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POWER CHARTS

Donkey Kong Country 2 continues to dominate the Top 20, but Diddy and Dixie are keeping sharp eyes out for Super Mario RPG. This much-anticipated title has been edging up the Most Wanted charts for months. Meanwhile, the animated antics of Buzz Lightyear and Woody push Toy Story onto the Most Wanted chart for the first time!



SUPER NES TOP 20

GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	POINTS ON CHART
1 DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2: DIDDY'S KONG QUEST	Nintendo	1	6
2 SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND	Nintendo	4	6
3 KILLER INSTINCT	Nintendo	2	10
4 THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: A LINK TO THE PAST	Nintendo	5	51
5 CHRONO TRIGGER	Square Soft	3	9
6 DONKEY KONG COUNTRY	Nintendo	6	18
7 EARTHWORM JIM 2	Playmates	9	6
8 MEGA MAN X3	Capcom	—	2
9 FINAL FANTASY III	Square Soft	7	16
10 SUPER METROID	Nintendo	10	24
11 MORTAL KOMBAT 3	Williams	—	6
12 SECRET OF EVERMORE	Square Soft	8	7
13 SUPER MARIO KART	Nintendo	18	36
14 EARTHBOUND	Nintendo	11	10
15 FINAL FANTASY II	Square Soft	13	42
16 EARTHWORM JIM	Playmates	—	16
17 SECRET OF MANA	Square Soft	20	16
18 MORTAL KOMBAT II	Acclaim	—	17
19 NBA JAM T.E.	Acclaim	—	11
20 KEN GRIFFEY JR. PRESENTS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	Nintendo	12	24

MOST WANTED

1. NINTENDO 64
2. SUPER MARIO RPG: SECRET OF THE SEVEN STARS
3. KILLER INSTINCT (N64)
4. CRUIS'N USA (N64)
5. MORTAL KOMBAT 3 (N64)
6. DOOM (N64)
7. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2: DIDDY'S KONG QUEST
8. MEGA MAN X3
9. VIRTUAL BOY
10. TOY STORY



GAME BOY TOP 10

GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	POINTS ON CHART
1 THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: LINK'S AWAKENING	Nintendo	1	36
2 DONKEY KONG LAND	Nintendo	6	15
3 SUPER MARIO LAND 2: 6 GOLDEN COINS	Nintendo	7	42
4 METROID II: RETURN OF SAMUS	Nintendo	3	52
5 TETRIS	Nintendo	5	42
6 KIRBY'S DREAM LAND 2	Nintendo	9	8
7 WARIO LAND: SUPER MARIO LAND 3	Nintendo	—	20
8 DONKEY KONG	Nintendo	—	21
9 GALAGA/GALAXIAN	Nintendo	—	5
10 KILLER INSTINCT	Nintendo	8	5

TOP 5 BASKETBALL GAMES

Ah, spring is here, and a young man's (and woman's) fancy turns to one thing: basketball playoffs! Here are the top five basketball games as determined by our jammin' readers. Final Four freaks should check out our exclusive review of College Slam for Game Boy in this issue.

1. NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION (SUPER NES)
2. NBA LIVE '96 (SUPER NES)
3. NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION (GAME BOY)
4. NBA JAM (GAME BOY)
5. NBA LIVE '96 (GAME BOY)



VIRTUAL BOY TOP 5

GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	POINTS ON CHART
1 WARIO LAND	Nintendo	1	6
2 GALACTIC PINBALL	Nintendo	2	6
3 MARIO'S TENNIS	Nintendo	4	6
4 MARIO CLASH	Nintendo	3	4
5 GOLF	Nintendo	—	2

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DIDDY'S KONG QUEST

Cheat Mode Codes

Hang on to your bananas, 'cause we've got exclusive DKC 2 codes! We apologize for the delay, but we think you'll agree that these babies are worth the wait. As many of you have found, when starting a new game, you can press Down repeatedly on the 1-Player/2-Player select screen to access a Music Test option and a Cheat Mode. If you want a bit more challenge, highlight "Cheat Mode" and press B, A, Right, Right, A, Left, A and X ("BARRALAX") to remove all of the DK Barrels in the game. Press Y, A, Select, A, Down, Left, A and Down ("YASADLAD") to start the game with 50 lives. If you enter both codes, you'll remove all DK Barrels and start with 50 lives. When you begin a new stage (except for boss stages) or return from a Bonus Area, you'll have both Diddy and Dixie, even if you lost one of them previously.



These codes work only with a new (blank) game file.



Press Down until the cheat menu appears.



If a code is entered correctly, you'll hear a tone and some chimp noises.



You can't use these codes with saved games, so make those extra lives count!

SUPER MARIO KART

Pan and Scan

To commemorate the re-release of Super Mario Kart, we've got a new trick that's just for fun. Finish any time trial with no mistakes, then choose the Replay option. As you watch the "film" of your time trial, you can make the camera swing around your kart by holding the L or R button!



Don't bump a wall or object, or the trick won't work.



He's looking good in turn number one!

TELEBOXXER

Rock 'Em, Sock 'Em

Here's another trick that's just for fun. During the game's intro sequence, you can control the robot's punches with the left and right triggers.



Start your game as normal and wait for the animated sequence to begin.



You can take a few practice punches before the action heats up.

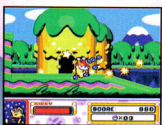
KIRBY'S SUPER DELUXE

The amazing pink vacuum will appear shortly in a unique, multi-game format in Japan. Kirby's Super Deluxe contains eight games in all, including five adventure

games similar to Kirby's Adventures and three specialty games. The special contests range from the strange to the familiar. In one mode, Kirby races against King Dedede on a track filled with items. In Megaton Punch, Kirby and another character compete at brick-bashing with sledge hammers. In the final contest, your reaction time is tested in hundredths of a second as you try to get the first hit against super speedy opponents. All three games are fun diversions, but most of the 32-megabit game is devoted to adventure. Kirby huffs, puffs, sucks and spews

in stages filled with edible enemies. Power-up costumes change Kirby's abilities so that he becomes more than just a bag of wind. You can play a two-player mode, as well, in which the second player follows Kirby until he uses a power-up. At that point, the sec-

Breaking News From Japan



"Five adventure games...and three specialty games."

ond player becomes the power-up. All of the adventure stages are new, but they contain sights familiar to Kirby fans such as the Whispering Woods. It's fast, fun and 100% Kirby, which means you don't have to be a gaming ace to reach the end of most of the games.

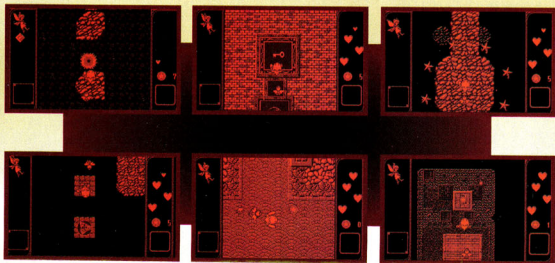
DRAGON HOPPER

Dragon Hopper for Virtual Boy just hopped across the Pacific from Japan where it is still in development and where it is being called Jump Dragon. In fact, the game is all about a jumping dragon, whom you control through multi-level stages of action. Players will also find adventure elements in Dragon Hopper as they explore the levels, talk to helpful creatures and battle minor foes and guardians. But the big thrill is the jumping. Your dragon leaps amazingly high to reach platforms and new areas, or drops down to hidden areas of stages that appear through holes or at the ends of paths. You have to look everywhere, collecting stars and other items, before heading to the end of the level. Dragon Hopper has a real 3-D feel, not only in the graphics, but also in the game play. No final

release date has been set, but Dragon Hopper should be released this summer.

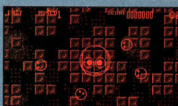
USING SOURCE Extra

PUBLISHER — Nintendo
MEMORY — 16 Megabits
RELEASE DATE — Summer '96
SAVE FEATURE — Battery
SYSTEM — Virtual Boy



BOUND HIGH

You may have heard the old adage, "what goes up must come down." Now, that concept has been turned into a game for Virtual Boy that is full of ups and downs. The four games included in Bound High all involve a bouncy, round character named Chalvo who must bounce off solid surfaces or fall forever into space. Sometimes, the solid surface



below Chalvo is a block that vanishes after one hit, while other times it is an enemy that gets squashed. In every case, the trick is in guiding Chalvo to land on targets. It's not easy. In the main

game, The Adventure of Chalvo, you pass through a variety of stages where you'll be faced with new challenges, different platform formations and guardian characters. In the Score Attack mode, you try to get the highest score in the universe. The Random Game plops Chalvo down in random stages—some easy, some not. Finally, the Pocket and Cushion game is sort of a cross between billiards and miniature golf. You aim Chalvo at a ball that is lying on a course with a hole in it. Your goal is to knock the ball into the hole within a limited time. It is one of the most fiendish game designs we've ever seen. You can see it later this summer when Bound High is released.

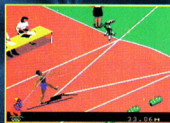
MAIN SOURCE Extra

PUBLISHER — Nintendo
DEVELOPER — Japan System Supply
MEMORY — 16 Megabits
SAVE FEATURE — Passwords
PLAY MODES — 4 one-player modes

OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES

The Olympic torch passed through the Pak Watch office the other day in the form of an early version of Olympic Summer Games for the Super NES. The producer of the game warned us not to expect too much at this stage, but we were pleasantly surprised that the play control for the ten events made sense and was consistent from event to event. (The problem with many multi-event games has been the bizarre play control, which is often different for every event.) The events included for the video version of the Atlanta games are: 100-Meter Dash, 110 High Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump, Archery, Discus, Javelin, Skeet Shooting and Pole Vault. In all of the events, the running or leg motion is controlled by pressing the A and B buttons repeatedly. You have to have stamina to win these contests against the computer, but there's a four-player alternating mode in which you

can compete against friends for more excitement. Although the summer games begin in July, you'll be able to practice at home beginning in May or June.



MAIN SOURCE Extra

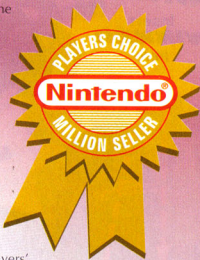
PUBLISHER — Black Pearl
EVENTS — 10
MODES — 1-4 players alternating
SPECIAL — The game includes
Olympic records for you to beat

CLOSED ICE

Disappointing news for hockey fans: Williams Entertainment has decided not to complete development of Open Ice for the Super NES. Originally, Williams planned to have the home version of the arcade hit ready for release this fall, but interest in the project waned over the past few months. Sources at Williams cited insufficient consumer interest in hockey as one of the reasons that guided their decision. Sounds like cold feet to us.

PLAYERS' CHOICE SERIES

As reported earlier in Pak Watch, Nintendo of America plans to re-release several of the most popular Super NES games of all time beginning this summer. You'll recognize those titles by the Players' Choice logo that appears on the box. Although the packaging of the games will be new, the games themselves will be identical to the games released previously. The biggest difference will be a new, lower price. Don't be surprised if you see re-releases of older Game Boy titles in the Players' Choice series later in the year.



THE MISSION

The upcoming Mission Impossible game for the Nintendo 64 includes several unique features, such as floating cameras, multiple-character action, and sophisticated AI developed by Ocean. The 3-D environment of the N64 allows the design team to create cinematically dramatic perspectives to enhance the action of the game. Potentially even more interesting is the design of the game, which requires a team of characters to work together to carry out missions. The developers at Ocean describe this as a completely interactive, 3-D spy simulation with missions that take many forms. Players must manipulate characters and practice some types of subterfuge in order to achieve the missions' goals. For example, characters may have to don disguises in order to fool security guards, and players may even have to switch characters to use a code to break into an office. It sounds very cool, but the coolest sounds may be the Mission Impossible theme music. Next fall, we'll see and hear it all.

RELEASE FORECAST



BASS MASTER II	SUMMER '96
KEN GRIFFEY JR.'S WINNING RUN	SUMMER '96
KIRBY'S SUPER DELUXE	SUMMER '96
LOBO	SPRING '96
THE LOST VIKINGS II	FALL '96
MAUI MALLARD	FALL '96
MOHAWK & HEADPHONE JACK	SPRING '96
1996 OLYMPIC SPORTS	SPRING '96
PINOCCHIO	FALL '96
ROAD RASH	FALL '96
SUPER MARIO KART	SPRING '96
SUPER MARIO RPG	SPRING '96
ULTIMATE MORTAL KOMBAT 3	FALL '96



KIRBY'S BLOCK BALL	SPRING '96
NHL '96	SPRING '96
1996 OLYMPIC SPORTS	SPRING '96



BOUND HIGH	SUMMER '96
DRAGON HOPPER	SUMMER '96
VIRTUAL FISHING	FALL '96

Get ready for the big show! Next month we'll have major-league coverage—12 pages!—of Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run.

In May, we'll go behind the scenes at Williams Entertainment to look at the making of the N64 version of Doom. It promises to be the hottest take yet on the classic battle game.

We can't wait—and neither should you! In our next issue, we'll preview all the games that will be making headlines at E3.



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POWER AWARD RESULTS

The ballots are in and the votes are tallied. Check in next month to see who scored the statuettes in the 1995's Power Awards.



Visual Ray

Other Picks

Super NES

1. Addams Family Values
2. The Adventures of Batman & Robin
3. Aerobics Superstar
4. AAH!!! Real Monsters
5. Animaniacs
6. Army Lightfoot
7. Bass Master II
8. Bass Masters Classic
9. Bear's Back Run with Hank Parker
10. Batman Forever
11. Big Sky Trooper
12. Blackthorne
13. Boogerman
14. Breath of Fire II
15. Bust Hill Hockey '95
16. Bustle Pass of Fury
17. Bush & Move
18. Castleblain: Dracula X
19. Chess Trizzer
20. Civilization
21. College Slam
22. Cutthroat Island
23. Dandelion Man
24. Demons 'n' Cost
25. Det Ten FX
26. Disney's Aladdin
27. Dokey Kong Country
28. Double Kong Country 2: Diddy's Kong Quest
29. Doves
30. Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
31. Dragon View
32. Dragon Warrior VI
33. Dye Zone
34. Earthworm Jim
35. Earthworm Jim 2
36. Earthworm Jim 3: Earthworm Jamboree
37. Fatal Fury Special
38. FIFA International Soccer
39. FIFA International Soccer '96
40. Final Fantasy II
41. Final Fantasy III
42. Final Fantasy III
43. Final Fight 3

44. Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball
45. Fronto Plus
46. Godzilla: Destroy All Monsters
47. Gulligan's Gassy
48. Home Improvement
49. Illusion of Gaea
50. Indiana Jones: Greatest Adventures
51. Jimmy Houston's Bass Tournament USA
52. Judge Dredd
53. Jungle Strike
54. Jutsu! Daid
55. Justice League Task Force
56. Kawasaki Super Bike Challenge
57. Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run
58. Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run
59. Killer Instinct
60. King Arthur & The Knights of Justice
61. Kirby's Dream Course
62. The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past
63. Lemmings 2
64. The Lion King
65. Lobo
66. Looney Tunes B-Ball
67. The Lost Vikings
68. The Lost Vikings II
69. Madden NFL '96
70. Mario Party
71. Mark Davis: The Fishing Master
72. The Mask
73. Mass Mailout
74. MechWarrior 3D
75. Mega Man X
76. Mega Man X2
77. Mega Man X3
78. Mega Man X
79. Metal Warriors
80. Mickey Mania
81. Mighty & Magic III: Isles of Terra
82. Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie
83. Mohawk & Headhome Jack
84. Mortal Kombat
85. Mortal Kombat II
86. Mortal Kombat 3
87. Mutant Chronicles: Doom Troopers
88. NBA Glow '96 Go
89. NBA Jam
90. NBA Jam Tournament Edition
91. NBA Live
92. NBA Live '96
93. NFL Quarterback Club '96
94. NHL '96
95. NHL '96
96. NHL Stanley Cup
97. Ninja Gaiden Trilogy
98. Nintendrum
99. Ogre Battle
100. PGA European Tour
101. PGA Tour '96
102. The Phantom 2D
103. Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure
104. Power Rangers: The Dark Age
105. Parkour Man
106. Permal Race
107. P.T.C. II
108. Revolution X
109. Road Rash
110. RoboTek
111. Romance of the Three Kingdoms IV
112. Samurai Shodown
113. Scoville Dog Mystery
114. Secret of Evermore
115. Secret of Mana
116. Star City
117. Snake on the Swims
118. The Simpsons
119. Spawns
120. Spider-Man: The Animated Series
121. Spider-Man: The Animated Series
122. Super Mario Kart
123. Super Mario RPG
124. Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
125. Star Trek: Star Trek Academy
126. Star Fox
127. StarGate
128. Street Fighter II Turbo
129. Street Race FX
130. Super Bomberman 2
131. Super Mario All Stars

132. Super Mario Kart
133. Super Mario RVC
134. Super Mario World 2: Yoshi's Island
135. Super Metroid
136. Super Punch-Out!
137. Super R. B. Baseball
138. Super Returns of the Jedi
139. Super Street Fighter II
140. Sweat Rate
141. SynStrike
142. Tenno: Secret of the Stars
143. Tenno: Super Bowl III: Final Edition
144. Tetris & Dr. Mario
145. The Simpsons: Monkey Sports
146. Top Gear 3000
147. Toy Story
148. Uncertain Waters: New Horizons
149. Unsumo
150. Urban Strike
151. War 2110
152. War Strike
153. Warhawk
154. Warth's Woods
155. Where Gertiey and NHLPA All Stars
156. WipEout
157. Wild
158. WIPAC: A. T. S.
159. Wipeout
160. WWF Raw
161. WWF Wednesday: The Arcade Game
162. X-Men: Mutant Apocalypse
163. Zoop
164. 1996 Olympic Sports
175. Defender/Beast
176. Desert Strike
177. Dokey Kong
178. Double Dragon
179. Dr. Mario
180. Earthworm Jim
181. Earthworm Jim 2
182. FIFA Soccer '96
183. Foreman for Real
184. Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball
185. Galaga/Galaxian
186. The Galaxy
187. Judge Dredd
188. Jungle Strike
189. Justice Park 2
190. Killer Instinct
191. Kirby's Blackball
192. Kirby's Dream Land
193. Kirby's Dream Land 2
194. Kirby's Pinball Land
195. The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening
196. The Lion King
197. Madden '96
198. Mario's Picnic
199. Mega Man V
200. Mortal K: Return of Samus
201. Mortal Kombat II
202. Mortal Kombat 3
203. NBA Jam
204. NBA Jam Tournament Edition
205. NBA Live '96
206. NFL Quarterback Club '96
207. NHL Hockey '96
208. NHL '96
209. PCIA Tour Invitational
210. Pinball Race
211. Super Returns of the Jedi
212. Samurai Shodown
213. Samurai Shodown II
214. The Simpsons
215. The Simpsons
216. Star Trek: Generations
217. Street Fighter II
218. Super Mario Land
219. Super Mario Land 2: 6 Golden Coins
220. Tetris
221. Tetris Blast
222. Tetris 2
223. Top Gear
224. True Lies
225. Vega's Stakes
226. Wario Blast
227. Wario Land: Super Mario Land 3
228. Waterworld
229. WWF Raw
230. Zoop
231. 1996 Olympic Sports