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advanced you practically need a degree to even think about it. Don't miss

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this exclusive first look.

VIRTUAL BOY ARIO LAND

Wario masters a 3-D world in the

for Virtual Boy vet. The maniacal

D battles, with total disregard for polite society. So plug in your head and warm up your brain for some

of the best hop and bop on any video game system.

one does it all: with hats, with 3-

biggest, wildest, weirdest game

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GAME BOY TOP 10

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TOP 10 TEAM-SPORTS GAMES

THIS MONTH			
1	KEN GRIFFEY JR. PRESENTS: MLB	SUPER NES	MAR. '94
2	NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION	SUPER NES	FEB. '95
3	NHL '96	SUPER NES	SEPT. '95
4	NBA LIVE '96	SUPER NES	OCT. '95
5	MADDEN NFL '96	SUPER NES	NOV. '95
6	TECMO SUPER BOWL III: THE FINAL EDITION	SUPER NES	OCT. '95
7	NFL QUARTERBACK CLUB '96	SUPER NES	NOV. '95
8	NBA GIVE 'N' GO	SUPER NES	NOV. '95
9	FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER '96	SUPER NES	NOV. '95
10	FRANK THOMAS: "BIG HURT"	SUPER NES	OCT. '95



VIRTUAL BOY TOP 5

			TOTAL MONTHS
1	MARIO'S TENNIS	4	2
2	GALACTIC PINBALL	1	2
3	MARIO CLASH	5	2
4	WARIO LAND	3	2
5	RED ALARM	2	2

MOST WANTED

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

- 1. NINTENDO ULTRA 64
- 2. KILLER INSTINCT (NU 64)
- 3. MORTAL KOMBAT 3 (NU 64)
- 4. CRUIS'N USA (NU 64)
- 5. DOOM (NU 64)
 - . VIRTUAL BOY
- 7. MORTAL KOMBAT 3
 8. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2: DIDDDY'S KO
- 9. SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND
- 10. KILLER INSTINCT









UNDERGROUND WORLD WHERE YOU SPRING BETWEEN THE FOREGROUND AND BACKGROUND PATHS TO SQUASH ENEMIES. COLLECT POWER-UPS AND UNCOVER A FAB-ULOUS HOARD OF TREASURE!



Just Pure Fun! Much of the game's action takes place in the detailed, 3-D backgrounds, a feat made possible by the Virtual Boy's ability to create a sense of depth and distance. The best thing about this feature is that it isn't just a gimmick that screams, "Hey, look! 3-D!" Leaping between the foreground and back-

No Gimmicks,

run-jumpstomp game play that players have come to know and love, while also adding a fresh, new twist!



LATEST VIRTUAL BOY





Wario's afternoon snooze is rudely interrupted by a troop of masked

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

BULL WARIS

EXCLUSIVE REVIEW



One Viking Helmet or two Garlic Bottles can transform you into Bull Wario, giving you the ability to crash through obstacles and create



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

coins & Kearts

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







EAGLE

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



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BACK

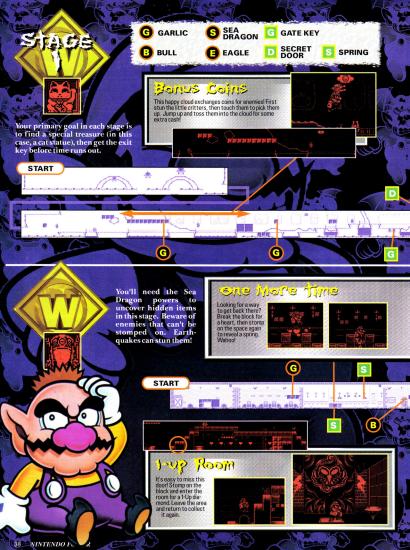
king Dragon

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



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









The action starts to heat up as you take to the water! Sea Dragon flames will destroy or delay most of the resident nasties, but some-

times you'll just have to rely on your swimming skills.



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You'll need the Sea Dragon powers to get this pre-cious diamond. With a major bad guy coming up soon, you'll need all the extra lives you can get!





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Ponns games

There are bonus heart and coin games at the end of each stage. Here you can wager what you've collected during the stage to try to win more. You can





Pay 100, 200 or 300 coins for a chance to collect extra hearts, but don't smack into any bats!

Choose the right bag to multiply your coins. Choose the wrong one, lose half your cash!

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



LATEST VIRTUAL BOY



EXCLUSIVE REVIEW

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The rooster statue is behind this big block, and your flames can't shatter it. Let yourself get hit, collect the Viking Helmet, then stomp away!







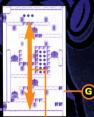
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Stage 4 consists entirely of your battle with your first major foe, and you can tell that your enemies were saving up for this bout. This raging reptile is no wimp! Grab the Viking Helmet if you don't already have

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

super powers.



Aim And Fire!



Jump or dash to avoid the swinging mace. When the dragon bounces out to your piece of real estate, wait until the mace is curving away from you before you try to stomp on his head. The third hit will put him down for the count.







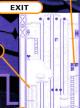


Stage 5 is the perfect place to replenish any lives you might have used up during your big battle with the dragon in Stage 4. The forests of Stage 5 form a big loop, with the exit at the far left end. Explore the entire stage and collect as many hearts and coins as you can, then put them in your account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

Hoze A Puth

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









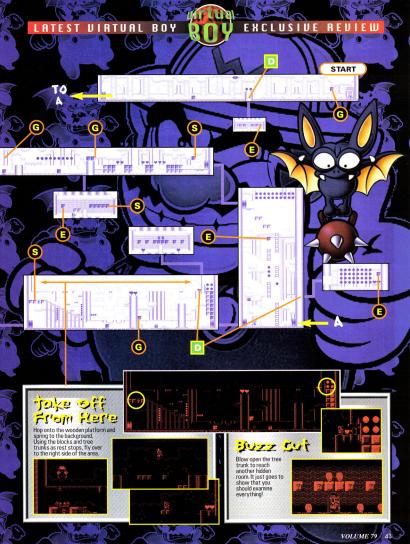
Even a certain adventurous archaelogist might miss this secret area the first time around! Jumpup to the first small branch on the left. One shot from your hat will saw a path through the tree trunk. Make like a lumber jack two more times to find where the pocket watch, the Stage 5 special treasure,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



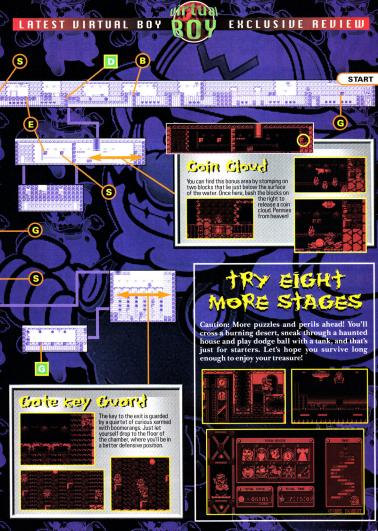












CLASSIFIED INFORMATION



From Agent #882 Street Fighter Mega Man

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

Enter this password:

Mega Man (1), Dr. Light (4), Mega Man (1), Roll (5) Roll (5), Roll (5), Rush (8), Roll (5)

 $Auto\,(7), Rush\,(8), Wily\,(2), Robot\,(3)$

 ${\bf Proto}\,(6), {\bf Wily}\,(2), {\bf Roll}\,(5), {\bf Mega\,Man}\,(1)$

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



Hold Away, then press Toward and Y for the the Blue Bomber's Arrow Slash attack.



Bass comes back with a Booster Kick! Press Toward, Down, Down/Toward and Y.



Perform the devastating Leg Breaker by pressing Down, Down



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



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



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



From Agent #575 Miracle Team Passwords

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

USA: 0. 43

CUBA: 2444

SINGAPORE: 14 403

AUSTRALIA: 9.083

FRANCE: • • 882

FRANCE, # # 002

GERMANY: . 281

UNITED KINGDOM: ♦ ♣!♦1

ALL AGENTS ON ALERT!

If you've got an awesome tip or a killer code, send it in! Be sure to include your three-digit agent number, so we can give credit where it's due. What are you waiting for? Warm up those brain pans, stretch those thumbs and get moving!

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WARIO LAND







CompanyNintendo Release DateDecember 1995 Memory Size......16 Megabits

Wario's Virtual Boy debut takes 3-D gaming to a deeper level.

Virtual Boy Wario Land not only shows off all that the Virtual Boy system can be, it rocks. This is a fully realized game with some great 3-D elements. In fourteen stages, you'll face



four major baddies and hundreds of lesser foes who come at Wario from every side, including the front and the back. As in his Game Boy adventure from last year, Wario wears special hats to help him head off danger. If you've waited for a big Virtual Boy game, this is it. Our in-depth review shows you the depths.

Excellent use of 3-D graphics and game elements. Lots of fun.

You'll want even more.

WATERWORLD



CompanyOcean
Release DateDecember 1995
Memory Size 16 Megabits

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

In this wet future, only the strong take baths. At least that's what it seems like in Waterworld the movie. Ocean



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

Interesting variety, at first.

The same three types of stages keep repeating.

WAYNE GRETZKY AND THE NHLPA ALL-STARS





CompanyTime Warner Interactive Release DateNovember 1995 Memory Size 12 Megabits

It's fast hockey without slots and pull rods.

Gretzky carves his name on the ice along with his teammates and opponents in NHL Player's Association, but he doesn't make much more of an impact in this



hockey game from Time Warner. Stick fans will find most of the options they want including season and post-season play. There's also an instant Just Play option to get you straight into the action. Last month's Sports Scene covered the game



Fast learning curve. Multi-player option. Full-motion video highlights. Puck and characters are larger than in other games.

No NHL license. Animation is jerky. Winner of Fight option in Arcade mode stays on the ice.

WWF WRESTLEMANIA: THE ARCADE GAME



CompanyAcclaim Release DateDecember 1995 Memory Size.....24 Megabits

Crushing blows and painful holds from the kings of the ring in WWF's arcade game for the Super NES.



A c c l a i m a n d Williams truly spruced up the WWF Wrestlemania series in The Arcade Game by giving it special moves patterned after Mortal Kombat and other tournament fight-

ers. Gone are the days of mindless wrestling controls

that might or might not lead to a pin. The moves and graphics are great, but the animation ate up the memory and only six wrestlers made it into the final game—two short of the total in the original. Doink and his cronies engage in comic moves that are a lot more fun than the serious moves of previous WWF outings. Is it enough? Take a ringside seat with this month's no-holds-barred review.

Excellent graphics. Some cool moves. Fun.

Too few wrestlers. Voice-over gets old quickly.

HEAD! HEAD!

TITLE	POW G	ER MET	ER RAT	INGS T	EDITOR PICKS	IDSA RATING	GAME TYPE
DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2: DIDDY'S KONG QUEST	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.0	◎☆☆★★★	K-A	Action
FRANK THOMAS BIG HURT BASEBALL	3.5	3.0	3.4	3.3	☆★	K-A	Baseball
KAWASAKI SUPER BIKE CHALLENGE	2.5	3.1	2.5	3.0		K-A	Racing
MECHWARRIOR 3050	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.4	○ *	K-A	Action
MORTAL KOMBAT 3	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.1		M	Tournament Fighting
NBA GIVE'N GO	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.3	○ ★	K-A	Basketball
NFL QUARTERBACK CLUB '96	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.8		K-A	Football
P.T.O. II	3.1	2.5	3.4	3.4	☆	K-A	Strategy RPG
PORKY PIG'S HAUNTED HOLIDAY	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.0		K-A	Action
URBAN STRIKE	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2		K-A	Action
VEGAS STAKES	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.6		K-A	Gambling
WARIO LAND	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.3	◎☆★☆★	K-A	Action
WATERWORLD	3.5	3.3	2.9	3.0		K-A	Action
WAYNE GRETZKY AND THE NHLPA ALL-STARS	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.3		K-A	Hockey
WWF WRESTLEMANIA: THE ARCADE GAME	4.0	3.3	3.6	3.1	*	K-A	Wrestling



















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Editoro

Editors If you like the same types of games as one of our Power editors, then check for his or her seal of approval above.

- Scott
 Sports, Simulations, Adventures
- ★ Leslie RPGs, Puzzles, Adventures
- Action, Sports, Fighting
- * Jon Fighting, Simulations, RPGs
 - Action, Adventures, Puzzles

Terry RPGs, Simulations, Sports

IDSA Ratings:

These Independant Digital Software Assoc. ratings reflect appropriate ages for players. The caterories include:EC=Early Childhood, K-A=Kids to Adults, T=Teen (13+), M=Mature (17+), A=Adult (18+), NR=No Rating. To contact the IDSA regarding the rating system, call 1-800-777-3772.

world —Sculptured Software of Utah and Probe Entertainment out of the U.K. Sculptured's previous hits have included the Super Star Wars series for IVC and Mortal Kombat and Mortal Kombat 2 for Acclaim. Probe developed classic action games such as Alien³, Batman Forever and Judge Dredd for Acclaim. The pool of

talent these acquisitions represent is truly impressive. The team at Sculptured stunned the world with the special effects



in NCAA Basketball, which it developed for Nintendo. The Mode 7, behind the player perspective of NCAA proved that the Super NES was capable of feats never before seen in video games. Probe has shown the world some classy games as well, like the fast, realistic action of FIFA Soccer and the excellent animation in Alien³. So what does it mean for you? Expect a mountain of magic from Acclaim.

JUST WIRED

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

RELEASE FORECAST



Cutthroat Island
Dragon Warrior VI
Final Fight 3
The Fishing Master
Gargoyles
Maui Mallard
Mega Man X3
Pinocchio
Pocahontas
Revolution X
Scooby Doo Mystery
Mario RPB
Toy Story
Whiz

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FIFA Soccer '96 Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball The Getaway Mortal Kombat 3 NBA Live '96 NHL '96 Tetris Blast Winter '966 Fall '955 Fall '955 Fall '955 Fall '955 Winter '96

