONE
STRONGSVILLE, OH

My dream game would be a sequel to SimCity, with an election every four years or so and more sources of info like a newspaper.

MATT KREMS
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Free Willy and The Munsters.

CAMERON TRIPPLET JR.
BROOKSVILLE, MS

I think it would be really cool if you made the Mega Man characters into a fighting game.

TONY STOCKER
VASHON, WA

I think that you should make a Gumby video game. You could have him do anything in a video game because he's made out of clay.

CHRIS BERMEN
RODEO, CA

I would like Tank Girl to become a game on the Super NES because the idea of a woman super-action hero who's pro-feminist is appealing to many women and men. Why should women keep on taking a back seat to men? Arnold, Sly and Jean-Claude get very nauseating after their 10th macho-man film made into a video game.

ROBIN ORLANORI
KATY, TX

The X-Files would make a great RPG.

SHANNON CALLAHAN
FRESNO, CA

EarthBound 2. This time Ness is older, and can even drive his own car and borrow money from his mom and dad. At the arcades, he can play way-cool games like Killer Instinct and Primal Rage for 25 cents. He can have his own Super NES at home and buy real Super NES games.

MATTHEW BILLEAUDEAUX
YOUNGSVILLE, LA

Dragon Warrior IV and Run Saber 2 for the Super NES. All these games should be made by Nintendo and Rare with graphics like those in Donkey Kong Country and Killer Instinct.

BENTON W. FERGUSON
RALEIGH, NC
I would like to see a sequel to Ken Griffey Jr. Presents Major League Baseball, with the following changes: more control of pitches, control of slides when baserunning, trades, and player slumps and injuries. But keep the graphics, gameplay, game speed and stadium animation.

AARON DOLORES BOLINAS, CA

I would truly appreciate it if you made a Super NES version of Maniac Mansion. Use 3-D graphics, cool colors, and a more interesting plot.

HEATHER ROGERSON CONCORD, CA

It would be so cool if you could make a Virtual Boy Metroid game.

JOHN KROHN MUNITH, MI

Also, thanks to Julie Dillon of Sacramento, CA, Jeff Jones of Hampton, VA, Mary Sotebeer of Owatonna, MN, Chris Apitz of Pecatonica, IL, and Cameron White of Tonasket, WA, for suggesting another Zelda game.

WRITE AWAY RIGHT AWAY!
When writing us, don’t forget to put your name and address on your letter, as well as on the back of any photo or artwork you send us. Thanks!

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Nintendo Power readers are gearing up their systems for hot new games, including Yashi's Island and Diddy's Kong Quest. Not shown here but bubbling just under the ten most wanted are two long-awaited titles, THQ's The Mask and Playmates' Earthworm Jim 2. Don't mask your opinions. Use the Player's Poll card at the back of this issue to make your voice heard.

1. NINTENDO ULTRA 64
2. KILLER INSTINCT (NU 64)
3. MORTAL KOMBAT 3 (NU 64)
4. CRUIS'N USA (NU 64)
5. DOOM (NU 64)
6. VIRTUAL BOY
7. MORTAL KOMBAT 3
8. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2: DIDDY'S ANGRY QUEST
9. SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND
10. KILLER INSTINCT
The ultimate video game system in the universe, the Nintendo Ultra 64, debuts at Shoshinkai on November 24th and the Famicon Space World exhibition on November 25th and 26th in Japan. Nintendo Power will be there to cover the breaking news, the excitement and any monster attacks that may occur during the show. Are we excited? Do pigs wallow in muck? The first NU64 games will be there! As many as one hundred NU 64 units should be on display! As many as ten games will be demonstrated. Still other games will be glimpsed for the first time via special video tape footage. Godzilla is, reportedly, a huge Nintendo fan! (In fact, the biggest.) And the long awaited unveiling of the revolutionary Nintendo Ultra 64 controller will take place. Of course, all of the hoopla is really for the Japanese version of the system, which is called the Nintendo 64. The North American NU 64 isn’t scheduled to come out until this spring. Some of what you are about to read may change between press time and the opening of the show, but this is the best bet on what will happen.
CONTROLLING THE FUTURE

We knew that the NU 64 controller was going to be different, but the reality is far cooler than any speculation might have been. First off, you’re probably wondering if it was made for people with three hands or, if there are people with three hands around, where are they? No. Sorry. There’s a simpler answer. The three grip design of the NU 64 controller makes it easier to use the standard cross pad on the left or the new analog stick in the center. You grip the left handle of the controller when using the cross pad and the central handle when using the stick. The analog stick allows players a much higher level of accuracy while controlling games. The stick rotates smoothly through 360° and is made of a single piece of composite material for extra strength. It allows precision game control, especially in high speed situations, because of its analog design. For instance, in most racing games, you end up over-steering because the standard cross pad operates on the principle of all-or-nothing—either you’re turning or you’re not and the angle of your turn never changes. With the analog stick, you control the degree of change. For a slight movement to the left, you push the stick a short distance. For an exaggerated movement to the left, you push it all the way to the side. Not every game may make use of the stick, but it is a significant step above every other controller in the video game world.

On to the control buttons. First off, the button above the stick is the Start button. The two larger buttons to the right are A and B. The four buttons to the right of those can be used in many ways including use as an additional directional control pad. Okay, now for the buttons you can’t see. On the top of the controller are Left and Right buttons, pretty much in the same place as they are on Super NES controllers. Also, you’ll find a trigger button directly under the analog stick. As you move the stick with your thumb, the trigger button feels like the trigger on a light stick. For shoot-em-up simulations, this setup is absolutely awesome.

Believe it or not, there’s more, but we can’t mention it yet. Hey, life is a mystery...at least until next month. As for the NU 64 console, it has four built-in controller ports in front. You’ll never have to buy a multi-player adapter with the NU 64. Our guess is that more multi-player games will be programmed as a result. The NU 64 is destined to become the first truly social video game system in the universe.
Lance Barr, the head designer at NOA, worked with the NU 64 design team in Japan on the controller. The sculpted shape of the radical new Batarang-like controller was so complex that it couldn’t even be modeled on a computer. During development, the first mock-up was created out of clay. Lance showed off his finished handiwork to your Power editors and explained how it all functioned. But the ultimate thrill was in actually wrapping our paws around the grips and working the buttons. It’s much sleeker than it appears in the photos—only a little wider than the Super NES controller, but it felt very comfortable and the control elements were exceptionally well-placed. Large and small hands alike found it easy to manipulate. None of that happened by accident. Lance and the Japanese team made extensive studies of how controllers are used with test groups before and during the design process. One thing they learned is that most games use a few buttons for most of the main controls, such as jumping and shooting, or accelerating and braking. That’s why the A and B Buttons are placed for easiest access on the new controller and why they are larger than the other buttons. They’re the buttons that get high traffic.

The emphasis on directional controls with the cross pad, analog stick, four directional buttons and Left and Right Buttons may seem like overkill, but the software that will make use of the Nintendo Ultra 64 system’s remarkable ability to display super realistic 3-D graphics may take games into a whole new realm of control in which it won’t be enough to move left and right and up and down. You may also have to move into a scene, or move two characters independently at the same time. The beauty of the NU 64 controller is that it will allow for game designers to stretch their imaginations in new directions, and for game players to follow their lead into unexplored worlds.

LEI! THE GAMES BEGIN

Shoshinkai exhibits games for two audiences. The distributors and retailers want to see what games will be hot in the future so they know what to order. The gamers want to play the hottest new games before they appear in the stores. Put the two groups together and you end up with a bunch of kids in jeans watching and listening to a bunch of kids in jeans playing video games. This year, the NU 64 games will be where most of the excitement is, but dozens of new titles for the Super NES, Virtual Boy and Game Boy systems will also make their debut.
This is the trickiest category to anticipate. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Yamauchi, the president of NCL, will decide which games will be shown shortly before the show opens. Some games may exist only in self-running demos while others may have a level or two of play and others may be finished. That’s typical of such shows where publishers want to show off their most exciting products, whether they’re finished or not. Security has been extraordinarily tight at NCL, so the surprises could be big time.

**FAST FAQ's**

**Q:** What is Shoshinkai?

**A:** Shoshinkai is an annual trade show sponsored by Nintendo’s product distributors in Japan. Nintendo and its third party licensees showcase their newest upcoming products for the distributors. This year, Shoshinkai takes place in Makuhari, an international industrial/commercial project north of Tokyo in the Chiba district.

**Q:** What is Famicom Space World?

**A:** Space World is a free show for the public that follows the one day Shoshinkai. Gamers who wish to attend need only pick up an entry pass at any official Nintendo retail location in Japan.

**Q:** How many NU 64 games will be shown at Shoshinkai?

**A:** We don’t have a final number, but it could be as many as ten games. We expect there to be 100 NU 64 units with demonstration software.

**Q:** Is the Japanese version of the NU 64 coming out before the North American version?

**A:** The Japanese Nintendo 64 is scheduled to be released first.

**Q:** When will the Nintendo Ultra 64 be released in North America?

**A:** April 1996. No change.
The Kong clan is back in all their fully-rendered glory, with Diddy and Dixie leading the charge against Kaptain K. Rool and his Kremlings! The programmers at Rare show off their astounding technology in yet another 32-megabit wonder!

**THE RETURN OF KONG**

If you think Donkey Kong 2: Diddy's Kong Quest is just a re-hash of the first DKC, think again! This pak is crammed to the gills with new and improved features, not the least of which is the size of the world you'll be exploring. Rare squeezed about 50% more game area into the sequel than was in the original, but don't think for a second that anything was sacrificed in return. DKC2 is a visual feast, its lush graphics surpassing anything ever seen in a 16-bit game, or even most of the so-called "next generation" games now available. Going beyond just shading and texturing, Rare somehow made the characters and backgrounds look as if they're glowing in varying degrees with reflected light, the way real objects do. The soundtrack and sound effects also got the royal treatment, and as you listen to the shifting timbers aboard the Gangplank Galleon, you'll have to look out the window to make sure your whole house hasn't set sail! Of course, none of this would be worth much without terrific game play, and DKC2 has it in spades. New puzzles, new abilities, new bonuses and new enemies are just a few of the things you'll encounter in the first stage alone! In a season with no shortage of fantastic Super NES releases, DKC2 is a true standout!
King K. Rool now fancies himself a pirate, taking on the title of “Kaptain” and ordering his Kremlings to dress up as peg-legged buccaneers. In the best (worst?) pirate tradition, they’ve kidnapped Donkey Kong and are holding him for ransom in their lair on Crocodile Isle. Now it’s Diddy and Dixie’s turn to play hero, swinging, jumping and bopping their way across six massive worlds (each with multiple stages) in search of their hapless comrade!
Who Will Guide You?

Although Diddy and Dixie volunteered to go it alone, the rest of the Kong clan couldn't keep their noses out of such a grand adventure. They'll pop up at strategic points during the journey to offer helpful advice, bonuses and other services. Keep in mind that, even though they're family, not all of their services are free. As Cranky Kong might say, "Ya've gotta make a living somehow, sonny!"

Wrinkly Kong
At Kong Kollection, Cranky's kindly wife will teach you the Kringling ways and give you tips on general strategy and game play techniques. She can also move your game for you. She does charge a small tuition fee for classes, but she'll give you your first move in each level for free.

Klubba
This reaggae Kringling is not above giving you some help, for a price. If you pay a toll of 15 Kringkrons, he'll let you cross his bridge. He won't say where the path leads, but if you take in enough cash, you can find out for yourself.

Diddy's Helpers
Besides getting help from family members, our endan-

ered duo will meet up with some new animal buddies  along the way. Old friends Rambi, Enguarde Squawks will also put in several guest appearances.

Rattly
You can hitch a ride on Ratty's back and jump higher and farther than you would have ever thought possible.

Clapper
Clapper's frosty breath will cool down some bodies of water just long enough for you to swim or slide to safety.

Square
Squatter can defeat enemies with his webs, and he can also reach high places by spinning platforms out of them.
Diddy’s New Cool Stuff

What would an adventure be without some serious swag to bring home afterward? Not only is there enough cool treasure around to choke an elephant (and maybe get Cranky to quiet down for a minute!), but you’ll also find a shipload of new barrels, balloons and whatnot that will make your job of heroing a bit easier. There are a few items we haven’t shown here, but you’ll find out about them soon enough!

Banana Coin
These are legal tender throughout Crocodile Isle and beyond, and you’ll find a lot of them strewn about. They may not be gold doubloons, but your family members will accept them for any services rendered.

Hero Coin
Minted by Cranky Kong himself, Hero Coins are special tokens that the old monkey has planted along your path, one per level. If you collect them all, you just might prove to him that you’re hero material!

Kremkoins
Kremkoins are rarer and more valuable than Banana Coins, and they are hidden in secret areas, usually reachable only through Bonus Barrels. Klubba accepts only Kremkoins, and you’ll need 15 to pay the toll.

Kannon
They may be old, but Kannons are powerful enough to hurl you to nearby stages. You must find a Kannonball to activate one. Once you do, the Kannon will be visible, and you can jump on it.

Animal Barrels
These barrels will transform you into the animal pictured on the side. If you’ve already been transformed into that animal, you’ll gain an extra hit. Score!

Steer Barrel
A Steerable Barrel can be moved in any direction using the Control Pad. As with the Rotater Barrel, you may only use it a few seconds to get yourself into position before the barrel shoots you out automatically.

Invincible Barrel
Barrels marked with an exclamation point will make you invincible for a few seconds. You’ll glow as long as you’re invulnerable, but the effect fades fairly quickly.

+ and - Barrels
In roller coaster stages, the Plus Barrel adds time to the clock, while the Minus Barrel subtracts it. Some other areas are timed as well, but there’s no way to affect the timer in those places.

Check and X
A couple of stages feature a ride on a roller coaster. Once you’re onboard, the Check Barrel will open gates on the track, while the X Barrel will close them. Let’s hope your reflexes are sharp!

Crates
Crates don’t have anything of value hidden within them, but they make good weapons. They occasionally have a banana or a Banana Coin inside, though, and every little bit helps.
Ahoy! Kaptain K. Rool's flagship, the Gangplank Galleon, has run aground off the coast of Crocodile Isle (okay, so he's a pirate, not a sailor). Her decks are awash with Kremling cutthroats, but you decide to investigate, just in case. Since this is your first time doing the hero thing, you might need some help finding your way. Donkey Kong managed to leave a trail of bananas as he was dragged off, so if you ever get turned around, follow the yellow fruit to the end of the stage. Aye! Ahrr!

Mainbrace Mayhem
Look for a lone banana that conceals a Blast Barrel. This is your ticket to a Bonus Barrel!

Pirate Ponto
This is the first stage, but there's more than enough to keep you occupied. Try throwing your partner upward to see what you can find, but don't forget the cargo hold, down below.

Gangplank Galleon
You'll learn a new skill in this stage: the art of hanging by your tail. (Ouch!) In this and other stages, you'll find hooks suspended in mid-air, and you can grab onto them and swing across wide gaps. You'll also find an Invincibility Barrel and two bonus stages here, among other things. Once you're invulnerable, run to the right as fast as you can and look for large stacks of barrels to jump onto. If you're quick, you can mow down a Kruncha or two and clear the way to a Bonus Barrel.

Kong Kollege
Be quiet, class! Mrs. Wrinkly has a lot to cover today, so let's get settled. If you need tips on using your abilities or defeating enemies, Mrs. Wrinkly is your gal. Once she teaches you something, you can review that advice again for free.
**Krows Nest**
The Kaptain left behind his henchbird, Krow, to ward off anyone who dared board the Gangplank Galleon. He (or maybe she?) is armed to the beak with a nest full of giant eggs. Jump on the eggs to stop their bouncing, then crack them open on this bird's humungous head!

**Topsail Trouble**
As in Mainbrace Mayhem, the bulk of this stage consists of swinging along the rigging of the ship. Look for places to jump down, up or out onto. There's even a spot where you can use enemies as steps to a barrel.

**Swoonky's Bonus Bananaza**
It's time to put on a tacky polyester shirt and test your knowledge in front of a studio audience! There are three games of varying difficulty, and if you answer all of the questions correctly, you'll win extra lives. Now, let's meet our contestants!

**Lockjaw's Locker**
Here’s your chance to make like Jacques Cousteau and venture “into ze myster-ious underwatair world.” Among the scattered crates and barrels are small crevices which contain gobs of bananas and coins.
Crocodile Cauldron

Kleever's Hill
Kleever is a cutlass-headed cuss who lives up to his name. Don't try stomping on him, or you'll get a serious razor burn! Use the falling Kannonballs to dull his edge, then swing on the hooks to get to the other ledge.

Squawk's Shaft
After you blast your way around the cargo hold dodging bees and vultures, Squawk comes along to lend a wing and take you to the exit. Look for Bonus Barrels in mid-air. They are off on the edges of the screen.

Monkey Museum
Cranky can be pretty full of himself, and you have to wonder sometimes if he really knows what he's talking about, or if he is just spouting off to impress you. Go ahead and take a cheap tip or two from him and check them out, then you can decide for yourself.

Red-Hot Ride
Wouldn't you know it? It's your first balloon ride, and it's underground! Use the control pad to maneuver around enemies, but watch your altitude. The balloon will slowly sink, so you have to get to the next gas jet before you're engulfed in lava. Look for a Bonus Barrel under the halfway point.
Diddy's Kong Quest

You can probably get by without any major help yet, but paying one coin for a lesson on web platforms is worth it! Mrs. Wrinkly is so nice, it's hard to believe she's married to Cranky!

Lava Lagoon

If you want to fully explore this stage, be very careful. Clapper can keep the water cool, but only for a few seconds at a time. Don't stay under long, or you'll be monkey soup!

Kannon's Claim

It's Blast Barrel time as you fly through the air with the greatest uncase! Use Dixie's helicopter spin technique to get to the Bonus Barrel off to the right of the start point. Besides a Kremkoin, you can also land yourself a Hero Coin.

Fludd's Frock

Trust us, 15 Kremkoins is a bargain price!

Hot Head Hop

Don't pass up any of the treasure chests in this stage. Use the team throw to get to the ledge above the entrance and grab the chest there. Try to find a Kannonball.

Okay folks, let's meet our contestants! And you are... Diddy and Dixie? You're not some sort of retro rock group, are you?
What? Another wrecked ship? Hasn't K. Rool ever learned how to drive these things?! Well, you may have steering problems in this level, too, especially since some of the stages don't give you much time to look around and gauge your next move. In Barrel Bayou, for example, you often have to destroy a Kloak before he tosses out a bee that blocks a bonus item. At other times, though, if you let him go, he'll throw out a chest with a terrific reward in it!

**Kong College**

The SATs (Superhero Aptitude Tests) are coming up, so be sure to brush up. You'll do your best for old Mrs. Wrinkly, won't you? Of course you will.

**Barrel Bayou**

This Bonus Barrel appears near the end of the stage. Jump before the Kloak can block it.

**Glimmer's Galleon**

You start off the stage paddling around in the dark, but Glimmer soon shows up to shed some light on things. His headlamp shines only in the direction you're facing, so be aware of any Flortsams and Lockjaws flitting back and forth.

**Krookhead Kloaker**

When you first start the stage, head left instead of right. Use Dixie's better jumping ability and helicopter technique to get to a cluster of four bees and a chest. Don't jump into the Blast Barrel until you've found the Hero Coin!
**Monkey Museum**
Cranky insists on being in on the action, despite all his complaining.

**Bramble Blast**
The key in this Blast-Barrel-only stage is patience. Since you can’t always double back, once you get to a cluster of barrels, map them and look for possible bonuses before taking the main path out.

**Swanky’s Bonus Bonanza**
You’ll need as many extra lives as you can get in this world. Unfortunately, once you’ve won a particular bonus game, you can’t play it again for more lives.

**Slim’s Climb**
As if the rising tide weren’t enough, there’s a Lockjaw who’s pegged you for lunch! Our advice here is to keep moving, and look for a Blast Barrel to skip some tricky jumps.

**Rattle Rattle**
Jump up at the start to get to a Bonus Barrel. If you have Diddy and Dixie at the start, or pick up one of them along the way, your snake form will survive one hit from an enemy.

**Kludgy’s Pooch**
What great secret does he guard now?

**Kudgel’s Kynest**
Kudgel can really throw his weight around! It’s best not to be on the ground when he lands, or you’ll be left-stunned and immobile for a few seconds.
**Krazy**

Step right up and enter the world's most dangerous amusement park! Take the ride of your life on Kremland's Target Terror roller coaster, guaranteed to make you regret those double chili dogs you had for lunch! Visit the Bamble Scramble maze, where one false move will end your ride permanently!

There's no admission fee, but between your money or your life, you know which one we'd choose! So remember the name, friends: Kremland! It's a killer place!

**Kong Holleys**

Alright, students, open your books to page... Mr. Kong, is it? Young man, we'll have no more of your shenanigans!

**Mudhole March**

If you hit Cat-O'-Nine-Tails just right, he'll throw you high enough to reach a Bonus Barrel. Be careful of his whipping tails, though.

**Klubba's Rig**

By now you probably know that all of Klubba's secrets are related, but each toll gives you access to a different part of that secret place.

**Funky's Flights II**

Funky is a bit late opening the ticket office in this level, so you should build up a reserve of lives before you show off from Krem Quay.

**Hornet Hole**

The walls are covered with beeswax, allowing you to pull off a Super Metroid-style wall jump. Dixie's helicopter move comes in real handy.

**Rambi Rumble**

The beeswax on the floors keeps you from walking, but you can jump. You automatically change into Rambi about halfway through.

**King Zing Sting**

The only vulnerable spot on this buzzer is his stinger. Yowza! After you hit him a few times, he'll change his form.
This is possibly the toughest stage in this level. Jump over the thorns just to the right of the start to find the letter "K." Once you get the Invincibility Barrel, jump down the first gap and haul tail to a Blast Barrel even on the right.

Use the team throw to climb up the platforms behind you at the start, then jump across the gap. Once you’re back on the roller coaster, keep jumping to find more bonuses.

Whatever you do, resist the impulse to jump at every barrel! The Check Barrels open gates, and the X Barrels close them. If you hit a gate, say goodnight to one of your characters. There’s a Bonus Barrel over the crest of a hill that you won’t see until it’s too late to jump for it, but don’t worry about missing it. Chances are you’ll have to repeat this stage several times, anyway!

The questions in the first and second games are usually pretty easy, but the third game has at least one stumper. Pay attention to level names, and check the instruction manual for other important information.

You’ll find Cranky’s hints very vague in this level. He’ll sometimes hint about some sort of bonus, but he may not give you a clue about where it is in the stage.
Kreep Krow has an entire squadron of dive-bombing buzzards determined to keep you from reaching the nest at the top of the mast. Though the birds don’t look substantial, they’re solid enough to feel a good stomp on the head. The one that looks solid, though, is the one you should gun for. Grab the barrel that appears and use it on Kreep himself.

Ghostly Grove
Spiny’s, Klampons and Kloaks, oh my! There are more than ghosts flitting about in this stage, and just remember that while some enemies can be taken out with a stomp on the head, others are vulnerable to a cartwheel or a spin. If you’re unsure about grabbing a phantom rope, wait a few seconds to watch its pattern and gauge how much time you’d have.

Haunted Hall
It’s back on track for the Kong pair, racing against the clock and away from Kackle’s coldchurches. He looms just behind your roller coaster car, waiting for the timer to run out on your ride and your life! Look for different tracks to jump onto to reach bonus stages.
You can use the team toss to climb the taller slopes, but what about those backward-pointing arrows? Many such secrets are buried in these woods. Just make sure the same doesn't happen to you!

Want to find the letter “K”? You'll find a crate near the beginning of the stage. Grab it, hop down the next step and throw it against the right wall.

Gloomy Gulch will seem like the Bahamas once you get to the other side of Klubha's bridge. Are you up to the challenge?

You've probably already guessed the info in today's classes, but the lecture on bonus levels has an interesting statistic.

The wind helps and hinders your progress through this “uplifting” stage. If you'd like a little reptilian assistance, go up and left from the starting point to find Rattly.

Here are our returning champs, Diddy and Dixie! They've had a terrific run on our show, and we'll see if they can keep winning. Give 'em a big hand, folks!

Dude! What took you so long? I was about to check out the surf, man. I won't be showing up again for a long time, so if you need, like, extra lives and stuff, ya'd better go back and score some in the easy stages.
At last! You've finally reached K. Rool's Keep, the Kaptain's not-so-cozy home atop Crocodile Isle. You're so close to finding DK, you can smell him! (Uh, well, you know what we mean.) Anyway, having come this far, K. Rool knows you're not just monkeying around, and he's got some special surprises planned for you. Now, this is no time to be standing around, scratching your armpits. What are you waiting for? Get in there and rescue the Big Guy!

**Shades of video games past!** Donkey Kong Jr. fans will recognize the homage paid to that arcade classic in this stage. Just past the entrance, the chamber splits into two. The letter "O" will appear on whichever path you take, but the right fork also conceals a Banana Coin.

**Klubba has set up shop far in the distance.** The toll is still 15 Kremkoinss, but what you'll find is most intriguing.

In my day, we didn't have all this hint and tip business! We figured out our adventures on our own, and we liked it!
You've rescued your buddy, DK, but the showdown turns into a rout as Kaptain K. Rool takes to the skies in his Flying Kroo. (Oh, so he's a pilot now?) You've come this far, so you decide to see this adventure through to the end. You're no amateur anymore, so get to it!

**Stronghold Showdown**

Ratty's super jump is the only way you're going to be able to stay ahead of the rising tide of radioactive sludge!

**Toxic Tower**

Fasten your seat belts and lock your tray tables. Thanks for flying with us, and we hope you survive the game!

**Funky's Flights II**

Look for bonuses off in high corners and under platforms. Time your bounces so you glide under enemies as they approach. You can also use the Control Pad to slow down or speed up.

**Windy Well**

There's no telling what dangers await you in the skies above Crocodile Isle. The battle is not over yet!
Normal earthworms disappear for the winter, only to reappear on your sidewalk after the first spring rain. This is definitely not so with the most intrigue-invertebrate in video game legend and lore. The worm-wise guys at Playmates have responded to the intergalactic success of Earthworm Jim with a stylish sequel, which should be in stores by the holidays. Next month, Nintendo Power will give you the detailed ins-and-outs of the long-awaited game, but we couldn't wait to give you a preview of the high points. Expect more of EWJ's unique humor, great graphics and groovy sound samples as Jim squirms through 10 surreal stages to save Princess What's-Her-Name from the clutches of the treacherous Psy-Crow. All-new baddies, including a unicycling larva and catapulting samurai wrestlers, have joined such long-time annelid archenemies as #4 and Major Mucus. All have taken a solemn vow to squish this particular earthworm into a pink pulp!

Jim gene Doug TenNapel poses with his most famous creation.
EWJ concluded with Jim trouncing the evil Queen Pulsating, Bloated, Festering, Sweaty, Pus-filled, Malformed, Slug-for-a-Butt and saving her gorgeous twin, Princess What's-Her-Name. As the sequel opens, Jim has successfully wooed and won the princess' heart. (Not easy. Would you kiss a spineless dirt-eater?) Oh, and by the way, the princess' husband automatically becomes Ruler of the Universe! Well, if you were a bounty-hunting bud with a mean streak a mile wide, what would you do? Yepper, faster than Jim can say "I do," the evil Psy-Crow has kidnapped the princess and dashed off to the Lost Vegas system for a quick, 24-hour convenience store consent needed wedding. A real Romeo at heart, Jim jets off in hot pursuit of his beloved. Fortunately, he's not alone. His new pal, Snott, is along to help him get a grip. Besides the tried-and-true plasma blaster, Jim can count on such advanced weaponry as the barn blaster and the wide-angle 3-finger gun. Jim also gets to impress girls by grunting a lot while lugging cows and pigs around the landscape. Hey! Not even Schwarzenegger can heft a heifer!
Like its predecessor, EwJ 2 is jam-packed with enough jokes for an All-Shemp Three Stooges Marathon. Jim idles away spare moments by snacking on a tiny Elvis, complete with pirouetting pompadour. While excavating for a mine, Jim better watch out for cracker cave-ins. There are also falling grannies, tacky carnivals and the paperwork purgatory known as ISO 9000. The envelope, please. This year's PUFFY Award (given for the most bizarre use of a 200-pound marshmallow) goes to Puppy Love, in which Jim must use the oversized confection to bounce Peter's puppies to safety! Tickled pink by news of more Jim-jammin' adventures? Then credit the slightly cockeyed creativity of Doug TenNaple. He's the guy who came up with the idea of Jim and yes, that's how his name is spelled. So what's with an earthworm superhero, Doug? "I thought of earthworms specifically because they're underdogs. So his suit is indestructible and his head is vulnerable." Enquiring game-players also want to know just what's up with all the livestock. Doug explains that he grew up in the little California farming town of Turlock, where he learned to talk cow very well, thank you. Doug created most of the major characters for EwJ 1 and 2, including Psy-Crow, Princess What's-Her-Name, the evil Queen, Major
Mucus and Peter Puppy. For EWJ 2, he created the Snott pack and the new weapons, including the useless but very cute bubble gun. He also contributed the voice of Jim. "Groovy!" Doug is particularly proud of the Villi People stage, in which Jim disguises himself as Sally, the blind cave salamander, and paddles through the living intestinal planet. Sally bounces off pinball bumpers and blasts icky creatures afloat on an ocean of gastric juices before coming on down to compete in the goofiest game-show in the galaxy. Doug cut his game-playing teeth on Pac-Man and still drops quite a few quarters on Defender, "even though I'm not any good at it." Players rave about the groovy graphics and smooth animation in EWJ 1 and 2, but Doug says the secret to the games' success is great game play. At a time when the industry is focusing on new systems, he likes to talk about NES classics like Snow Bros. "On the NES you had to be a good game designer because the graphics weren't impressive. Nowadays the graphic capability is so great that we're seeing with the (Sega) Saturn and the (Sony) PlayStation games that look great, but the long-term game-playing appeal may not be there." Look for detailed info on Earthworm Jim 2 in Nintendo Power next month, including lots of maps and strategies.
Finally, a tournament fighter that pays you back. The first 500 entries in the KI\textsuperscript{TM} Stamps For Champs Tournament automatically win Power Supply stamps. You also can win one of the 50 grand prizes—a killer Fulgore mask with which to fool your foolish foes. All you have to do is take a photograph of your victory against Eyedol. (Check out the rules below.) Then, just send us your entry by January 15, 1996.

\textbf{Scott Douwes}

"As you go up the ladder, watch how the fighting style and moves change according to the level of difficulty. Look for more combos at higher ranks. When you start getting to the really advanced levels, use shorter combos since the computer fighter breaks the combos faster."

\textbf{Armond Williams}

"Learn one character very well. Since the computer runs in patterns, you have to find the patterns just by playing a lot. Don't rely on your special moves. When the computer is doing a combo, it goes for auto doubles, which are kind of rare. So if you want to combo-break the combo, you have to take the chance to break the auto doubles."

\textbf{Henry Sterchi}

"Learn the computer's moves. For each fighter, the computer uses the same combos and moves most of the time. You just have to study what each fighter throws at you. If you know what to expect and you can break those moves, you'll win."

\textbf{David Wharton}

"Don't get fancy. All the fakes and doubles you normally use against a person won't work against the computer. One thing to watch for are the leg sweeps, so be ready to block them."

\textbf{Ken Lobb}

"Mix it up. The computer learns to break your combos pretty quickly. By the time you get through your second or third victory, the computer will know if you keep using the same moves."
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Wario Land is the Virtual Boy's breakthrough title, combining the system's 3-D graphic capabilities with innovative gameplay for spectacular (and fun!) results. Wario Land's programmers have made the backgrounds an integral part of the game, designing a vast underground world where you spring between the foreground and background paths to squash enemies. Collect power-ups and uncover a fabulous hoard of treasure!

No Gimmicks, Just Pure Fun!

Much of the game's action takes place in the detailed, 3-D backgrounds, a feat made possible by the Virtual Boy's ability to create a sense of depth and distance. The best thing about this feature is that it isn't just a gimmick that screams, "Hey, look! 3-D!" Leaping between the foreground and background becomes an integral part of the run-jump-stomp gameplay that players have come to know and love, while also adding a fresh, new twist!
Livin' In A Land Down Under

Wario's afternoon snooze is rudely interrupted by a troop of masked creatures, and he watches as they make their way behind a nearby waterfall. Following them to their treasure trove, Wario is ambushed, but he quickly escapes, vowing to get his revenge and all of the loot! As Wario, you'll delve deep into the creatures' lair, collecting hearts, coins, treasure and power-ups as you go. You can store up to 99 extra lives, and you'll find handy save points between levels.

Coins & Hearts

You get one extra life for every 100 hearts you collect, and you can use coins to play the bonus games that appear between levels. If you lose your life before you reach a save point, you'll lose all the coins you collected in that stage.

Eagle

The Eagle Statue lets you soar over short distances. You can scoop up hard-to-reach items, take down high-flying enemies, or avoid danger altogether.

King Dragon

Combine the Sea Dragon Crystal and the Eagle Statue to become King Dragon Wario. All of Wario's awesome super powers will be at your command!

Sea Dragon

Collect the Sea Dragon Crystal to become Sea Dragon Wario. Your hat now shoots streams of fire that can destroy blocks and most minor enemies.

Front to Back

Stand on a spring and press the Jump Button to catapult yourself to the foreground or background. Some of the springs are hidden, so while you may see a new area, getting there will still be a challenge.

Bull Wario

One Viking Helmet or two Garlic Bottles can transform you into Bull Wario, giving you the ability to crash through obstacles and create earthquakes.
Your primary goal in each stage is to find a special treasure (in this case, a car), then get the exit key before time runs out.

**Bonus Coins**
This happy cloud exchanges coins for enemies! First stun the little critters, then touch them to pick them up. Jump up and toss them into the cloud for some extra cash!

**One More Time**
Looking for a way to get back there? Break the block for a heart, then stomp on the space again to reveal a spring. Wahoo!

**1-up Room**
It's easy to miss this door! Stomp on the block and enter the room for a 1-up diamond. Leave the area and return to collect it again.

You'll need the Sea Dragon powers to uncover hidden items in this stage. Beware of enemies that can't be stomped on. Earthquakes can stun them!
Find the Springs

The springs in this area are very easy to find, hidden within large blocks. Their hiding places won’t always be so obvious, though, and it will take some doing to uncover them as the game goes on.

Statue Room

Blast these blocks to reveal a secret room and uncover the special treasure in this stage.
You'll need the Sea Dragon powers to get this precious diamond. With a major bad guy coming up soon, you'll need all the extra lives you can get!

Pay 100, 200 or 300 coins for a chance to collect extra hearts, but don't smack into any bats! Choose the right bag to multiply your coins. Choose the wrong one, lose half your cash!

There are bonus heart and coin games at the end of each stage. Here you can wager what you've collected during the stage to try to win more. You can then go to the save point to drop off your winnings.

These overgrown cucumbers would love to put the bite on you, but your Sea Dragon flames will give them pause. One blast from your hat will send them flitting back into their holes for a few seconds, giving you time to paddle on by.

The action starts to heat up as you take to the water! Sea Dragon flames will destroy or delay most of the resident nasties, but sometimes you'll just have to rely on your swimming skills.
Jump or dash to avoid the swinging mace. When the dragon bounces out to your piece of real estate, wait until the mace is curving away from you before you try to stomp on his head. The third hit will put him down for the count.

Stage 4 consists entirely of your battle with your first major foe, and you can tell that your enemies were saving up for this bout. This raging reptile is no wimp! Grab the Viking Helmet if you don't already have super powers.

Dodge the guard's dive-bombing attack and stomp on its exposed underside. When it turns into a spring, jump toward the doors to begin the real fight.

Aim And Fire!
Stage 5 is the perfect place to replenish any lives you might have used up during your big battle with the dragon in Stage 4. The forests of Stage 5 form a big loop, with the exit at the far left end. Explore the entire stage and collect as many hearts and coins as you can, then put them in your account or take a chance with the bonus games.

You might think you have to leap from block to block to escape the jagged thorns. Instead, crouch down and let loose a bolt of fire. Not only will you trigger the blocks to release their items, you'll also form a solid path out of thin air.

Even a certain adventurous archaeologist might miss this secret area the first time around! Jump up to the first small branch on the left. One shot from your hat will saw a path through the tree trunk. Make like a lumberjack, two more times to find where the pocket watch, the Stage 5 special treasure, has been deposited.
Take Off from Plane

Hop onto the wooden platform and swing to the background. Using the blocks and tree to the right side of the screen.

Buzz Cut

Blow open the tree trunk to reach another hallway. The wall that should examine everything.
After you activate the secret switch, this plunger will be ready to go. Blow up the barrier, then spring off to the room beyond. The dress you find would make a lovely gift for the Princess!

It's a constant struggle against vicious currents and torrential waterfalls, and it's best to proceed cautiously. With so many enemies on land, on sea and in the air, losing your super powers could spell disaster very quickly.

Use your dragon fire to make the walls come tumbling down. You'll find a diamond and a spring that will take you to a huge hoard of coins and hearts.

You'll need the full power of the King Dragon to get to this underwater chamber. This switch will arm the bomb that's sitting halfway up the waterfall. Bombs away!

King Dragon Strikes Again

Activate the Secret Switch
You can find this bonus area by stomping on two blocks that lie just below the surface of the water. Once here, bash the blocks on the right to release a coin cloud. Pennies from heaven!

The key to the exit is guarded by a quartet of curious armed with boomerangs. Just let yourself drop to the floor of the chamber, where you’ll be in a better defensive position.

Caution: More puzzles and perils ahead! You’ll cross a burning desert, sneak through a haunted house and play dodge ball with a tank, and that’s just for starters. Let’s hope you survive long enough to enjoy your treasure!
In the future, there is only the relentless blue of the sea. One little girl holds the secret to survival. She is the last hope for the planet now known as Waterworld!

TIDAL WAVE OF ACTION!

The most ambitious movie of the 1995 summer season is now an exciting Super NES action pak, courtesy of the folks at Ocean of America. Following on the heels of the Virtual Boy version, a first-person perspective shooter, this latest adaptation takes the adventure even further by offering three types of battle and puzzle stages in two different formats. The sadistic Smokers, led by the man known only as the Deacon, have declared war against the peaceful people of the floating atolls. Their goal: capture Enola, a child of dread destiny. Enola bears strange tattoos on her back, tattoos that could be a map that would lead them to dry land. As the Mariner, it is your duty to protect Enola and the Atollers from enslavement by these latter-day buccaneers. The fate of the world is in your capable hands, so hop aboard your Trimaran and get ready for explosive conflict on the high seas!
Each stage consists of four levels, always in the same order. The first is a Trimaran level where you seek and destroy all Smoker raiders. The second is a maze-like diving level. It's a race against time to collect soil samples and other precious items before your air runs out. The third is another Trimaran level where you must rescue kidnapped Atollers. Shoot the escaping wave riders to release their hostages, then touch the floating Atollers to bring them automatically aboard your ship. The last is a side-scrolling action level set on the rusting towers and crumbling gangplanks of an atoll. The atoll mazes scroll to the left or right in endless loops, but you can still get lost if you're not careful!

Don't count on there being a convenient way out of the ruins. Map your route and watch your air!

A map marks your progress across the seas, and you'll receive a password after every stage. The passwords put you at the beginning of a stage, not at the point you left off, and you'll lose any credits or weapons you've collected.

The Trader

You're awarded credits for most everything you do, including rescuing hostages and recovering items. These credits are added up at the end of each stage, and you can spend them on repairs and special weapons for your Trimaran. You can buy two weapons per stage and as much ammo as you can afford.

Uzi 9MM

The rapid-fire wonder replaces your Trimaran's single-shot pea shooter. It has unlimited ammo.

Harpoon

The standard harpoon can take out some of the larger boats with one shot. Each one costs 400 credits.

Mines

Mines pack a big punch but are awkward to use. The smaller, faster watercraft can dodge mines with ease.

Spear Bombs

Spear Bombs are more powerful than harpoons, but also more expensive. The choice comes to quality versus quantity.

Shrapnel Mine

These stupid mines can be effective against the larger, slower boats found in later stages.

Gatling Gun

With an incredible rate of fire, the Gatling gun is the ultimate weapon in your "anti-Smoker" campaign.

Repairs

Always spare the credits for repairs, which are quite a bargain if your Trimaran sinks, the game is over, no matter what!
Your first time at the helm of the Trimaran will probably be a surprising experience. She stops and turns on a dime, and even with just a single-shot weapon, she’s more than a match for her smaller foes. In this first stage, most of the enemy fire doesn’t even come close, and you won’t have to worry about taking too much damage. In the first Trimaran level, the compass at the top of the screen leads you to a marker buoy. Once you clear the area of Smokers, touch the buoy to proceed to the diving level. In the second Trimaran level, the compass points the way to the atoll you’re supposed to defend.

After the second Trimaran level, it’s time to scale the heights and scour the depths of the atoll to flush out the Smokers. The atoll is rather large, and if you keep running from one side to another, the screen will scroll around in an endless loop. Grab any weapons you can find to defeat the invaders and end the level. A counter keeps track of the number of Smokers left. Smoker positions are marked by circles on the map, while the boxes show the locations of weapons.
Diving For Dollars

The diving level begins with you floating just above the battered shell of an ancient building. Weave through the wreckage and collect as many items as you can before your air runs out. Running into unfriendly fish costs you air, so be careful. Soil samples (circled in orange on the map) are worth 200 credits each, and other items (circled in green) are worth 50 credits each. We've charted one possible route through the building that will yield five soil samples and 18 other items.

When swimming, your body is always in a horizontal position, even when moving downward. It's worth the time and effort to make a deep dive, since you'll find more soil samples lower down. Just be sure to watch out for fish, especially if your air is 50% or lower.

You start the level with only a wimpy machete. Even if you find a stray weapon, it will have limited ammo.

You can shoot in any direction and take out Smokers on different levels. You can't fire while jumping or climbing.
The Deacon is not one to be trifled with, but neither are you! You should've earned enough credits to repair your ship and buy an Uzi, at least. The wave riders are swarming like hornets, but if you show 'em the business end of that baby, they'll turn tail! Save any heavy weapons for the second Trimaran level. If you're near the edges of the screen, the Smokers will rocket out of your reach and reappear somewhere else. Since you don't have to worry about rescuing hostages, just hang in one place and let them come to you.

The PT boats will outmaneuver you in close quarters. Give them a small lead, then move to intercept.

That old pirate, Davy, never had cool swag like this! Once again, the best booty is on the bottom floor, but the obvious route down the right side of the building is well patrolled. The better route zig zags through the hollowed out center section of the building and down the left side.

You can't get by these two without losing some air. Two hits can cost you almost half your supply!
Find 'Em and Smoke 'Em!

Now you've really ticked them off! The Deacon ups the stakes and sends a bigger armada against this atoll. Hordes of wave riders will try to drop off their hostages on larger boats then go back for more. When full, the boats will take their human cargo and run. If the boats make it off the screen, the hostages will be gones! Once aboard the atoll, most of the action takes place on the higher platforms. There are lots of gaps along the bottom level, so look before you leap!

Stage 3

The seas are thick with Smokers as Stage 3 gets underway, and...where the heck did they dredge up an airplane?! Your weapons can't damage it while it's buzzing around, but it will occasionally touch down on the water for a second or two. Remember that any damage you take in the first Trimaran level will carry over to the second!

Avast, Ya Scurvy Smoker!

In the second Trimaran level, ramp boats cruise in from every direction, and your best chance is to stock up on harpoons and scuttle as many of them as you can. Don't waste time, waste Smokers! The maze in the atoll level is a lot more complicated, but the Smokers don't wander far from their assigned posts.

Under Attack

You're stuck in the atoll level begins, and...where the heck did they dredge up an airplane?! Your weapons can't damage it while it's buzzing around, but it will occasionally touch down on the water for a second or two. Remember that any damage you take in the first Trimaran level will carry over to the second!

Stay out of the green boat's line of fire! Hint: They have no rear-firing guns.

You're no Tarzan, but you can use the overhead poles to scramble between platforms or launch an awesome assault.

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The Smokers are armed to the teeth and loaded for bear. Take evasive action, and don't sit still!
LAND HO!

The battle rages on through two more complete stages as wave after wave of greasy Smokers make a final assault against the helpless atolls. If they succeed, the Deacon will possess humankind’s last and greatest treasure: hope. You’re the only one who can protect Kanoi from the Deacon’s evil and help the Atoll’s achieve their destiny!

Try to collect as many weapons as you can in the final atoll stages. You never know what may be lurking around the next corner!

The atoll level mazes are much more complex in the last two stages, and the Smokers are packing some serious firepower. Travel carefully and use your machete whenever you can to conserve your ammo.

The Smoker craft will try to surround you and catch you in vicious crossfire. Special weapons are your key to victory!
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**SUPER MARIO RPG UPDATE**

Good news and bad news on the Super Mario RPG front. The bad news is that the game has been delayed. The good news is that the final product should be even better because the delay time will be used for further development. Current plans are for development to continue through February for the U.S. version, which will include text translation as well as improvements to the game play. Also on the good news front, the first rough translation arrived at NOA. The story begins with Bowser kidnapping Princess Toadstool and Mario heading out to rescue her. When a giant sword falls from the heavens and shatters the star road, Mario, Princess Toadstool and Bowser are blown far apart in the kingdom. The game follows Mario's quest to put the broken star road together. The game follows Mario's quest to put the broken star road together. The, one promising sign is that Ogre Battle has sold out in the U.S.

**TACTICS Ogre**

A few months ago we mentioned Tactics Ogre in Epic Center News. This month, we have an exclusive shot straight from the developer in Japan, Quest. The enhanced 3-D perspective and multiple battle levels are clearly shown in the screen shot. As in Ogre Battle, the play includes both RPG and strategy elements. Tactics Ogre fought back from delays in development to make a surprisingly quick debut in Japan in October where it promises to be even bigger than Ogre Battle. No decision has been made about a U.S. release by Enix, which released Ogre Battle. One promising sign is that Ogre Battle has sold out in the U.S.

**The Rising Sun**

PG heaven-on-earth continues to exist in Japan, thanks mainly to Square Soft and Enix. The most anticipated new titles due to be released this fall continue to be Dragon Quest VI from Enix (scheduled for a December release) and Romancing Saga 3 from Square, which was scheduled to be released in November. The hottest epic games being played right now, according to our sources in Japan, are Secret of Mana 3 and Tactics Ogre, just released. According to Square Soft in the U.S., it isn't likely that Secret of Mana 3 will ever make it to the western world. The trouble is of a technical nature and the cost may be prohibitive. That's too bad, of course, but Square has plenty of other gems lined up, including a sequel to Evermore. The development group at Square's Redmond facility began work on the sequel in October. The word from our friends at Square is that it won't be a sequel to Evermore, but an even more ambitious project. The decision is still being made on whether the entire game will be created on SGI workstations.
The quest to escape the confines of the imaginary world of Evermore continues this month in Epic Center. The next leg of our hero's journey takes him through the Ancient World and into Gothica. We've got all the strategies to see you through heated battles and mind-boggling mazes.

When last you left Epic Center, our heroic lad had braved the dangers of the Colosseum in Nobilia and proven his prowess. Now, all eyes turn to the west and the two mysterious ruins that haunt the far bank of the river. Your new mission is to find the two missing Diamond Eyes for the dog statue, but before leaving Nobilia, make the rounds in the market and trade for valuable pieces of armor. Then return to the coast and prepare for the assault of the palace and the pyramid where new terrors lurk in the ancient stone passages. Beyond these dangers lies Gothica, the third world of Evermore, where the queen plots against you. This month, we'll take you as far as the abandoned castle of Ebon Keep.
Before heading south to search for the Diamond Eyes, spend time in Nobilia trading for valuable items in the marketplace. Begin with lots of rice, beads and spice as the basis of your trading up to the best items. Many commodities are sold by several vendors with different prices. Look for the best price.

Remember the rock Tiny hurled into the sky back in Nobilia? Well, look out! As soon as you reach Blimp’s cave, the rock plummets from the sky and opens a passage to the two pots when it crashes.

Crossing the river won’t be a problem now that Rover has rejoined you. Switch control over to the dog by pushing Select, then run and jump over the rushing torrent at the bridge. Now go north along the riverbank to the pulley platform to crossover.

Mild-mannered Horace Highwater has been digging through the ruins of the Ancient World, looking for a way home to Podunk. So far, no luck. He does have good advice to offer and you can spend the night at his camp, recovering your power in the process. If you call Horace using the Call Beads, he lends a hand by healing you and confounding enemies. He also has Time Warp, but he doesn’t have a great attack. After collecting both Diamond Eyes, you’ll meet Horace again, but he will not seem himself. Madronus, an ancient alchemist who lives in Horace’s camp, supplies some extra ingredients.
**BRONZE SPEAR**

At the end of the fourth area, which leads off of the central chamber from the upper right, you'll find a Mad Monk. Defeat it to win the Bronze Spear, then go back to the chasm in the central chamber and throw the spear across.

**MINI-TAUR**

This freak of nature may be half bull, but you should still take him seriously. His stomps wrack-up damage on the boy and dog even if they are standing across the room from this monster. Set the dog on High Attack Alchemy formulas such as Flame add to the destruction of the beast. Unlike most battles in Evermore, this one shouldn't last too long and you won't need a safe place to hide.

**MEGA-TAUR**

When you throw the Bronze Spear over the middle of the chasm, it hits a switch, causing a bridge to extend. Cross over and say hello to Megataur. The Megataur's most dangerous attack is its use of Confound. If afflicted by this, you'll find that your controls operate opposite to what they should. While afflicted, your alchemy and Call Bead attacks still zoom in on the enemy. If you beat Megataur, you'll find the first Diamond Eye.

**COLLOSIA**

Built on a colossal scale, the hall holds secrets in its walls and one of the Diamond Eyes in its vault. First off, Reveal the bridges in the central chamber. The switch opens the first of four side areas in the hall. Explore each area thoroughly, looking for more switches. Press against the walls, too, searching for hidden tunnels.

**PYRAMID BOUND**

The second Diamond Eye awaits at the pyramid. Stop by the camp to heal up and purchase more alchemy ingredients. Go south to the river, and cross the pit using Reveal. Battle two guards outside before preparing to penetrate the secrets of the tilted tomb.

**MAN'S BEST FRIEND**

Rover can't climb the pyramid, so you have to open the outer gate. Stand on the switch to the left of the door, then guide the dog inside. The boy now goes in from the top. Inside, use the dog to activate gate switches, allowing his master to reach him.
RIMSALA
Rimsala, a giant, angry medallion, whirs around the room attacking you along with four statues that have come to life. When you see fire reflecting off the top of a statue, it's alive. One blast of a level 3 or 4 alchemy stops a statue cold. But Rimsala is tougher. You'll have to fight it for quite awhile, healing yourself as necessary. It's fairly easy to avoid Rimsala's attacks so you don't need to find a safe spot. If it uses Confound on you, just stay put and blast it with alchemy and powerful Call Bead attacks such as Fire Eyes' Heat Wave. Success is rewarded with the second precious Diamond Eye.

BACK TO CAMP
Back at Horace's camp, you'll find that he has moved on. Madronius suggests looking near the river. After a good night's sleep, head east and meet Horace. Give him the Diamond Eyes, even if he seems a bit odd. Off he races to Nobilia, leaving our hero to follow after stocking up on alchemy elements.

NOBILIA
Return to Nobilia across the burning sands. You'll be just in time to see the mad Horace restore the Diamond Eyes in the Sacred Dog statue. Suddenly, the stone dog transforms into the powerful Aegis, a being of steel and hatred.

AEGIS THE DESTROYER
This evil bucket head fires lightning bolts that turn into other creatures such as Bone Buzzards, Bad Dawgs, and Will O'Wisp. Take out the minor enemies, then attack Aegis with alchemy formulas. You should stock up on ingredients on the coast before going inland to Nobilia. Heatwave is a good Call Bead attack to hurl in Aegis's face. Any alchemy attack formulas that you have built up over the game such as Crush, Hardball or Flash work great. Preserve your Call Beads unless the going gets rough. In this case, you don't have much to worry about.
TINY’S BIG TOSS
Your old friend Tiny plays a helpful role after the defeat of Aegis. The real Homer shows up, notices the energy core about to go critical, and calls Tiny over. With a mighty heave, the humongous hurler launches the core. A report from Madronius shortly thereafter reveals that the core blew a hole in the ground near the camp.

IN THE DARK
Hike up the riverbed near Horace’s camp then jump into the ravine. You’ll tumble into the dark tunnels below. Fight off the Ogls, or let your canine companion sink his teeth into them, and use the warp points to reach Aquagoth’s lair.

WARPED
The warp points in the tunnel connect to distant warp points elsewhere in the tunnel. The tunnels themselves seem to repeat endlessly. Make a map from the first warp point.

AQUAGOOTH
Aquagoth sits in the middle of the latticed chamber where tentacles spear up from below. The tentacles may damage you, but concentrate instead on Aquagoth, firing alchemy attack formulas at the guardian of the tunnel world. If Aquagoth falls, the tentacles also fail. If you have lots of alchemy elements, the battle won’t last long.

INTO THE LIGHT
After Aquagoth succumbs to your onslaught, a basket appears dangling from a rope. Climb in and the basket will be pulled up into the light by a strangely dressed fellow. When your dog is pulled up after you, he will have transformed into a pink poodle.

IVOR TOWER
Explore the outer areas of Ivor Tower and talk to the residents to learn about the Pig Race and sideshow. Look inside houses and behind them.
**PIG DOG**
When is a poodle not a poodle? When it has the head of a pig. Amazingly, your pooch appears in the freak show with a pig’s head. That's worth the price of admission.

**THE BIG PIG RACE**
The real porkers don't stand a chance when your Pigpoodle enters the race. The result will be an invitation to dine with Queen Bluegarden in the castle.

**DINNER WITH THE WINNER**
The Queen has invited to dinner the owner of the winning pig, who just happens to be you. Unfortunately, before you even get a bite, your dog gets you in trouble once again.

**HOT DOG**
The old saying, “Out of the frying pan and into the fire,” sums up what happens to your furry friend. The Queen's chef mistakes him for the main course and is about to make poodle bacon when the dog escapes down a chute to the basement.

**LOCKED UP AGAIN**
Breaking out of this jail takes about five seconds. Once the dog slips free of the jail cell, scamper over to the gate and step on the floor switch. When one character is in trouble, maybe the other character can help.

**THE SHOW THAT NEVER ENDS**
Come inside! Come inside! The freak show at the end of the alley will astound and nauseate you, not from Mr. Head or the Unigoat, but from the horrendous Pigpoodle.

**THE MUTT MAZE**
Map your progress through the basement maze. You need to find an old lady with a key and a room with a bookshelf that hides a secret passage.

**ESCAPE**
The only way out of the dungeon is through the last jail cell. Open the other cells by stepping on floor switches and defeating the prisoners that attack. In the final cell, you'll find a secret passage that takes you to the royal sewer.
The currents in the sewer sweep you away. Crawl out of the water where you can and look for items. Eventually, you'll find a door that leads back into the castle.

Emerging from the sewers, you and Fido smell like a couple of ripe carp. A guard meets you, pinches his nose, then leads you off to see the queen. Something smells like a rat.

What's this? The queen needs your help? She wants you to sneak over to Ebon Keep and lower the drawbridge so that her troops can storm the place. You agree, but reluctantly. Something is afoot.

The Chessboard lies at the center of the maze, but you must fight past Bone Buzzards and other critters to reach it. Move clockwise on the outside path.

The animated Knight trundles about the giant chessboard and attacks by running into you. Fight back with your strongest weapon and the dog. (Conserve your alchemy elements for later battles.) Use the large statues for some protection.

Unlike Alice in Wonderland, our hero descends from the absurd chess match into a secret passage leading to danger. Move through the tunnel as quickly as possible, dodging the aerial attacks as best you can.

The alchemist in the fortress gives our hero the formula for One-Up. This healing concoction is like having a spell with full HP. One-Up is particularly useful in hard battles, like those ahead versus the shape-shifters and dragon.

Use the large statues for some protection.
THE WATCHER

Look to the branches of the trees for aid in penetrating this maze. The little blue gremlin is a shape-shifter. If it appears, you know you took the correct path.

BAD BOYS

When you step out of the forest, six shape-shifters scatter in front of you. Two of them combine to form a Bad Boy, a mockery of your hero. The Bad Boy attacks using your weapons and alchemy formulas. Attack swiftly using powerful alchemy spells.

INTO EBON KEEP

Step into the dry sewer pipe to sneak into the old castle of Ebon Keep. Follow the pipes until you find a door that leads out to the town.

RATTY

Prepare to be plagued by the King of the Rats Verminator. He uses Acid Rain, Drain and other formulas, and he has lasting power. Take lots of Honey with you.

THE INN

The Ebon Keep Inn doesn't get much business these days. No one is in the main area, but there's an armor shop to the right. Buy armor and the shopkeeper gives you the Bazooka. Now, go back and stay at the Inn.

OMNITOPIA

The madness isn't over yet. After foiling Queen Bluegarden's plans to take over Gothica, the boy and his dog will find themselves in the futuristic world of Omnitopia. Here, Prof. Ruffelberg labors to put right what went wrong so many years ago. Will he succeed and send our hero back home to Podunk? Next month, Epic Center covers the final chapter of this adventure in Epic Strategies.
In PTO II, you command either the Japanese or the U.S. Navy. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Japan weakened the United States and became the greatest power in the Pacific. As World War II began, Japan won a string of battles, but the United States had enough factories and workers to rebuild its navy. By the end of the war, American ships ruled the sea, and the U.S. Hellcat war planes dominated the sky.

Whether you control the Japanese Navy, with its early advantage in power, or the recovering American forces, you'll take part in a conference at which you'll discuss ways to win the war, set goals, and give general orders. Once the plans are made, it's your job to carry them out, using your bases, fleets, airplanes, land forces, and submarines. You'll have to be a crafty military strategist to protect your ships and reach your goal.

Winning a war, especially a world war, takes preparation. Though you begin the game with a world-class navy, you must update it to ensure victory. To improve your navy, you will need more planes, ships, and submarines. To build more planes, you simply tell your production lines what to build. Building warships is another matter. You can continue to build more of the same ships that you had when you started the war, but if you're looking for the best way to win, you need to make not just more, but better ships. Your factories have designs in mind. To create new warships, go to the New Warship Screen. Remember, that you need money to make new ships and planes. Don't squander your funds, or you'll regret it later.
You may be in charge of the navy, but this war is a team effort. Each month you'll attend a conference at which high-ranking officials make decisions about the war effort. If you skip a conference, the others will make decisions without you. You participate in this conference using special cards. If you want to suggest an idea, use a "Plan" card. If you have nothing to say, use a "Pass" card. You can even use a "Refuse" card when you disagree with another committee member.

**Power-Up**

**A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE**

Each month you will attend a conference. If you command the U.S. Navy, you'll attend with the President, two military leaders, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of State. If you command the Japanese Navy, you'll go with the Prime Minister, two military leaders, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Your job will be to propose ideas and win approval. Not all of the members get along. In order to win a vote you need to get two other committee members to agree with your proposals. These charts show the level of Dissatisfaction between characters. A level of 30 indicates that the character on the left column agrees with the character on the top row. A level of 70 indicates disagreement.

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**RE-LIVE THREE CAMPAIGNS, SEVEN SHORT SCENARIOS**

The Day of Infamy: 12/7/41
The Brink of War: 11/25/41
Counter-Offensive: 5/27/42
Approaching V-Day: 3/9/45
Southern Operation: 12/9/41
Battle of Midway: 6/4/42
U.S.-Australia Plan: 7/20/42
Operation A-GO: 5/8/44
Battle at Leyte: 10/23/44
The Final Days: 10/19/45

Please select a scenario.

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**U.S.A.**

President 50 50 50 40 50
Admiral 50 60 40 60
General 50 60 40 70
Secretary of Treasury 50 60 70 60
Secretary of State 50 40 60 60

**Japan**

Prime Minister 50 30 70 40
Admiral 50 70 50 50
General 30 70 80 50
Minister of Finance 40 50 50 50
Minister of Foreign Affairs 70 50 80 50

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History is not divided up into game levels, and neither is PTO II. It is divided into short scenarios and full campaigns. PTO II includes seven short scenarios in which you command your forces as they fight some of the most decisive battles of the war. To win a scenario, you must meet certain goals, such as sinking a certain number of ships. The Final Days, for example, is a short scenario that recreates the U.S. attempt to finish the war by defeating Japanese forces in Iwo Jima and Naha. When you play this short scenario, you begin by selecting your goals. Next, you have one turn to move your forces into position—either to defend your territories if you are Japan, or to move closer to Japan if you command the U.S. forces. Once you've finished, the enemy gets a chance to respond. Once both sides are in position and the battle begins, your job is to select targets and objectives. Even if you win the battle, your victory will not be complete unless your objectives are met. PTO II has three full campaigns: The Brink of War (November 26, 1941); The Counter Offensive (May 27, 1942); and Approaching V-Day (March 31, 1944). To win a campaign, you must capture your enemy's capital city, reduce your enemy's productivity to zero, or increase your base productivity to over 1,800. World War II lasted more than three years—don't expect to win a campaign overnight.
If you thought managing a city was tough, try guiding an entire civilization from the Bronze Age through the 21st Century! Here are a few tips to help budding rulers shape their humble tribes into world powers.

Solid Foundations

The toughest and most engaging part about Sid Meier’s Civilization is deciding which new technologies to master at any given time. Many first-time players fall into the trap of developing only technologies centered around military strength. While you want to defend your society, you also want to ensure that your basic needs, like adequate food and resources, are met.

Agriculture

While military development is important, agriculture and trade are more significant in the early stages of the game. Without enough food, your population will grow slowly, and without strong trade, you won’t have enough money to spend on city improvements and research. One of the first things you should do is build a Granary or research Pottery, which is the advancement needed to make one. While the Granary is being built, use a Settler unit to irrigate the land around your city. You can also use the Settler unit to change deserts and jungles into more productive ground plans or grassland. You’ll probably want to have some forests, hills or swamps around you, though, since these types of terrain often produce good raw materials or resources, including coal, ore and oil. Once you’re producing more food, your population will grow. If you develop Construction, you can then build an Aqueduct, which en-hances irrigation and helps protect a city from random disasters.

Trade

The key to financing your growing society is trade, which generates a large portion of your tax revenues. After the first few centuries, you’ll have the option to develop a Code of Laws, then Currency, then the practice of Trade itself. Besides building Marketplaces to encourage trade, you can build Caravans to send to domestic and foreign cities. Once a Caravan safely reaches its destination, its home city will get an economic boost. The farther away the partner city is (it should be at least ten squares away), the more money you’ll make. Building roads between cities is a big help, and once you start sailing, you should send Caravans overseas.

Budgeting

Another important factor is deciding how to spend your tax money.

Diplomacy

Developing peaceful relations with your neighbors early in the game gives you time to develop. Of course, some societies will be hostile no matter what, but take advantage of peace offerings whenever possible. Representatives of other societies may offer to exchange technology from time to time. This can be risky, once competition for world dominance increases, but the benefits can be enormous when you’re just starting out. You may gain an advance of decades or even centuries before you would have discovered it on your own. Once you
develop Writing, you can create Diplomats and send them to foreign cities to establish Embassies. Whether your intent is peaceful or hostile, Embassies can provide you with a wealth of knowledge about a foreign power, including their military strength, resources and level of advancement.

### Specialists

Now that your economy is up and running, how do you keep it balanced and growing? One very effective strategy is often overlooked: creating Specialists. Go to the City Menu, then choose the City Option to make the City Screen appear. The Population Roster at the top of the screen shows the number of population units in the city. As your population grows, the computer automatically assigns units to squares around the city to produce basic food and trade goods. The map at the center of the screen shows which squares the units are in. Small icons indicate whether a unit is producing food, goods or both. You can move units around the City Screen map by using the cursor and the A Button. This allows you to assign people to squares that produce more of the things you want. Once you have a larger population, though, you'll want to create Specialists—units that serve functions other than general production. Note

Sometimes intimidation (but not going to war) can pay off.

### Wonders of the Ancient and Medieval Worlds

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Wonders of the World

Building the Wonders of the World isn't necessary, but they can give you advantages in key areas. The Ancient Wonders aren't difficult to build, as most are based on simple advancements. They can take a long time to build, though, depending on your population and economy. You can also obtain Wonders by conquering foreign cities that have them. This is a tempting option, since the Medieval and Modern Wonders take a lot more technology to build. For example, you must develop (in no particular order) an Alphabet, Ceremonial Burial, Writing, Code of Laws, Mysticism, Literacy, Philosophy and Religion to build Bach's Cathedral, and the incredibly complex Apollo Space Program demands up to 45 different technologies!
 Whip out a Fierce Lasaken at the end of B. Orchid's Slappy, and watch the sparks fly!

 Add insult to injury with a Medium Press/Release Wind Kick at the end of Jago's Slappy

 **From the Treehouse**

 **More Psycho Combos!!**

 Last issue, we listed a truckload of nearly unbreakable Slappy combos (Slappies) for all of the Killer Instinct combatants. Well, hang on to your hats, because we've got a few more for you to try out! We've worked out a shorter version of one of B. Orchid's Slappies and some variant combos for the other fighters. Though not every attack pattern will work with every fighter, you'll begin to notice some of the similarities. By experimenting with these patterns and substituting or adding one move at a time (without using any auto doubles within the first three hits), you'll be able to develop Slappies of your own. The possibilities are endless!

 **Spinal:**
 MP, Footslide, ender (we recommend Skeleport)
 Jump-in FK, MK, ender (we recommend Medium Skeleport)

 **Gladius:**
 Jump-in MK, MP, Medium Reverse Cold Shoulder, ender (we recommend Medium Liquidize)

 **Stage Select**

 One of the best features of the arcade version of Killer Instinct is the option that lets you choose your battleground in the two-player mode, and now you can do it with the Super NES version, too! On the player select screen, access different locations by pressing Up or Down and one of the attack buttons on Controller 1. Wondering if that special psycho combo looks different in, say, the Sky Platform arena? Now's your chance to find out!

 Up and QP = Ice Temple
 Up and MP = Skull Chamber
 Up and FP = Ice Statue
 Up and QK = Castle Rooftop
 Up and MK = City Rooftop
 Up and FK = Desert Rooftop
 Down and QP = Desert Bridge
 Down and MP = Palace Interior
 Down and FP = Lava Bridge
 Down and QK = City Street
 Down and MK = Sky Platform
 Down and FK = Industrial Complex

 **B. Orchid:**
 Medium Ichi (Ni-San), FP, ender

 **Erlgore:**
 Jump-in FK, MK, ender (we recommend Fierce Plasmaslice)

 **Jago:**
 Jump-in FK, MK, ender
Super Power Codes

The action in Bubsy II is fast and furry-ous, and these codes will help you hop, skip and wisecrack your way through the worst of it. Any or all of these codes can be entered on the title screen, and you'll hear a tone each time you enter one of them correctly. If the title screen fades and the demo starts, the codes will be deactivated. You'll have to reset the game and enter the codes again.

99 Diving Suits
- Press B, Left, Up and B for more Diving Suits than you'll ever need in one game.

99 Portable Holes
- These babies come in handy in any stage, so press Right, Up, Select and Select.

99 Smart Bombs
- Press X, X, Up, Down and X to stock up on the most powerful weapon in the game.

99 Nerf Shots
- Pressing B, A, Left and Left will get you 99 of these squishy projectiles.

50 Extra Lives
- You won't have to worry about losing too many lives if you press B, Up, B, Select and Y.

Invulnerability
- To cruise through the game without taking a hit, press X, A, B, Y, Up and Down.

In the passwords, the letters "O" and "I" have been replaced with the numbers "0" and "1".

The shotgun is always a smart buy, but you'll have to decide which cyborg part is best for you.

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If you end up with little money, be creative with your purchases and investments.

You may have to rely on a single agent for a long time before you can afford to create more.
From Agent #961
Charming and Disarming

In Chrono Trigger, you can use the Charm spell on some major enemies for unexpected bonuses. If you're lucky, Mother Brain gives up a Blue Mail coat, Son of Sun hands over the Black Mail, Rust Tyrano throws out the Red Mail, Yakra XIII drops the White Mail and Golem leaves a Magic Tab.

Can other enemies fall victim to your Charm?
If you have Charm, extra items, you can sell them for big bucks!

From Agent #393
Riddle Me This, Batman!

In his latest adventure, the Dark Knight is taunted by the Riddler and his raving rhymes, but Agent #393 has managed to puzzle out the explanations for a few of the more frustrating ones. Many of the riddles refer to the stage you are in, so keep your eyes open and your wits about you!

Riddle: Unlucky for some, you need to be roofless to achieve this baker's dozen.
Answer: Blow off the top of the elevator and use your grappling hook to get to the secret 13th floor.

Riddle: Steel but no steal, rich but still poor, vault at great heights, but I fall through the floor.
Answer: In Two-Face's Hideout, use a grappling hook to pull down the safe (vault) that is hanging from the ceiling. It will demolish all the enemies beneath it and reveal a new area.

From Agent #207
Stage Select and Energy Refill

If Mega City One is getting to be more than one judge can handle, here's a code that will help you clean up the streets. The first screen you see when you turn on the game is filled with copyright information. Before the screen fades, press Left, Up, X, Up, R and Y. Ignore the message that appears and press A and Y at the same time, then B and X at the same time. Press Start to begin a new game. Now you can access a stage select screen at any time by pressing Select, and your life bar will automatically refill after every hit.

Don't worry—the code really will work with this game!
Press A and Y together and B and X together
Now you'll be able to cruise anywhere you want in Mega City One
Your life bar refills slowly, so if you get hit hard, you can still lose a life!
**FROM AGENT #882**

**Street Fighter Mega Man**

Here's a code that lets two players compete in a special Street Fighter-style battle! To access this mode, enter the password below. We've assigned numbers so you can identify who is who in the password screen. Hold L and R on both controllers, then press Start on Controller 1. This takes you to the player select screen, where you can choose between the heroic Mega Man and the nefarious Bass. Mega Man and Bass even have Street Fighter-style special moves!

**Enter this password:**

Mega Man (1), Dr. Light (4), Mega Man (1), Roll (5)
Roll (5), Roll (5), Rush (8), Roll (5)
Auto (7), Rush (8), Wily (2), Robot (3)
Proto (6), Wily (2), Roll (5), Mega Man (1)

Hold L and R on both controllers, then press Start on Controller 1.

**Perform the devastating Leg Breaker by pressing Down, Down and B.**

**While jumping, press Toward, Toward and Y to whip out the Sonic Crasher attack.**

**Press Up twice to use the Faint Warp and dodge any attacks.**

**Bass can also perform the Faint Warp by pressing Up twice.**

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**FROM AGENT #575**

**Miracle Team Passwords**

If you're looking for greater challenges on the diamond, use these passwords to pit these national teams against the incredible Miracle team. You start off with seven wins and no losses, but as we saw this past season, anything can happen in a pennant race!

USA: 0♠ 43
CUBA: 2♣ 414
SINGAPORE: ♠ 403
AUSTRALIA: ♠ 083
FRANCE: ♠ 882
GERMANY: ♠ 281
UNITED KINGDOM: ♠ ♠ 1

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**ALL AGENTS ON ALERT!**

If you've got an awesome tip or a killer code, send it in! Be sure to include your three-digit agent number, so we can give credit where it's due. What are you waiting for? Warm up those brain pans, stretch those thumbs and get moving!
This month's Sport Scene offers quality, quality, and more quality. Only three new Super NES games made the final cut, but those three will go head-to-head with the best sports games in their respective categories: basketball, baseball and football. It's not often that your Sports Scene editors refuse to snooze, but these games have kept us awake and playing overtime. Coming up next month, get set to tee off with PGA Tour '96, the first Super NES game ever to use the SA-1 microprocessor chip. The Super NES continues to be a very cool place. Sports Scene will also try out a new format and include sports games for all Nintendo video game systems. Let us know what you think.

Buffalo Grove, IL—NBA Jam may have started the arcade phenomenon for multi-player sports games, but NBA Run 'N Gun took it a step further by including full team, five-on-five action for up to four players. That number one arcade hit has been converted into an awesome Super NES game from Konami with the revised name of NBA Give 'N Go due to some legal considerations. The new name can't disguise the origins of the game. The compact, 16 megabit Give 'N Go retains all of the excitement, speed and options of Run 'N Gun, plus it adds features that you won't find on any arcade game.

Give 'N Go scores over the other NBA hoop contenders in one obvious area—the graphics. The size of the players on the court exceeds that of NBA Jam Tournament Edition and NBA Live '96 resulting in easier reads of the action on the court.

**By Konami**

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You'll never lose the view of your players as they dash for the baseline or set up a pick. The animation looks terrific and includes tomahawk slam dunks and alley-oops. Not every NBA player is included—a failing you'll find on most other NBA licensed games. Shaq and Jordan have separate licensing deals that keep them out of the game. If the graphics have one glitch, it's that the characters can flicker in crowded conditions. Although the sprite loss can be annoying, it doesn't really detract from the game.

Play modes in Give 'N Go include Playoffs, Season, Exhibition and Arcade based on the original version. Passwords save the action when you play a season. In Exhibition or Arcade mode, one or two players can challenge the computer, two players can gang up on one player, or teams of two can butt heads. The Team Edit mode can be confusing, but the Trade mode works like a charm. Recruiting a dream team is as simple as picking a line up.

Learning the action on the court is quick and easy; it consists of passing, shooting, rebounding, blocking, and stealing. You also have the cool alley-oop command with the X Button that adds a quick strike dimension to your offense. In contrast to NBA Live '96, you won't find offensive and defensive commands. You also won't find the spectacular moves, special play modes such as Juice, or a horde of secrets that make NBA Jam TE such a powerhouse. Hey, you can't have everything. But what you do get with Give 'N Go is tons of fun that you can play instantly with your friends. This game won't spend much time gathering dust, that's guaranteed.

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THE BIG GAME

After a season filled with drama and action the NBA Give 'N Go 1996 championship came down to one game and winner take all. No longer the first-round dupes of the Pacific, the Sonics have scrambled all the way to the finals where they have battled the miracle Hornets who refused to be abused. Sports Scene breaks down the highlights quarter-by-quarter in this special insider report.

1st Quarter Highlights

True to their form for the past season, both teams scrapped like junkyard dogs in the opening minutes. The Sonics sank four of four from the line as if they had radar. In going on top 29 to 16, the Sonics ran the alley-oop from Payton to Kemp three times. For the Hornets, Mourning and Curry had the hot hands.

Score Fast, Score Big

With 2:02 left in the first period, Payton focused on the basket from the left using the free throw meter to the left of the screen. Give 'N Go champs know that the action is too hot to let any scoring opportunity pass them by. The Sonics capitalized early by going underneath for high percentage lay ups and dunks while the Hornets rushed their jumpers.

2nd Quarter Highlights

In the second period, the Sonics continued to dominate with rebounds on defense and power drives to the basket. Using alley-oops and picks, the Sonics penetrated the Hornets defense and slammed the ball home for 12 straight points. The two Give 'N Go players in control of the Sonics attributed their success to timing. "You look for the opening and break inside or pass it."

Give And Take

The Sonics showed that they could drive to the basket for the easy dunk. With 1:15 remaining in the half, Johnson got a step past Burrell in a classic mismatch. He turned it up court, drove past the smaller man and took it to the rim. Good hustle also helped the Sonics on defense. By switching to the players under the hoop, they were in position to grab the rebounds.
3rd Quarter Highlights

The second half opened with a determined Hornets team battling to even up the score. Taking a page from the Sonics play book, they concentrated on defense, stealing the ball and pushing up court. One player controlling the Hornets decided to camp out under the basket while the other slapped at the ball whenever possible.

Lobs Of Fun

The alley-oop was the most dramatic weapon used by the Sonics in the third quarter, with Kemp and Schrempf on the receiving end of Payton’s laser-guided passes. "If the key is open," recounted one of the players controlling the Sonics, "we go for it. There’s very little chance that the shot will be rejected or the pass intercepted."

4th Quarter Highlights

Defense and sharp three-point shooting led to a dramatic turnaround in the final minutes. The Hornets continually rejected Sonic shots and ran off 14 unanswered points to take the lead. Both Hornets’ players attributed their success to tough D and better timing. "We took the time to get open and hang our three-pointers in there."

Stinging Defense

The final period saw the Hornets defense take control. The Sonics, sticking to their inside power game, fell victim to Mourning’s patented rejection move. Time after time, number 33 timed his leaps perfectly and swatted the ball to a teammate to start the fast break. "In the end," said one of the Seattle players, "it was our ability to block their shots."

THE POST GAME SHOW

So what is the final word on this game? The Hornets made frequent substitutions throughout the game, keeping their team at full strength. In the final period, they also ran the fast break perfectly, passing the length of the court to the player breaking to the basket. Finally, the fake jump shot followed by the three-point jumper sank the Sonics.
Frank Thomas
Big Hurt Baseball

By Acclaim

Glenn Cove, NY—You might expect that a Super NES game starring Chicago White Sox slugger, Frank Thomas, would wind up being a hitter’s delight, but Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball from Acclaim shines brightest from the pitcher’s mound and in the presentation of its graphics. Iguana Entertainment and the White Team at Acclaim took an extra three months to wrap up this 24 megabit salute to the big show, but it was well worth the wait.

Big Hurt Baseball contains some excellent baseball graphics, including motion-capture images of Frank Thomas and his bruising power swing. The batting/pitching view sneaks up close behind home plate in the catcher’s perspective. Once contact is made, the view switches to an above the field perspective that automatically follows the ball. The screen also shows an inset radar of the defense with the active player highlighted so you can position him to make the catch. The overall graphics, including a fairly good representation of every major league ballpark, are impressive.

What you don’t see in these screen shots, however, is the blank screen during the two second load period that takes place between the two views. That’s just enough of a pause to throw off your timing on defense, especially if you’re not used to it.

Acclaim loaded the order in Big Hurt with plenty of options including a two-player Exhibition mode, Season and Playoff modes, a Home run Derby, and Clutch Time, which puts you in a scenario with everything on the line.

Once you get over all the goodies and get into the game, the first thing you’ll notice is the degree of pitching control. In Big Hurt, you choose position of the ball, type of pitch, height and speed. Unfortunately, the same three pitches Fast Ball, Split Finger, and Change Up were used for all the pitchers, which isn’t very realistic, especially if you have guys like Wakefield on the mound.

Batting in Big Hurt seems very realistic due to the perspective. With a good eye and precision timing, you can hit to the opposite field regularly. Base running is a nightmare if you’re on defense because the computer moves runners along at supersonic speeds. But if you’re on offense, you can use this mismatch to steal bases with impunity.

Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball includes all the elements you would expect in a major league title, except the license from MLB. Still, Big Hurt stacks up near the top of Super NES baseball games.

If you can hold off until the ‘96 season begins, however, your Sports Scene staff recommends comparing Big Hurt to the new Ken Griffey Jr. game from Nintendo. All indications are that Jr.’s new game could well be out of the park.

“The baseball fanatics...stacked the deck against you with 16 brutal scenarios.”
With the bases loaded and Kenny Lofton at the plate, you should consider the possibility of a sacrifice bunt or pop fly. Don't set your outfield or infield too deep.

When an opponent puts a man on first base, set up your infield for the double play. It won't take a miracle to turn it if your players are in position.

**Pitched Battle**

Big Hurt gives you lots of variables in throwing a pitch. Although almost any pitch can be hit, the trick is to mix things up so the batter doesn't know what's coming. The strike zone is large, so move the ball around and don't worry about walking batters.

**POSITION**

You can place your pitch anywhere over the plate using two control choices.

**HEIGHT**

Place the pitch High, Medium or Low. High and Low pitches may still be in the strike zone.

**THE PITCH**

Choose the type of pitch you want to throw. Every pitcher has a Fast Ball, Split-Finger and Change-Up.

**HEAT**

Pitches can be thrown Fast, Medium or Slow. Top speeds will vary depending on the pitcher.

Smart management can turn any team into a contender, whether you're facing a friend or the computer in Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball. The game allows you to make most of the decisions and changes that a real manager could make in a game, from setting the batting order to calling for different defensive positions. This last decision is crucial because outfielders move like sloths in this game. Your chance to shine comes from guessing where a hitter will send the ball. When the computer bats, expect lefties to hit to left field and righties to hit to right field. Shift your outfielders accordingly to the left or right, and if the batter hits with power, move them back to the warning track. If you match your defense on every play, you won't give up cheap hits. You can also set up your infield, playing them shallow or deep or prepared to make a double play.

Smart management also includes knowing when to go to the bullpen. Big Hurt baseball doesn't tell you when a pitcher is tired. Instead, watch how much heat he puts on his fast ball. If Randy Johnson is pitching under 90 mph, he could be getting tired.

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NFL Quarterback Club '96

By Acclaim

Ellen Cove, NY—The quarterback challenge may be gone from this year's edition of Acclaim's NFL Quarterback Club '96, but the challenge on the field is even better, enhanced by excellent player graphics, 400 plays, all the options you could want and a five-player option. NFL QB Club '96 stands head-to-head with this season's other contenders—Tecmo Super Bowl III: Final Edition and EA Sport's Madden '96.

QB Club '96 includes three basic modes of play. You can play games in Exhibition, Season, or Playoff mode, or Simulations in which you must make the best of tough scenarios, and you can Practice your football skills. This battery pack saves five seasons and playoffs and you can even play a season in the multi-player mode. Another cool feature is that you can switch player assignments so Player #1 doesn't always get to be the QB. Speaking of the QB, you can switch quarterbacks from one team to another. Unfortunately, that's it for trading, and you can't sub players during the game.

The programmers at Acclaim's in-house Iguana Entertainment made sure you wouldn't run out of options on the field. One example is demonstrated by the receivers in a multi-player game. As your receiver runs the chosen route, you can actually call for the ball. Running backs also have an assortment of evasive tactics including the spin, dive, juke and a burst of speed to carry them past on-coming tacklers.

This year's QB Club may not have the ease of play that you'll find in Tecmo Super Bowl III or the excellent practice sessions and historical teams of Madden '96, but it does have great graphics and the sims are fun. Since it is a Madden-type game, the call really comes down to bells and whistles. Our chart below should help you make the call.

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MAKING THE CALLS

You'll gain the biggest edge in QB Club '96 by learning when to use the on-field options. For instance, running backs can dive for a whopping eight yards if they aim for a hole and dive with at least three yards between them and the nearest defender. Knowing that can gain you a critical first down. The same thing is true of passing. The timing and success of the pass play depends on the speed of the receiver and of the ball in the air. The two must come together at the cross hair at the same moment. For running plays, the key is to study the blocking schemes then learn to use the appropriate player moves during the game. The most critical move is the Speed Burst. Push the X button just as you hit the line of scrimmage to squirt through. Defense is always more of a guessing game, but you can control whichever player you want. Generally, you want to stop the big play, so if you switch to a safety or corner and read the play correctly, you'll be in the right place to stop the long gain.

TWO-A-DAYS, FULL CONTACT

Although the unique QB challenge didn't make it into this game, Acclaim replaced it with the Practice option, which is invaluable as a learning tool. The practice option puts you in scrimmage situations—three-on-three or full squads—on offense or defense so you get the moves down without being mangled before you know what hit you.

Pass No Rush
Learn to time your passes without pressure from defenders

Rushing Open
Three-on-three rushing practice. Learn the fundamentals

Pass Cover
Three-on-three pass coverage drills. Learn to dive.

Line Blocking
For multi-player games, learn how to block
NEW GAME
MORE FIREPOWER

The original Mechwarrior game was a balance between adventure and action, with battle scenes shown in first-person perspective from your mech's cockpit. This game is much more action-oriented, with the battles changed to a three-quarter overhead view. This cuts down on the "simulation" feel of the game, but it lets you concentrate on more enemies at once, making the battles faster and more exciting. Other improvements include a wider choice of weapons, a full-screen radar display and the ability to walk in one direction and fire in another. The latter ability is incorporated into a fantastic two-player mode with one player as the pilot and the other as the gunner. There are unlimited continues, and passwords are given after each campaign.

Your first campaign takes you to the Draconis Combine outpost on Alshain. You'll find coolant tanks (that repair damage) and weapon caches hidden throughout the complex. As you complete each phase of your mission, Colonel Ward, your commander, will transmit your next assignment.

The War Goes On
Climb aboard 50 tons of battle-scarred steel and prepare for a rollicking good time in Activision's Mechwarrior 3050! Leaping back to the war torn future introduced in their original Mechwarrior game, Activision decided to concentrate less on the adventure elements and more on serious crash-and-burn action. There are five vast worlds to explore, and while some fans will miss the intricate plot, you do get to play with much bigger guns!

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The Rasalhague have begun manufacturing mech fusion engines, and you're sent in to stop the project. The first phase of the mission is timed, giving you less than three minutes to find and eliminate your targets. On top of that, the volcanic surface of Satalice is less than kind to your poor, overheating mech. Here's your chance to use those unlimited continua!

Not only do you have to dodge enemy mechs and moving land mines, you also have to watch out for exposed hot spots and fountains spewing lava!

With Fedcom's research center protected by radar jamming sites, you may stumble around Ridderkirk's icy terrain for a long time before you locate all of your targets. Once you destroy the jamming equipment, you can concentrate on the central research complex.

The First Lyran Regulars have some big guns, and it will be hard to fight back while you're sliding through icy mazes.

The battle is now being fought in your backyard, as the rival 394th Garrison intercepts genetic material bound for your unit's research centers. You're once again plagued by radar jamming, but at least the swamps help keep your mech running cool. Find the DNA samples and ensure your unit's supremacy!

The lack of radar is a major pain, and the size of the maze-like battlefield only compounds your problems.

On Avon, there's one bomb component near your starting position. This component is closest to the target, so save it for last!

Gather the other bomb parts first, then locate the target wall (it shows red on radar, but your guns don't effect it). Grab the last part, run to the target, then get outta there!

It's you against the mechanized might of the 5th Ghost Regiment, and it's not a pretty picture. To break into their complex, you first need to collect four bomb components. After you find the last component, you must deliver the now active device to the target point within 30 seconds. If not, well, you can kiss your mech goodbye!

The 5th Ghost Regiment has jump-jet technology, which allows them to bounce in and out of your line of fire.
In bringing Midway's coin-op hit home, Acclaim managed to keep six of the arcade's original eight characters and their wild combo moves. You'll see Razor Ramon launch a rival into orbit and the Undertaker unleash his spooky ghost attacks. Now that's action you can't see at the local arena! Highlights of this 24-meg title include richly detailed characters and smooth animation. A roaring crowd and a bellowing announcer add to the WrestleMania!
Airmail serious damage by climbing the turnbuckles in the upper corners of the ring. Simply press Up and Left or Right, then launch your attack by pressing any button quickly.

**Energy Meter**

Things look good as long as your meter is in the green, but when it slides to the yellow end of the scale, watch out! You're dangerously close to going down for the count.

**Recovery Bar**

No, we're not talking about a place where you can get a high-energy fruit drink. This bar appears when you have a severe energy crisis. Replenish it by pressing any button quickly.

**Combo Moves Alert**

Successfully pull off certain moves and this message flashes on your screen. It gives you the green light to unleash eye-popping combo attacks! The Combo message will carry over between rounds of a bout.

**Announcer**

It wouldn't be a WWF match without colorful commentary from the guys with the microphones. "Here we go" Get ready for a blow-by-blow account of the wrestlers in action.

**Hit the Road, Jack**

Pursue your rival outside the ropes, but beware your Recovery Bar won't do you any good on the outside. Jump back into the ring before your Energy Meter runs down or you'll lose the round.

**Fun for One or Two Maniacs**

Take the Intercontinental Title by winning four one-on-one matches, followed by a series of one-on-two bouts before facing three wrestlers at once. To grab the World Wrestling Federation Title, you'll have to win a series of one-on-two and one-on-three matches. In two-player, head-to-head mode, your goal is to win the best of three rounds. In cooperative mode, square off against a series of supercharged wrestlers for the Tag Team Championship!

Tournament-fighter fans will appreciate WrestleMania's clean message bars. There's nothing here to distract from the action down in the arena. Despite the fun factor, WrestleMania is as demanding as any tournament fighter, with lots of hidden moves and combos of 30 hits or more. When the Combo alert lights up, familiar moves will give you all-new results. There's only one way to figure them out, and that's to hit the mat and rumble!

**Arena Overview**

**Altitude Attacks**

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**Fight or Flight?**

Sky-diving from the turnbuckles. Fighting outside the ring. What do you expect when there's no referee in sight? Both strategies are risky, though. Fleet-footed rivals can quickly evade your bombs-away routine, while rumbling outside the ring risks disqualification.
Figuring that no picture is as good-looking as he is, Shawn has lined his house with mirrors. He's not totally vain, though. He cheerfully confesses that his biggest character flaw is excessive modesty. In the ring, Shawn likes to keep his gorgeous mug pristine. The fastest wrestler in the World Wrestling Federation, he attacks with an eye-popping array of trips, flips and kicks. Lacking the brute strength of some of his rivals, Shawn can't afford to stop fighting until the bell rings.
The Miami macho man practically bench-press the Orange Bowl. To win, though, this bruiser had to sacrifice some dignity. Wily rivals try to get the jump on Razor by circling around him. Watch out, though, this bruiser only makes him angrier, and when Razor gets angry, he pulls out his shaving gear and goes to town when he's in the ring, or else he'll launch a stratospheric uppercut.

Rumor has it that the Undertaker wheels up to the arena in a customized hearse bigger than the Taj Mahal, bearing the vanity plates "MBALM." Yikes! No one will ever confuse this 6-foot-11 behemoth with Speedy Gonzales, but when he plugs you, you're as good as planted! His spooky arsenal includes dragon and demon ghosts, which he hurls across the ring. On occasion he'll whip out a tombstone and slam a rival across the head. Avoid last rites from this guy by moving fast. Above all, avoid his deadly levitation move!

Press Down and roll your thumb toward your rival, then press Kick. The Undertaker will float across the ring and throttle his rival. What does a 322-pound Undertaker do next? Whatever he wants! For that smooth, fresh-shaved feeling, first grab your rival in a headhold. Don't let him move or the poor fellow might get nipped! Then repeat the headhold sequence. Hey, somebody get out the aftershave! Press Down and hold Punch for three seconds while you walk up to your opponent, then release. The Undertaker nicknames this move "The Hangman." Gee, the guy has a one-track mind!

Quickly follow a headhold by pressing Down and Strong Punch, then get out your radar to follow your opponent's flight path! Some of the other wrestlers can execute this mighty move, too.

**OTHER MOVES**

**RAZOR'S EDGE**
For that smooth, fresh-shaved feeling, first grab your rival in a headhold. Don't let him move or the poor fellow might get nipped! Then repeat the headhold sequence. Hey, somebody get out the aftershave!

**HIP TOSS**
Press Away twice, then Punch. If you press Strong Punch, you'll bounce your opponent off the ropes without inflicting damage. However, he won't be able to defend himself or attack until his Recovery meter replenishes. Attack him quickly!

**TOMBSTONE SMASH**
Press Down and roll your thumb toward your rival, then press Kick. This move really stuns! You'd be stunned, too, if you saw a dragon floating your way!

**GHOST DRAGON**
Press Down and roll your thumb toward your rival, then press Kick. The Undertaker will float across the ring and throttle his rival. What does a 322-pound Undertaker do next? Whatever he wants!
Opponents, beware of Doink's blindingly fast counterattacks! Doink deploys a bevy of wacky weapons, including a joy buzzer, huge hammer and big boot. The refs would like to shut down this circus but are reluctant to move against a certified crowd-pleaser.

Doink's second-grade teacher told him to stop clowning around. Obviously, he never followed this advice. Doink isn't the hardest hitter in the ring, but he moves fast and recovers quickly from takedowns.

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The moves Bret picked up by watching old Three Stooges movies. Press Down, then roll your thumb Toward your opponent and press Punch. Wrestlers, be warned: Don't lose sight of Bret!
BRET "HIT MAN" HART™

Lightest of the six makes up for small stature with an aggressive style that leaves bigger rivals trembling in their flock shoes. His nasty attacks include the eye rake, uppercut, and flying clothesline. Meanness won Bret many friends, but what does he have a closet full of trophies. This native of Calgary, Alberta, is wise to reckon that the best defense is a good offense. After taking a hit, he's particularly slow to recover.

Lex hails from Atlanta, but don't expect any Southern hospitality from him! Standing 6-foot-5 and tipping the scales at 275 pounds, Lex is one awesome physical specimen in his red, white, and blue briefs. He loves to clean-and-jerk rivals over his head and then slam 'em to the mat, but he's not averse to rummaging in his toolbox for a giant mace, steel-hand punch or double ax-handle smash. Until metal detectors are installed outside the ring, rival wrestlers can expect no mercy from the Georgian giant!
If you play Doom on the easiest difficulty setting, "I'm too young to die", the game ends at the end of Episode 1. You can play further in the game if you change the difficulty setting to a more challenging level. If you only raise the difficulty level to "Hey, not too rough", you won't be able to reach Episode 3. If you want to explore more of this game, you must be willing to cover tougher terrain.

The "I'm too young to die" setting is great for beginners, but experienced players need to find greater challenges.

Explore the advanced episodes of Doom by raising the game's difficulty setting beyond the first two levels.

You can pick up the chain saw in one of the secret rooms in the Nuclear Plant, the second area in Episode 1. After getting the Red Key, open the Red Door. If you follow the right wall you can find a small room with toxic green water and a column in the center. Hit the switch on the column and return to the red door. Next to the red door a secret passage opens. Walk through the opening and go straight to the wall. Turn left and walk up to another wall. Turn right and you should see a room with a flashing light. Turn right again and follow the left wall to a Green Armor. Stand on the armor and face the left wall. If you press the A Button a passageway will open, giving you access to the chain saw.

Follow the new secret passage to the chain saw. You don't need gas for this baby.
How do I get the Spring Ball in World 3-1?

Dinosaurs and toddlers alike are stumped by the Spring Ball beneath the brown platform in World 3-1. You encounter this perplexing puzzle just past the Middle Ring in the stage. Trot down the muddy hill right of the ball and jump in the water. By holding Down and Left on the Control Pad, Yoshi dives underwater and beneath the hill. Now you can reach the Spring Ball and a new secret area!

Hitting this Spring Ball opens up a secret room full of jump opportunities. The trick is finding a way to reach it.

WHERE IS THE LOCKED DOOR IN WORLD 3-2?

Many players easily locate the key in World 3-2, but soon discover they can’t find a door. The locked door is in a secret room. Work your way up from the 3-2 Middle Ring to four rotating purple platforms in the top-left corner. Stand on the platforms and jump off to the left behind the tree. Be sure to hold the jump button and press Up on the Control Pad. You won’t be able to see Yoshi and Mario, but a hidden pipe takes you to a secret room and the locked door.

You found the key, but the real trick is finding a door. Go to the Middle Ring and jump up.

Stand on the platforms and jump to the left behind the tree. Jump and hold Up.

A concealed pipe leads you to a secret room and the hard-to-find locked door.

How do I fill in the blocks in World 2-2?

Scattered throughout World 2-3 are outlines of blocks, especially around the Mole Tank and in front of the Goal Ring. You can connect the dots and fill in these blocks by transforming into Super Baby Mario. Stand next to the pinball flippers left of the bouncing Super Star. Don’t touch the Super Star—let it come to you. Waiting for the star gives you a head start and extra time to complete the level. As the star bounces by the Chomp Rock, directly below the locked door, touch it and turn into Super Baby Mario. Run left and up until you can sprint right. All the dotted blocks are now solid. If you keep running, you should be able to collect more Super Stars and finally reach the Goal Ring.

World 2-3 is full of outlined blocks. Filling in the dots requires Super Baby Mario power.

Stand next to these pinball flippers and let the Super Star Bounce up to you.

Run right as fast as you can to pick up more Super Stars and reach the Goal Ring!
MORTAL KOMBAT II

HOW DO I FIND NOOB SAIBOT?

You can fight Noob Saibot (Boon and Tobias, the game's creators spelled backwards) in Mortal Kombat II by winning 50 games in a row. Select the two-player mode, at the end of the 50th round, do not execute a finishing move or even touch your defeated opponent. If you stand perfectly still, Noob Saibot appears. If you lose to Noob, win the next match and you'll automatically be lined up with a rematch.

HOW DO I EXECUTE THE DEEP FREEZE PLUS?

You can send your frozen opponent into the Dead Pool using Sub-Zero's deep freeze plus. While fighting as Sub-Zero in the Dead Pool Stage, press Forward twice, Down and execute a High Kick to freeze your foe. While your enemy is frozen, quickly press and hold the Block, Low Punch and Low Kick buttons at the same time.

HOW DO I DO THE KOMBAT TOMB UPPERCUT?

The Kombat Tomb Uppercut is the grail of Mortal Kombat II tricks and cool moves. This gory ending lets you see your defeated foe slip through the spikes in the Tomb stage. After executing the Kombat Tomb Fatality Uppercut, you must press and hold Down on both Control Pads. Timing is the most critical aspect of pulling off this trick. Each MK2 character possesses a special move for pulling off the Kombat Tomb move. For Shang Tsung's fatality, hold the Block button, then press Down, Down, Up and Down. For Sub-Zero's cool tomb move, press Down twice, Forward twice, and tap the Block button. Don't try this move on a full stomach.
HOW DO I FIND JADE?

Jade is one of the cool hidden characters in Mortal Kombat II for the Game Boy. To find him, you must not only win on the stage directly before the question mark, but you can only use kick attacks to defeat your opponent. During the match you cannot block. If you meet this criteria, your next match will be against the mysterious Jade. Good luck!

HOW DO I FIND SMOKE?

Where there's smoke, it's toasty. That's all you really need to remember to find and fight the hidden character Smoke. Go to the Bridge Stage and use the uppercut attack on your opponent until the programmer's face appears with the word "Toasty". As soon as you see the programmer's face, hold Down on the Control Pad and press the Start button. If your timing is perfect, your warrior is teleported to Goro's Lair and you are greeted by the mysterious and elusive cybernetic ninja. Now if you can just avoid getting burned by Smoke!

Q & A FAST FACTS

**THE MASK**

Q: Do I really need $50,000 to enter Stage Seven, The Coco Bongo Club?
A: No. It mentions this in the instruction manual, but you don't need it. Mail the money to us instead.

Q: Why won't my guns fire?
A: Either you don't have enough Morph Energy or you're standing too close to a wall.

**CASTLEVANIA DRACULA X**

Q: Where do I use the key?
A: You use the key on the locked doors in Stage Four.

Q: Where do I find Annette, my girlfriend's sister?
A: You'll find your girlfriend's sister in Stage Four. Use the Key to unlock the first locked door.

**DEFENDER/Joust**

Q: How do I get out of Hyperspace in Defender?
A: Destroy all of the enemies (or yourself) Use a Smart Bomb if you have one.

Q: In Joust, how do I escape the grip of the lava hand?
A: Hold down the B Button if you have the rapid fly option on, or flap your wings like crazy and squawk loudly.

Q: R A FAST FACTS
The action opens with you catching some rays on a Hawaiian beach. Your well-deserved R&R is about to end, because Strike C.O.R.E. has discovered Malone’s secret plans to build a super weapon. Before each scenario, you’re briefed on Malone’s schemes and what you’ll have to do. At any time during combat, you can check out how you’re doing by switching to your WATCHCOM Information Console. Besides reminding you of your missions, WATCHCOM provides a detailed map of the battle zone. You’ll also get updates of the status of your armor and your fuel and ammo supplies. You’ll need all the info you can get if you want to quash Malone’s rebellion!

2001: A SINISTER ODYSSEY

The action hits home in THQ’s smashing sequel to these two capter classics, Desert Strike and Jungle Strike. In the year 2001, a mysterious media mogul is training and equipping private armies throughout the United States. Having failed as a presidential candidate, H.R. Malone now plans to seize power by any means possible! You battle his evil forces through more than 90 missions in 10 high-powered scenarios.

A terrorist with a sense of style, Malone has set up his private armies in such glamorous locales as Las Vegas and Manhattan. That makes your job tougher, because you’ll have to waste the bad guys while avoiding skyscrapers and bridges. In San Francisco, be on guard for snipers lurking in the city’s famous fog, while in New York, Malone’s marauders like to shoot from penthouse roofs. Some of your missions will require you to rescue innocent taxpayers, which becomes a bit tricky when gunfire is raining down on you.
BY AIR AND BY LAND

Your basic pal is the Mohican helicopter, although you'll get the opportunity to use a Blackhawke cargo helicopter to rescue some shipwrecked vacationers. Before each mission, you'll choose a co-pilot to fire your guns and operate the winch, which is used to pick up hostages, fuel and ammo. Choose carefully. Your life is in your co-pilot's hands! Down Mexico way, you'll leave your trusted helicopter behind to commandeer one of the Ground Assault Vehicles that Malone's engineers are building in an old auto factory.

TAKE A HIKE WITH YOUR TRUSTY ATTACK-PACK

For the first time in a Strike game, you can attack on foot. Armed with an MR9 assault rifle that fires bullets and Hydra missiles, you'll rescue captured C.O.R.E. fighters held captive on an oil rig off Baja California and on Alcatraz Island. Later, you'll blast through Malone's Monolith Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas strip. Move fast and get your sharpshooting skills down cold. Whether on land or in the air, resist the urge to waste anything in sight. More than just a simple shoot-em-up, Urban Strike requires you to think strategically and conserve your resources.

POWER-UP

SLOW COPTER

In Mexico, Urban Strike offers you a choice of a slow Blackhawke cargo helicopter for rescuing people drifting at sea. Stick with your smaller but faster and better-armed Mohican, though. It's a far better choice for dodging enemy fire.

HIT THE JACKPOT

Your luck will run out fast if you stroll through the casino. Those slot machines don't give any protection at all, so don't bother wasting your Hydra missiles taking them out. Just move fast, blasting the pit bosses as you go.
Are you rarin' for some fast-paced gambling action? Is your favorite Elvis song "Viva Las Vegas"? Then put your chips on Nintendo's new Super Game Boy title. Vegas Stakes delivers all the white-knuckle thrills of a trip to the Babylon in the Basin, without the bad buffet food and cheesy floor shows!

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The puzzle masters at HAL who brought you Shanghai and The Adventures of Lolo deliver another winner for Nintendo. Long-time game-players will spot similarities with Vegas Dream, the NES classic from 1990. This 4-meg fun pack features such casino classics as poker, craps, roulette, blackjack and the slot machines. The proceedings have been embellished with colorful Super Game Boy frames and musical scores for each of the four casinos you visit. Colorful strangers accost you at the gaming tables, and you have to decide whether to take a flyer on their offers. HAL has even spiced up the action with horse racing and boxing. Remember one big advantage that video games have over real life: the Reset Button!
Four casinos are open for your gaming pleasure. You'll start off with a bankroll of $1,000 at the popular Golden Paradise, where the action starts at $50. At any time, you can move up to the spanking new 2020 or down to the seedy Hideaway. Pounding techno-pop drives the fast and furious action at the 2020, where the wagering starts at $10. Hit a streak of bad luck, though, and you'll be welcomed to hard times, also known as the once-great Hideaway. With a minimum bet of $1, at least you can't lose money too fast. If you can rack up $100,000, you'll get a personal invitation to the prestigious Laurel Palace. Betting here starts at $1,000, and the sky's the limit.

**THE HIDEAWAY**
Feeling thrifty? Then head to the budget blackjack table at the Hideaway. Bets range from $1 to a whopping $50,000.

**GOLDEN PARADISE**
Your square on the Strip will probably begin with this game, where bets range from $5 to $500.

**THE 2020**
Bet anywhere from $100 to $1,000 per hand in the priciest casino of the lower three.

**LAUREL PALACE**
With a minimum bet of $1,000 and no limit on the top bet, it's no surprise the dealer will call you "Sir" or "Ma'am."

**BLACK JACK**
The one-armed bandits at the Hideaway will only hit you up for $1, $5, or $25 wagers.

**SLOT MACHINES**
Bet $1, $5, $25, or $50. With money like that, it's no surprise the patrons at the Laurel call this place the Brass Paradise.

**ROULETTE**
Follow the rolling ball to the tune of $1 to $500 per bet. That's chump change to the regulars in town.

**CRAPS**
Craps is hardly a dicey proposition when you can't put down a bet bigger than $50. The minimum bet is $1.

**POKER**
One portrait of George Washington will get you in this game. Bets range from $1 to an Alexander Hamilton, or $10.

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**BREAK THE BANK**
Once the snooty doorman at the Laurel Palace lets you in, make a beeline for the blackjack table and bet everything you have. If you lose, just hit Reset and you'll have your cash back. If you win, save your game, then bet everything again. In no time at all you'll have $10 million in your pocket.

**VEGAS STAKES**
Your status at the spiffy Laurel Palace grants you the pleasure of losing money faster than anyone else in town.
**BLACKJACK**

Each player gets two cards, then calls for more as desired. The object is to get as close as possible to 21 without going over. The jack, queen, and king are worth 10 apiece, aces are worth one or 11 and numbered cards are worth their face value.

**SLOT MACHINE**

All the one-armed bandits in Vegas Stakes work similarly. At each casino, you choose from among four denominations. You can place as many as five bets per pull of the handle. If you place only one bet, only the middle row counts. If you place two bets, you'll leave the bottom row uncovered.

**ROULETTE**

Roulette is one of the oldest and most popular casino games. The wheel has 38 numbered slots. Half of numbers 1 through 36 are red and half are black. The remaining two slots, 0 and 00, are green. You can bet on many varied combinations in this game.

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**Hey, Sport!**

You can bet a maximum of $20,000 on boxing matches or horse races. Cheer your pick on TV in the casino lounge. The staff will cheerfully serve you a complimentary soda pop, although only the Golden Laurel offers double maraschino cherries.
VEGAS STAKES

CRAPS

Follow the tumbling dice in one of the fastest, most exciting games on the Strip. You can jump in and bet at any time. The first roll is called the "come-out" and establishes the 'point.' "Craps" refers to rolls of 2, 3 or 12.

POKER

Seven-card stud is the only card game you can play at the four casinos open for business. Each player gets two cards down and one up. The holder of the highest card opens the betting. Three more cards are dealt face up before the last card is dealt down. Bets are placed after each deal. You can fold, or give up, after each deal.

THE INSIDE ANGLE

There are 36 possible combinations when rolling two dice. The most likely outcome is a 7, which has a one in six chance of making an appearance. If you bet on 2 or 12, though, the odds run 35-1 against you. To guarantee themselves a profit, casinos have carefully calculated the odds and commissions that winners must pay.

PSST, BUDDY!!

A weird assortment of con artists, starry-eyed risk-takers and eerily nice folks who just want to give you their money roam the Vegas night. If you decide to strike a deal, stay by your gaming table until they return.

TAKE THESE RISKS!

Take all offers to buy a lottery ticket at a discount. These frequently pay off big! If someone asks if you remember them, say yes even if you don't. And watch out for the low-roller selling a watch at a discount. It's worth big bucks.

FOOL'S GOLD

Don't listen to "genuine" diamonds. The swanky crowd at the Laurel Palace will laugh at you for wearing that overpriced hunk of cubic zirconia. And the guy who wants to go to the hospital? Well, he'll pick half your hard-earned dough from your pockets.

THE INSIDE ANGLE

When playing at the Hideaway, bet the maximum and the dealer will often fold before the final deal. Savvier dealers at the Golden Paradise and 2020 will often call your bluff, though it's surprisingly easy to break the bank at the Laurel Palace, provided you have a cool half-million. Just bet that amount and win.

Boxing matches pay even odds. Because you don't pay the commission, they're a better bet than slots, roulette or craps.

You have no information on the horses besides their name and the odds. If you feel lucky, bet on the longshot.

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THE ARCADE SMASH IS NOW PORTABLE!

You’ve played it in the arcades, you’ve played it on your Super NES, and now you can play Mortal Kombat 3 everywhere you go! That’s because Williams Entertainment: Mortal Kombat 3, one of the hottest street fighting games of the year, is on its way for your Game Boy. The tiny Pak is stuffed with cool Kombat Kodes, fatalities, special character moves and even the babalities! Although Mortal Kombat 3 received a Mature rating from the IDSA ratings board, the game is no more violent than previous Mortal Kombat games. Even so, it’s not for the squeamish.

If you can’t get enough of Mortal Kombat 3 at the arcades or on your Super NES, Mortal Kombat 3 for Game Boy is definitely for you. This game was made for the street fighting enthusiast.
Choose your champion! Normal play allows you to pick one of eight different Mortal Kombat 3 fighters, but if you use a code, you can burn up the competition by adding Smoke to your arsenal.

WILLIAMS' SECRET INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS

Developing this game on Game Boy was no easy task. MK 3 has a major following among discriminating game enthusiasts, especially in the arcade crowd. But hold on to your quarters— all the popular elements of this smash hit are included on Game Boy.

Players get Killer Kontestants, an arsenal of Kombat Kodes and three towering levels of challenge. If you picked up a few Kombat Kodes at the arcade or on your Super NES, try them out on your Game Boy. Some of the best ones work! While not all of the Super NES MK 3 characters are in the Game Boy version, the ones included possess their trademark moves. Turn the page and check out the specific moves for your favorite Kombatant!

THE DIVINE NINE

Choose one of the nine contestants and fight for the right to confront Shao Kahn. MK 3 includes Sindel, Sektor, Kabal, Sheeva, Sub-Zero, Kano, Sonya, Cyrax and Smoke! These masters of mayhem all have their trademark moves. Use them as you Confront your favorite foe in four different arenas. Just like in the arcade, you can upper-cut your opponent through the snhway ceiling and up onto the city streets.

Choose your champion! Normal play allows you to pick one of eight different Mortal Kombat 3 fighters, but if you use a code, you can burn up the competition by adding Smoke to your arsenal.

KOMBAT KODES

Change the rules or don't play by them at all. Kombat Kodes take your game to a totally different level of play. The cool codes are given to you randomly when you lose a match. Write them down. Input the symbols prior to starting a new game and get ready to fight like you've never fought before. If you can't wait for a random code, copy down the Kombat Kodes below and get on the path to victory!

CHOOSE YOUR DESTINY

Pick your level of difficulty before you ascend to legendary fame and fortune. MK 3 gives you the level you need with three unique challenge towers. The Novice tower has five floors of gut-wrenching carnage, while the Master tower packs a total of nine fights. No matter which path you pick, you have three lives before you're knocked off.

It's a long climb to the top, but if you make all the right moves, you'll eventually find yourself standing on top of a challenge tower, pitted against the mighty Shao Kahn.
INVASION FROM THE OUTWORLD

Special Forces Agent Sonya Blade has hunted the renegade thief Kano throughout all the Mortal Kombat games. After cornering the elusive rogue in the ruins of the street stage, Sonya is ready to collect her bounty. Kano won't be captured without a fight, even if it is a battle to the end. Learn about some cool moves as these bitter rivals settle their scores!

Unload a ring attack by tapping Down, Down/Forward, Forward and hitting the Punch Button.

Kano automatically throws his victims when you move in close and press the Punch Button.

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To activate Kano's Laser Eye Fatality, press the Punch Button once, Block twice and finish with a kick.

Anyone who has stepped into the MK 3 arena knows the slogan “There is No Knowledge That is Not Power.” Knowing your strengths and weaknesses, as well as those of your foe’s, puts you way ahead in the game. The third Mortal Kombat tournament is packed with classic confrontations and bitter rivalries. All Kontest Kombatants enter the fray complete with lethal attacks and clouded pasts. The only way to discover their secrets is to play as or against them for many hours. Of course, Nintendo Power has managed to spy on a few rounds of Kombat to steal a few moves. Try out these special moves the next time you’re invaded by the Outworld forces. The knowledge is in Power...your issue of Nintendo Power!

There’s no fish story here. Trap your prey in Cyrax’s net by tapping Back twice on the Control Pad and executing a Kick.

While scouring the smoldering ruins of a deserted city, Sheeva, personal bodyguard for Shao Kahn’s bride, Sindel, encounters the cyberrninjia, Cyrax, concealed in the shadows of some rubble. The cyberrninjia poses a threat to Queen Sindel’s safety and must be eliminated. This match looks like a classic confrontation between brute Shokan strength and high tech processing speed.

Cyrax finishes the fight in explosive style if you press Down, Down, Up, Down and Down and tap the Punch Button.

Stamp out slime! Execute Sheeva’s stomp attack by pressing Down then Up on the Control Pad.
**Kabal vs. Sindel**

While Sheeva and Cyrax battle it out, Queen Sindel encounters danger in another form. Seeking food and vengeance, the nomadic warrior Kabal sees Sindel and sneaks in for a surprise attack. Unfortunately the surprise is on Kabal—Sindel is waiting for him! After sleeping for 10,000 years, Sindel is determined not to rest on anyone's terms but her own. Prepare for Kombat Karnage!

Finish your opponent by pressing the following series of buttons: Punch, Punch, Block, Punch, Block.

Spin your opponent like a little toy top by pressing Back then Forward and tapping your Kick button.

Toss Sindel around and then give her a shot from your eye! Tap Back, Back and execute a Punch.

Ouch! Kabal corners Sindel with the Ground Blade attack. Quickly press Back twice on the Control Pad and execute a Kick.

**Sektor vs. Sub-Zero**

A cybernetic assassin, Sektor is programmed to seek out and destroy Sub-Zero. While Sub-Zero and Sektor once belonged to the same ninja order, a question of honor now pits the warriors against one another. Sektor's coding contains the secrets Sub-Zero is looking for, but it's going to be tough to break open the cyber-ninja's high tech armor.

Now Sektor's one cool Kombatant! Sub-Zero freezes in place when you tap Down, Down/Forward, Forward and hit the Punch Button.

Light up your foe's life by tapping Forward three times, Back once, and pressing the Block Button.

Teleport out of trouble and back in with an uppercut by pressing Forward twice and executing a Kick.

**Shaq Kahn**

If you're the best, you'll rise to the top and fight Emperor Shaq Kahn. Look in upcoming issues for a special code to play as Kahn!
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Can you score a 100% in all the levels in World 3? Cruising through the first seven levels won't be a problem, but escaping unscathed from Naval Piranha might require a few tries. To qualify, you must finish the bonus stage. Take a picture of your file screen scores for World 3 and send it in to the Arena. The first twenty entries with a 100% score pick up four Power Stamps!

Last month's Arena asked you for your top combo scores, but now we want to know how fast you can knock your opponent out of a match. Send in a picture of the Speed Demon screen with your best times in the game. For best results, play against yourself in two-player mode. The top ten Speed Demons pick up four Power Stamps!

Attention! Listen up, jar heads! You wimps had an easy walk in the park in last month's challenge, so don't start whining about shore leave! You're being transferred back down to the planet for another mission. You're landing in Episode 2 on the "Shores of Hell." You must complete the first stage, the Deimos Anomaly, with the lowest time and nail a 100% in Kills, Items, and Secrets. The ten best times will receive ten Power Stamps!
DONKEY KONG LAND
Highest Percentage
JAMES ALM
SANTA FE, NM ..................... 97%

BUST-A-MOVE
Best Score in Challenge Mode
WING YAU .......................... 147,420
LONG ISLAND CITY, NY
MICHAEL KATZOURIN ............... 12,640
FAIR LAWN, NJ
MICHAEL LIPINSKI .................. 6,460
FERGUSON, MO
JUSTIN SEEGMILLER ................ 3,350
PHONIX, AZ

Can anyone get a hundred percent in Donkey Kong Land? The first TEN readers to nail 100% scores pick up four Power Stamps! Grab your Game Boy and go bananas!

A picture might be worth a thousand words, but make sure you include a few of your own when submitting an Arena accomplishment or Player Challenge. Some players forget to include the important stuff like their name, address or the nature of their Player Challenge (or other things, like what kind of side dish they prefer with their Super NES Controller). Include the vital information so you can get credit where it's due!

LOONEY TUNES B-BALL
Highest Point Total
KEVIN HOGAN.....................1119
ST. PETERS, MO
GENE PLUIG.........................1006
BAYSHORE, NY
EMILY NICHOLAS..................721
SUNLAND, CA

Aaargh! Mario and the Princess look radioactive! Take a few pictures at various levels of brightness and pick your best shot.

Before you can enter one of the challenges, you must first capture your score on film. As many of you know, this can be tricky. If you are taking a photo of a Super NES, first move your system near your television so you can get a photo of both the system and high score at the same time. Dim the lights in the room a little bit, then take a few photos without a flash. When you are taking a photo of a Game Boy, place it on a flat surface and take the photo using natural light (NO FLASH!). If you are using a game enhancement device to get your entry score, get a life, quit cheating, and try again without one.

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The biggest hit of all time can’t hold a banana to its sequel. DKC2 does it all.

Nintendo and Rare have conspired once again to stun the gaming world with a 16-bit game that flattens the 32-bit competition. In Donkey Kong Country 2, Diddy and co-star, Dixie, swing, swim, hop, stomp, roll and whirl through more than one hundred areas. This time around, Donkey Kong has been ape-knapped once again to pursue the trail of bananas through K. Rool’s island stronghold and rescue the big ape. All of the game is new, but you’ll find some familiar fun in the action with helpful animal pals, blasting barrels and loads of bonus areas. It’s more challenging than the original game, too, due to more puzzle tasks and better Artificial Intelligence. In particular, the stage-end guardian characters seem to learn and they change their patterns of attack, making it difficult to predict what will happen next. As for graphics, whoa! Rare simply gets better and better. More special effects, better animation, new characters both pals and Kremlings. If you were one of the millions of DKC fans last year, it’s time to jump back on the banana wagon, because this year’s monkey business is the best platform game yet.

- Awesome graphics, game play and sound. New characters.
- Improved A.I. More than 100 areas.
- Doesn’t have Donkey Kong until the end. Quite a bit more challenging than the original. So don’t expect a free ride.

A new slugger steps up to the plate and sends a long ball into the upper deck.

Frank Thomas helped Acclaim in the motion capture studio for the creation of the animation for Big Hurt and his signature power swing looks great. That’s not all that looks great. The batting perspective from the catcher’s viewpoint is very dramatic and the animation of fielding also
looks pretty smooth. In addition to the Big Hurt himself, the game also packs in the rest of the stars of the MLBPA and includes rosters that were updated after the trading dead-line last summer. As a result, you'll find players such as David Cone in New York and Andy Benes in Seattle. A solid pitching engine gives Big Hurt Baseball an extra dimension, but there are limitations. Sports Scene looks at the good and the bad in this month's Power.

Good graphics. MLBPA license. Good play and setup options.
Unrealistically fast base running. No variety in pitchers and types of pitches.

MECHWARRIOR 3050
Company .......... Activision
Release Date ....... November 1995
Memory Size ....... 12 Megabits

Command powerful mech units in FASA's high-tech, lethal future.

Battletech role-playing and computer games have created an entire genre of science-fiction. In these worlds, soldiers go to battle in the cockpits of huge, walking battle tanks. With heavy armor and awesome weapons, the mechs duke it out, while puny mortals stand by helpless. Activision's MechWarrior 3050 reproduces the FASA concept in a three-quarter view Super NES game in which you control a mech in various off-world missions. The tactics begin from the moment you choose your weapon settings to the final crunch as you step on the last enemy truck. The two-player mode allows for cooperative action with one player guiding the mech and the other aiming the upper turret unit and unleashing the rain of destruction. Like the Strike series of attack helicopter games from EA, this game is based on missions and presents a constant challenge. This month's Take 2 review introduces you to the future.

Cool themes. Good control. Password for saving progress.
Very tough at first. Sharp learning curve.

Mortal Kombat 3
Company .......... Williams Entertainment
Release Date ...... December 1995
Memory Size ...... 4 Megabits

One of the best mini-fighters ever to mess up a Game Boy screen.

Mortal Kombat 3 for Game Boy does a great job of reproducing the look and feel of the original tournament fighter. You may find fewer moves and characters, only nine characters made it, including Smoke. Not all of the Kombat Kodes made it into the game,
either, but the animation of the large characters looks excellent and play control is quick. Williams didn't include Super Game Boy enhancements, but even so, MK3 looks and plays like a winner. For the big picture on this mini Pak, turn to this month's review.

- Good graphics and control.
- Missing seven original characters. No two-player option.

**NBA Give 'N Go**

Company ............ Konami  
Release Date ....... December 1995  
Memory Size ...... 16 Megabits

Arcade action comes home with a slam from Konami.

Better known as the number one arcade b-ball hit, NBA Run 'N Gun, this Super NES version of Give 'N Go is essentially the same game. Up to four players at a time control teams of five NBA players in fast-breaking, hard-contact action. The NBA license includes teams, logos and most players, but not Shaq or Jordan. In addition to the arcade action, Konami threw in season and post-season modes and a password for saving the schedule. You can set up your controller or change the difficulty, as well. To see how well this arcade hit fits into the home scene, turn to our Sports Scene review.

- Big characters. Fast action. Multi-player. Includes both arcade and season modes.
- Limited player moves. Some flicker in the graphics under crowded conditions.

**NFL Quarterback Club '96**

Company ............ Acclaim  
Release Date ....... December 1995  
Memory Size ...... 24 Megabits

Out of the huddle and ready to score, NFL QB Club is back for more.

Acclaim made the right off-season moves to bring back a champion with this edition of NFL Quarterback Club '96. The fun, but awkward QB contest has been replaced with a practical Practice mode that helps you learn the game. The other main options remain the same, including the excellent Simulation mode in which you play out scenarios. Graphically, this new QB Club stands alone in the football world. Neither Madden '96 nor Tecmo Super Bowl III look as pretty. Game play also shines and there is a lot of depth to the play. The 400 plays in the game give football sim fans as many options as the pros, but execution will determine who wins and who loses. This month, Sports Scene enters the huddle and calls the plays.

- Excellent graphics. Lots of good options. Five player option. Excellent control of players on the field. Simulation mode.
- No injury or trade options except for QB trades.

**P.T.O. II**

Company ............ Koei  
Release Date ....... November 1995  
Memory Size ...... 24 Megabits

Would World War II have had a different outcome if you commanded the fleet?

Koei continues its series of historical war strategies with P.T.O. II: Pacific Theater of Operations. Fans of these complex games already know what to expect, but P.T.O. II truly goes over the deep end with the level of detail. Operations are no longer limited to a few bases as in the first game. As commander of the American or Japanese navies, you can make use of facilities from India to the east coast of the United States. Koei's games make use of pull-down type menus in a turn-based system of play. You move each unit and set its parameters, then end the turn. The computer resolves all conflicts where combatants meet. P.T.O. II includes some bells and whistles you might not expect, such as a special...
guided torpedo action sequence. At 24 megabits with a battery, P.T.O. II might cost an arm and a leg, but you get ten scenarios beginning with Pearl Harbor and ending at Iwo Jima and Naha. Epic Center plunges into the fray this month.

- Big and complex. Players control almost everything imaginable
- Incredible precision (and some luck) is required to get fleets to meet and fight. Very slow to make turns. Slow learning curve.

PORKY PIG'S
HAUNTED HOLIDAY

Porky Pig is finally ready for the release of his first game on the Super NES.

Company .......... Acclaim
Release Date ...... November 1995
Memory Size ...... 16 Megabits

Porky's holiday was delayed for seven months—what a nightmare. Now he's ready to p-p-party, but his dreams keep going sour. Acclaim wanders into the whacky Looney Tunes business with this title that was originally from Sunsoft and was scheduled to be released last spring. Now it's December and Porky is finally stepping out so we thought we'd refresh your memory. In this side-scrolling platform game, Porky explores half a dozen worlds, each with several stages and a guardian at the end. Porky's wanderings take him through Atlantis, a western ghost town, the Alps, a not-quite abandoned mine and a castle. Although most of the action is standard stuff, some of the graphics and special effects add a lot to the game. The rotating, Mode 7 tree stump in the Haunted Forest is especially cool. For tips and strategies on Porky, see the May 1995 issue of Nintendo Power.

- Nice graphics with some excellent effects. A good game for younger players
- Basic side-scrolling action. Music and sound is a bit weak. Not overly challenging

URBAN STRIKE

-more madmen threaten democracy in the latest Strike series game from Black Pearl/T*HQ.

Company .......... Black Pearl
Release Date ...... December 1995
Memory Size ...... 16 Megabits

This Super NES chopper whopper adds several new features, including more detailed graphics and the use of a second helicopter gun ship. With 40 missions in ten areas, Urban Strike presents a lot of ways to get shot down. As always, the action primarily takes place in the air and behind enemy lines. Your co-pilot takes care of the shooting and winching up of supplies and P.O.W.s, but you must put the chopper in the right place. It isn't easy. T*HQ did a good job reproducing all the details of the EA game. In fact, some of the graphics are an improvement, but the play control doesn't feel quite as sharp. This month's Take 2 review looks at the battle plan.

- More detailed graphics than previous Strike games. Lots of missions
- Enemies and targets take a huge amount of damage before being destroyed

VEGAS STAKES

Now you can win big bucks on the Vegas strip no matter where you want to play.

Company .......... Nintendo
Release Date ...... December 1995
Memory Size ...... 4 Megabits

Nintendo's Super Game Boy version of Vegas Stakes does a solid job of recreating the Super NES game. Unlike many gambling games, Vegas Stakes adds to the mix an element of adventure. Throughout your gambling, characters offer you chances to make humanitarian gestures or to risk your cash. Some will pay off and others are a scam. In the meantime, you can win big bucks playing Blackjack, Poker, Roulette, and Craps. As your wallet grows fat, you can take it uptown to the big stakes tables. In all, there are four casinos where you can make your fortune. Take a walk on the wild side of Vegas with this month's Vegas Stakes review.

- Easy controls. Fun adventure element.
- Only four games of chance
Wario’s Virtual Boy debut takes 3-D gaming to a deeper level.

Virtual Boy Wario Land not only shows off all that the Virtual Boy system can be, it rocks. This is a fully realized game with some great 3-D elements. In fourteen stages, you’ll face four major baddies and hundreds of lesser foes who come at Wario from every side, including the front and the back. As in his Game Boy adventure from last year, Wario wears special hats to help him head off danger. If you’ve waited for a big Virtual Boy game, this is it. Our in-depth review shows you the depths.

- Excellent use of 3-D graphics and game elements. Lots of fun
- You’ll want even more

The Mariner must save Enola and the Atollers from the ravages of the Smokers in Ocean’s action-packed Super NES version of Waterworld.

In this wet future, only the strong take baths. At least that’s what it seems like in Waterworld the movie. Ocean borrowed several concepts, including the grungy look of the atolls, and turned them into an action game with several distinct activities. As Costner, you begin the game in Trimaran mode—that’s the big, three-hulled ship. You shoot at Smokers and rescue Atollers, pretty much the same as in the Virtual Boy game. The second activity is diving for treasure, but you can only hold your breath for a set period of time. Finally, on the Atolls themselves, you must wipe out bad guys, collect guns, and go to the shops to get special items. It’s a weird mix, but there’s a lot of action. Will you sink or swim? Before you take the plunge, head out to this month’s review.

- Interesting variety, at first.
- The same three types of stages keep repeating.

Wayne Gretzky carves his name on the ice along with his teammates and opponents in the NHL Player’s Association, but he doesn’t make much more of an impact in this hockey game from Time Warner. Stick fans will find most of the options they want including season and post-season play. There’s also an instant Just Play option to get you straight into the action. Last month’s Sports Scene covered the game.

- Fast learning curve. Multi-player option. Full-motion video highlights. Puck and characters are larger than in other games.
- No NHL license. Animations jerky. Winner of Fight option in Arcade mode stays on the ice.

Crushing blows and painful holds from the kings of the ring in WWF’s arcade game for the Super NES.
Acclaim and Williams truly spruced up the WWF Wrestlemania series in The Arcade Game by giving it special moves patterned after Mortal Kombat and other tournament fighters. Gone are the days of mindless wrestling controls that might or might not lead to a pin. The moves and graphics are great, but the animation ate up the memory and only six wrestlers made it into the final game—two short of the total in the original. Doink and his cronies engage in comic moves that are a lot more fun than the serious moves of previous WWF outings. Is it enough? Take a ringside seat this month's no-holds-barred review.

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Hey, you know, it's a sweet emotion when the ultimate rock and roll arcade game heads home for the Super NES. Revolution X walks that way, featuring a hard rocking soundtrack from Aerosmith that includes hits such as Dude Looks Like A Lady, Rag Doll, and Heart's Done Time. The shooting action never lets up, from an L.A. nightclub to the rain forests of South America, and neither do the graphics or the soundtrack. If you haven't squandered all your CD savings in the arcade, what it's all about is a fanatic organization that wants to stop rock and roll. Guess they don't know that rock and roll will never die! Still, the fools have kidnapped the-band-that-will-never-die and only you, their most lethal and dedicated fan, can save the rockers from a life of imprisonment and Mel Torme velvet fog torture techniques. What you've got going for you is a sharp-shooting will to chill and tons of power-ups. Rev X also boasts a host of hidden secrets, as many as you'll find in NBA Jam. What all this means is that Rev X won't end up gathering dust like all those other toys in the attic. Acclaim hopes to release Revolution X by the end of the year, but it may be a close race.
The final version of Final Fight 3 finally arrived from Capcom just in time to reach the shelves by the end of the year. This 24 megabit scrolling fighter features the familiar block-by-block battles where endless thugs move in to stop the good guys. Your advantage lies in having a range of fighting moves, including weapons and super moves, plus the option to play with one of your friends in a two-player cooperative mode. Capcom also added a two-player mode in which one character is controlled by the computer, so you can attack with two characters even when playing alone.

Back for more brutality is Mike Haggar and his side-kick, Guy. Joining the heroes of Metro City are newcomers Dean and Lucia. In this round, the Skull Cross gang has become a plague on the city, causing riots and mayhem. One improved element over previous Final Fight games is better A.I. for the regular baddies. They don't come at you with the same mindless attack time after time. Instead, they may rush you or attack from another location. All the elements are here for a classic fighter and Final Fight fans will want to check it out.

The boys of summer could have used this game in the dugout to keep things interesting during the seventh inning stretch, except Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball for Game Boy is just coming out now, at the end of the year. What the ball players and game players have missed is the best baseball game for Game Boy ever, and possibly one of the best sports games around. Big Hurt in the small package delivers big league action, especially from the mound. Two placement controls allow you to pitch anywhere in or out of the strike zone with a fast ball, splitter or change up thrown at one of three speeds. The hits just keep on coming with the MLBPA license that includes all the players and their stats from the ‘94 season, exhibitions, season games with a password feature, a home run derby, play-offs and an All-Star game. This is a big league winner all the way. The animation may look simple at first, but the development team at Acclaim and Real Time Associates know the game and what's important. You can start warming up for the new season when this one hits the shelves late this month, or in early January.
The first game ever to use the SA-1 co-processor chip for the Super NES comes from Black Pearl, a label of T*HQ, by way of EA Sports. The eight courses on this tour include major PGA sites such as Avenel, Las Colinas, River Highlands, Sawgrass, Scottsdale, Southwind, Summerlin, and The Woodlands. The SA-1 chip was used for calculating the flight of the ball, not to increase the graphic realism of the game, but the graphics faithfully represent the different courses. Just as in the EA Sports original PGA games, players can practice or play tournaments, skins challenges, match play, or have a shoot-out. There's even a driving range where you can sharpen up your wood work and a putting green where you can tap in some practice putts. The battery-backed memory saves your round in progress for up to four players, and you can pass one controller around or use two controllers. This may be one of the most challenging golf games around, and the variety of courses can't be matched by any other Super NES game. Next month's Sports Scene will take a longer look at the links.

Instead of concentrating on the boats as in the Virtual Boy version of Waterworld, and the atolls in the Super NES pak, this game takes place both underwater and above. When you're all wet, it's a matter of swimming, gathering ammo and starfish, and shooting or avoiding enemies such as sharks. On dry ground (or what passes for dry ground in Waterworld) you run, climb, swing from overhangs and collect items. Waterworld for Game Boy may be more traditional than the versions we've seen for Virtual Boy and the Super NES, but it is also pretty well done. Look for it in December.
No, this isn't Tetris meets Bomberman. Tetris Blast began life as a Super NES game called Bomblis from Bullet-proof Software. The idea behind Tetris Blast would make an amoeba look complex, but the hidden elements of the game make it one of the hardest to put down since Tetris. Players fill in the lines, as in Tetris, with the tetrad blocks, but the tetrads may contain small red bombs. A group of four small red bombs transform into one super bomb. When a line with a bomb in it disappears, the bombs explode, destroying other blocks around them. The strategy is to create lots of big bombs, then slip in a tetrad to set them all off and clear the stage for mass points.

Disney Interactive's first major title of the season finally made it in to Pak Watch in its finished form. Toy Story, based on this fall's movie starring (the voices of) Tom Hanks and Tim Allen. The game turns out to be a bit of action and a bit of puzzle with rendered character graphics that are some of the best around. The level of challenge won't blow any minds, but for younger fans of Toy Story, that won't make any difference. With a little luck, this game should be on store shelves before the end of the holiday season.
MARK DAVIS' THE FISHING MASTER

Mark Davis may be to the world of angling what Michael Jordan is to basketball, but his bass fishing game from Natsume isn't the catch of the day. This tournament style fish-'n'-fun-fest simplifies the whole process of bass fishing, from choosing a likely hole to reeling in the prize.

Unfortunately, in trying to make the game simple, the developers also made it less challenging. The Fishing Master limits movement to preselected locations on the tournament lake. Even more distracting, you always face the shore from about the same distance. Once you've tied on the lure and cast toward shore, the view switches to a split screen in which the lower screen shows a side view of the lure in the water. If a fish strikes, one push of the A Button sets the hook, then you reel it in. One good thing about the Fishing Master is that you won't waste hours wondering if there are any fish out there as in some bass video games. You'll catch plenty of bass, but some of them may be pretty puny. If you're like us, you may end up asking yourself, does the world really need another Super NES bass game? If you can't get enough bass, Natsume should release this one by the end of December.

ZOOP

Zoop for Game Boy packs four-way puzzle action onto the portable system for people who just can't get enough frustration no matter where they are. Like the Super NES game also brought to you from Viacom New Media, Zoop for the Game Boy places your shooter at the center of the action. As blocks stack toward you from four sides, you must shoot away the blocks, but only the appropriately shaded guns will do any good. The challenge starts early and lasts, with three main game modes: Continual, Level and Multi. Like a certain electric bunny, the Continual mode just keeps on going and going and going. Level play gives players a taste of victory, but only for a second before a newer, tougher puzzle flashes onto the screen. The Multi - player mode works only with Game Linked Game Boys, not with two controllers and the Super Game Boy. The only lapse in the creation of Zoop may be that it isn't a Super Game Boy game, but Viacom probably figured that you could pick up the Super NES version if you wanted some home time multiplayer action. They could be right. Zoop should be in the stores any day. If you like puzzles and a challenge, check it out.

THE GETAWAY

High-scoring pinball with a high speed theme races onto the Game Boy scene from Williams. The Getaway features fast pinball action with multiple balls in play, scores that reach the tens of millions, and even a special Video Mode in which the game switches to a driving game. In the Video Mode, suddenly you're at the wheel of a car racing down a highway filled with traffic. As long as you can avoid hitting any of the other cars, you'll rack up points. The speed of The Getaway may leave many other Game Boy pinballers in the dust. Unfortunately, the game doesn't have Super Game Boy enhancements. December should be the month when The Getaway makes its debut.

TOYS IN THE ATTIC

Revolution X isn't the only major news from Glen Cove, NY this month. In a major move, Acclaim entered into agreements to acquire two of the premier game developers in the...
world — Sculptured Software of Utah and Probe Entertainment out of the U.K. Sculptured's previous hits have included the Super Star Wars series for JVC and Mortal Kombat and Mortal Kombat 2 for Acclaim. Probe developed classic action games such as Alien³, Batman Forever and Judge Dredd for Acclaim. The pool of talent these acquisitions represent is truly impressive. The team at Sculptured stunned the world with the special effects in NCAA Basketball, which it developed for Nintendo. The Mode 7, behind the player perspective of NCAA proved that the Super NES was capable of feats never before seen in video games. Probe has shown the world some classy games as well, like the fast, realistic action of FIFA Soccer and the excellent animation in Alien³. So what does it mean for you? Expect a mountain of magic from Acclaim.

JUST WIRED

On September 9th, Square Soft, Nintendo Company Ltd, and Just System announced that they would jointly found a new company with capital resources of about five million dollars. Square would control 70%, NCL 20% and Just System 10% of the new joint venture company. If you haven't been typing in Japanese recently, you might not know that Just System is a leading Japanese PC software company specializing in word processing and computer networking. Just System has its own PC network in Japan called Just Net. The new company's business will be for official book publication, character merchandising, plus the development and distribution of entertainment software. According to one news report, the joint venture's real purpose could be to create a network for use with the Nintendo Ultra 64. Such a network could be used to provide direct access to networked games, business connections, online services and even such wired weirdness as interactive karaoke. That's right folks. The future of communications and entertainment won't be on expensive, clunky PCs. Just imagine it sitting on your television with an umbilical to your Nintendo Ultra 64.
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Bedazzling first looks at games for
the Nintendo Ultra 64 direct and
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