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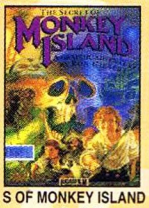
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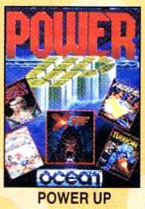
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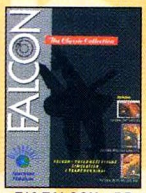
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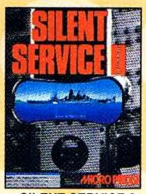
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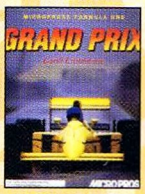
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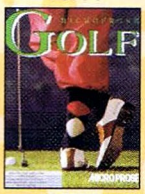
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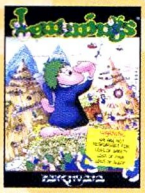
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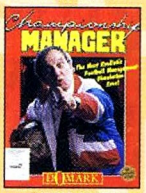
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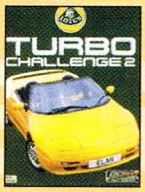
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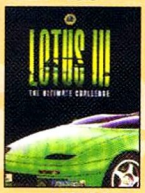
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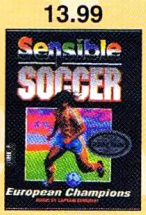
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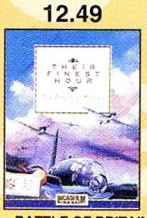
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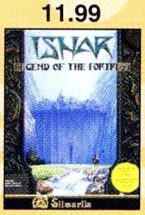
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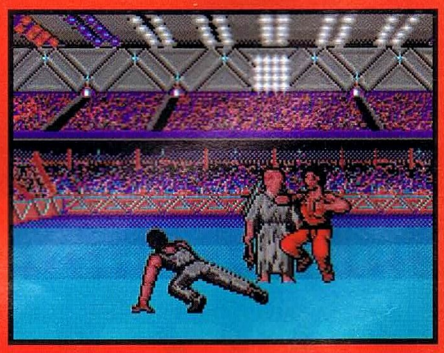

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Three games come under the microscope this month. Lamborghini Challenge is our lead WIP. Turn the pages and you can find out all about Bart versus the World from Virgin and US Gold's strategy winner Kingmaker. See how these projects are coming on, even at this early stage with a little help from STA.

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Two pages on the latest and greatest from Japanese video masters – Manga. They've been busy this month releasing a whole host of top quality movies. They're all in here as well as a blast-from-the-past.

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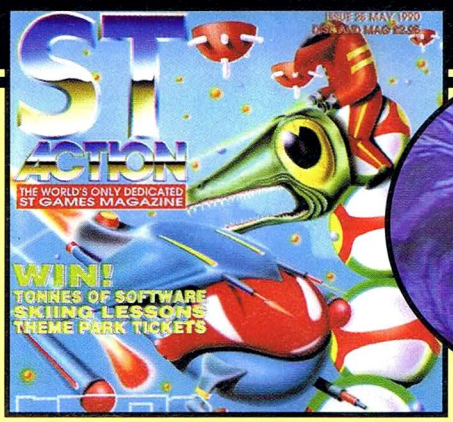

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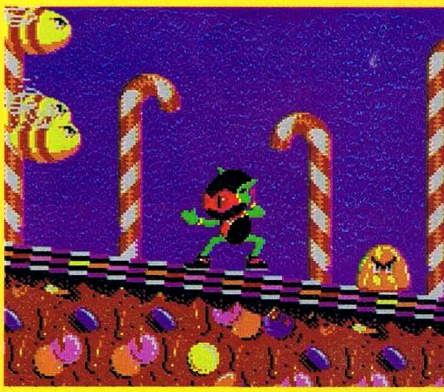

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'I keep

thinking

PC Action...

of the day

the shape of

when I'll

things to come.

have my

Look out...

new face.'

I was a Teenage Frankenstein, 1957

Cover disk

On the disk is a demo of what could well become the biggest ST title ever. Take a sneaky peak and see how good it really is...

● Perhaps one of the greatest demos ST Action has ever had. Yep Zool is here and you can play it to your heart's content

1 ZOOL

He's arrived on the ST and he's sneaked onto your disk too in this exclusive playable level of Gremlin's Sonic beater. We fought long and hard to get you this demo and all our hearty thanks go out to the boys at Gremlin for getting it to us in time. Now you can tell your friends you've had first hand experience of playing the ST version of Zool. To get the level up and running, simply double-click on ZOOL.PRG, and plug your joystick in.

● It's a trip to the future for an updated version of the classic Hunchback game from the top lads down at Powerfist

2 HUNCHY 2010

Powerfist had another title on our coverdisk a few months back. Now, their follow-up Hunchy 2010 is included as a special bonus. Anybody who's been into games for a few years might remember the classic Hunchback. Hunchy 2010 gives you the chance to play Hunchy's long-distant cousin in the year 2010. To see what we're on about double-click on HUNCHY.PRG and you're well on your way! Have a look at the next two pages for info.

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If you do happen to have any problems with your cover disk, pop it in a jiffy bag and send to this address:

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3 FREESTYLE! 8

It's time for our monthly dose of humour courtesy of the Freestyle disk mag. We're into our eighth month and going strong. To load up the Freestyle menu you should double-click on the FREE.PRG and then select which section you want to read first. Be warned, this menu system will not work on some models of 520 STs. If this is the case you must click individually on the items Free1-4.TXT and select SHOW when asked. Pressing RETURN will then scroll the lines down until you're done.

ZOOL

He's here as promised. It's the ST version of Zool and you can now see how good it really is for yourself so boot up your ST...

Thanks to those awfully nice blokes at Gremlin in Sheffield, STA are proud to present an exclusive peek at the ST version of Zool. This game is perhaps the most eagerly awaited conversion of all time on Atari format. There has been so much hype over this 16-bit "Sonic-basher" it was almost inevitable that an ST version would come out, despite Gremlin holding out for ages.

For months it seemed as if the little ninja ant wouldn't ever make an appearance and then suddenly work started. Progress from this point has been rapid and the release of the game in the shops is now imminent. A few minor tweaks are all that's required and if you want to see how the full game fairs then a glance through our reviews section this month will reveal all you ever wanted to know about Zool, but were afraid to ask.

The demo should run on every format of ST, but one thing you'll notice (if you're lucky enough that is) is that the STE version has been enhanced. The program cleverly detects what machine you have hooked up and adjusts itself accordingly. The STE version runs much quicker and the scrolling appears to be smoother.

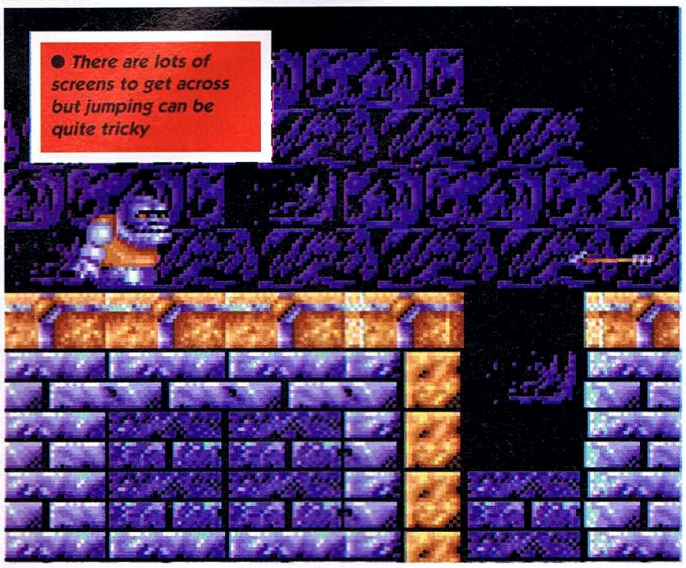
Controlling Zool is extremely easy. Stick your joystick in (the trickiest move to master!) and then all the controls are obvious. Have a little fiddle with this demo. We know you'll come to the conclusion that Gremlin have done a marvellous job on what was considered the impossible project!

Demo info

- **AUTHOR:** Gremlin
- **RELEASE DATE:** Out now!
- **GAME TYPE:** Platform
- **PRICE:** £25.99

● *Zool is certainly travelling through some surreal zones in his first ST adventure!*

● *It's Zool and we can't think of a word to rhyme that we haven't already used!*



● There are lots of screens to get across but jumping can be quite tricky

Demo info

- **AUTHOR:** Powerfist
- **RELEASE DATE:** Out now!
- **GAME TYPE:** Platform
- **PRICE:** Free!

HUNCHY 2010

One lump or two? That's the only hunchy joke we could think of at the time and for that we apologise most humbly!

● You control the ape-like hunchback as he travels across the screens

Powerfist are making a bit of a name for themselves with some good quality Shareware projects of late. A couple of months ago we featured Nostram and we're now more than happy to devote some disk space over to this updated version of an old arcade classic.

Hunchback took the arcades by storm a while ago and first came out on the 8-bit formats in a version programmed by Ocean. Hunchback 2 followed suit but then, strangely having seen what Pac-man and Asteroids have been like, faded away from sight.

Until now that is. Hunchy 2010 sees out lumpy hero take to the parapets once more, except now he's a weird cyborg rather than a bell-ringer! a lot of the screens are similar to the original version (except the graphics have been made to look a bit more futuristic) and all the playability is there. You don't have to shovel 10p into this effort though.

Double-click on the Hunch.PRG file and you're away. Use your joystick as you would expect.

Simply run from left to right jumping over the gaps and any objects that are hurled towards you.

It's as easy as that. The controls may seem a little iffy at first but you'll soon get used to them. Jumping may be the hardest thing to do, but it'll soon become clear.

FREESTYLE! ISSUE 8

For reasons mentioned elsewhere in these pages this is the last ever STA edition of Freestyle. For your final ASCii treat, log in now. There's hot news on how you'll still be able to get your Freestyle so don't miss out. Besides this there's also an excellent game from our menu-master Chris Green as well as the usual wordy frivolities. In the meantime can we thank everybody who contributed and we love you all (but not in a squishy way)!

news stories

The magazine that has been so good to you is all

SET TO CHANGE

Yep it's not just a false headline to drag you in. It's true. Your beloved magazine is no longer to be written by your friends/buddies, Paul and Brad as from next month a new team will be taking over. No longer is there a Chicken running your mag. No longer will the word "halitosis" be used by Brad on every other page.

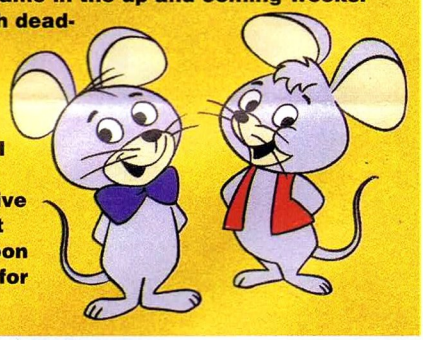
Anyway they've both narrowly avoided the dole queues and found sanctuary on other new Interactive mags. If you would like to follow their illustrious careers, then why not buy yourself a copy of the new PC Action magazine (out October 28th) where Paul will be. Or grab a copy of Mega Action, and look for the FREE magazine Over the Edge, which is basically a lifestyle mag covering everything from music all the way through to cuddly toys!

Why not have a scan in your local newsagent? Even if you've not got a PC/Mega Drive you can be certain of a good fun read. We really have had a laugh with ST Action, and hopefully you guys and gals have enjoyed reading it. Thanks for your continued commitment to us and the magazine (keep it up, it's not over!), and we look forward to seeing you again. Again thanks, you've been great... (sniff). If you would like to keep in touch with us why not write to us at the Europa house address.

DON'T FORGET though ST Action will still be in the shops at the usual time next month with a brand new feel to it. We'd like to take this opportunity to wish the new crew all the best with what is, after all, a fine magazine for your ST.

I saw a mouse!

Top crafty mice Pixie and Dixie are set to become immortalised by computer code when Alternative Software release the first rate platform game in the up and coming weeks. Unfortunately what with deadlines and all manner of red tape, we only have time to give you this extremely sneaky peek. But I'm sure you'll see a review in next month's issue. Alternative have really got their act together as far as cartoon licences go. Watch out for more in the future...



Valiant effort from USG

It arrived just too late to get into this issue but US Gold have just released Kevin Bulmer's Legends of Valour for the ST. It's been an awful long time in the making, but if the PC version is anything to go by, LOV will stretch the machine to its limits. There is an amazing downside to things though in that the game is currently going for £39.99 which may well price it out beyond many an average reader. Never mind, watch out next ish!

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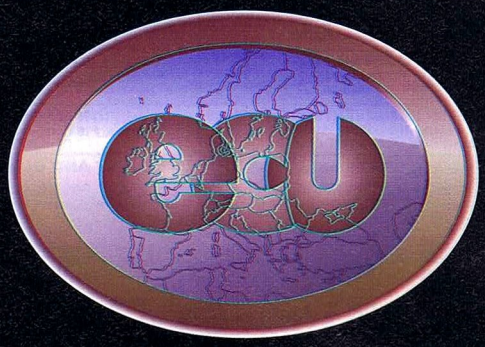

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THIS MONTH

PAUL McNALLY

Here's another games-packed issue. Even through times of dismay and hardship we still remain loyal to our second family – you. Yep, we've not been lazy in producing this issue, if anything we've worked harder. Just check out some of those groovy games we've got in for review. For the platform fan with withdrawal symptoms, Zool is just the fix you've been looking for. Wordmeisters and boffins will be able to enjoy the excellent computer version of the Spears board game, Scrabble. Anyway, whatever your bag, we hope you enjoy this issue as much as we've enjoyed writing it. We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when(although you could try PC Action magazine)! But don't forget to check out your new team in next month's STA for more top stuff.

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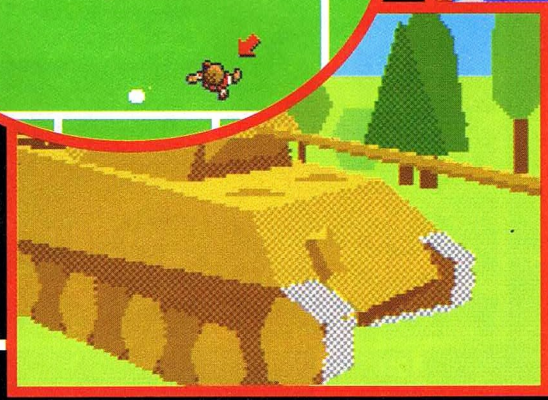

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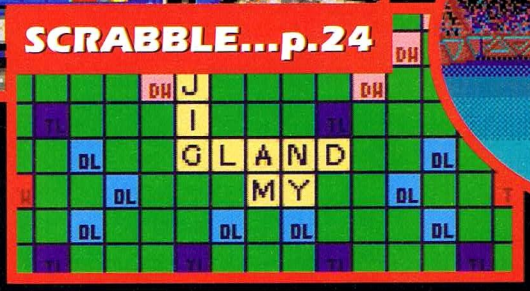


ZOOL

He's the cutesy character the whole ST fraternity have been waiting for. Is he all set to shoot straight to number one?

For the last three months STA readers have been treated to one of the best computer game run-ups in the history of our beloved machine. Finally, after all the teasing and all the previews, the ninja ant from the Nth dimension, is available to buy.

Hopefully upon booting the disk up, you'll be as eager as I was to start the game. Upon pressing fire, instead of having the first of the many levels to have a go at, my game crashed. Arrgh. Pulling my hair out, I got help from my special STA disk doctor who sorted it out.

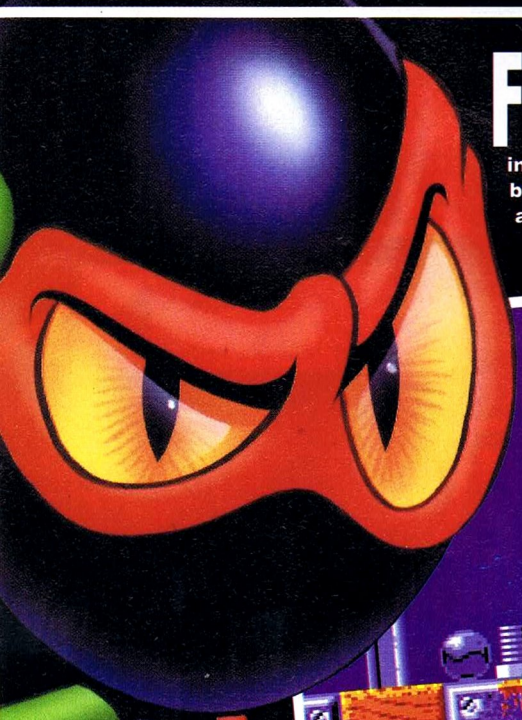
Sweaty palms

Upon examination one of the data tracks on the disk was corrupt, 10 minutes and a brow of sweat later. We attempted to load this almighty game again, with baited breath the masses waited. Hurrah, the title screen had loaded. But then moment of truth had arrived. I pressed the fire button again, half expecting another disk failure. Not this time, the game of the year had loaded and without fail. Maybe the original error occurred because of the heat from my hands holding the disk... maybe.

● *Zool's a bit of a raver, here we see the music taking him higher*

So what's it really like then? Have us ST owners got anything over those smug Amiga 500/1200 owners? I'll give you a quick answer now, because I'm sure there are a hell of a lot of you guys who have just been waiting on this review, before you tear down to your local/friendly computer retailer.

Firstly, it is good, nay excellent. But is it any better than the Amiga version? Well if I'm to be perfectly honest – No. But it's certainly no worse, and that's some feat when you consider the amount of mouthy Amiga owners who reckon on their machine is a hundred times better than the trusty ST (I've



● *Check out Tool world sub level 2. This is where all the spanners hang out.*

● *Jumping on the Frutini cans sends you flying high into the sunny blue skies*

● The gigantic razor sharp blade will chop our speedy hero clean in two. Zool tip; always look before you leap!

told you a million times not to exaggerate, Ed).

So there you have it. Now all you impulse buyers with the money burning a hole in your pocket, have some justification for your purchase. onto the proper review, for all you less keen platform fans.

The objective of Zool is to reach the end of the sixth level, which is where you'll find the gigantic bad guy who can only be described as an evil clown. Each of the six levels has a theme, and each of them is split up into 3 different sub levels. So technically you've got 18 super tough levels to battle through. When I say battle I mean battle, because after you've beat the first couple of the difficulty curve takes a massive leap up and even a top gamesmaster like myself had trouble progressing.

No sucker

The first level takes our cutesy hero over a stage that would put the witches house out of the Hansel and Gretal story in the shade any day. Yep it's the Sweet Level. Everything ranging from rogue liquorice Allsorts all the way through to evil little fruit gums stand in your way (if fruit gums stand, Ed) who will do everything in their arsenal to stop you either biting or shooting you.

You'll also notice that this part of the game has been sponsored by top lollipop makers Chupa Chups, the company responsible for that delicious freebie a few issues back. All manner of visual advertisements are dotted around the level. But just in case you miss any of them;

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COMMENT

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● Using his honed ninja skills, our main ant – Zool. Slides down a super rich cake covered in exceptionally sweet icing sugar... Yum, yum

● Our stealthy sprite negotiates the yellow Meccano background with ease

The next level, should you get up to it puts our diminutive hero on the music level. Not really the music I like, no Shabba Ranks or OPP but there's no shortage of bugles, guitars and pianos. Once again the whole way the level looks and to some extent the way it plays revolves around the fixed theme.

The attention to detail on this level is second to none, for instance I stumbled across a load of secret passages, some more fruitful than others, holding many extra life and invincibility icons. In the middle of this stage you will find a piano which takes up the majority of the screen.

If you stand on the keys it'll make the relevant note. So it is possible to play your favourite tune if your a pianist. If like me, the only tune you can play is chopsticks... you're in luck, because if you manage to pull it off on the on screen piano you'll get an extra life. Just one example of the secrets Zool holds.

The fruit level is once again visually orientated by fruit. Cans of fruit are scattered across the colourful landscape, and jumping on the lids will propel Zool into the skies, just high enough to collect all those hard to get icons. At the end of this level you'll come across a giant banana with an attitude.

This unfeasibly large piece of fruit is taking a siesta when you approach it. However if you touch the alarm clock near him he'll soon wake up. Once the alarm bell goes off, it's just a case of laying into the yellow beast with your razor sharp spin attack, which can be done by a simple tap of the fire button.

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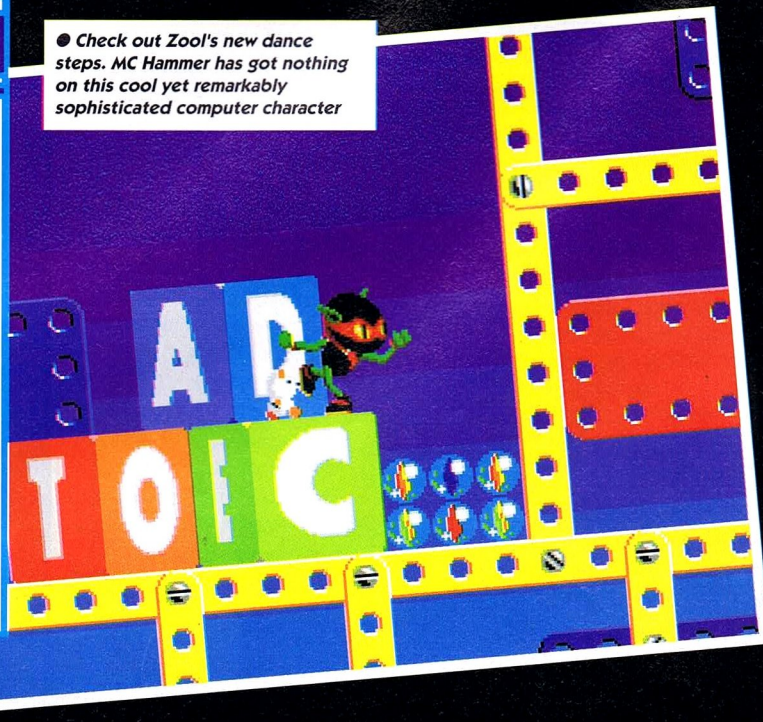

● Check out Zool's new dance steps. MC Hammer has got nothing on this cool yet remarkably sophisticated computer character

THE CUTEY COMPARISON BIT

ZOOL

As a character Zool really is ever so attractive, what with his minute sized body and oversized head, he certainly does match up with the likes of Sonic. His black skin, takes a tad of cutesyness away from the Ninja from the Nth dimension. Yet the Teenage Ninja/Hero turtle type sash that distinguishes him from the other denzines of his planet. We at STA think Zool will go on to greater things, perhaps we'll even see Zool 2?

MARIO

Nintendo's Mario is distinctly ugly in comparison to our Ninja Ant. I mean, who on earth thinks a plumber with a handle bar moustache is cute? I don't! Yet millions of children all over the world can't be wrong. Perhaps he reminds them of the Father they've always wanted? Although to be perfectly honest, perhaps Nintendo's multi-million pound advertising campaign had something to do with it. Yeah, thats nearer the mark!

SONIC

Sega's main man/hedgehog and selling tool Sonic is high up in the cuddly character charts. When Sonic first hit the scene, the question being asked was could the game be as good as the character is cuddly? Sega managed it, a platform game that had it all, stunning graphics, mega sound and music without doubt the most influencial hedgehog in the history of the world! Sneaky Sega news; Sonic 3 will be released early '94.

Tool world, this is regarded by the game's programmers to be the most difficult level within the game. You've to avoid loss of life from less than cuddly things, namely drills, nails and tooth saws. Yep all that cuddlyness goes out of the window for this ever so merciless level. You may be surprised to learn, that Zool has several built in shoot'em up sections one of which can be found hidden on this level!

Toy world. Only one level away from the end. So near but yet so far, even if you manage to avoid the deadly attacks of the evil toys, you've still to beat the villainous robot boss. Who unlike your average enemy requires more than just one or two hits, before it concedes.

Now you've only Fair World to conquer and then your mission is complete, or is it? I'm not prepared to give the mysteries of this last level away, so therefore I'll leave you to discover the secrets for yourself. After playing for a solid work day I think I'm now qualified to pass judgement on this game. What are you waiting for? Read the comment. *Brad*

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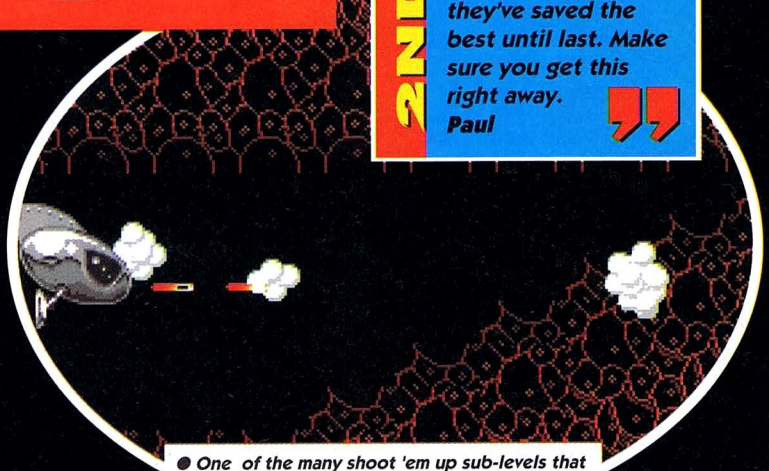
Paul



● *One of the many shoot 'em up sub-levels that are hidden around the assorted worlds in what is all set to become the ST's number 1 game*

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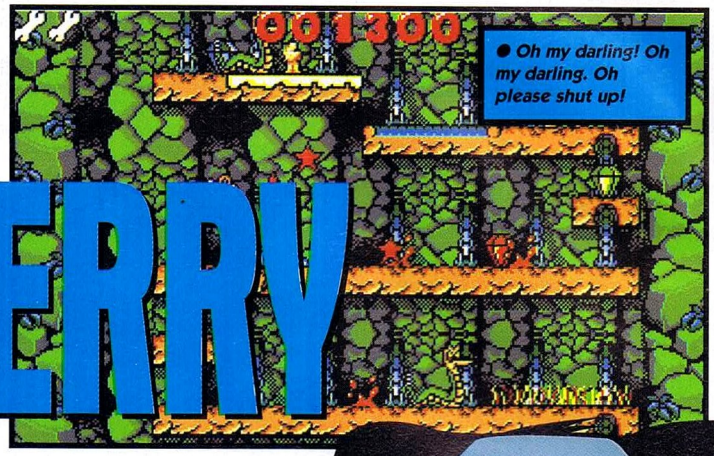

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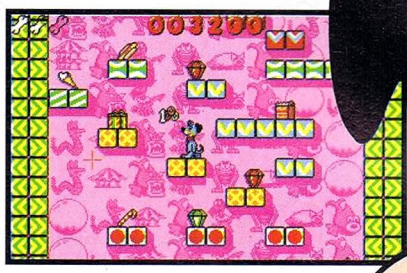
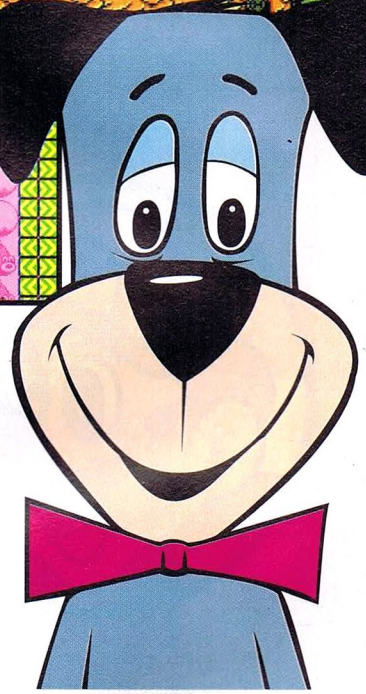




Original budget games of any quality are few and far between these days. Alternative seem to have it sussed...

Ever since Alternative acquired the rights to the Hanna-Barbara cartoons they have produced a constant stream of good, cheap platform products. I have to admit to spending many an hour on the Scooby-Doo game.

BUDGET GAME OF THE MONTH A RATED

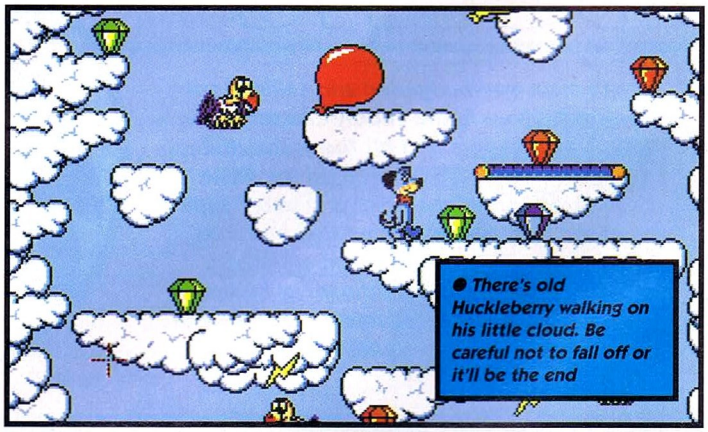
I think one of the attractions for a lot of people is that these characters bring back a host of childhood memories. How many youngsters with STs will remember guys like Pixie and Dixie? I think it's more likely to be parents persuading their kids to buy the games and then getting a sneaky go in when they've all gone off to bed!

There's also a niche in the market for games aimed at a slightly younger age-group. Kids like cartoons and therefore it follows that they like games with cartoons in them.

Huckleberry Hound is another such title. Huck used to be one of my favourite characters in the past. He was just so cool and Oh my Darling Clementine really was a top tune! The aim of the game is to rescue a diamond collection as well as Huckleberry's collection of Oscars that he has recently won. They have all been stolen by the cheeky chimp Wee Willy who has gone and scattered them all over cartoon world. The other problem is that the diamonds are needed for his next film, so every last one of them must be located before filming can begin.

The game itself looks as good as any other Hanna-Barbara release and will instantly appeal to players of all ages. Can a game like this really battle on against the big releases? Well it's a shame if it can't because I really enjoyed myself. Maybe it's just the kid in me coming out. Maybe I'm mad. ***Paul***

● As you can see the game takes on a platform slant that you have to pick up quite quickly or you die!



● There's old Huckleberry walking on his little cloud. Be careful not to fall off or it'll be the end

"Huckleberry Hound is another of those titles you might not go out of your way to buy. If you do get around to buying it then you will enjoy what you get. Alternative have some great ideas going!"

COMMENT

PUBLISHED BY ALTERNATIVE

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CONTROL METHOD: JOYSTICK 1 PLAYER

OVERALL 90%

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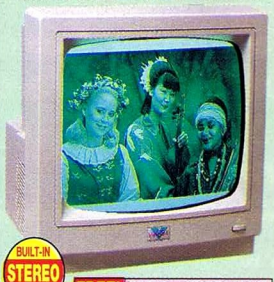

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HUDSON HAWK

When I was a nipper I used to think a cat-burglar stole cats. And with that interesting piece of trivia we move on....

Bruce Willis had a run of fairly successful films. It was hardly surprising that Ocean jumped onto his bandwagon. Unfortunately for them, they chose a movie that was a bit of a flop (even though it wasn't terribly bad!). Hudson Hawk bombed at the box office and didn't do overly well in the computer game stakes either!

The game was programmed by top scouse blokes, Special FX, who later mutated into Rage Software (Striker). It took (and indeed still takes) on a sort of cartoony, platform appearance with no guns or violent weapons in sight. The only offensive tools you have as you leap from ledge to ledge are tennis balls which you must hurl at your enemies.

● Watch out for the nasty old dog attacks

The overall aim of the game is to steal a load of Leonardo DaVinci artifacts to give to the criminal organisation who has kidnapped your best friend. Fortunately you happen to be the best cat-burglar in the business. At one time, everyone wanted your services but now you are regarded as somewhat of a bum with a reputation to regain for himself.

● You're in the spotlight and the doggie's got you in his evil toothy grip

Hudson Hawk actually plays quite well, it's just a bit of a predictable film licence set-up.

You know a platform game with cute sprites. It all looks a bit similar to Total Recall and Lethal Weapon but the game is a solid effort for eight quid.

● Clinging on to this wire is a perilous job

There's nothing totally outstanding about this but it does do the trick and you can pass a fair amount of time if you've nothing to do for a rainy afternoon.

It's worth a look but at the same time so is an awful lot of other, better, software out there competing for your eight quid.

As usual, choose carefully because there is such a big of chance of getting it wrong. Platform fans will probably adore this offering though, especially if they were fans of the film itself.

Paul

● Well you're dead and your angel form takes over

> *Hudson Hawk is a solid little few-frills platform game that can be quite enjoyable to play. It isn't an absolute necessity but is nonetheless worth getting. At eight quid, it still represents reasonable value.*
>
> **COMMENT**

PUBLISHED BY HIT SQUAD

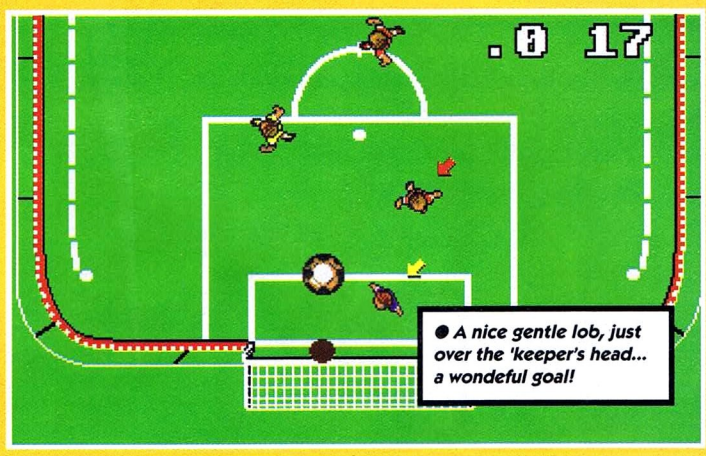
PRICE: £7.99 1 DISK

CONTROL METHOD: JOYSTICK 1 PLAYER

OVERALL 75%

MICROPROSE SOCCER

Footy frolics hit the ST this month. With the cricket season no more than a distant memory, here's another corking soccer offering!



● *A nice gentle lob, just over the 'keeper's head... a wondeful goal!*

This was the first attempt at a football game by the team who went on to create Sensible Soccer. The viewpoint is a playable over the top "bird's eye" perspective, favoured by serious soccer gamesplayers everywhere.

There are two main options in the game before it loads up. Outdoor normal footy, and the bonus option as Indoor footy. Both use the same graphics, but the indoor pitch is half the size of a normal one.

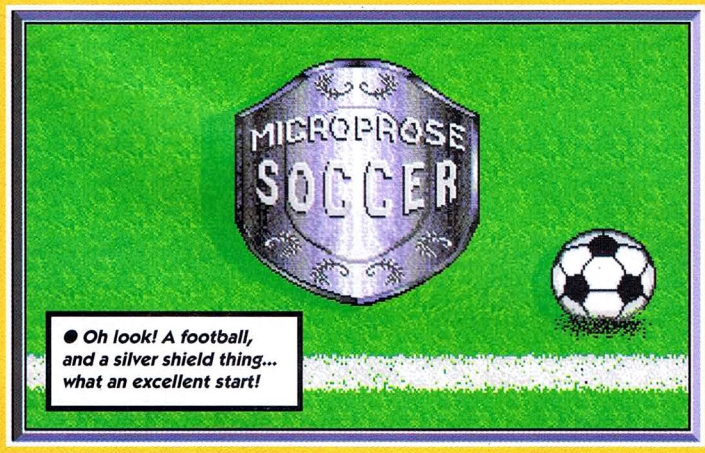
The main advantage of using the Indoor pitch is by using the walls to rebound the footy off, as in one-two situations. One major flaw in this option is that the goalies are far too good, but on the other hand you can make them look really lame by running rings around them until they are completely knackered and can't keep up, allowing you to run the ball into the net, with a symphony of jeers from you fellow team mates.

The Outdoor game is much the same as any other and there isn't anything you haven't seen before.

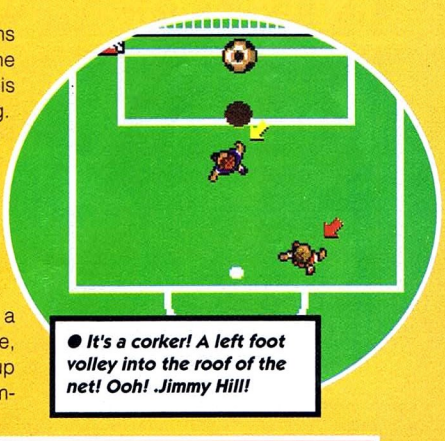
The thing that most soccer sims fail on is that there is always one way to score, and when you find this the game starts to get really boring. If there is one of these flaws in MicroProse's sim then I haven't found it yet, and I also hope I never find it. This game is just too cheap and too good to be spoilt by a careless programming error. Thankfully it isn't.

MicroProse Soccer offers a feast of options, including a league, International Challenge, World Cup tournament, and of course the competitive two-player friendly.

The graphics are fairly good and the animation is okay. the music does get annoying after a while, but hurrah! there's an option so you can turn it off! ***Andy***



● *Oh look! A football, and a silver shield thing... what an excellent start!*



● *It's a corker! A left foot volley into the roof of the net! Ooh! .Jimmy Hill!*

> ***"This re-release, for £7.99, represents excellent value for money. It may be one of the oldest games on the ST, but it's still a classic, and it will always hold a revered place in my games collection."***
>
> **COMMENT**

PUBLISHED BY KIXX

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CONTROL METHOD: JOYSTICK 1 PLAYER

OVERALL 86%

● Following the criminals' car at high speeds!... in the Ferrari lookalike.

CHASE HQ II

Take control of your throbbing machine, and put the evil lawbreakers to shame by banging them up in jail!

Chase HQ II is the sequel to Chase HQ...believe it or not! The game itself is to rescue the Mayor's daughter from some evil lawbreakers. To do this you chase their cars, and blow 'em up into tiny pieces.

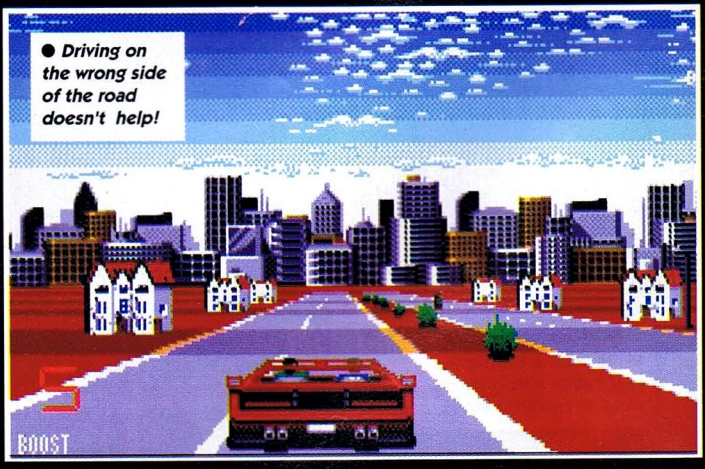
Karen from Chase Headquarters sends you a description of the criminal's vehicle. You eventually drive about the streets looking for this car. When you find it, a big arrow flashes above it and says 'Criminal'. You then press fire, and a little fella' pops out of the sunroof, and blows the cack out of the offending criminal car.

If you're lucky, a helicopter will appear above your car, and the little guy inside will reach out for dear life and grab some extra weaponry. Namely a bazooka!.

Boosts

You have sixty seconds to blast the car into oblivion, if you don't, you fail. To help you in your quest for success you get these fantastic nitro boosts, which send you speeding into a helpless cyclist...accident of course!

The game at times can be quite jerky, and the animation can be a little careless. The car can be very tricky to control, and it doesn't really help when cars are ramming up your backside every five minutes. The music is average for an ST, with some lame car engine sounds. The graphics are quite good, with a variety of backdrops. It makes the game a real pleasure to look at, but there's not really enough game to play. *Andy*



● Driving on the wrong side of the road doesn't help!

> *"Priced at £9.99, it could be a tad expensive for a game of this standard. Also if you're a wee toddler you could find it too hard. You may end up hiding it in a cupboard forever so why fork out a tenner?"*
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> **COMMENT**

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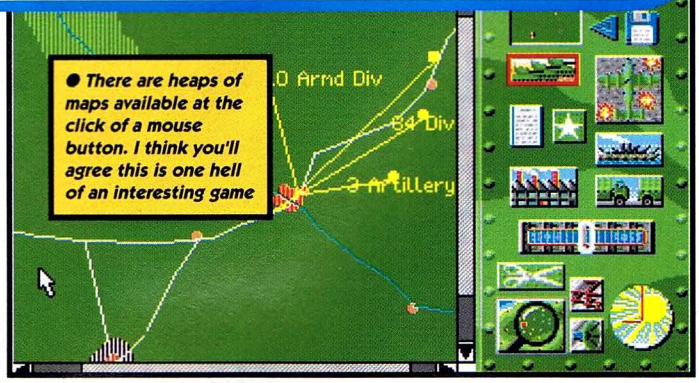
OVERALL 68%



● There are heaps of maps available at the click of a mouse button. I think you'll agree this is one hell of an interesting game

● If I see another tank or armoured personnel carrier again, I'm likely to scream. I've had it up to here with them!

CAMPAIGN

More of the same, with Empire's half baked attempt at getting their original product up to scratch. Read on and weep...

Alright let's get one thing straight right now. I'm not a strategy fan, and to be perfectly honest I hated Campaign.

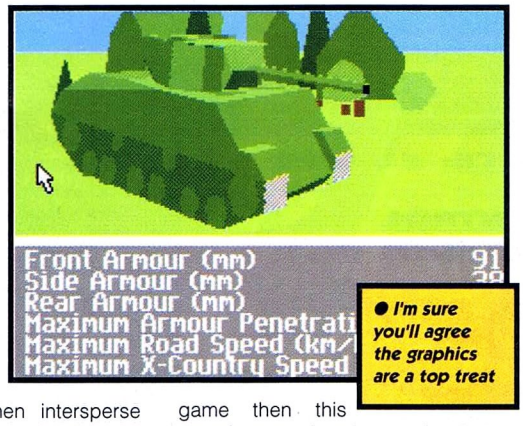
So we're not off to that much of a good start, but let me warn you, it doesn't get a lot better!

Fair enough the original game sold loads of boxes, but is that due to a good game, or good marketing? Either way I don't like it. This all new singing dancing data disk offers the enthusiast an extra 25 high detailed Campaign maps. Whoopy doo, why on earth should you be expected to spend an extra 16 quid on a few missions? Well anyway that's your decision, I can't tell you how to part with your cash, but I can advise you. In all seriousness though, I find it difficult to accept this extra package.

About the game... graphics are of the same quality of the original, with loads of maps and the like knocking about. Then intersperse these boring bits with a dodgy 3D tank battle sim and you've got a rough idea what's going on. If when you got the main program home, you found yourself enjoying the game then this may be exactly what you've been waiting for. However, if you got very little out of the original, then don't try to revive your initial purchase with this one!

Paul Forsyth

● The tank statistics screen highlights the tank's strong and weak points



● I'm sure you'll agree the graphics are a top treat

"You've really got to wonder. They were lucky to sell so many first time round, so charging people for what should have been in the original just isn't on. This is one reviewer who hasn't been blasted by the hype."

COMMENT

PUBLISHED BY EMPIRE

PRICE: £7.99 1 DISK

CONTROL METHOD: JOYSTICK 1 PLAYER

OVERALL 62%

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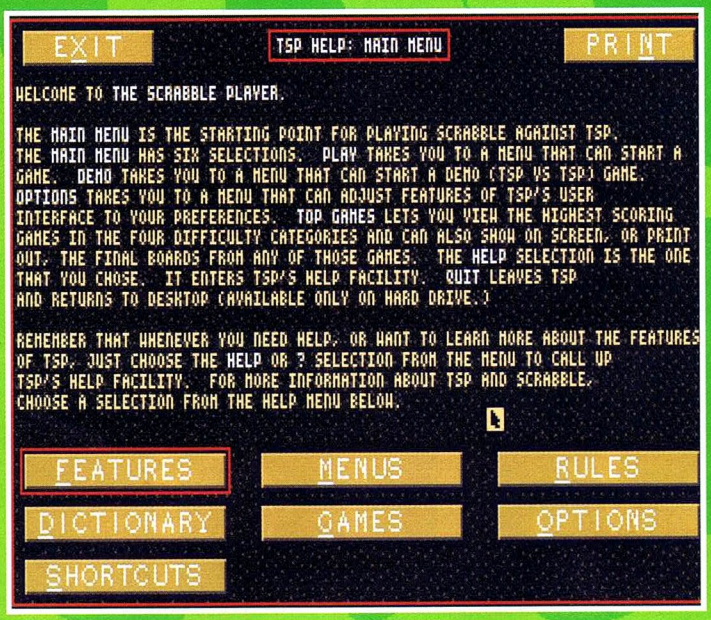

Alright so it's not everyone's cup of tea, but this machine code version of Scrabble is really quite good... (Friends are optional!)

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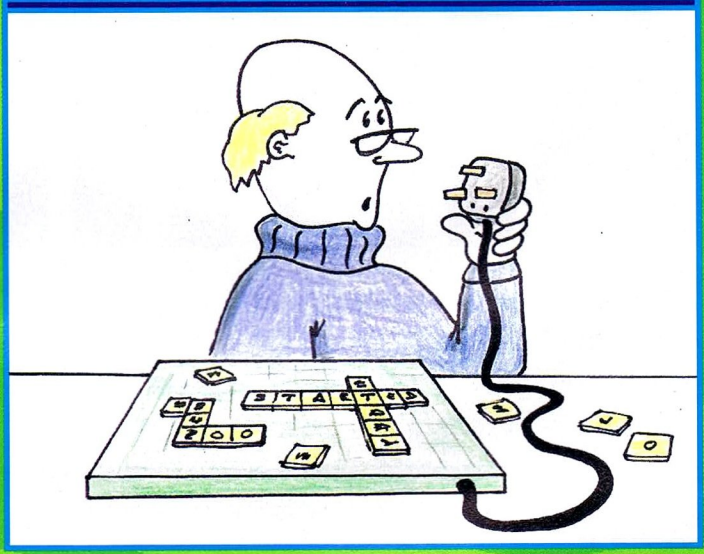

ACTION

PRICE: £34.99

CONTROL METHOD:

NO. OF DISKS:

NO. OF PLAYERS: to 4

PRODUCED BY:
MIRAGE
☎ 0260 299909

SOUND: 20%

GRAPHICS: 62%

OVERALL:
86%

INFO

Scrabble is perhaps the most famous word orientated board game in the whole world and at half the price of the computer version why on Earth would you want to play it on a machine?

Firstly there's little chance of losing the letter tiles. Who can forget the classic nightmare 'The cat that jumps up on the table and displaces all the tiles' scenario. Well all these along with many more madcap word japes can now be quite easily avoided.

The danger with conventional Scrabble is that your opponent(s) are either hyper intelligent Harley Street doctors and take advantage of all sorts of bizarre/obscure diseases such as halitosis to reap in loads of points. They may even use my best word, antithesis (which, surprisingly is only worth a measly 12 points! hrumph) or an opportunitist player who capitalises on your biggest and best scoring word by simply banging an 'S' tile on the end!

It's always difficult to get a compromise with your opponent, so on this disk version you'll find 12 computer opponents all of which vary and at the click of a button can be changed to the different skill levels. So finding a challenger that won't whitewash you or be whitewashed is a cinch. Who needs friends when you've got an ST? Once you've had a couple of pre-lim games you'll be able to assess what level of skill you play at. Upto four players can partake in this wordfest. Any or all of them can be computer or player controlled. All the rules for your normal games are thrown in there so even veteran word meisters will appreciate this fine conversion. In today's increasingly fast world time is of the essence.

That really is where this game shines through. You'll shave time of your spell checking, no longer will "Kwijybo" be acceptable as a word. The gigantic 134,000 word dictionary that is built in is accessed within seconds and should phase out any puerile whinges from the inferior player.

Halitosis (12 points)

One thing that still puzzles me to this day, is how on Earth the programmers have managed to squeeze and compact all the data onto one single blue disk! Well all these top secrets and more will probably be revealed if you decide that Scrabble is going to be a frontman in your games collection. *Brad*

ABBLE

COMMENT

It's a rare occasion when a computer rendition of a board game is actually better than its cardboard counterpart. As far as I can remember this is a first. If you're not a very good player why not get hold of a copy, it'll teach you all manner of big and useless words. If you're an excellent player, I dare you to take on the highest level. A crisp tenner says you'll lose this battle!

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Our resident handy helper/ tea bag squeezer Andy Maddocks alias Biff Jnr has a two point lead over top wordsmith/ industry clown Brad Burton

Answer me one question! Why call a game Scrabble? It's not the first word that springs to mind is it? As this version goes though it's pretty good. It's easy to play, you don't need a load of friends round (although that makes it more fun, but then you might as well get the original board out because it won't be as crowded!) and well presented. A nice change! **Paul**

2ND OPINION

2

Alright I hold my hands up, we had a special cheat version, which allowed us to have as many letters as we wanted. Sob, sob but I didn't shoot the sherif

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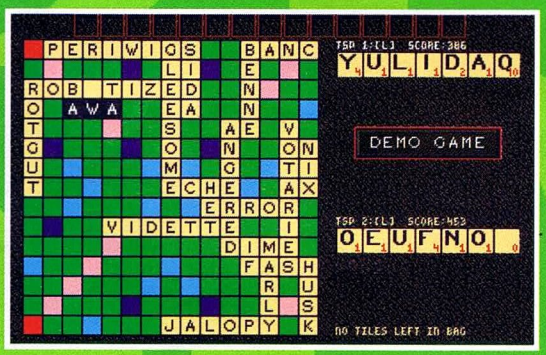
The computer versus another computer player is the lazy reviewers dream. Just sit back and grab. Here at STA we're not scared of telling you the truth



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Erm, to be perfectly honest, i've run out of waffle text. Would you mind if I cut it off right here? Thanks guys, Brad

SPACE FILLER(S)

As with the conventional scrabble board game the following letters score these points in US Gold's version of the game.

A =1	J =8	S =1
B =3	K =5	T =1
C =3	L =1	U =1
D =2	M =3	V =4
E =1	N =1	W =4
F =4	O =1	X =8
G =2	P =3	Y =4
H =4	Q =10	Z =10
I =1	R =1	=0

ORIENTAL GAMES

There are a few beat 'em-ups on the budget market at the moment. One of them is Oriental Games on the Kixx label...

Oriental Games...the title explains the game really! All you do is enter events for the championship title. Kendo, Kung-Fu or Kyo-Kushin-Kai. Then you're drawn against your opponent in the tournement tree and you then kick his head in! Why not?

Kendo, for those of you don't know what I'm talking about, is to basically beat your opponent up with a big stick. An art? I don't think so!

Kyo-Kushin-Kai is the same sort of thing except that there are no sticks and no face guards and things. It's just big men with no hair beating each other up. Ok?

Kung-Fu is what you order from a chinese restaur...no!.. it's sort of big men again...this time they are dressed smartly, ready to scrap it out for the championship title.

The graphics are a little bland, but they do their job, so I'm not really complaining. The Music on the title sequence is full of sampled 'Kvarks' which is briiliant considering the ST's track record for music. The game plays well, maybe some of the moves you perform can be quite slow, but otherwise the game-play department is fine. The good things I found about it are all the different events, a variety is very important in these games, so you don't get bored half as easily.

The other thing is that the moves, there are plenty of them to master, It'll take a while for you to get into the game, but other than that there's nothing better than to hear the 'Crack' of a punch as it connects onto your opponents nose... and then seeing them drop to the floor dying a horrible death. The game gets better each time you play it, so why is it not in your collection, after all you could do much much worse. ***Andy***

● *No weapons required in the Kung Fu tournement*

● *Big sticks are the order of the day for the Kendo men*

● *Kyo–Kushin Kai is not as bigger mouthful as this guy's foot*

● *In this school you get to take GCSE's in tile punching and head butts*

● *Welcome to the 42nd breakdancing championships!*

> *"Good stuff as it goes, nothing overly different. It's also knocking on a bit. There are grey hairs on the box it's that old. It is only eight quid though, so stop moaning. What do you want for that? A full price game?"*
>
> **COMMENT**

PUBLISHED BY KIXX

PRICE: £7.99 1 DISK

CONTROL METHOD: JOYSTICK 1 PLAYER

OVERALL 78%

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- What to look for when buying a printer
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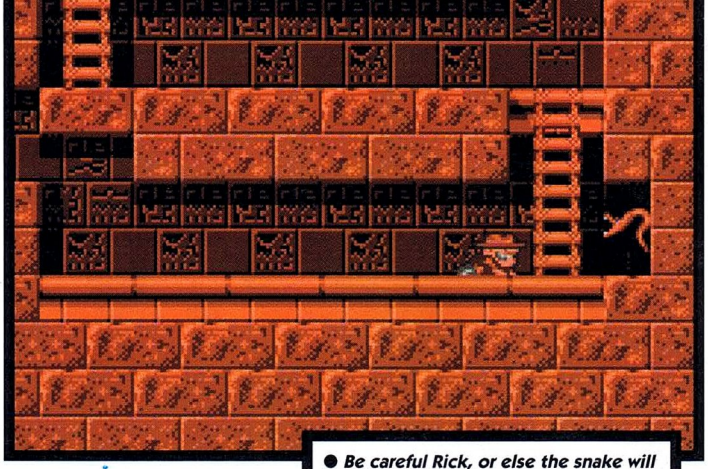
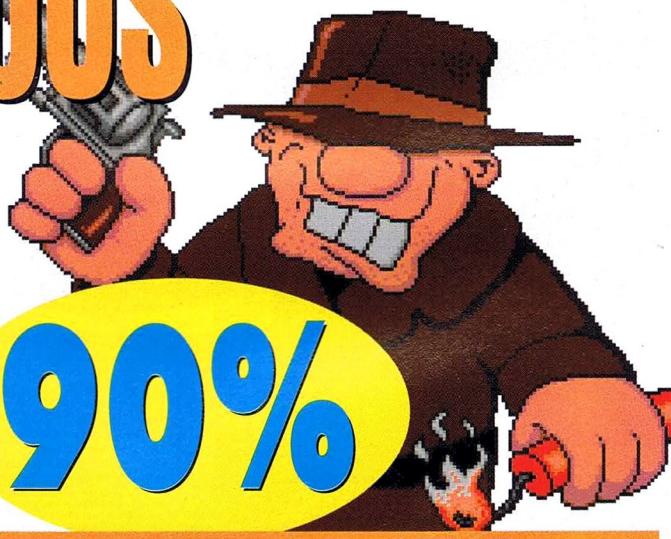
BUDGET ACTION

Chicken only pays me (Andy) a measly £20 a week! I know all about being on a limited budget. Check out my faves this month...



● *Be careful Rick, or else the snake will start spewing out funny shaped spike things...keep your head down son!*

RICK DANGEROUS



Rick Dangerous is a cartoon version of Indiana Jones. He has crashed landed in his plane over the Amazon, where he searches for the lost Goolu tribe. This first level is in South America, fighting off Zulu's, faasands of 'em. You can use a pistol, armed with six bullets and have six sticks of dynamite to dispose of when you need them.

The best thing about this game is the variety of levels, from South America to The Missile Base in London. On the way, he visits Egypt and the Schwarzendumpf Castle. You can select which level you fancy tackling first but of course you must complete them all!!

The graphics are brilliant. The death sequences are excellent, because when you shoot them, there's no blood! they just scream 'Waaahhhh' at the top of their voices. It'll take one or two goes to get far in the game...but once you're in it...there's no way out...you'll be addicted for months.

90%

BY KIXX PRICE: £7.99

ACTION FIGHTER

Five missions have been shoved in your face. You must take them on and destroy the enemy attack force. To do it you get to use new technology in transforming for vehicles.

You begin as a motorcycle, you then collect certain icons, and hey presto, your motorcycle becomes a car and then you can change back again and again. A Sega van also pops up at the side of you. If you drive up the rear of this vehicle you are awarded with special power-ups. These include double fire power, missiles, reverse firing and limited invulnerability. Once you have completed the ground section, you're given wings and you take off into the clouds, to the air section.

The game overall is fast, so fast that it sometimes gets out of control. Well that's just like a real bike, isn't it? The graphics are nothing to write home about. It plays well, and it'd keep you occupied...ooh!...for minutes! If I had eight quid, no way would I buy this. I'd treat myself to eight quids worth of Pick'n Mix from Woolworths. Rot your teeth, better value!

● *There's a right turn up ahead...so you'd better slap the indicator on...I dont think!*

60%

BY KIXX PRICE: £7.99

OUTRU

This is the third game in the series, following Outrun and Turbo Outrun. The plot behind it all is that you are Simeon Kurtz, the most senior operative from Unit six. You were beaten up by some bad dudes. Then they took your Ferrari F40 and the secret documents. If you ring headquaters your job will go bye bye, so instead you go after the documents on a trendy, stolen motorbike!

You begin the journey in London. You arrive at the Channel, and take an unwanted Jetski to France, you

BY KIX

No money? Well I suppose you want me to pick out some of the cheapies that are lying about

SUPER SCRAMBLE SIMULATOR

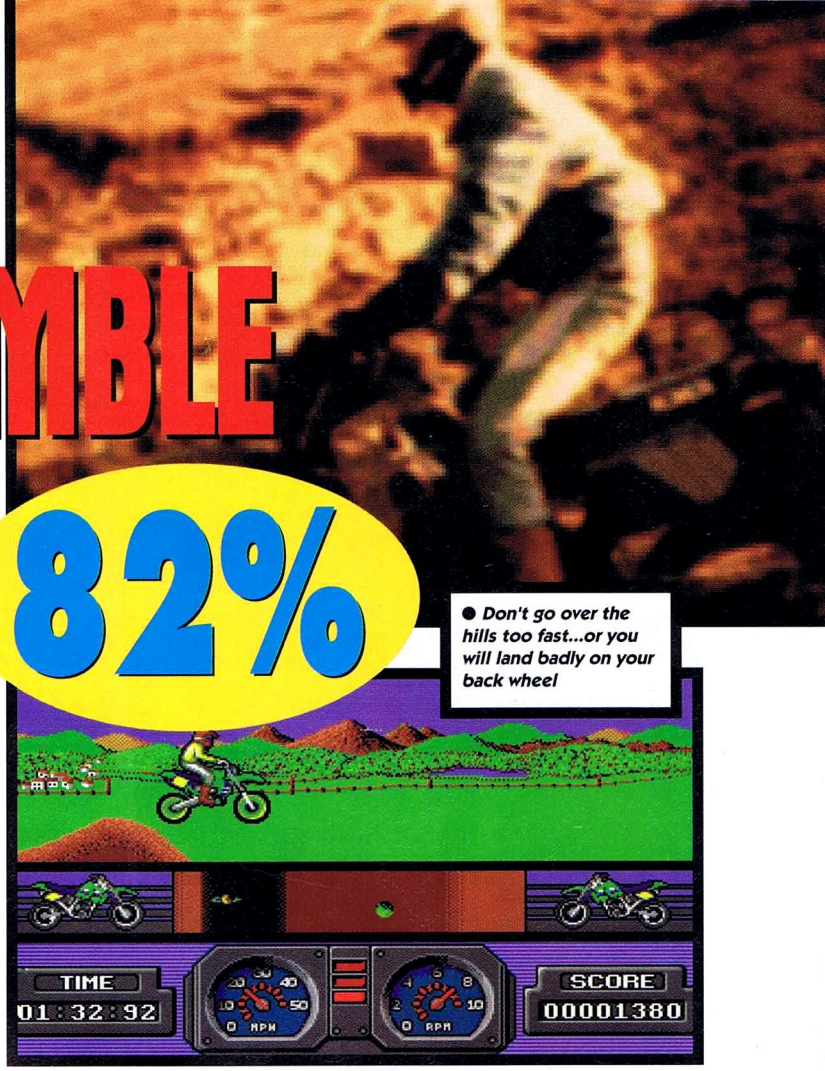
82%

Do you remember Kickstart, the television programme? It was shown on Sundays and featured little lads on their scramble bikes racing up hills and avoiding obstuctions. They ended up covered in mud with tears in their eyes. It was sickening!

Super Scramble Simulator is basically a re-creation of Kickstart. You're allowed to compete in a championship against time. There's always an option to practice to get you up to scratch! You can race your machine through various courses, littered with obstacles, logs. streams, cars and lorries!

Overall the game is ok. It's quite difficult to get into but once I was, I found that I was humming along to the Kickstart tune, speeding up and down hills with ease. The graphics are well drawn, and the animation is top notch! The sound is average for the ST, with engine sounds that are pretty sad.

For £7.99, you can't go far wrong with this purchase. It's a different game for your collection, it's a good choice and a refreshing change!



● *Don't go over the hills too fast...or you will land badly on your back wheel*

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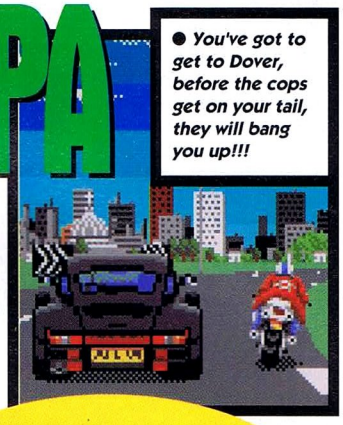


● *You've got to get to Dover, before the cops get on your tail, they will bang you up!!!*

then steal an unguarded Porsche, you drive it into Spain and through to the Mediterranean. You cross it by powerboat, then onto Italy by a Ferrari F40, and into Germany all in one day...Phew!

The game is smooth, and the plot is...err...original! The graphics are quite good, the music is average. The seven levels are quite packed, the Police are also on your tail, for speeding most of the time! So beware!

I found that the game was quite good fun...I think that this certainly is the best game of the series...no doubt!

85%

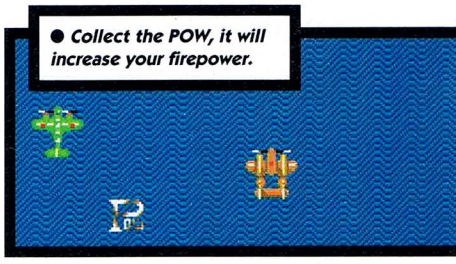
PRICE : £7.99

1943

89%

You take control of a P38 twin engined fighter plane in World War II. So many years ago the Japanese Navy sampled defeat against the U.S. Fleet in the Battle of Midway. This is re-created, giving you the chance to take part. You must destroy the battleship Yamato and it's legions of defences...they say this could be your chance to change history...as if!

You begin by taking off a battleship...you then zoom up into the clouds, only to face zillions of enemy aircraft. The graphics are ok...the sound is a little dated, but other than that the game is a classic. For £7.99, you can't really expect much more...can you?



● *Collect the POW, it will increase your firepower.*

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e days...Don't worry I only pick out the best...just so you don't waste all your pocket money!

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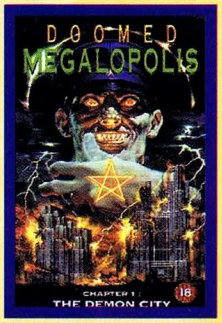
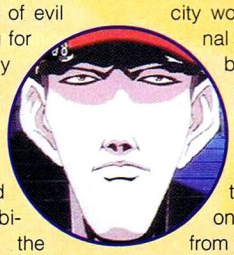


DOOMED MEGALO

Cert.18 1992, 50 minutes, £8.99, colour

The influence of Tokyo has spread across the globe faster than gossip about Madonna. But beneath the surface there lies a far darker side which you definitely wouldn't want to invite to your Gran's coffee morning...

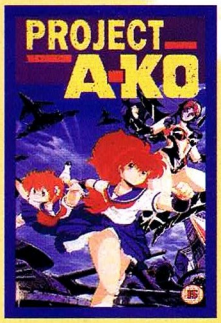
If ever you visit Tokyo, make sure you don't plan to build a twenty storey office block – you could disturb lloads of evil spirits that will haunt you for eternity. That's the theory in this film anyway. A long time ago Tairo No Masakado attempted to make Tokyo into the most perfect place in the world – Utopia! His over ambitious efforts frightened the powers that that be and he was executed as a result. His grave remains in the centre of the city as a reminder and warning to anyone who tries to defy ther government. If the grave was to be disturbed the city would be cursed with eternal doom, which gets to be a bit of a problem when it comes to digging the excavations of a new office block. As with all Manga videos there has to be a bad guy and this one looks a bit like Vega from Streetfighter 2.



His motives for being bad are the conventional ones such as greed and manipulation, and of course he wears the traditional white gloves and black cloak as every self respecting villian should. He is prepared to expoit anyone who can help reach his goal and abducts a pretty young Japanese girl (surprise surprise) with eyes bigger than saki cups. Not only does he posses this this helpless creature and let her do all the dirty work, but also tries to ressurect Tairo No Masakado, the evil spirit of doom to assist his evil ways. Unfortunately for him, the spirit remains sound asleep, but this is the first part of four so there's plenty of time for all that.

The good guy comes in the form of this crusty old geezer with a grey beard, a staff and a group of creeps who follow him round. As usual he's a master of magical powers and martial arts and reminds me of 'Grasshopper' except with eyes. When confronted with the bad guy he attacks his forces of evil with his powers of good and of course it all

PROJECT A-KO



Cert. 15 1992, 86 minutes, £12.99, colour

If animated teenage girlies are all you live for then Project A-Ko is definitely for you. Here, an older Manga video is put under the microscope to see how it fairs against some of the newer titles on the market...

You have to wonder what's going on in the minds of some of the guys who make these films. Project A-Ko is supposedly a hilarious comedy that will have your sides on the verge of splitting. Well, you may not be totally surprised to learn that that isn't entirely true. Having said that the film does have some funny moments and succeeds in being quite watchable in the end.

I was a little sceptical having read the box. The plot roughly follows the idea of two girls who are both best friends. One of whom has the usual array of Manga powers including blindingly fast speed while the other is just stupidly cute. Each morning the girls are always late for school because of A-Ko's (that's what the fast one's called!) inability to get dressed without revealing her bits all the time. Ah well, it is a cartoon! So usually the girls end up blasting along at neck breaking speed to arrive at the gates.

As the plot unfurls things start becoming a little clearer as to what's going on. C-Ko (that's he cute one), it turns out, is actually a space princess and her people decide they want her back. In the background of all this another girl (B-Ko) decides she wants to be C-Ko's best friend and she'll go to any lengths to kill A-ko. So what you get is a load of fantastic battles using all kinds of unbelievable equipment as the girls fight it out between them.

Project A-Ko is very strange but it is worth watching, especially if, like we said, you're into long-legged cartoon girls. **Paul**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

So it's time to delve into a strange Oriental world once again. Since we last talked about Manga, the videos have continued to take off and can now be found in most record stores as well as their traditional computer shop hang-outs. If you want to get your hands on some videos for free then why not try your hand at our compo over the page...

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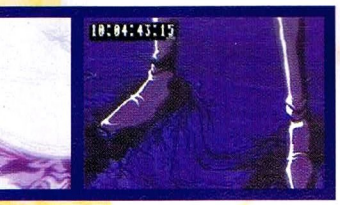

ends in tears. Can the satanist from hell be stopped before it's too late? I'm afraid you'll have to buy the other three episodes. Compared to other Manga releases this would have to rate as ordinary due to lack of originality. Theres also the irritation factor of being difficult to judge without having the full set. Maybe when I see the all four videos neatly lined up on my bookshelf I will give it greater respect but until then I'll be anxiously waiting for the all the loose ends to be tied up. ***Jim***

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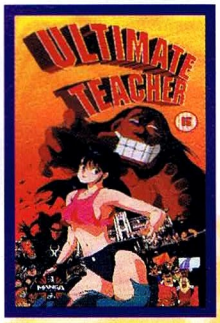


THE ULTIMATE TEACHER

Cert. 18 1992, 60 minutes, £12.99, colour

The power of the Panties is here for all to see in Manga's latest. Here's a movie where your underwear holds your mighty power. What's going on, man?

Pantie-power! That's what you need. The Ultimate Teacher rates as possibly the strangest film I've ever seen in my entire life (and believe me there's some weird stuff in there). In many ways it reminded me of Project A-Ko as the humour is along a similar line.

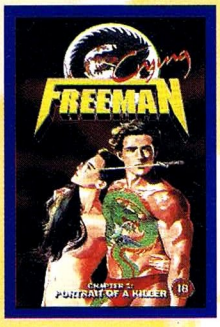
A huge genetic misfit escapes from a military laboratory and eventually finds his way to a high school where the kids run the show through violence and crime. Anyway, he applies for a job as a teacher (don't blame me I don't write the stories!) with the promise to knock the place into shape. However he comes up against the leader of the school gang – a girl who holds under her skirt the power of the Velvet Panties!

This rather strange icon of strength is enough to scare off even the toughest of men who might want to attack her.

Anyway it's all go and there are plenty of battles between the two. Once again the film is supposed to be funny (and again in places you will smile). There are plenty of legs and underwear on show as well as those ridiculous cute eyes that are a trademark of Manga vids. If you've got a party coming up and you want something strange to watch then look no further than The Ultimate Teacher. The cover may well look a little too raunchy to get this on many a Christmas list but if you're into bizarre movies then go and get this one. ***Paul***

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

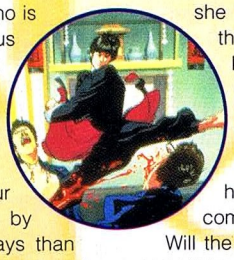
CRYING FREEMAN
CHAPTER ONE: PORTRAIT OF A KILLER

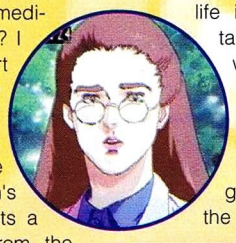


Cert. 15 1992, 50 minutes, £8.99, colour

A sort of soppy love story, with overtones of Steven Segal's arm breaking classic "Marked for Death". Surely it can't be the best Manga movie to date. Read on guys!

Until now, Fist of the Northstar was my favourite Manga flick. Not any more, maybe its just me being fickle or perhaps Crying Freemnan is a superior fim. Its a story of a lone assasin who is involved in the muderous career of hitman... but not through choice! Each and everytime he takes a life, he weeps. Hence the prefix to his name. During a 'hit' our likeable badguy is seen by an innocent (in more ways than one) Japanese lady 'Yoh' who witnesses the killer at work. Bizarrely, she exchanges a kiss with the murderer, suddenly, the killer takes flight and makes good his escape. Crazy, yes. Arousing, relatively. The laws of 'Freeman's' clan means he has to kill anyone who comprimises his position. Will the martial artist locate 'Yoh' and kill her. Or will he break into her mansion, hide in her bedroom, gaze into her blue eyes and immediately fall in love with her? I know where the smart money is. Surprisingly, so does 'Crying'.





Not only does the assassin fall in love, he also gives in to Yoh's request. From then on, its a race to find freedom from the police, drug pushing gangsters and even his own clan. As he realises life is to be lived and not taken. A faultless story, with some excellent animation. The direction of this flick is of a quality unsurpassed by all the other Manga directors. A great movie to watch with the girlfriend. ***Brad***

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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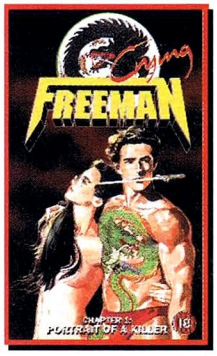

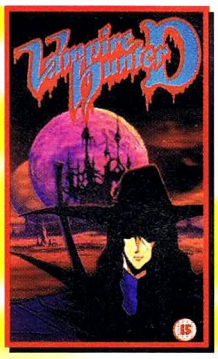

If you don't know the story behind Manga video

Japanese influence in computer games is rife, the cross over between computers and Manga videos is becoming increasingly apparent. So to celebrate this marriage and the fact that their top representative (Pandora Powell) twisted our arms, we've decided to give all you lucky readers the chance to enjoy these sinister/sleazy little pictoral delights. Forget about Mickey Mouse, make way for a new wave of cartoon heroes...The Manga generation.

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ANIMATED DEMONS, AND SEXY CHICKS!

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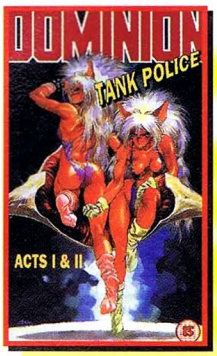

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If you want to get your hands on one of these then answer the following questions:

1) In the 52 minute long epic "Crying Freeman" the main character cries every time he takes somebody's life. Which of these grown men was labelled a big cry baby during the 1990 world cup?

- ❑ A) Paul "Cry baby" Gasgoine
- ❑ B) Jon "Cup of tea and a slice of cake" Pertwee
- ❑ C) Ted "Which clue do you want to hear again?" Rogers

2) In part 1 of the cult classic 3X3 eyes, a young girl somehow sprouts a third eye. What were those unfortunate youngsters who wore glasses nicknamed at school.

- ❑ A) Optrex - The leading brand for tired eyes
- ❑ B) Specky four eyes
- ❑ C) Heat lump

3) We all know Japan is known as the land of the rising sun. But how high does the sun rise from the Earth?

- ❑ A) Fairly High
- ❑ B) Quite high
- ❑ C) An impressive 93,000,000 miles

Tie/nose breaker

If those four softlads/teeny pop group East 17 and their pit bull "Spike" got into a punch-up with the five Take That boys who would win? Bear in mind lead singer Gary has an orange belt in Tai Chi. I think that if it went off royal style in a boozer East17/TAKE THAT would end up being carried out on stretchers! Delete as applicable.We've got 20 Manga titles to give away to different people, but if the number of entries we've been receiving lately is anything to go by you'll probably win the lot!

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Send your entries to: I want to win some fabby Manga Videos please! compo, ST Action, Europa House, Adlington Park, Macclesfield, SK10 4NP. Your entries must reach us by 30th September.

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TCH A REPEAT OF 3-2-1!

PLAYER'S GUIDE

LEMI

It hasn't taken you lot long to get Lemmings 2 out of the way. Here's a guide for three levels completed so far by Harry Maton

● *After typing all this in I wouldn't be bothered if I never saw another Lemming in my entire life*

EGYPTIAN LEVEL

TWO'S COMPANY

Go through bottom two brick walls. Make the Lemmings on the left go through to the right. Stomp down through the destroyed wall.

GLUED TO THE GOAL!

Pour glue to fill the gap on the top level. Go through two walls to the exit. On the bottom level, run one Lemming, go through the pillar and build a platform over the water. Pour glue twice to fill the big gap over the Sphinx. Wait for the Lemming to turn around at the far right and build a platform. Go through the wall to the right of the exit. Stomp your Lemmings down through the middle level to finish it.

● *And off they march. Careful manipulation should see you getting some of them to safety*

LABYRINTH OF FUN

Build platform over the first gap. When the Lemming hits pillar and turns, stomp down. Let the Little Lem turn round after hitting wall to the left of Sphinx and fence through to Sphinx. When he turns, scoop down to exit, stop by building a platform if needed. Fence through pillar to the exit.

SPIRALLING DNA

Spin Lemming and blow him up to the left of the exit. Build platform over the pit and dig through the block.

ECHO OF LIGHT

Dig through palm tree. Climb and slide one Lemming and dig to the bottom of the pit. Make the Lemming run and jump the gap. Just before the brick wall, stomp down a couple of times and dig right. Jump the final gap and then stomp another Lemming down through the sand at the start (only one clear gap!) and as the Lemming goes right, pour glue to fill the gap. This'll run to fill the last gap if there isn't a lip on the hole dug by the first Lemming. Take your time with this one.

RUPER'Z QUEST

Run one Lemming, pour twice to fill the four holes. Platform over the water and pour again to fill the next hole. Platform or pour over the boobytrapped pit. Meanwhile, fire a roper from the pit next to water to the edge of the point by exit. The Lemmings will then walk up the rope to the exit.

THE EGYPT COTTAGE

Balloon one Lemming up to left. Parachute down. Blow him to the slope on the left of the right-hand water trap. Superlem/rocket up to the top of the Sphinx and laser up to free the flock. Stomp the Lemmings down on the right of the Sphinx.

HEROE'Z QUEST

Jump one Lemming to the left. Stomp down twice. After the Lemming has dropped right down jump over the whole at the bottom to land on the small block (below the eye and to the left of the scarab!) while facing right. Stomp down and before bottom, fence right. Jump left from ledge below urns and

● *The icy level can be quite tricky, especially if you haven't played much*

when at the far left (block next to eye) balloon straight up. Blow to the right at the torch to pop the balloon. Platform over gap at bottom of slope. Fence right and walk up slope to small block. When Lemming turns, platform to the left and fence to the exit. Stomp down with one Lemming from the flock and fence right to complete it.

WAVE PATHWAY

Dig through block. Stomp down with first Lemming before boobytrapped pit. Second Lemming should fall into this pit. Stomp this Lemming down before he hits the boobytrap switch. Meanwhile, build a platform to stop the first Lemming. Dig with the second Lemming to the right past the metal block and then stomp down. detonate a bomb as far left as possible and again detonate a bomb to the left of the metal block. Dig left. Stomp down on the thin bit of ledge, allow the Lemming to turn and build platform to the right. Dig

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right, stomp down a couple a times and dig right again to exit. Dig right with the other Lemmings to join up with the pathway already there.

PYRAMID OF DESPAIR

Hop one Lemming via the little blocks over the first pit. The rest of Lemmings will then get trapped in this pit. When the first Lemming drops and turns, pour glue twice to fill holes. Pour sand over the boobytrap in the pit and when the Lemming is facing right, change to a climber. Let him climb, drop and climb. Change to shimmier at the top of the wall and before he reaches far left, add a slider. Shimmy to left again, under the next block and the Lemming should drop onto the ledge. When he turns pour sand and/or glue to the block off the ledge. if the Lemming walks right, pour sand at the end of steps to turn him. When in the big gap to the left of the flock, pour glue to fill the holes if required. Fire a mortar to free the rest of the Lemmings forever.

● *Of the hundred plus levels in Lemmings 2, there are many you will get quite stuck on without our help*

OUTSIDE LEVEL

GLIDE LIKE THE WIND

Use hang-glider/jumps to give one Lemming a head start. Walk him right to first frog and flame a path underneath the frog and through the tree. Flame underneath the next frog. Platform over the gap before the flock catches up.

DELIVERANCE?

Kayak first Lemming to the right and immediately stop second Lemming with attractor. When first Lemming reaches the right bank, fire five arrows into left edge of water trap and into each other to form bridge. Jump attractor to the right and just before end of arrow bridge pour glue to form path over water.

● *They've dropped out of the trapdoor and straight into danger*

FRIDAY'S WALK

Jump one Lemming ahead of the others. Rope up from block on right on right before the fence to the flower. Rope up the exit.

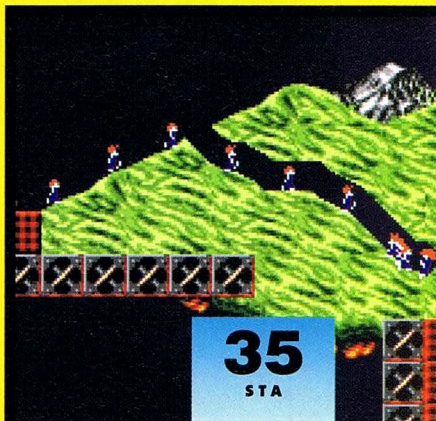
THE MAGIC OF MUSHROOMS

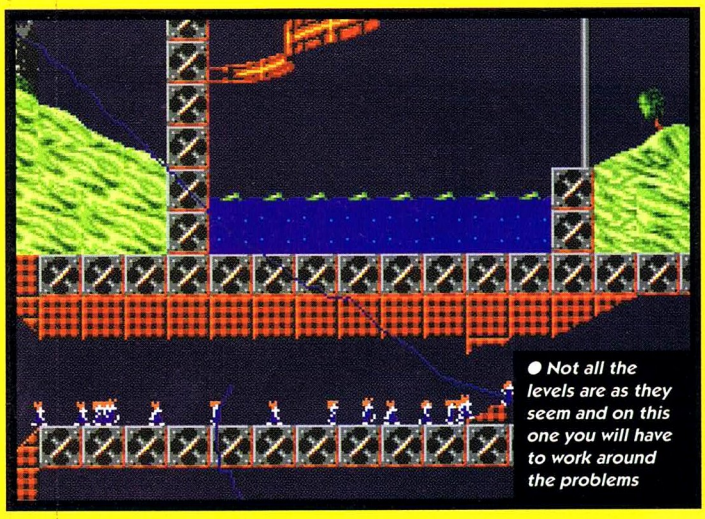
Jump one Lemming to edge of branches. Rope down via mushrooms to the exit. Fence right with flock to first rope.

NATURAL SELECTION

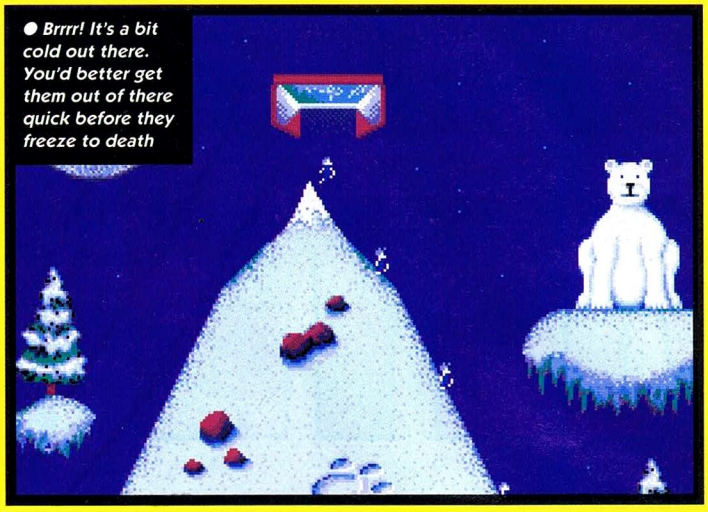
Shimmy 20 Lemmings, jump 20 more Lemmings over gap, float remaining 20 Lemmings. Bazooka left with floaters to bottom exit. Detonate bombs with jumpers to middle exit. Detonate bombs to the shimmiers to right exit.

● *Here's one of the new breed of Lemming spacing out with his jetpack. Cute innit?*





● Not all the levels are as they seem and on this one you will have to work around the problems



● Brrrr! It's a bit cold out there. You'd better get them out of there quick before they freeze to death

THE LAWS OF TRADITION

Attract the second Lemming and platform with the first. Platform over bottom gap. Next, platform over small pit. When Lemming turns at the top of slope platform to the left. Fence left through rock, scoop down and fence right to hole in the rock as high as possible. Platform across hole in rock and fence left to the exit. Change attractor to platformer to free the flock.

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Run one Lemming. When he lands on the leaf by long drops and turns, build a bridge to long stem. Jump one other Lemming to stem above bridge and dig right. Build four bridges to the right, drop down and rope to the leaf on the top stem. Bash through the stem above the leaf and when the lemming turns, bridge up to the stem with the rope and again towards the exit. Turn, running Lemming with flock into the bridger to the right to release the flock.

● Careful use of your Lemmings should get you out of most areas

GARDEN OF STONE

Stomp down with one Lemming and change to hopper to stop digging. Jump one Lemming to the left over this hole and run. Platform at the left of ledge. turn the hopper into a fencer when facing left. When the runner reaches the gap at the bottom, build a platform to the exit.

MEDIEVAL LEVEL

LEMMING OF NOTTINGHAM

Scoop through two right hand corners. Fly one Lemming and pour sand up to the ledge above the shields. When done, scoop down to the exit. Fill the pit trapping the flock with sand to get them home.

● How many Lemmings do you know that can play the bag-pipes? Not many I can tell you!

SIR! I KID YE NOT

Twist down to the right and flame through two pillars. Fill the pit with sand. Build a ramp of sand over the block. Stomp down and bash right to the exit.

ALL IN A KNIGHT'S WORK

Jump one Lemming to the catapult (far left position). After landing on the ledge, Let him turn right and then

stomp down. Change to an exploder just after the middle of the short platform and he will explode at the wall leaving a gap. Jump another lemming onto the catapult and jump him over the hole made by his deceased comrade. When he turns right, allow him to fall and after passing the destroyed wall, build a new one. platform over the water and release the flock with a stomper.

WATCH THAT LAST STEP

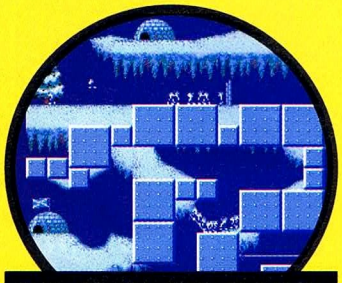
Build wall with the first Lemming on the first platform. Two Lemmings should get by. Build a wall with the second Lemming on the second platform and the third wall with the last Lemming before the gap. Pour glue with this Lemming to bridge the gap. Surf over water. When he reaches the pit, pour sand to the left to allow him to climb out. Pour glue to form the bridge over the water. Walk back and pour sand to the right of the pit to forma ramp out of it. Bash right with the flock to allow access to the glue bridge and then exit.

KING ARTHUR'S LEMMINGS

Detonate a bomb by the trees and bash right beneath them. Use attractor to hold the flock. When the basher reaches the gap, build two bridges to cross and then detonate one or two bombs at the far right of the T-shaped block, to reduce height from the exit. Turn attractor into jumper to release the flock.

LET'S PLAY TWISTER

Turn first lemming into a climber and slider. At the top of the castle, by the start, change him into a twister and blow down to the ledge with the butterfly shaped centre. As he slides down to the left change him to a runner. Jump right at the end of the slope to ledge above the exit. Platform over the water at the right. As he runs back, twist him down towards exit and jump over the existing hole. Let him drop down as he walks back to the right. Twist one Lemming from the flock down towards hole over platform and again down to the platform to finish.



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UNDERGROUND

Fence one Lemming right through the towers. Attract one Lemming to stop the flock. Platform to the trees and fence right. Platform to the next tower. Fence through last tower to reach the exit. Change attractor into a jumper to release the flock to the exit.

WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?

Platform left to right across starting cave at the highest point possible. Detonate bombs at the right until the wall is destroyed. Use attractor to stop the flock and platform right twice with one Lemming to bridge the gap. Stomp down twice to reach the exit and change the attractor into a jumper.

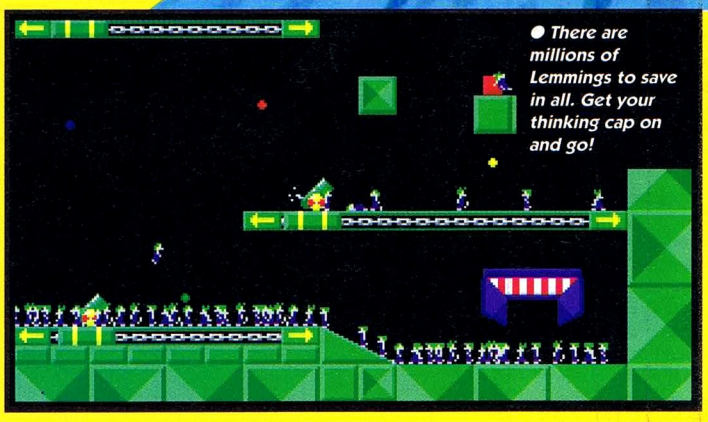
LEMMING IN DISTRESS!

Run the first Lemming and attract the second. Jump the first Lemming from block to ledge and immediately change to archer. Fire two arrows into the right end of the ledge to form a small bridge over the water. Change to a roper and rope to the rocks at the right of ledge. When Lemming turns, fire two more arrows into blocks by the water to form another bridge. Build a bridge slightly to the right of the centre of the dragon's next and then change the attractor into a jumper.

JUST JOUSTING AROUND

Polevault the first lemming immediately he touches the ground and then turn him into a floater. make the next lemming run and build a couple of walls in the middle of the dragon's pit. Fire rope from the top of this wall to the right side of the pit. Move the catapult to the left centre of the track. When the floater is catapulted he should land on the top of the J-shaped rock. When he walks left, pour glue to form a bridge over the water. After he turns, move catapult to the far left and pour to form a new bridge over the catapult. When all the other Lemmings are in the dragon's pit, detonate a bomb above the thin part to allow the flock to fall.

● *Heading for a wipe-out! It's the surfing Lemming who wants to be a beach-bum all his life*



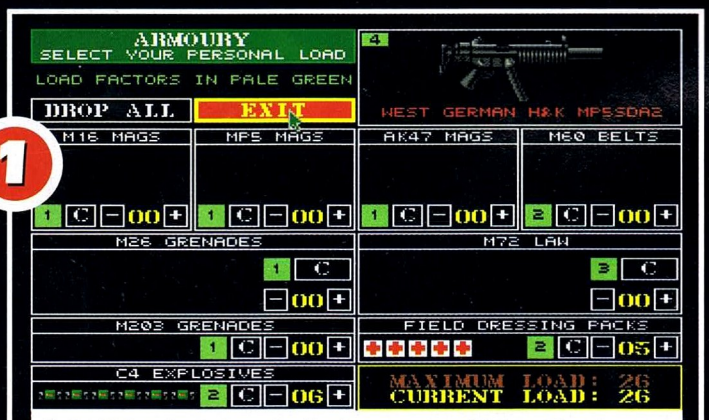
● *There are millions of Lemmings to save in all. Get your thinking cap on and go!*

FIRE FORCE

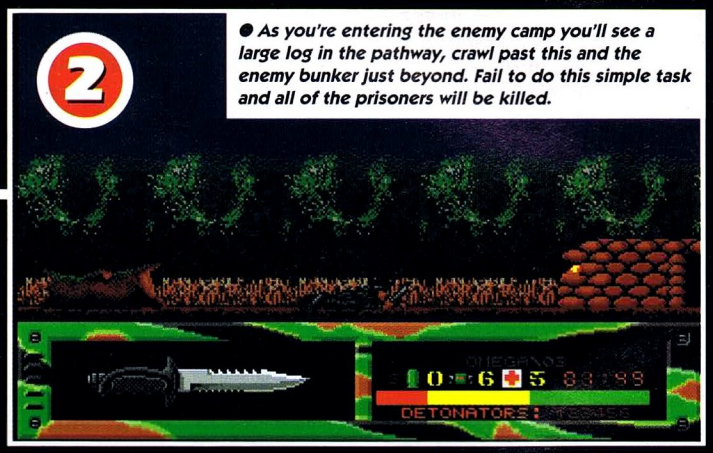
Here's the concluding part of our Fire Force guide for all you soldiers stuck out there on the later levels of ICE's game...

LEVEL FOUR

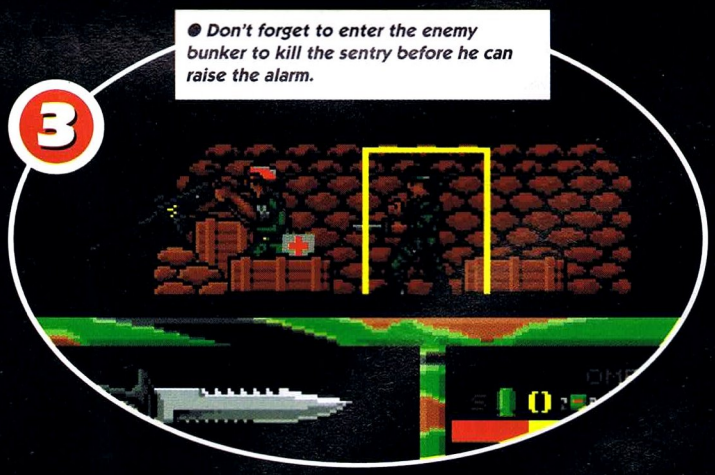
Several of your allies have been captured by the enemy! It's impossible by political laws to start a conflict to retrieve the soldiers so they're forced to send in one marine only i.e. YOU!



● *As this is going to be a stealth mission you're advised not to take firearms into the camp, so it's up to you and Mr Knife. Oh, and not forgetting several boxes of first aid incase your arms falls off in combat.*

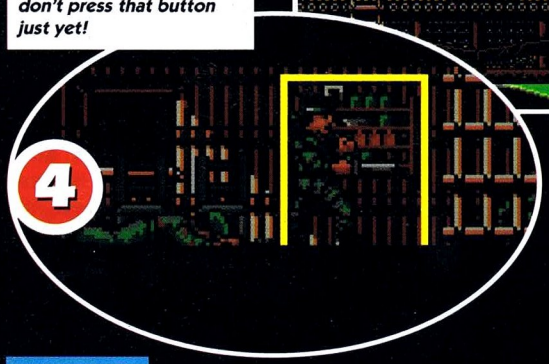


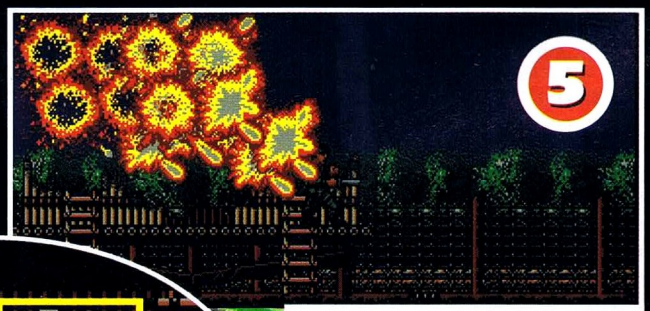
● *As you're entering the enemy camp you'll see a large log in the pathway, crawl past this and the enemy bunker just beyond. Fail to do this simple task and all of the prisoners will be killed.*



● *Don't forget to enter the enemy bunker to kill the sentry before he can raise the alarm.*

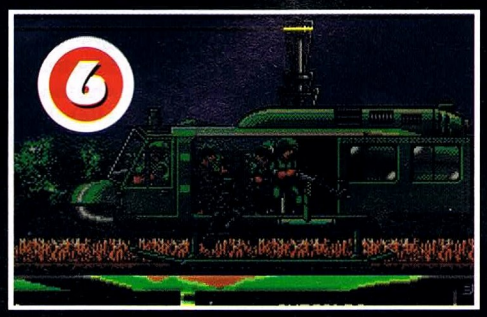
● *Inside the huts can be found more guards who need to be disposed of quickly and efficiently if you are to progress. Release the prisoners by using your knife and then set a detonator right in the corner of the hut but don't press that button just yet!*





● *After searching the next five huts and rescuing the POWs you're free to set off the bombs.*

● *There it is, right on time. Hey, how did those guys get in here before me?*



Well, that's it. Another game cracked and done away with. Don't forget the other two Player's Guides in this issue!

● *The game's going well up to now. Stockport are holding the mighty Stoke City!*

CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER '93

Domark have had success with their Championship Manager games. Here are a few hints from the programmers...

GENERAL TIPS

Okay, we extracted this information in no particular order from the helpful guys who put together this complicated management simulation. The following hints are in no particular order, they're just there for you to read and take note of.

1) Never forget that experience is vital in all leagues. The more senior members you have in your squad the better and quicker your youth players will develop.

2) Don't just give players one chance to prove themselves if they mess up. They could easily have just had an off day and you could be missing out on a star performer.

3) Always base your formation around the players you have in your team, not the team around the formation (use the player strengths rather than playing your best men out of position!).

4) Before each match you should study the opposition carefully to make sure you haven't missed any of their star players. Find the weaknesses and exploit them.

5) Allow your squad to grow at a steady rate. Don't buy in loads of players at any one time. Guys you already have may start to get upset at the thought of losing their place in the team.

6) Keep your scouts active at all times, but remember, they can be wrong about prospective signings.

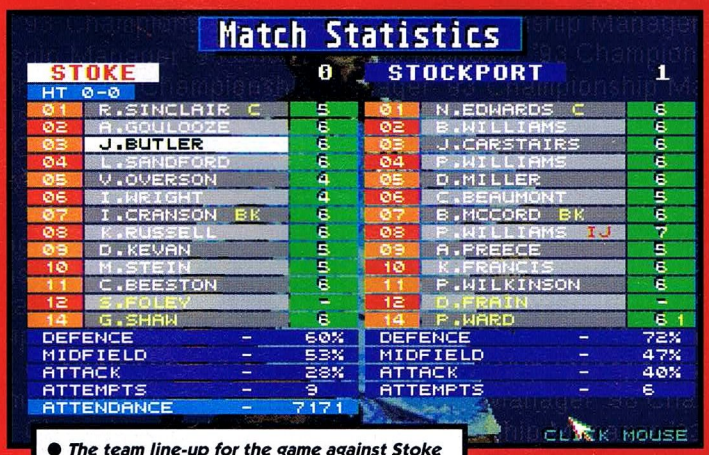
7) Choose your physio carefully. Don't get one that may become too friendly with certain players in the squad or they may start to give preference to the players they get on with the best!

8) Always check your fixture list and assign your scouts to watch key opposition players well in advance of them taking the field.

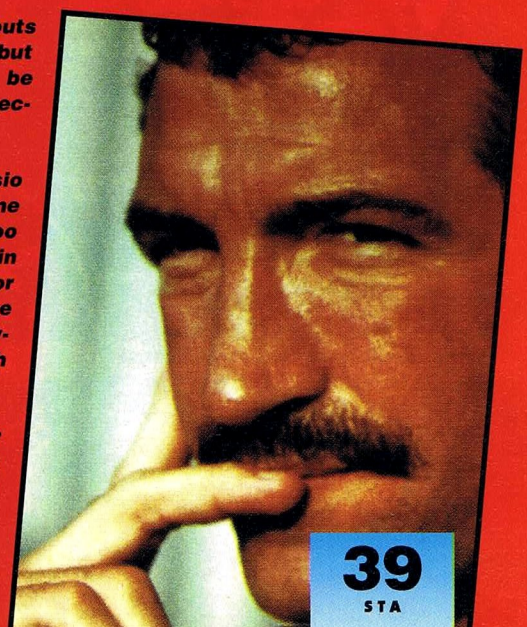
9) Don't go over the top with reserve players. It's all very well keeping your best players for important games, but it is never worth a large fine, especially if cash is short.

10) Try to avoid having too many players in your squad with a very high influence as they may all want to dominate things leading to unrest in your camp.

11) Forget all about senior international call-ups. International managers are not always as hot as they seem.



● *The team line-up for the game against Stoke shows that your sub got the vital goal!*



PLAYER'S GUIDE

STREET

Here it is, the huge guide to Streetfighter 2. No more questions about defeating the bosses...just ask the Streetfighting lads on STA. With Special help from Simon Prentice

Blanka

Special moves: Electric shock, Rolling attack, Head bite
Strengths: Long reach, particulaly in the air
Weaknesses: No projectile, can be slow when jumping Fireballs
Maximum impact: Head bite
Combinations: Head bite or Double knee

Chun Li

Special moves: Hundred foot kick, Spinning bird kick, Aerial & Shoulder throw
Strengths: speed & aglity give huge aerial advantage
Weaknesses: Inflicts little damage with each attack
Maximum impact: Shoulder throw
Combinations: Fierce kick, Shoulder throw, Lightning kick

Dhalsim

Special moves: Yoga flame, Yoga fire, Diagonal torpedo, Horizontal torpedo, Yoga nugie, Shoulder throw
Strengths: Long reach, large variety of special moves
Weaknesses: Slow in the air, easily dazed
Maximum impact: Shoulder throw or Yoga nugie

Guile

Special moves: Sonic boom, Flash kick, Aerial & Shoulder throw
Strengths: long reach, strong hitter, devastating special moves, traps opponents in the corner
Weaknesses: vunerable just after a special move, very little else
Maximum impact: Flash kick (but be quick)
Combination: Sonic boom, Fierce punch, Sweep kicks

Honda

Special moves: Hundred hand slap, Flying head butt, Shoulder throw, Bear hug
Strengths: very strong hitter, traps the enemy in the corner
Weaknesses: Clumsy & slow at times, vunerable to Fireballs, etc.
Maximum impact: Sumo throw
Combination: Fierce kick, Hundred hand slap, Sumo throw

Ken

Special moves: Fireball, Dragon punch, Hurricane kick, Shoulder throw
Strengths: good all round, well balanced fighter, strong in the kicks department
Weaknesses: Can seem predictable and too orthodox compared to other fighters
Maximum impact: close in Dragon punch or Throw
Combination: Fierce kick, Sweeping kick, Shoulder throw

Ryu

Special moves: Fireball, Dragon punch, Hurricane kick, Shoulder throw
Strengths: similar to Ken's, with possibly a stronger kick
Weaknesses: similar to Ken's, slightly more vunerable to throws
Maximum impact: Close up Dragon punch
Combination: Fierce kick, Sweeping kick

Zangief

Special moves: Power slam, Pile driver, Alley oop, Shoulder throw, Head bite, Body crusher
Strengths: Very strong in close, variety of damaging throws
Weaknesses: Very slow, ineffective at long range
Maximum impact: Spinning piledriver
Combination: Fierce kick, Fierce punch, Spinning pile-driver

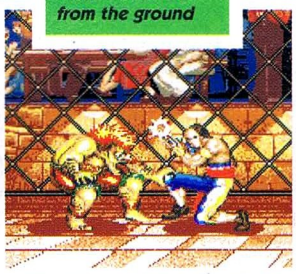
FIGHTER II

BRAZILIAN ROASTING

● Keep low and Electrocute when he's close. Use Rakes inbetween his punches

Blanka vs Balrog

● Uppercut when he jumps towards you and Rake him when he attacks from the ground



Blanka vs Vega

● Try to sweep him low just after he Uppercuts. Avoid jumping towards him and use Stretch kicks as you jump away from him

Blanka vs Sagat

● Give him the Spinning cannonball at long range and use Stretch kicks as he jumps towards you

Blanka vs M.Bison

LITTLE CHINA GIRL

● Head stomps and jumping Sweeps are the safest kicks to use against his punches

Chun Li vs Balrog

● Use Spinning bird kicks and jumping sweeps in the air. Otherwise keep on the ground if you can

Chun Li vs Vega

● Head stomps and Hundred foot kicks are best line of attack in this difficult battle

Chun Li vs Sagat

● Again, Spinning bird kicks are effective against Bison as well as low Sweeps in close

Chun Li vs M.Bison

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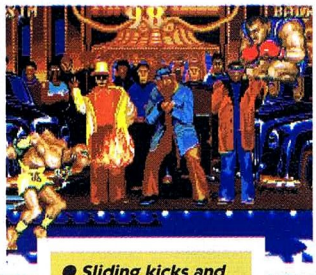

● Sliding kicks and low punches are recommended here, but using a yoga flame could be nasty

Dhalsim vs Balrog

● Let Vega come towards you, keep your guard up and Slide kick him when he's close enough

Dhalsim vs Vega

● Yoga fire and low punches work at close range. Diagonal spinning kicks work better at long range

Dhalsim vs Sagat

● Get as close as you can and use low kicks and throws. Avoid jumping as Dhalsim is far too slow in the air

Dhalsim vs M.Bison

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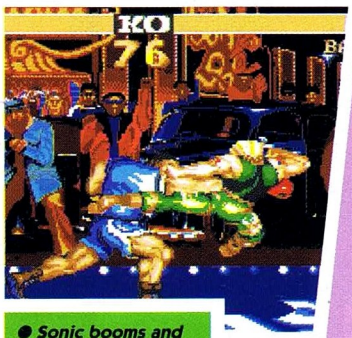
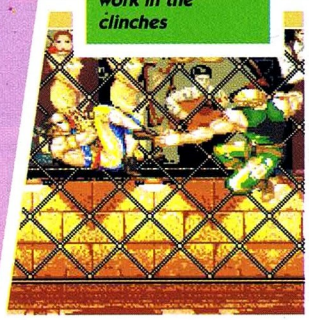


● Sonic booms and Sweeps help keep this Headstrong boxer at arms length. Use Uppercuts if he jumps at you

Guile vs Balrog

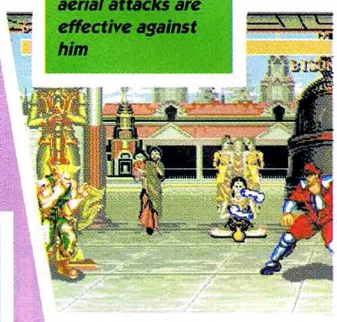


● Grab Vega when he's in the air and throw him. Jabs work in the clinches

Guile vs Vega

● Jump at this guy and he'll Uppercut you to death. Instead use Flash kicks and Sonic booms

Guile vs Sagat



● Flash kick this baddy as he comes towards you. Most aerial attacks are effective against him

Guile vs M.Bison

TONS MORE POWER

● If he jumps at you Chop him. Be sparing with the Hundred hand slap as he can punch through it on the higher levels

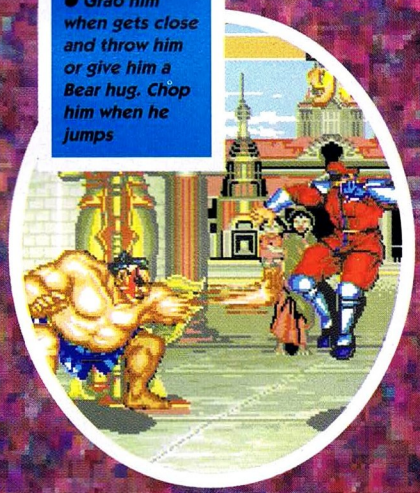
E.Honda vs Balrog

● Torpedo him from long range and Hand slap him when he tries to get in close

E.Honda vs Vega

● Keep your guard well up and get in close whenever you can and use strong low kicks

E.Honda vs Sagat



● Grab him when gets close and throw him or give him a Bear hug. Chop him when he jumps

E.Honda vs M.Bison

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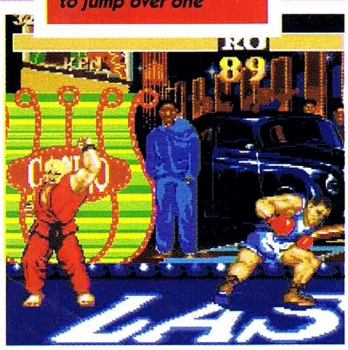
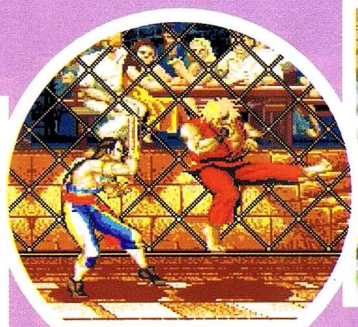


● Keep him at bay with Fireballs, and Sweep him hard if he manages to jump over one

Ken vs Balrog



● Dragon punch him if he jumps off the fence at you, and Fireball him just as he is about to land on the ground

Ken vs Vega

● Sagat can be out Fireballed if you stick to the task. Sweep him just after he's attempted an Uppercut

Ken vs Sagat

● Try jumping repeatedly straight up in the air and deliver strong kicks. Bison will get bored and skewer himself on them before long

Ken vs M.Bison

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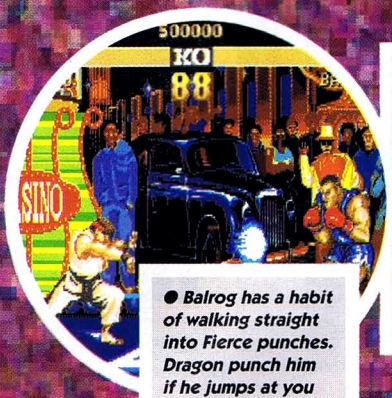
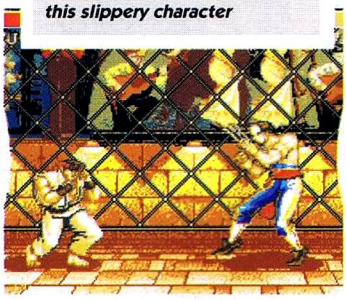


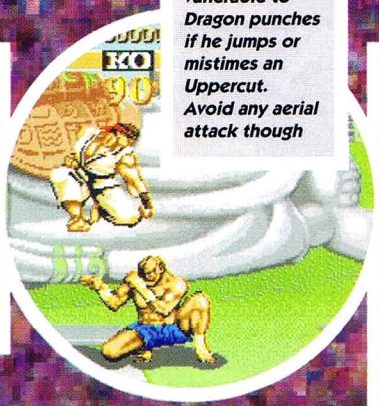
● Balrog has a habit of walking straight into Fierce punches. Dragon punch him if he jumps at you

Ryu vs Balrog



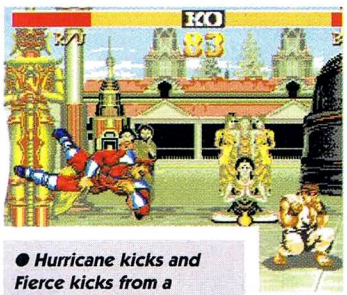
● A well timed combination of Fireballs, Sweeps and Dragon punches will soon wear down this slippery character

Ryu vs Vega



● Sagat is vunerable to Dragon punches if he jumps or mistimes an Uppercut. Avoid any aerial attack though

Ryu vs Sagat



● Hurricane kicks and Fierce kicks from a standing position will serve you well against this speedy boss

Ryu vs M.Bison

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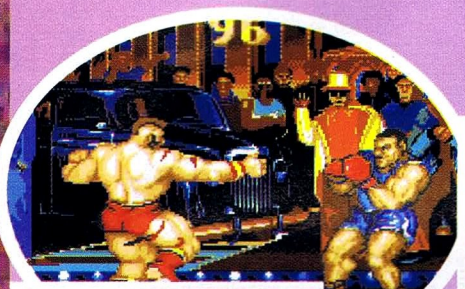
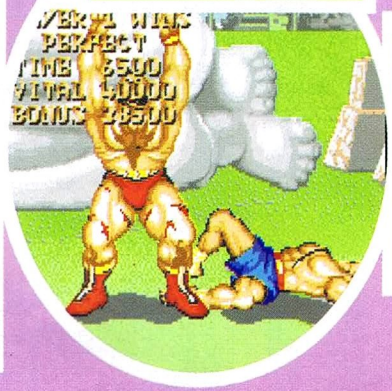


● Any punch or Chop is handy as well as low kicks. Virtually any throw can be exexcuted from a blocking position against this clumsy foe

Zangief vs Balrog

● If he jumps at you, Chop him. If he crouches at you, kick him low. Don't forget to keep your guard up

Zangief vs Vega



● Although difficult to perform, a Spinning clothesline is devastating against a mistimed Uppercut

Zangief vs Sagat

● Jumping knees and Sweeps can work, but you'll probably need a couple of throws to beat this guy

Zangief vs M.Bison

Balrog

Balrog, I suppose is in the Streetfighting competition for the money and fame, worldwide. Funnily enough he's a spitting image of a certain boxer, whether or not he's escaping an incident in a hotel room with a certain young lady. That is a question that is yet to be answered...or is it?

Vega

The Spanish boy, who has a special fetish in wearing mangled cans of baked beans over his face...to hide his good looks! On his hand he has a claw of spiked prongs! Wa-hey! He happily springs on to a climbing fence and jumps off only to stick his prongs into your face. I'm not quite sure why Vega is in the race for the title...may be he just wants to show off his good looks...s sheeearh riigght!

Sagat

Sagat is a proud owner of a huge scar, nesting itself right in the centre of his chest. Ryu was supposed to have inflicted this wound in the first Tournament...I personally think that Sagat has cleverly mastered the ancient art of styling his chest hairs. Believe what you want. He also holds the crown in the Streetfighter lark...actually it was Ryu who he defeated in the final. hurrah!

M.Bison

The man who dresses up in Policemens uniforms and defeats anyone that gets in his way...he killed Chun-Li's dad. Micky Bison was probably on his way home from the boozer, feeling a little light headed...a thought sprung into his mind "Oh look there's Mr Li, I'll think I'll delve into pushing a knife into somebody elses body"...ok!

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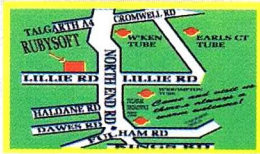

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Knowing that we have many fresh faces in our readership and also that the many survivors from the early issues of STA would be interested to see the many changes in style of their favourite magazine, the following pages are a tribute to the mag that wiped out the competition.

ST Action has had a long, illustrious history. Any computer mag that is still going strong after five years of publication can only be called successful.

It's undergone some pretty major changes in its time though. None bigger than when the magazine upped its roots and moved north to its present location up in sunny old Macclesfield. Taking along a large quantity of existing staff, the mag had to be kick-started again in a new venue far away from their homes. Find out more by turning the page where you can discover the entire history behind your favourite ST games magazine...

History in t

A long time ago (well 1987 to be exact) in a small sleepy town down south called Chichester, a bloke known only as Hugh Gollner decided to start producing magazines. Soon his ST games title – ST Action was flying off the shelves into the homes of thousands of Atari gameplayers. Success like this couldn't fail to be noticed.

At the same time as all this a large northern publishing house called Database was having a lot of good fortune with 8-bit titles like Computing with the Amstrad. Already one of the three major computer mag publishers in the country people were beginning to trust Database. By the time Db were ready to enter the 16-bit market in earnest Gollner Publishing were ripe for a takeover. Database moved in and Gollner Publishing mutated into Interactive Publishing and headed north.

Interactive had their own little section in the mighty Europa House complex. Staffed by mostly southerners who moved up with them, ST Action and Amiga Action continued to grow until eventually they had to change offices from their cramped corner to take up an entire floor of EH.

In May 1991 there was a company shake-up and Database become Europress and Interactive Publishing became Europress Interactive, which is what it is today. If that all sounds confusing, then trust us it was! Throughout all this STA continued to thrive. There were various staff changes that altered the face of the magazine but perhaps the biggest moment in ST Action's history was when they bought out the rights to their major competitor – The One for ST Games. STA had cleaned up the market. Nobody could touch them for their spot-on coverage. Other titles couldn't hope to compete and they were systematically gobbled up as the drive for power continued.

As the months went by and the games began to dry up for the ST, STA continued to provide high quality service by getting reviews as soon as they were ready. You could be sure if there was any hot news to sniff out, the STA guys would have their noses right there.

Humour became a vital part of the mag. Within the last six months we decided to get you all laughing because of the manic depressive state people were getting themselves into by convincing themselves that their machine was dead and nearly buried even though it obviously wasn't.

Freestyle was brought in as we realised we had one hell of an original idea on our hands.

The public (that's you that is) responded in their droves and supported us by sending in all sorts of tripe. We got packages of goodies for the Pointathon from Sweden and we even got letters from Japan and Thailand where people had visited this country and taken copies of the mag back with them for their families to read. ST Action's following continued to grow in Australia and New Zealand too.

There wasn't much support for the machine in the Antipodes and STA was a much needed source of info there too!

Anybody who had their letters published in STA could be sure their stuff was being read right around the world.

Now ST Action is about to enter an exciting new phase in its life and to see what happens next you'll just have to keep reading over the coming months!

Paul McNally

You may imagine, five years has seen lots of different people come and go on this great mag. If you've been reading for a while you may be wondering what some of them are up to as we speak. We'll just concentrate on the ones that have been here since the move to Macc!

A look at these covers reveals two things. The first, and perhaps more obvious, is the changing style of the mag over the years. The second highlights the amazing support from the sofware houses STA has always had. Just look at those games!

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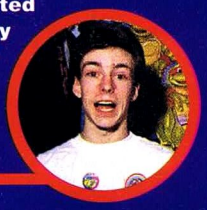
Nick Clarkson (former Editor)

Was one of the Chichester crew who moved north. He steered STA through the tricky relocation before moving off to be games Ed on ST User and then to Northern News editor on the popular weekly Games-X. He still lives in Macclesfield and is currently the head of PR at top software house Gremlin in Sheffield.

Alan Bunker (former Editor)

Joined STA soon after they arrived in Macc as a Staff Writer under Nick's wing. Soon after Clarky departed Alan was made Ed where he stayed for nearly a year before taking the helm of Interactive's world-beating Amiga Action. He now works in Bournemouth as a part-time deckchair attendant.

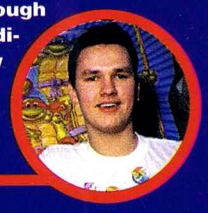


Julian Boardman (former Editor)

Old Jools used to (and still does) take some stick here in the office. Always a keen lover of the beer and pizza he arrived from his job as editor of Amiga Computing's Gamer in January 1992. He can now be found quaffing ale in a various seedy venues.

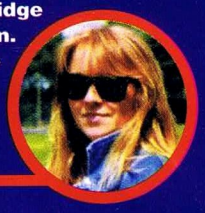
Jason Dutton (former Editor)

Recently departed (no not that way!) after a two and a half year stint with this mag. Jay also joined soon after Alan and worked his way up through the ranks to become Editor himself. He now lives near Bristol and works as MicroProse's UK PR bloke!



Allie West (former Staff Writer)

Allie was the only girl who ever wrote on a regular basis for STA. Her boyfriend John worked on Games-X and she moved up from Cambridge when she was taken on. A big Queen fan, she used to take a fair bit of stick about her favourite band. Still does, apparently...



Jon Ross (former Art Editor)

Jon was the art ed when Gollner moved north. After a while he toddled off to work on Games-X. A quiet bloke but that could have been because of his daft Portsmouth accent! He can be found hiding on the terraces at Fratton Park

Marc Keating (former Dep. Art Ed)

A local lad who landed a job as Deputy art ed. After a while he left to join Maverick but soon decided that he liked Interactive because they were smart and rejoined about a year ago. He's now art editor for both GB and Super Action.

Roger Bell (former Assist. Art Ed)

Woof Woof Rog as he is known in the office came in as assistant Art Ed on STA after Marc left. Having shown remarkable flair and ability (yeah right!) he moved on to Amiga Action where that title continues to grow stronger.

Alex Lee (former Production Editor)

Alex was another that was trained up on Games-X. When Simon arrived he moved off to Amiga Action as Production Editor. After leaving for a brief spell at Maverick he returned to Super Action where he took over the Deputy's position. Within the last month he has taken over as Editor on Super Action.

Simon Kirrane (former Dep. Editor)

Si started off as Production editor on Games-X before making the move to the monthly STA. He was still there during the tricky re-design in early 1992. Soon after all that was out of the way he moved on to Interactive's SNES title Super Action where he was Deputy, then Editor until he left for a small pie-packing agency in Batley.

TO CELEBRATE AN AMAZING 66 ISS

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As you'll also know by now the current STA team is moving to new Europress pastures (don't forget you can still get your dose of STA next month) so as a gesture from us to you we're giving you the chance to win a piece of history. We've got together a collection of STA memorabilia ranging back over five years. There are original STA covers, page film (the stuff you never see but it's the stuff that the printers use), we've even got that novelty Bobby's hat that we got from London as a gag, you know – the one that Jim wore last month. There's far too much to mention! Whoever wins this will have the only copies of many valuable items. Believe us, we really didn't want to part with most of it. It's a timeless collection of goodies and you'll be able to impress all your ST owning friends no end with the exclusiveness of your unique prize.

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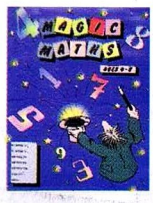

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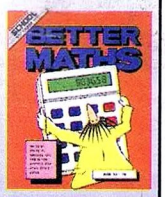

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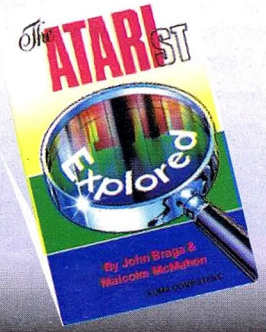

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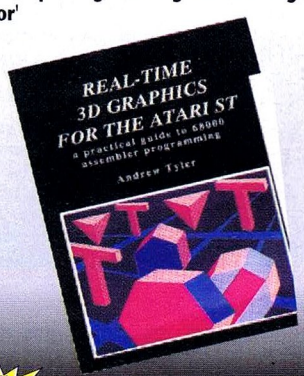

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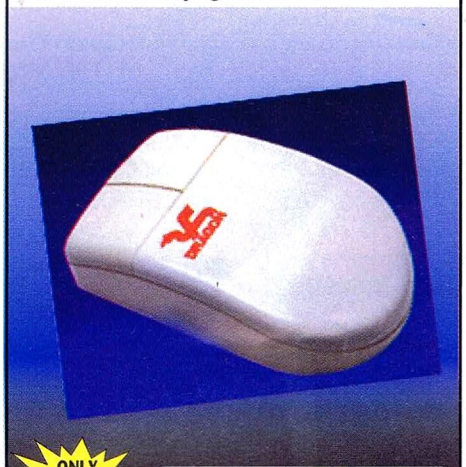

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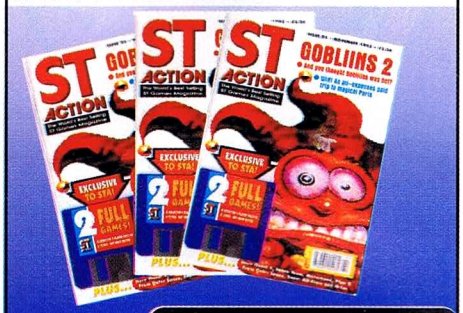

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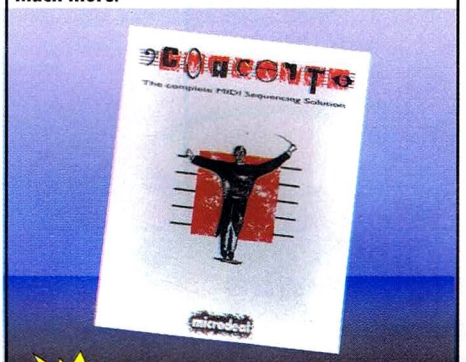

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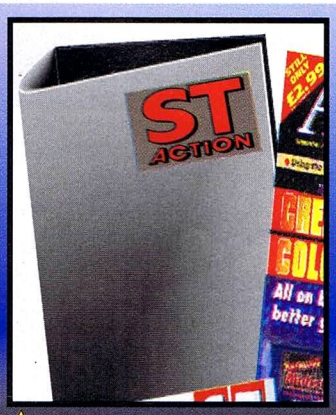

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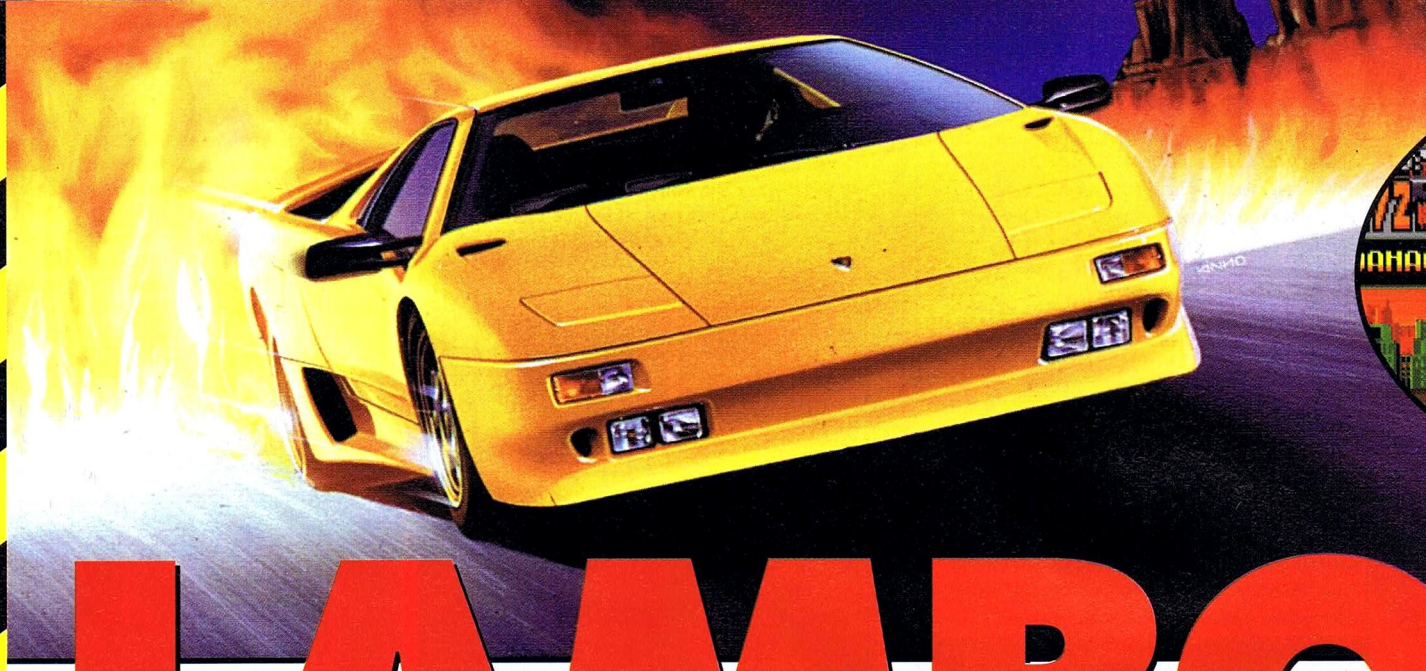
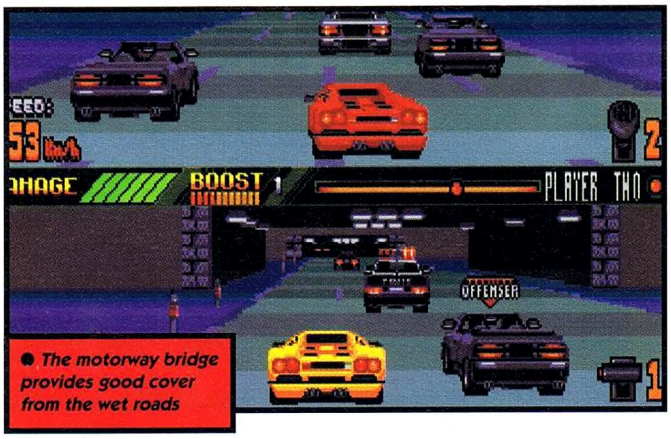


LAMBO CHALL

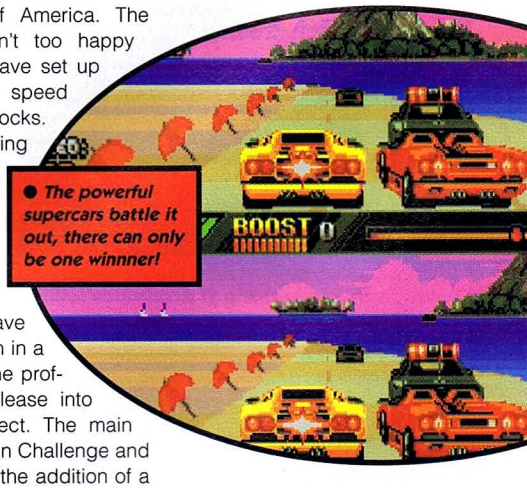
Crazy Cars was awful, as was its sequel. The third broke the mould and is still the best racing game, until now that is...

Lamborghini Challenge tries to take over where Crazy Cars 3 left off. The pressure of everyday life is somewhat of a chore, and paying the monthly bills is a drag. So with everything to lose you sell your nice house, get rid of your nice car, and empty your bank account. Why? To enter the illegal road race event – The Lamborghini Challenge. Lamborghini owners from all over the world come togetherto embark on a contest, to race throughout the various states of America. The police force aren't too happy about this, and have set up all manner of speed traps, road blocks. They will do anything in their power to disrupt the race!

Now, what with the success of Crazy Cars 3, those money men at Titus have decided to plough in a large portion of the profits of the first release into this all new project. The main difference between Challenge and Cars 3 has to be the addition of a simultaneous two player option. So not only have you to battle past the other superb computer controlled racers you've also got the added competition of the second player to contend with.



● The motorway bridge provides good cover from the wet roads

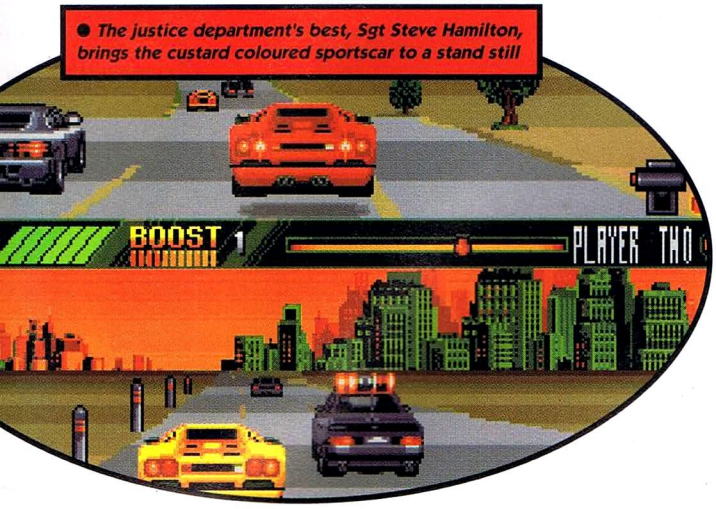


● The powerful supercars battle it out, there can only be one winnner!

Crazy driver

Shedding the Crazy Cars 3 rehash stigma isn't going to be easy. It's not as though Cars 3 was a bad game, on the contrary it's truly excellent. But Titus want this latest game to do for its prequel, what 3 did for 2.

Unlike your bog standard driving game when all you've got to worry about is your final placing, Lamborghini is set within the seedy underworld of illegal gambling. Prior to each and every race, four of the ranking competitors get together at a shebeen (illegal drinking den) and place bets, poker style, on the outcome of the race. Even if you anticipate



● The justice department's best, Sgt Steve Hamilton, brings the custard coloured sportscar to a stand still

PROJECT: Lamborghini Challenge
PUBLISHER: Titus
PROGRAMMERS: The Titus posse
GRAPHICS: The Titus posse
SOUND: The Titus posse
INITIATED: The front end of 1992
RELEASE: The back end of 1993

RGHINI LENGE

you're going to win the next race, don't plough all your money into a bet, because if you lose you may need to pay for repairs. Or worse still bail. Yep, that's right the speed cops have souped up cars and will pursue and even try and ram you off the road to stop your progress.

Weather also plays a big part on the performance of your super car, both wind and rain reduce your rate of acceleration, whilst racing at speeds in excess of 150mph when the roads are caked with ice, is positively suicidal. Another feature that may creep in if we're lucky, is the option to drive a Cabriolet version of the Lamborghini, so you can soak up the sun. There's no difference in performance but it certainly looks the part in this case!

Titus' top notch PR/Marketing bloke Steve Darragh had this to say about their forthcoming release "We've been looking at the other products in this field, and if you want the truth...none of them come close. Just like the real car, Lamborghini Challenge is going to turn heads". Aggressive stuff, I think you'll agree.

Crazy Car

But the game really does have to be played to be believed. Considering the amazing speed of it's predecessor I expected a 50% reduction of speed, taking account of the second car of course. However the programmers have done an amazing job in retaining the speed, if anything its faster! It made me think the programmers held out on a few ideas the first time around, hmmm. As everybody knows the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Look for a full review within these pages of this cracker towards the end of the year! ***Brad***

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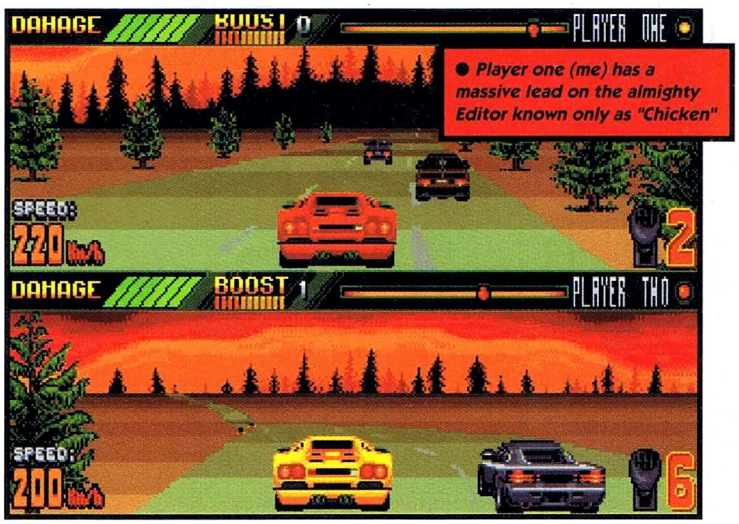
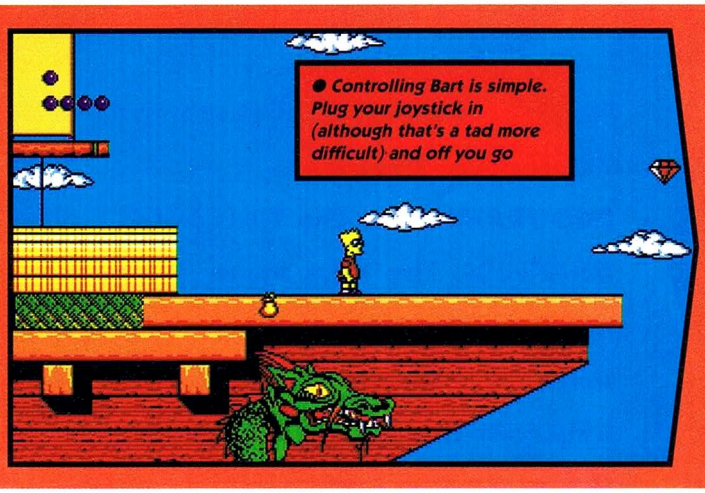
> Steve Darragh - Marketing Manager



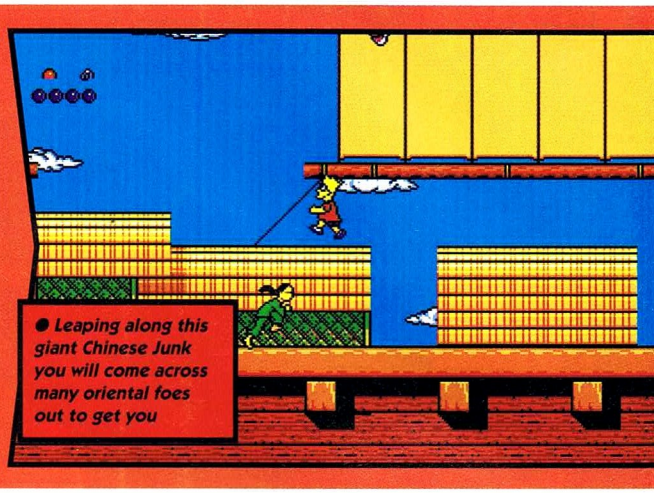
● Player one (me) has a massive lead on the almighty Editor known only as "Chicken"

DRIVE DOWN MEMORY LANE

When Crazy Cars 1 was first released, it was hard pushed to get reviews above 50%, whilst the sequel teetered around the 65% mark, generally. Titus had a massive shake-up and spent lots of time, resources and energy on creating Crazy Cars 3.At last they struck gold, and to everyone's surprise its scores ranged from 85% all the way up to 94%. STA's score 92% (Brad) October 1992!



● Controlling Bart is simple. Plug your joystick in (although that's a tad more difficult) and off you go



● Leaping along this giant Chinese Junk you will come across many oriental foes out to get you

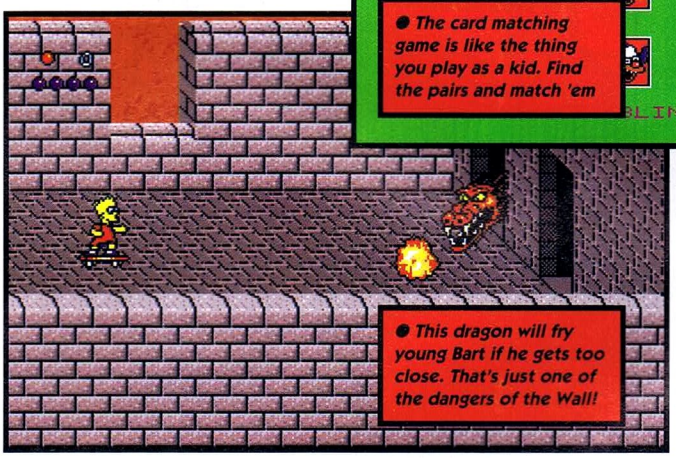
BART VS T

BSkyB Television have produced one of the greatest comedies ever. The Simpsons is the best animated series going!

● The card matching game is like the thing you play as a kid. Find the pairs and match 'em

Even if you haven't access to a Sky setup, you'll probably have heard of The Simpsons. Chances are you'll have seen a Bart Simpson toy, car ornament or T-shirt somewhere around. What you don't actually realise until you begin watching the program is how funny the program can be.

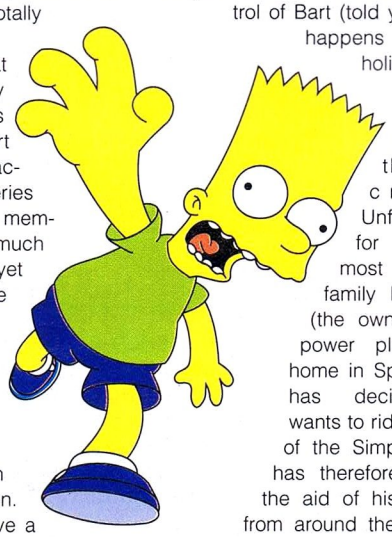
To translate this type of humour into a computer game is nigh on impossible. One attempt at a Bart game has already been tried. Ocean had a fairly good success with Bart vs the Space Mutants a couple of years ago. Even though the game wasn't up to much it still sold on the name alone. That's why Virgin are on to winner already here, before the coding is even totally completed.



● This dragon will fry young Bart if he gets too close. That's just one of the dangers of the Wall!

One thing that puzzles me is why programmers always choose Bart as the main character. In reality the series portrays the other members of the family much more prominently yet they always feature as nothing more than background graphics in the game versions.

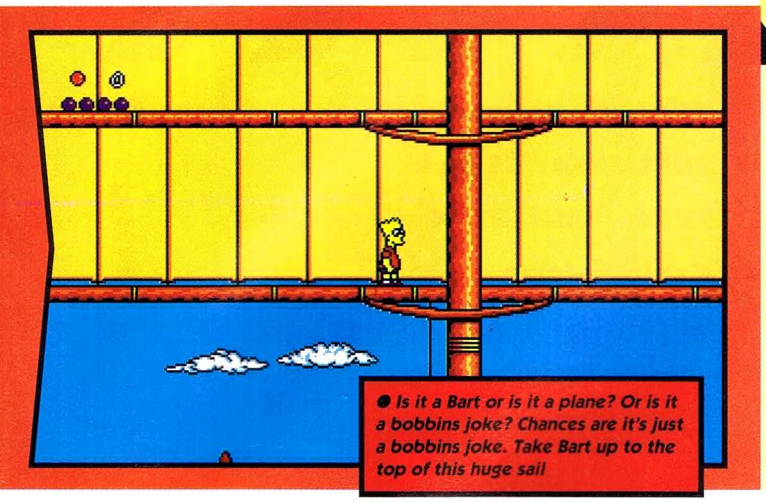
Anyway, down to business. What's going on with this one then. Well, firstly, if you've a mate with an NES system you may have already seen this game in its original incarnation. You take control of Bart (told you!), who happens to be on holiday with his family on a Round-the-World cruise. Unfortunately for America's most popular family Mr. Burns (the owner of the power plant back home in Springfield!) has decided he wants to rid the world of the Simpsons. He has therefore enlisted the aid of his relatives from around the world to bump them all off.



Expect to come across the Abominable Snow Burns and Ramesis the Burns while wandering around the globe. While controlling Bart on his skateboard you must pick up loads of collectable Krusty the Klown heads (like you do!) while avoiding all the bad guys out to get you.

As well as the sort of platform feel to the game (which is, in many ways, similar to the Space Mutants game in both appearance and playability) there will be several bonus games including things like slide puzzles, fruit machines, card games and so. These will crop up every now and then to break up the frantic arcade action.

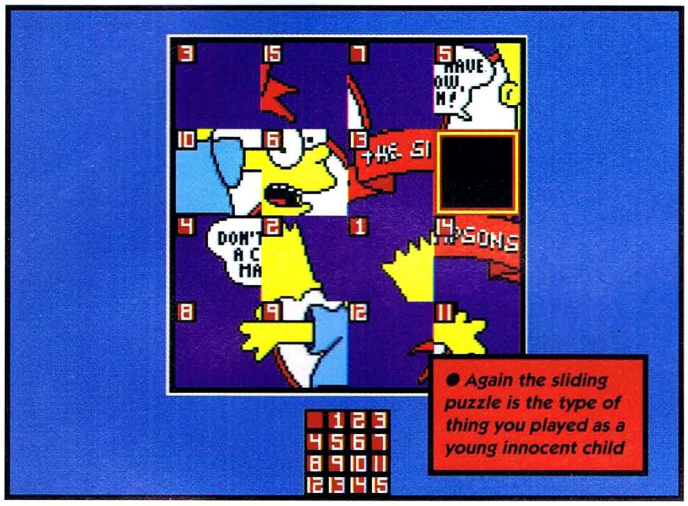
● There's Lisa, your sister, sitting on the Wall. Ignore her and pick up that gleaming jewel instead



● Is it a Bart or is it a plane? Or is it a bobbins joke? Chances are it's just a bobbins joke. Take Bart up to the top of this huge sail

PROJECT: Bart vs the World
PUBLISHER: Virgin
PROGRAMMERS: Arc Developments
GRAPHICS: In house
SOUND: In house
INITIATED: Mid 1993
RELEASE: November 1993

HE WORLD



● Again the sliding puzzle is the type of thing you played as a young innocent child

A lot is being placed on this Simpsons' licence and it's hard to see how Virgin can go wrong (for all the reasons stated before!). People will snap up Bart goodies left, right and centre and at a price of £25.99, it is placed competitively with recent ST releases which tend to have been going for around the £30 mark of late. Expensive business buying games isn't it? Especially if you want all the good ones that come out at the same time (usually in the run-up to Christmas!)

> "Eat my shorts is an over-used catch phrase!"

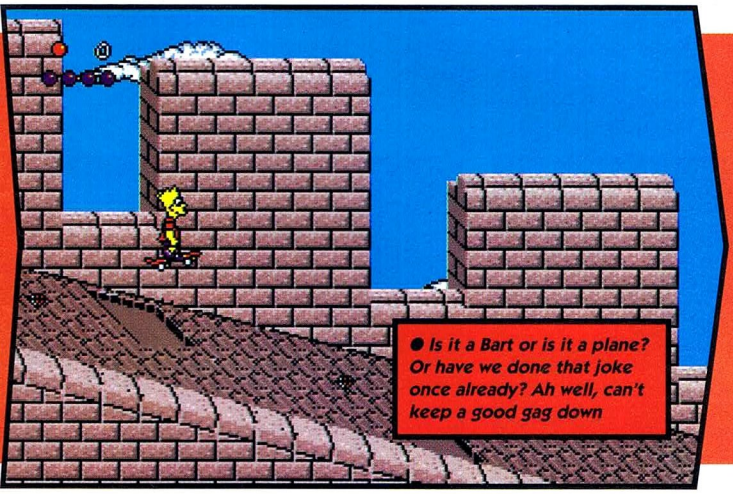
Virgin are looking for a release date around November time, so you can expect Bart vs the World to be high on many a Christmas (please don't start talking about that awful Christmas word already!) shopping list. It will also be worth having a look at the Christmas (there I go again. Hush my wicked lips!) charts because you can expect this one to be right up there with the best of them.

The Simpsons will be popular for many a year to come and there is still plenty of scope to milk the series for ages. It's a little surprising that no company has attempted to do a different style of game with them yet. As I said earlier, I'm waiting for a game where you have to control Homer and be as stupid as you possibly can.

I get the feeling that that would go down pretty well in the office at least. For the time being you'll have to put up with this and there will be a review in the coming months. ***Paul***

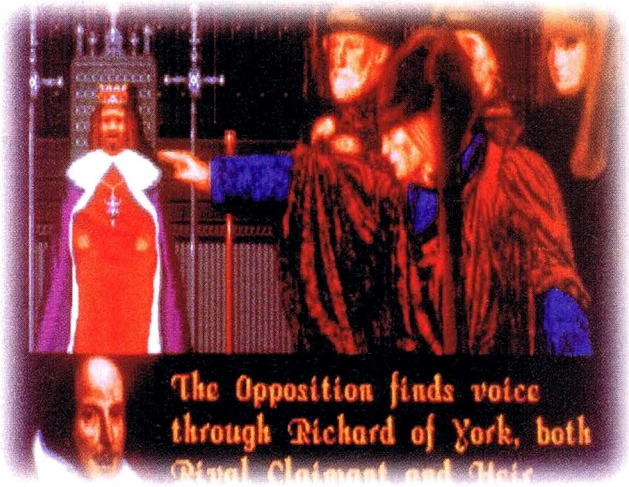
FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

In case you genuinely haven't a clue who the Simpsons are then you'd better read this little section hadn't you? Homer heads the family and he's perhaps the biggest, beer-drinking slob on the earth today (he also looks like Dave Goodyear who does our Player's Guides!). Marge is the mum who has a daft haircut. Bart is the nipper who always gets into trouble. Lisa is the talented daughter who manages to be cute and Maggie is the little baby who keeps falling over. Don't say we never tell you anything!



● Is it a Bart or is it a plane? Or have we done that joke once already? Ah well, can't keep a good gag down

● Picking up the heads of Krusty the Klown will give you special bonus points and super powers!



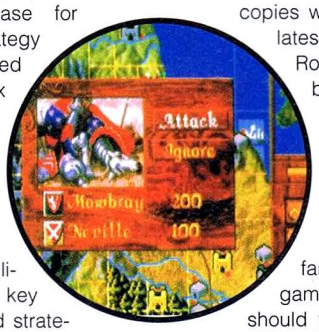
PROJECT: Kingmaker
PUBLISHER: US Gold
PROGRAMMERS: Graham Lillee, Kevin Bulmer
GRAPHICS: Kevin Bulmer
SOUND: Graham Lillee
INITIATED: February 1992
RELEASE: September 1993

KINGMAKER

After the D-Day review last issue, US Gold prepare to release their second game in as many months onto the ST...

The ST market has gone extremely strategy orientated over the past year. That's not to say that there has been no decent arcade games, but just that people have realised there is a lot of money to be made from games that make people think about things a little more.

As US Gold rightly point out in their press release for Kingmaker, strategy games have moved away from the Hex and Square style of war-game to more user-friendly games like Civilization and Powermonger.



Artificial Intelligence is another key factor in any good strategy game and the guys behind KM reckon that their product has the edge over those mentioned so far. If this turns out to be the case then US Gold could well have a massive little game on the cards.

The pedigree of the men behind the project is assured. Kevin Bulmer, has had success previously with Legends of Valour and Corporation while Graham Lillee has been responsible for Heroes of the Lance.

Kingmaker is based upon the 20 year old boardgame which has sold hundreds of thousands of copies world wide. It emulates The War of the Roses (the battle between Lancashire and Yorkshire to see who would become the undisputed King of England).

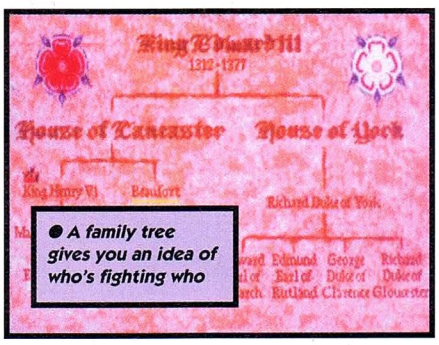
So if you're a fan of the board game why on earth should you consider buying a computer version rather than the original effort? Well you always have the ability to play the game on your own for a start. Many a person could be whisked away for analysis if they sat all day pretending to be three different people playing a board game. At least with this version you have an excuse if you're on your own.

● Kingmaker promises to be a classic boardgame conversion. Start saving up!

Making a monarch

I'm struggling to think of a board game that has had any amount of success. True, Civilization was based on one, but took the concept much further. Kingmaker attempts to do the same but we'll have to wait a couple of months before we find out if it has worked.

The idea behind the game's Artificial Intelligence was to be able to re-create the human thought process. US Gold reckon they now have a system that can change and adapt to the different strategies that the human player may employ. The game has been in development for 18 months up to now, but it is finally nearing completion. Bulmer's flair for graphical content and Lillee's programming talent will ensure that the project is at least technically sound. Watch out for a full review in the next issue. ***Paul***



● A family tree gives you an idea of who's fighting who

● These pictures show Kingmaker to be an extremely detailed game

● Plan your every move from these screens of battle

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❑ C) The animal skin wearing, no swearing, dino bone sharing, Flintstones!

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❑ C) Reliability when it comes to sending games in for review?

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❑ A) About 36 minutes
❑ B) Not until they've drunk all the tea
❑ C) Catnip

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Another batch of post for you. All your mail goes into the Feed-Back bag and the best is plucked out for you to read...

Manga man

I actually want to say a few words about Japanese cartoon videos. Having read a couple of your features a few months ago, I recently decided to purchase a couple to see just how good they really were. Having picked up Fist of the Northstar and Legend of the Overfiend, I was shocked to see some of the scenes of violence contained. What are these people playing at, are they completely mad? Would you say that it is healthy that this kind of stuff is on the same shelves as the games our kids are buying? In my mind they are a lot less healthy than normal films because they have become a cult.

Anon, Walthamstow.

Errm, I don't mean to be funny but have you noticed those little red, circular signs in the corners of all videos. Well they rate 'em and show you the minimum age that a person could be before viewing that particular movie. So in that respect, no I don't believe that there is a problem selling them. Don't convince yourself that they are more violent than ordinary films either. I watched Jurassic Park the other day and saw a man get chewed in half by a dirty great dinosaur and that's a PG rating. True Manga have become a cult, but even so, more nine year olds will watch JP than Fist of the Northstar and Jurassic Park is a lot more startling.

Question and answer

I wonder if you could answer some questions regarding future ST releases.
1) When will Elite 2 be released?
2) And also Batman Returns?
3) What are your opinions on the BBC's Bobby Davro's Rock with Laughter?
4) Will you be reviewing the data disk for Graham Gooch's World Class Cricket?
5) Are there any plans to include Freestyle within the magazine, maybe as a pull-out section or something?

Tony Walker, Bristol.

No point in beating around the bush, let's get straight down to your answers.
1) Hopefully before Christmas, it's supposed to be the end of September on the Amiga.
2) Again, before Christmas (honest)
3) Unprintable, unfortunately. Maybe if I was writing for Viz I could tell you.
4) If it comes out. It's a little doubtful at the moment.
5) Not at this stage, we're more than happy with it on the disk as it is a lot more flexible. Who knows what will happen in the future though.

On offer

I am writing to ask if you will be doing any more reader offers on the same scale as Fire Force and Ishar 2. I purchased both these games direct from you and am more than happy with the pair of them. When I saw Fire Force for £13 I couldn't believe my eyes. When it came and I played it, I was surprised it was as good as it was (even if it was a little easy to complete!).

STAR LETTER

Free at last

In line with the flow of compliments you get about your Freestyle section, I'd just like to add my compliments to what is perhaps the funniest section in any computer magazine on the shelves today. Not since the time of Zero in its heyday have I laughed so much as at text in a computer mag. Even though for my liking there are not enough reviews included. I'd like to see more music reviews especially of rock music and thrash metal. I know these are minority, but only as much so the as rap and rave stuff is. Employ a rocker and you'll be better off.

Maybe one month you could fill the entire disk with a bumper issue of Freestyle. I realise it would be a lot more work, but maybe you could compile it over a few weeks, just adding bits to it every now and then.

Perhaps, you could possibly even sell it as an extra, all nicely packaged up, so any Freestyle fans could have their very own boxed copy of the best disk-mag ever. I know you've already mentioned the prospect of doing a Best of...issue.

Can I say that I also think that this would be a great idea too. Anyway, I hope you include my contributions this month or in the future. Keep up the good work. If I come up with any more ideas then I'll send them to you and you can send me a game of my choice!

Alan Markham, Glossop.

We could fill the entire two pages with compliments about Freestyle but we've chosen yours because we'd like to know what other people think about the idea of a bumper disk-full of Freestyle. It could be done and we think you'd like it. Let us know your views as soon as you can and we'll see what we can do for you. In the meantime, keep writing in to Freestyle and sending your amusing stories.

CKEN'S FEED-BACK!

Ice have a really good game on their hands here and it is a shame that the ST market isn't there to play it. It isn't everyday that a good quality soldier game (on a par with the classic Green Beret) comes out and you can release a bit of tension. As for Ishar 2, there are literally days of playing in it. It's just so much more convenient to order software direct from you guys rather than get the car out and travel 20-odd miles into the city to the nearest software shop.

Mark Rabbitt, Alterwell.

There will be more Reader Offers in the near future but as for what we can't really say at this stage. We like giving our readers something back for their loyalty and if you can save over a tenner on a decent game then you have a magazine that more than pays for itself. People begin to trust you and if your service is good there is no problem as people come back for future offers. We're glad you're pleased with your part of the deal.

Cheap skate

I have just heard a rumour that the 1040 STE is being sold at £199.99. Is this true and where can I get one from. You see my old STFM is on its last legs. The joystick ports have long gone and now it seems to be hit and miss whether I even get a picture or not. I thought that rather than get a £60 repair bill (and that's a conservative estimate too!) I may as well go the whole hog and upgrade completely.

Having said that I'm not completely sure if it is worth it or not. I simply haven't got the cash to upgrade to a Falcon just yet and I have no real musical interest that I could use my machine for. I could stick around and wait for the Jaguar at a pinch, but that may mean doing without a computer for quite a long period of time in the near future.

I reckon I could afford to update my ST and then have enough cash for the console when it comes out. By the way, have you heard any more about it since revealing details a couple of months ago? For example, have you any real idea of how much Atari are going to sell the machine for. It looks likes it'll have to be pretty cheap if it is to compete with the likes of Sega and Nintendo.

For some reason though I have a feeling the price will start off at a crazy level using the excuse that the technology is much greater than existing machines (which may be true but whether this will wash with the punters or not is another matter entirely!)

I don't think we can expect a machine starting off at under £150 but it is a nice idea and it could well be the one that takes the console giants down a peg or two!

James Brown, Torbay.

Firstly let me say that I haven't got the heart to take the mickey out of your name as you've probably already had a torrid childhood and doubtless you've heard all the jokes a million times before.

We too have heard that you can get hold of 1040 STEs for under £200 but have yet to see anywhere sellin' em (if you know of anybody who's doing them at that price, then let us know immediately and we'll pass on the good news to the rest of the posse. As for prices on the Jag, no we've no further details other than what you already know. We're hoping to see a little more of it at the show (we'll be back by the time you read these letters). So with a bit of luck we'll be all clued up on the system by now (in an ideal world of course!).

How far do we go?

Just a quick question out of interest really? How far does STA go? Where's the furthest you've had a letter from?

Claire Toole, Dudley.

We've had letters from Japan, Alaska and we even had one from Thailand last week. People coming on holiday you see!

POOR CORNER

Poor poem

(Note from Chicken): The following concludes our Poor Poem section in ST Action. Thanks for all your wonderful entries but the winner of the software for the saddest prose ever goes to Mark Owen from South Australia who sent us his love rhyme. Here goes!

It's easy to deceive,
Not so easy to see,
So I can not believe,
A faith has come to me,

In a world so cold,
I see that flame,
From a heart so warm,
A love without pain.

I have spent time,
Looking from outside,
Where it's all too hard,
To keep your dreams alive.

Mark Owen, Elizabeth East, Australia.

We'll cut Mark off in his prime there even though there was another 352 verses to go. Normally we'd respect Mark and his feelings for the girl (now his wife) that this poem was written for. However, due to the recent cricket results, Australia isn't the popular place it used to be and therefore by sending it in, he's opened himself up for world-wide ridicule within these pages. Just kidding Markie. Ta for your poem and keep reading the mag! Say hi to your wife for us all as well. (Write in and tell us which game you'd like).

Buyer's

So you just don't know what to do with spare cash then? Well there are two things you can do. One is to send it to us or the second is to choose a game from our Buyer's Guide and get to the shop now!

ADDAMS FAMILY
Ocean: £25.99 Platform
They're creepy and they're gooky, positively spooky - the Amiga Action team! Well maybe not! Platform game with plenty to do **86%**

AMBERSTAR
Thalion: £29.99 RPG
Scrumptious Role-player from Germany. Massive task, smart music and top quality graphics all add up to a groovy old game. **92%**

ANOTHER WORLD
US Gold: £25.99 Action Adventure
It took two years to make and a couple of hours to finish. Stunning to look at but too easy at the end of the day. **87%**

ARKANOID II
Hit Squad: £7.99 Puzzle and Skill
Cheaper than a V-neck in a Burton's sale. You can't beat a bit of bat and ball (repeat quickly for the STA tongue twister). **87%**

ARMOUR GEDDON
Psygnosis: £29.99 Arcade Strategy
Clever little play--on-words don't you think? Psygnosis do the business with one of the best linked games yet. Well worth it. **90%**

B-17 FLYING FORTRESS
MicroProse: £34.99 Flight Sim
Big flight-sim action of a big bomber. MicroProse's attempt to get back to the big time succeeds admirably. Good stuff. **88%**

BARBARIAN 2
Psygnosis: £29.99 Action Adventure
Blood and platforms. The winning combination. There's even a few puzzles tucked away in there for good measure as well. **86%**

BATTLE OF BRITAIN
Lucasfilm: £24.99 Flight Sim
"Chocks away cheps!" (Intentional spelling mistayke - don't worry about it!). Lucasfilm do their stuff against the mighty Luftwaffe. **88%**

BLOOD MONEY
Sizzlers: £7.99 Shoot'em-up
Blasting game that is as old as the hills. A good two-player option and oodles of playability make this a worthwhile buy if you can. **86%**

BUBBLE BOBBLE
Hit Squad: £7.99 Platform
So old it's got grey hair sprouting from it! Ancient platform game that is still good to give the kids when you fancy a pint. **88%**

BULLY'S SPORTING DARTS
Alternative: £9.99 Sports Sim
The bendy bovine is back in his very own darts game. In one, we've got a super challenge and in two there's smashing gameplay! **89%**

CIVILIZATION
Microprose: £34.99 Strategy
Awww, what a game. One of the best games ever and also one of the most in-depth. Totally smart – buy it! **94%**

CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER '93
Domark: £25.99 Sports and Leisure
If you want a football management game and don't mind wading through tons of stats, this has to be it. Updated for '93. Yum! **92%**

CHAOS ENGINE
Bitmap Brothers: £25.99 Shoot'em-up
The Bitmaps are back with their two-player Ikari Warriors type game. Set in a freaky Victorian setting this one is good – real good! **88%**

CHAOS STRIKES BACK
Psygnosis: £25.99 Arcade Advent.
There's a smart bundle from Psygnosis containing both this and Dungeon Master. Classics not to be missed. **85%**

CRAZY CARS 3
Titus: £25.99 Racing
The Lotus 2 beater from Titus. Nobody thought that Gremlin could be knocked from the top but it's been done! **86%**

CREATURES
Thalamus: £25.99 Platform
Cute, cuddly and vicious. That's the Creatures! You can be sure if there's a chainsaw at hand somebody will use it in this game. **87%**

D/GENERATION
Mindscape: £19.99 Action Adventure
Slip into your genes in what has to be the best puzzle game for years. Back to when gamplay counted for everything. **90%**

DISC
Action 16: £7.99 Arcade
Sort of Tron style disc game where the idea is to maim your opponent. Frantic frisbee throwing for psychotic beach-bums. **80%**

DOODLEBUG
Core: £25.99 Arcade
Go bug-bashing with the boys from Derby. Get your fly-spray at the ready and squirt those pests where it hurts. **84%**

DUNGEON MASTER
Psygnosis: £25.99 Arcade Adventure
It's been re-released with Chaos Strikes Back. Many of you will have it. Many of us bought our ST's to play it! **93%**

DYNABLASTER
Ubi-Soft: £30.99 Arcade
Up to five people can play at once so get your friends round for the most playable multi-person game ever to appear anywhere. **93%**

ELITE
Firebird: £25.99 Arcade Strategy
With Elite II on the horizon there's bound to be renewed interest in this ancient classic. Still the greatest game of all time. **93%**

ELVIRA II
Accolade: £29.99 Adventure
Relying heavily on two rather major selling points, this sequel takes a very similar line in style to the succesful first game. **90%**

EPIC
Ocean: £25.99 Arcade Strategy
Classy ST game hated by a lot of people. We like it though and it's helped by it's presentation which is second to none. **86%**

FIRE AND ICE
Renegade: £25.99 Platform
Another console-style platform game with a character that looked a bit too Sonicy for its own good really. Good though. **88%**

FIRE FORCE
ICE: £25.99 Shoot'em-up
Excellent effort that took over a year to come out due to legal wrangles. Very violent, soldier action well worth having. **93%**

FIREHAWK
Codemasters: £19.99 Shoot'em-up
Codemasters recent spate of more expensive titles continues with this helicopter shoot 'em-up. Action all the way! Recommended. **89%**

FIRST SAMURAI
Mirrorsoft: £25.99 Beat'em-up
A classic beat 'em-up in its own right. Well programmed and well executed. Well worth digging out and buying. **84%**

FLIGHT OF THE INTRUDER
Mirrorsoft: £29.99 Flight Sim
Confirmed as one of the finest flying games around by one and all. Play as either a sim or shoot'em-up. Either way, it's marvellous. **91%**

FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX
Microprose: £34.99 Racing
Geoff Crammond caught everyone out with just how good this game was. Destined to be a classic forever and ever Amen! **93%**

GOBLIINS
Coktel Vision: £25.99 Puzzle and Skill
It's French, what more can you say? I've never seen anything like it. Not logical enough to appeal to everyone out there mind. **82%**

GOBLIINS 2
Coktel Vision: £25.99 Puzzle and Skill
More of the same Gallic style of humour that's too heavy for me to cope with! A lot of you seem to like it though. **85%**

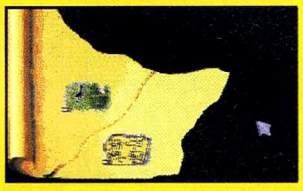
GRAHAM GOOCH CRICKET
Audiogenic: £25.99 Sports Sim
Far and away the best cricket game to date. Delicious presentation and gorgeous gameplay make this a sporting feast. **89%**

GRAHAM TAYLOR
Krisalis: £25.99 Sports and Leisure
It takes years to get anywhere as you sit through tedious match highlights. It does get you involved though. **83%**

HEAD OVER HEELS
Hit Squad: £7.99 Puzzle and Skill
Bizarre 8-bit game where two animals have to join together to make one big body. No fancy effects, just playable. **90%**

HEIMDALL
Core Design: £30.99 Arcade Adventure
Pillage a village in Core's viking classic. Huge quest, classy graphics and good all-round island exploring to do. **90%**

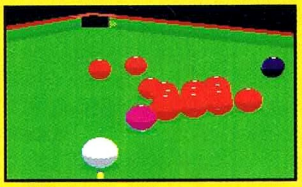
ISHAR 2
Daze: £29.99 Role-Playing
The sequel to the acclaimed Ishar is bigger and better. A huge overwhelming task at hand. Good stuff. **90%**



INDY JONES CRUSADE
Lucasfilm: £29.99 Adventure
You can only get respect for so long wearing the same clothes throughout three films! All that money and no new wardrobe! **88%**

JAMES POND
GBH: £7.99 Platform
How can I be expected to think up fish jokes month in month out? It's giving me a right haddock trying, it really is. Honestly! **88%**

JIMMY WHITE'S SNOOKER
Virgin: £29.99 Sports and Leisure
Yep, it's a fine snooker sim, it's just a pity snooker is as boring as golf! Excellent if you like balls and pockets. **91%**



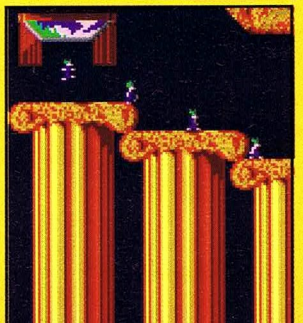
KICK OFF 2
Anco: £24.99 Sports and Leisure
A stonking arcade style football game with the emphasis on pace and passing. Wondrous in every sense. Hard to control! **92%**

KLAX
Domark: £7.99 Puzzle and Skill
Similar to what was on our disk a couple of months back, except you've gotta pay for this one. Good but ageing rapidly really. **78%**

KNIGHTMARE
Mindscape: £25.99 Arcade Adventure
Lots of mazes to get lost in. Tony Crowther is Yorkshire's best programmer but the competition isn't too stiff! **91%**

LEGEND
Mindscape: £29.99 RPG
Classic RPG in the style of Hero-Quest. Much better and worth a look for any dice-roller worth his or her salt. Recommended. **93%**

LEMMINGS
Psygnosis: £25.99 Puzzle and Skill
Will a software house please make a game better than Lemmings because we're sick of the green haired gits! **93%**



LEMMINGS 2
Psygnosis: £25.99 Puzzle and Skill
They're back, they're better and they've still got that green hair! This is a smart sequel with loads more than the first one. **94%**

LOTUS
GBH: £7.99 Racing
Still worth getting your hands on this classic especially if you can't afford the latest in the series. An all time great! Smart! **88%**

LOTUS III
Gremlin: £25.99 Racing
It's got all the features of the first two games combined plus rather top track editor too. Renders the others pointless really. **93%**

LURE OF THE TEMPTRESS
Virgin: £29.99 Adventure
A right top treat this. Revolution throw down the gauntlet to the yanks. Beat this for a graphic adventure game! **91%**

METAL MUTANT
Daze: £9.99 Arcade
Robotic wanderings in this arcade masterpiece. Old but not dated and for a tenner you can't knock it can you? Get it now! **92%**

THE MANAGER
US Gold: £25.99 Sports and Leisure
Good german management game with just about everything included as well as animated match highlights. Up to 4 players! **88%**

MEGA LO MANIA

Mirrorsoft: £25.99 Strategy

"The production run's completed!" Aaaarrrrgggghhhhh. If I hear that bloody sample one more time there'll be tears! **90%**

MEGATRAVELLER

Empire: £29.99 RPG

Character generation was the strong point in this game. Precise and accurate to the real game. Could be tedious though. **82%**

MICROPROSE GOLF

Microprose: £34.99 Sports and Leisure

Okay so golf is really tedious but Microprose managed to make a really good game out of it. By far the best effort yet. **90%**

MIDWINTER 2

Rainbird: £29.99 Arcade Strategy

The ice has melted in this Mike Singleton sequel. Massive play area and a ridiculously large task make this unmissable. **90%**

NO SECOND PRIZE

Thalion: £30.99 Racing

Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum! Yum! German cycle racing and it's so very very fast! Set to be the classic race game of all time. **94%**

ONE STEP BEYOND

Ocean: £25.99 Puzzle

Colin Curly's back for more crisp crunching action. This time it's platform leaping to contend with. Good stuff. Jolly good show! **86%**

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Empire: £24.99 Land and Sea Sim

Tanks for the memories. A 20mm barrel of fun. You really should shell out for this superb combat simulation. **88%**

PANG

Hit Squad: £7.99 Arcade

Freaky Japenese coin-op style game that's as addictive as hell. Especially when it's played in the two-player mode. **80%**

PANZA KICK BOXING

Kixx: £9.99 Beat'em-up

Get the chance to wear red trousers and beat up your friend in this kick-boxing battle. A beat 'em up that has yet to be beaten. **92%**

PARASOL STARS

Ocean: £25.99 Platform

So what is this! Rainbow Islands 2 or Bubble Bobble 3? We've seen it all before and it still works. **89%**

PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE

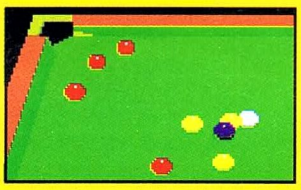
Gremlin: £34.99 Adventure

It's supposedly the worst film ever and that's why Gremlin wanted this notorious licence. The game's okay though. Worth a look. **85%**

POOL

Virgin: £29.99 Sports

Don your swimming cossy and take a dip in Archer Maclean's Pool simulation...Oh, hang on, wrong pool! **93%**



POPULOUS II

Electronic Arts: £25.99 Strategy

Stunning stuff, but then there has been a lot of stunning stuff arrived this year. Huge game, but can get repetitive. **94%**

POWERMONGER

Electronic Arts: £29.99 Strategy

Complicated god-game from the boys who brought us the Populous games. Loads of icons to get to grips with though. **88%**

PRINCE OF PERSIA

Hit Squad: £7.99 Platform

A true classic in every sense. Addictive gameplay, groovy graphics and a high puzzle factor! Yummy! **92%**

PUSHOVER

Ocean: £25.99 Puzzle and Skill

Wins all awards for weakest tie-in ever. Thankfully the puzzle aspect remains firm and Pushover is definitely fab! **87%**

RAINBOW ISLANDS

Hit Squad: £7.99 Platform

Hmm, there's loadsa freaky colours in this ageing but classic platform caper that is sure to captivate any who dare to play it. **90%**

RAMPART

Domark: £24.99 Arcade

Simple but addictive conversion of a game originally by Atari. Try to repel the invaders from your castle. **84%**

REACH FOR THE SKIES

Virgin: £34.99 Flight Sim

Throw your hands up in the air! Virgin are back in the flight sim business with a vengeance. Cracking World War II stuff. **89%**

ROBOCOD

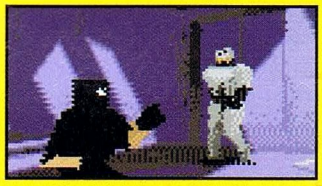
Millennium: £25.99 Platform

Console-style platform games come to the ST with a bang. Coded by the man who wrote the first ever ST game - Steve Bak. **90%**

ROBOCOP 3

Ocean: £25.99 Action Adventure

Digital Image Design got a bit fruity with this third Robocop game. Based on the film not yet released in this country. **92%**



SABRE TEAM

Krisalis: £25.99 Arcade Strategy

Join the men in black as they conquer world problems with the press of a trigger. If you fancy the SAS this is for you. **92%**

SENSIBLE SOCCER V1.1

Renegade: £25.99 Sports and Leisure

The game for fans who don't like KIck Off. Precision passing is possible! A tremendous sports game that's now been updated! **91%**

SHADOWORLDS

Krisalis: £25.99 RPG

The sequel to Domark's Shadowlands. As you'd expect it's a lot better. We played it for ages in the office. Good stuff. **82%**

SHADOW WARRIORS

Hit Squad: £7.99 Beat'em-up

Ninja time again. Lots of weaponry and oriental baddies launching attack after attack in this middle-aged beat 'em-up. **84%**

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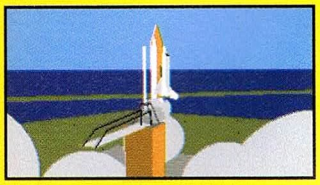
SHUTTLE
Virgin: £30.99 Flight Sim
Scary game when all is said and done. It's got a manual thicker than the Bible. Technically stunning flight simulator. **90%**



SILENT SERVICE
Microprose: £24.99 Land and Sea Sim
Up periscopes for the first time with Microprose. Hard to get hold of and there's a sequel out now that polishes this up. Worth having. **82%**

SILENT SERVICE II
Microprose: £24.99 Land and Sea Sim
Blip...Blip...Blip...Blipity Blop...Fire One...whoosh...whoosh...Boom!!!... Blip...Blip. Who said life under the ocean waves was silent? **83%**

SLEEPWALKER
Ocean: £25.99 Platform
"They'll be many a late night with this platform romp" - Brad said with a weary look in his eyes. Ocean's Comic Relief. **92%**

SMASH TV
Hit Squad: £7.99 Shoot'em-up
Kind of based on the Arnie film called The Running Man. It's time to kill thugs for cash in the most violent gameshow ever. **83%**

SPACE CRUSADE
Gremlin: £25.99 RPG
Based on the Games Workshop boardgame, it combined great atmospheric graphics with fabby gameplay. **83%**

SPACE QUEST SERIES
Sierra: £29.99 Adventure
Time has moved technology past what Sierra produced. Still a series full of classics in their own right. **89%**

SPECIAL FORCES
Microprose: £29.99 Arcade Strategy
Get your platoon of marines mercilessly slaughtered in impossible missions in foreign countries. Sort of strategy for beginners. **90%**

SPEEDBALL 2
Imageworks: £9.99 Sports and Leisure
Futuristic bloodshed from the Bitmap Brothers. Brutality has never been like this before. Where's Jimmy Hill? **90%**

STEG
Codemasters: £7.99 Puzzle
Slithering around may not be your idea of fun, but in Codemasters slug game you get the chance to feed baby slugs too! Yum! **80%**

STORM MASTER
Silmarils: £29.99 Strategy
French game presentation at it's very best! Top graphics and sound in this novel approach to the god-game genre. **92%**

STREETFIGHTER 2
US Gold: £25.99 Beat'em-up
Possibly the greatest arcade game of all time. US Gold did a fine job but it can't compare to the real thing. **81%**

STRIKER
Rage: £25.99 Sports and Leisure
A footy game that didn't try to take on Kick Off 2 to its credit. A novel 3D approach and super fast graphics made this what it is. **86%**

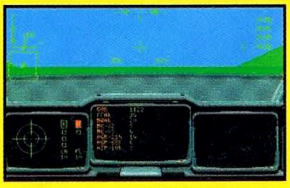
STUNT CAR RACER
Microstyle: £9.99 Racing
What's the first thing you'd do when you spend all your cash on a new car? Drive it 100 feet off a ramp that's what. **90%**

SUPERCARS II
Microstyle: £9.99 Racing
Get in the 'tow', brake into corners... Sod that! Pedal to the floor and launch those missiles at the opposition. **86%**

SWIV
Sales Curve: £24.99 Shoot'em-up
Vertically scrolling blast that was the unofficial sequel to Silkworm. Scrumptous graphics and sound creates a huge pile of fun! **89%**

TEST DRIVE II
Hit Squad: £7.99 Racing
Take part in The Duel across the roadways of America. Extra data disks are available to add cars and courses. Good stuff **83%**

THUNDERHAWK
Core Design: £29.99 Flight Sim
Core's stunning helicopter sim based on a mythical gunship. Smooth vector graphics make this worth the cash. **90%**



TRANSARCTICA
Daze: £29.99 Strategy
The only game you'll find if you want to do a bit of train fighting. Originality is the key here, as it is with a lot of Daze/Silmarils games. **84%**

TURRICAN
Kixx: £7.99 Shoot'em-up
This game bears a remarkable similarity to the sequel (see below). Worth having any one of 'em or even both! **84%**

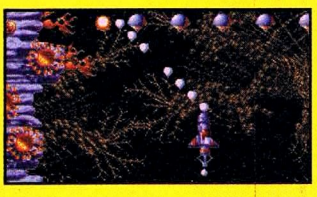
TURRICAN II
Kixx: £7.99 Shoot'em-up
Classic blast that's out on budget for under eight quid! It's the equivalent of four pints and it'll last you about three years longer. **82%**

ULTIMA VI
Mindscape: £29.99 RPG
Yet another game for the role playing fraternity to get to grips with. Huge in size but again a hard drive would be handy. **80%**

UTOPIA
Gremlin: £29.99 Strategy
There's a data disk out for this now which helps to increase the challenge by adding to the original 10 worlds supplied. **86%**

VROOM
Lankhor: £24.99 Racing
So fast you'll think there's something wrong with your machine! Speedy routines make this the smoothest, fastest race game out. **86%**

XENON II - MEGABLAST
Imageworks: £9.99 Shoot'em-up
Ch Ch Che Check this out! Bitmap shoot 'em-up with Bomb the Bass soundtrack. Hardcore U know the score. **89%**



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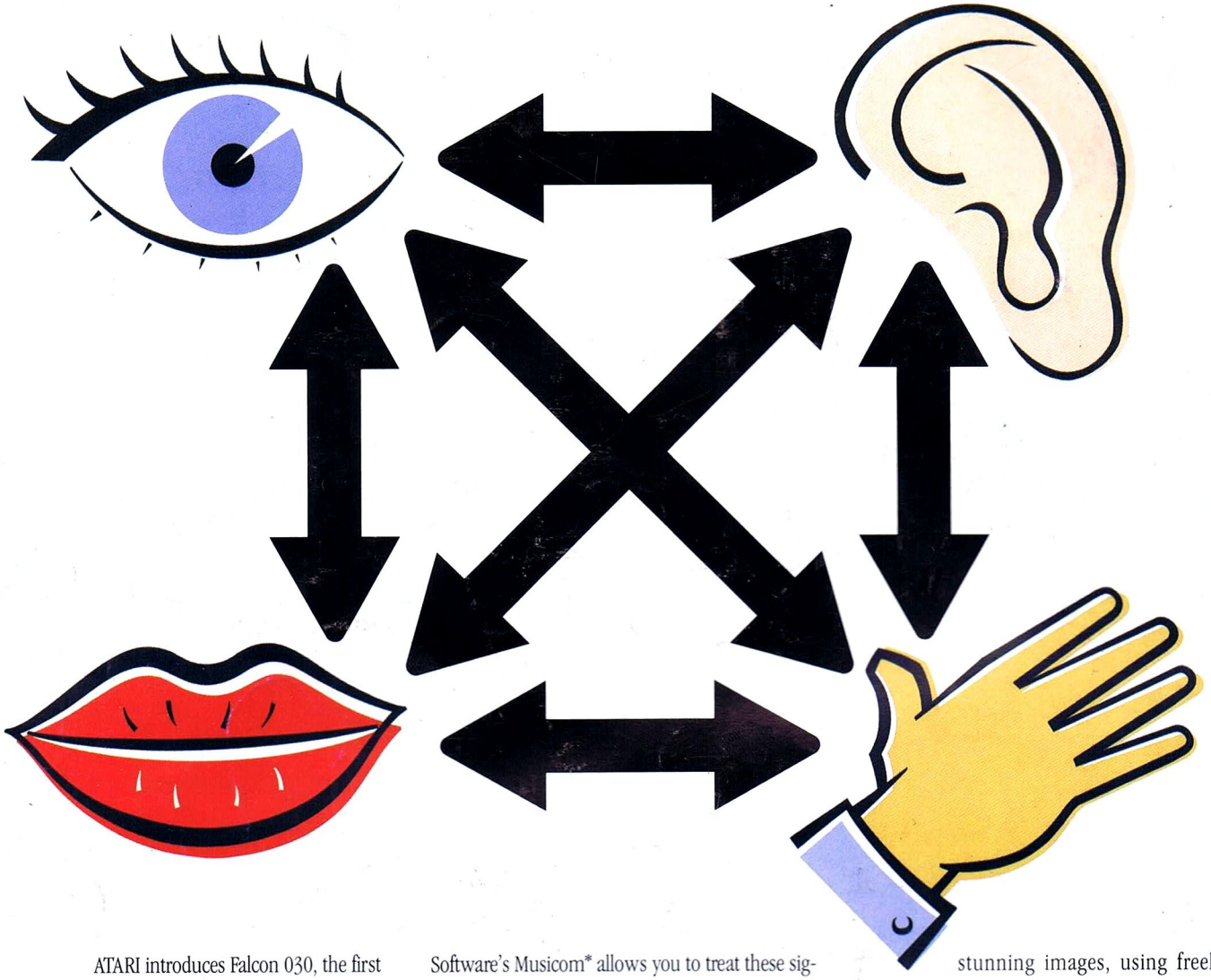

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