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POWER CHARTS

Talk about a blast from the past! Defender/Joust, an Arcade Classic, gallops onto the Game Boy Top 10 for the first time. Meanwhile, on-line game-players catapult Catapult's X-Band modems up the Most Wanted chart. Use it to get on-line and play hit games like Super Mario Kart with other X-Banders a thousand miles away!



SUPER NES TOP 20

	GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	MONTHS ON CHART
1	DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2: DIDDY'S KONG QUEST	Nintendo	1	7
2	CHRONO TRIGGER	Square Soft	5	10
3	THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: A LINK TO THE PAST	Nintendo	4	52
4	SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND	Nintendo	2	7
5	FINAL FANTASY III	Square Soft	9	17
6	SUPER MARIO RPG	Nintendo	NEW	1
7	SUPER METROID	Nintendo	10	25
8	KILLER INSTINCT	Nintendo	3	11
9	DONKEY KONG COUNTRY	Nintendo	6	19
10	EARTHWORM JIM 2	Playmates	7	7
11	MEGA MAN X3	Capcom	8	3
12	SUPER MARIO KART	Nintendo	13	37
13	MORTAL KOMBAT 3	Williams	11	7
14	CIVILIZATION	Koei	—	2
15	NBA JAM T.E.	Acclaim	19	12
16	EARTHBOUND	Nintendo	14	11
17	SECRET OF EVERMORE	Square Soft	12	8
18	UNIRACERS	Nintendo	—	2
19	KEN GRIFFEY JR. PRESENTS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	Nintendo	20	25
20	SECRET OF MANA	Square Soft	17	17

MOST WANTED

1. NINTENDO 64
2. KILLER INSTINCT (N64)
3. CRUISE 'N USA (N64)
4. X-BAND MODEM
5. DRAGON QUEST VI
6. DOOM (N64)
7. SUPER MARIO RPG
8. MORTAL KOMBAT 3 (N64)
9. VIRTUAL BOY
10. DKC 2: DIDDY'S KONG QUEST



GAME BOY TOP 10

	GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	MONTHS ON CHART
1	THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: LINK'S AWAKENING	Nintendo	1	37
2	DONKEY KONG LAND	Nintendo	2	16
3	METROID II: RETURN OF SAMUS	Nintendo	4	53
4	TETRIS	Nintendo	5	43
5	DR. MARIO	Nintendo	—	40
6	SUPER MARIO LAND 2+6 GOLDEN COINS	Nintendo	3	43
7	WARIO LAND: SUPER MARIO LAND 3	Nintendo	—	22
8	KIRBY'S DREAM LAND 2	Nintendo	6	9
9	DONKEY KONG	Nintendo	8	22
10	DEFENDER/JOUST	Nintendo	NEW	1

TOP 5 RPGs

Nintendo Power readers give a big thumbs up to Super Mario RPG, one of the most eagerly anticipated paks of the year. Meanwhile, Breath of Fire II loyalists push it way, way up the charts. Speak up for your favorite games. Send in your Player's Poll card at the back of this issue!

1. CHRONO TRIGGER (SUPER NES)
2. FINAL FANTASY III (SUPER NES)
3. SUPER MARIO RPG (SUPER NES)
4. BREATH OF FIRE II (SUPER NES)
5. EARTHBOUND (SUPER NES)



VIRTUAL BOY TOP 5

	GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	MONTHS ON CHART
1	WARIO LAND	Nintendo	1	7
2	MARIO'S TENNIS	Nintendo	3	7
3	MARIO CLASH	Nintendo	4	5
4	GALACTIC PINBALL	Nintendo	2	7
5	3-D TETRIS	Nintendo	NEW	1

games at times and am disappointed because what is in my mind are your graphics and drawings instead of the actual game graphics! Keep up the good work.

M. Catlin
Pontiac, Michigan

In the Zone

I think that the new Arena is AWESOME!! The Battle Zone is really cool. It shows how many Nintendo Power members entered the challenge. The scores are now on Nintendo Power Source on America Online! I congratulate you on your success. Keep it up.

Eric Welch
Los Altos, California

Oh Where, Oh Where, Have My Power Charts Gone?

Overall, I like the changes in Nintendo Power. The expanded Player's Pulse and the new Arena really got my attention. But there are a few minor flaws. First, cutting the Power Charts from two pages to one! That was one of my favorite sections! Second, I had a really hard time locating the Classified Information section because you changed the manila border that has been its trademark for the previous 79 volumes! Very big no-no.

Richard Caywood
via America Online

WRITE AWAY RIGHT AWAY!

You've gotten sneak peeks at Super Mario RPG in the pages of Nintendo Power. We want to see your artistic opinions of this hot new title. Send us your drawings, paintings and sculptures!

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Player's Poll Winner

Climbs into the Treehouse

Excuse Daniel Staskevicius if he's copped a "Been there, done that" attitude of late. The Volume 76 Grand Prize Winner jetted into Seattle and caught a nail-biting Sonics/Spurs classic that very night before dining in style atop the world-famous Space Needle. But the high points of his trip took place inside the four walls of NOA. Daniel picked up a stack of Virtual Boy games and played pre-release copies of Bound High and Dragon Hopper. Even better was a trip to the legendary Treehouse, where master game-player Henry Sterchi gave Daniel an exclusive preview of the Nintendo 64. Daniel then got a wish fulfilled when he squared off against Henry in KI 2. Daniel kept his cool and even got to pull a few finishing moves on the master. Now that's awesome!



Binding Finding

I have been an avid Nintendo Power subscriber for many years, and never have I seen such a perfectly constructed magazine like the January Bonus Issue! I think the new binding is a significant improvement over the old square one, and I hope you decide to keep it throughout the years. Now whenever I open the magazine, it stays open. Although I find your magazine and

your Web site very informative, I find them to be too centered around a younger audience. I think you should expand them from the pre-teen age to young adults and over. A larger vocabulary would definitely be the answer here. More in-depth talks about hardware and software would suit me fine.

Patrick Salmon
Brooklyn, New York



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Coming soon: Super Mario RPG.

Also:

News about hot new games, the Nintendo 64 & other cool stuff. This call may be long distance, so before you call, be sure to get permission from whoever pays the bill.

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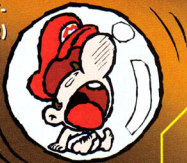
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FEATURE

Nobody likes to hear a baby cry, especially a baby bounced off the back of a dinosaur. You have two solutions: You can practice and play better or turn down the volume.

1. CRYBABY MARIO (SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND)
2. NESS, PHONE HOME! (EARTHBOUND)
3. HOLD ON (BAT-MAN FOREVER)

BEST OVERALL
GAME WINNERSNP
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BEST SUPER NES GAME

The votes were close between first and second place, but when the ballots were tallied, Chrono Trigger edged Donkey Kong Country 2 for the Best Super NES game award of the year.

1. CHRONO TRIGGER
2. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2
3. SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND

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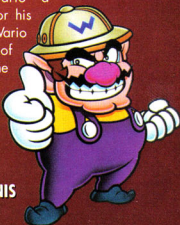
When it comes to getting around, players are partial to arriving punctually with the Epoch Time Machine. Mario fans gave Yoshi enough voting support to finish close behind.

1. EPOCH TIME MACHINE (CHRONO TRIGGER)
2. YOSHI (SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND)
3. UFO (EARTHBOUND)

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95

BEST VIRTUAL BOY GAME

Players gave Wario a big "thumbs up" for his Virtual Boy debut. Wario Land's combination of innovative 3-D game play and superb play control made it a hands-down favorite.



1. WARIO LAND
2. MARIO'S TENNIS
3. RED ALARM

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BEST GAME BOY GAME



Rendered graphics on Game Boy? Seeing is believing, and the believers liked what they saw. They gave Donkey Kong Land top marks as the Best Game Boy Pak of the year.

1. DONKEY KONG LAND
2. KIRBY'S DREAMLAND 2
3. DEFENDER/JOUST

WINTER GOLD

This fall may be a good time to take a European vacation. Our reasoning is that an awesome skiing game for the Super NES called Winter Gold will hit the slopes then. We



first caught wind of the game last year when it arrived at NOA for approval. Excellent polygonal graphics combine with cheek-chilling speed to give the game a sense of realism. The game includes down-

hill, free style, ski jump, snow boarding, bobsled and luge events. The Norwegian developer, Funcom, used the FX chip to power Winter Gold.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL '97

Another EA Sports hit will find a home on the Super NES this fall thanks to a deal between EA and Black Pearl. College Football '97 features top collegiate grid iron teams from across the nation. The football engine from EA is one of the best around. In addition to College Football '97, expect to see NHL '97 and PGA European Tour for the Super NES. Black Pearl also has scheduled Urban Strike for Super Game Boy to be released later this summer. A slower than expected development cycle on Urban Strike has delayed the release of that game.

TITUS THE FOX RETURNS... WITH FRIENDS

This summer, Titus plans to stock stores with a number of Game Boy titles that it has released over the past four or five years. Leading the newly packaged lineup is Titus the



Fox, a friendly platform game starring Titus's namesake character. Other Game Boy titles include Lamborghini American Challenge, Blues Bros. Jukebox, Monster Max and Prehistorik Man. Titus and Lamborghini (a cool little racing game that includes an adventure element) should sell for only \$19.99. In addition to the Game Boy



titles, Titus will also bring back Lamborghini American Challenge for the Super NES for a special \$29.99 suggested price.

RELEASE FORECAST



BASS MASTER CLASSIC: PRO EDITION	SUMMER '96
THE BRAINIES	SPRING '96
COLLEGE FOOTBALL '97	FALL '96
INCANTATION	FALL '96
KIRBY'S SUPER STAR	FALL '96
THE LOST VIKINGS II	FALL '96
MAUI MALLARD	FALL '96
OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES	SPRING '96
PINOCCHIO	SPRING '96
ULTIMATE MORTAL KOMBAT 3	FALL '96



BOUND HIGH	SUMMER '96
DRAGON HOPPER	SUMMER '96



DRAGONHEART	SPRING '96
SWORD OF HOPE II	SUMMER '96



WE'VE GOT THE GAMES!

Next month we'll have an exclusive, behind-the-scenes report on the first games

for the N64. The games will be on display at E3, but you'll see them here first! Don't miss it!

**EXCLUSIVE-
N64! N64! N64!**

Also Featured

OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES

Get into the spirit of the games! Olympic Summer Games for your Super NES lets you participate in the games without leaving your home-town. Catch all the action in our next issue.

Lufia II PART 2

This month's review just gets you started. Coverage of Lufia II continues next month in the Epic Center.



Super NES

1. Addams Family Values
2. The Adventures of Batman & Robin
3. Aerobic Supersonic
4. AAAB!!! Road Monsters
5. Antinosis
6. Andy Lightfoot
7. Base Master II
8. Bass Master Classic
9. Basses: Black Bass with Hank Parker
10. Batman Forever
11. Big Sky Trooper
12. Blackhawk
13. Boogerman
14. The Boonies
15. Breath of Fire II
16. Brett Hull Hockey '95
17. Brutal Paws of Fury
18. Bust a Move
19. Cadibana DivaX X
20. Chino Trigger
21. Civilization
22. College Slam
23. Confront Island
24. Demolition Man
25. Demons Crest
26. Desert Fox FX
27. Disney's Aladdin
28. Donkey Kong Country
29. Donkey Kong Country 2: Diddy's Kong Quest
30. Doom
31. Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story
32. Dragon Warrior VI
33. Drop Zone
34. Earthbound
35. Earthworm Jim
36. Earthworm Jim 2
37. Earthworm Jim: Football
38. Final Fury Special
39. Final International Soccer '96
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41. Final Fantasy III
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45. Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball
46. Frantic Flux
47. Godzilla: Destroy All Monsters
48. Grid Iron Glory
49. Home Improvement
50. Illusion of Gaia
51. Indiana Jones: The Great Adventure
52. Jimmy Houston's Best Tournament USA
53. Judge Dredd
54. Jungle Strike
55. Jurassic Park 2
56. Justice League Task Force
57. Kawasaki Super Bike Challenge
58. Ken Griffey Jr. Presents MLB
59. Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run
60. Killer Instinct
61. King Arthur & The Knights of Justice
62. Kirby's Dream Course
63. Kirby's Super Deluxe
64. The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past
65. Lemmings 2
66. The Lion King
67. Lobo
68. Looney Tunes: B-Ball
69. The Lost Vikings II
70. The Lost Vikings III
71. Ludia II
72. Madden NFL '96
73. Marty Fint
74. Mark Davis' The Fishing Master
75. The Mask
76. Mike Mallard
77. Mechanism 2000
78. Mega Man X
79. Mega Man X2
80. Mega Man X3
81. Mega Man X4
82. Metal Warriors
83. Mickey Mania
84. Michel & Magik: Ill. Isles of Terra
85. Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie
86. Mohawk & Headphone Jack
87. Mortal Kombat II
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91. Mutant Chronicles: Doom Troopers
92. NBA Live '96
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96. NFL Quarterback Club '96
97. NHL '96
98. NHL '96
99. NHL Stanley Cup
100. Ninja Gaiden Trilogy
101. Nintendo
102. Cyber Bunk
103. Olympic Summer Games
104. P.U.A. European Tour
105. P.U.A. Tour '96
106. The Phantom 2000
107. Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure
108. Power Rigger of the Dark Age
109. Probotnik X
110. P.U.A. Tour '96
111. P.U.A. II
112. Rhythmix X
113. Road Rash
114. Road Rash
115. Romance of the Three Kingdoms IV
116. Samurai Shodown
117. Sawdust Dog Mystery
118. Secret of Evermore
119. Secret of Mana
120. Sim City
121. Sim City
122. Sim City
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124. Spies
125. Spider-Man & Venom Maximum Carnage
126. Spider-Man: The Animated Series
127. Super Mario Kart
128. Super Mario RPG
129. Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
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139. Super Metroid
140. Super Punch-Out!
141. Super R.B.I. Baseball
142. Super Street Fighter II
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144. Sweet Cars
145. Synchro
146. Tectonic Secret of the Stars
147. Tecmo Super Bowl III: Final Edition
148. Tetris Attack
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151. Top Gear 3000
152. Top Story
153. Top Gun
154. Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3
155. Uncharted Waters New Horizons
156. Unscramble
157. Urban Strike
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159. Waterworld
160. Waterworld
161. Wayne Gretzky and NHLPA All-Stars
162. Waypoint
163. Waypoint
164. Wild-A-C.S.
165. Wolfenstein
166. WWF Raw
167. WWF WrestleMania: The Arcade Game
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183. Destroyer King Land
184. Dr. Moneybags
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186. Earthworm Jim 2
187. FIFA Soccer '96
188. Foreman for Real
189. Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball
190. Galaga Galaxian
191. The Galaxy
192. Judge Dredd
193. Jungle Strike
194. Jurassic Park 2
195. Kirby Instinct
196. Kirby's Dream Land
197. Kirby's Dream Land 2
198. Kirby's Dream Land 2
199. Kirby's Pinball Land
200. The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening
201. The Low King
202. Madden '96
203. Maria's Picnic
204. Mega Man V
205. Metroid II: Return of Samus
206. Mortal Kombat II
207. Mortal Kombat 3
208. NBA Live
209. NBA Live Tournament Edition
210. NBA Live '96
211. NFL Quarterback Club '96
212. NHL Hockey '95
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214. Olympic Summer Games
215. P.U.A. Tour: International
216. P.U.A. Tour
217. Primal Rage
218. Super Returns of the Jedi
219. Samurai Shodown
220. Shao Fu
221. The Smurfs
222. Space Invaders
223. Star Trek: Generations
224. Street Fighter II
225. Super Mario Land

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Other Picks

294. Cabela's USA (N64)
295. Daisen (N64)
296. Dragon Quest VI
297. Killer Instinct (N64)
298. Mission Impossible (N64)
299. Mortal Kombat II (N64)
300. Nintendo 64
301. Shadowrun of the Empire (N64)
302. Virtual Boy
303. X-Blind Modern