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ATTACK ON THE SENSES!

We did promise something special this month — and here it is!! All of your senses are under attack as we present the *CRASH Entertainment System*! The mag's as groovy as ever, there's the *Powertape* with another set of four complete games, not one but **TWO** free chewy bars stuck to the cover and an exclusive audio sensation — *Uncle Mel Croucher's Computer Fun Line* (don't load it — listen to it!) on the tape too! Read, play, eat and listen! There's never been a more happening time to have a *Speccy* or *SAM* — it's completely swingorilliant!

THRILLS ON TAPE

Where to find your brilliant!

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COSMIC CHAOS

SIDE B
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SOFTWARE HOUSE
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Check the inlay for loading instructions, and remember *Uncle Mel's Computer Fun Line* is an audio track — listen, don't load.

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SURVIVORS

● Crazy arcade adventure from *Atlantis!*

★ Fast thinking, planned decisions, speedy reactions and a good memory are just some of the qualities you're going to need to succeed in *Atlantis'* maddeningly addictive arcade puzzle game *Survivors*. Don't worry if you don't possess those qualities already — but the time you've completed *Survivors* you'll be an expert on all fronts!

Your mission is to rescue almost 1000 survivors from a hibernation dome damaged in a recent nuclear war. To complete the task you must guide your three droids through the seven levels of the dome and teleport the survivors to safety.

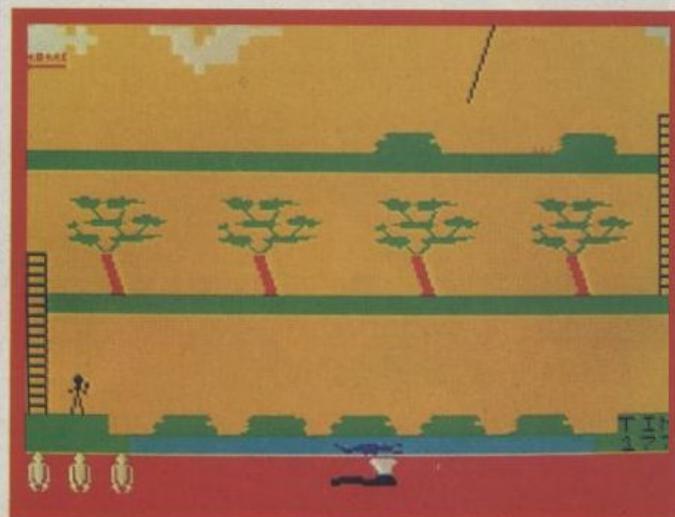
Each of your three droids has a very special function. **Droid One** (the blue chap) can tunnel through tons of earth at

high speed, the highly advanced yellow **Droid Two's** function is to teleport the survivors to safety and

Droid Three (the red chap) is a droid of immense strength who can move fallen boulders, though only one at a time.

The damage to the dome is so severe that the slightest mistake

can result in falling boulders. If one of your droids is hit by a falling boulder it results in a serious power loss. Beware of the **Guardian Droids** left in the dome to maintain the life support system, their circuits



GAME *thrills*

were damaged by nuclear fall-out and are now hostile. Contact with any proves fatal. With a bit of planning, you can squash a Guardian by dropping a boulder on it.

Every move must be planned to ensure that your Droids do not get trapped, failure in your mission results in certain death for all survivors!!
IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE...

...you better learn the controls, which are on keyboard: Q/up, A/down, O/left, P/right and ENTER/pause. Keys 1, 2 and 3 to gain control of one of your three Droids, 4 and 5 together to start a new life and BREAK and CAPS together to start a new game. Good luck!

JUNGLE TROUBLE

● Amazon antics from Elite!

★ It's a jungle out there! It is y'know. A jungle infested with trouble (hence the title)! Could you become the brave adventurer, tough enough to tackle the arcade action? Read on and find out!!

Jungle Trouble is one of those games which looks a bit naff and tricky to cope with — but you just won't be able to stop playing it until you reach the end. It could drive you barmy! You start on the right hand-side of the riverbank; the first task being to successfully cross the river using the stepping stones without falling into the water where a furious croc swims. Before you

start off, collect an axe by running to the far right of the screen, an axe icon should now appear at the bottom of the screen. Okay, here we go...

To jump onto the first stepping stone take the longest run possible and press the jump key just as you approach the water (the best time to jump is just as your man is immediately above and between the letters I and T in TIME).

If you jump successfully, release the jump key when in mid air, then to jump all the way across hit the jump key just as your foot touches the rock. If you're skill, you should make it all the way across the river.

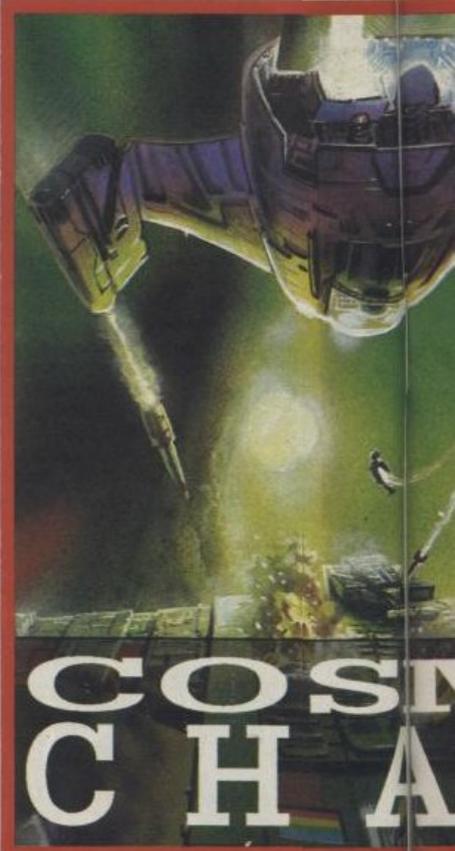
Once up the ladder it's time to hack through the trees. Use the axe to chop at them — but watch out for attacking monkeys! You can get rid of them by bashing them with the axe! As you chop your axe blade gets blunter so it takes a while to fell a tree, unless you return to the start and collect a new one. As the tree falls run away or be squashed.

Ready for the fire pit? You better be! Stand at the centre of the rim and press the jump key to grab the rope. If you catch the rope keep pressing the jump key to hand onto it. Release the key to swing off and land on the other side. As soon as you land start to run for home.

However, somewhere along the home run a chasm will open up! Just make sure you're ready to jump at the last moment and keep running home!!

HAVING TROUBLES?

Well, check out the controls which are: (keyboard only) 5 or CURSOR LEFT/left or strike monkey, 8 or CURSOR RIGHT/right or chop tree, 6 or CURSOR DOWN/down, 7 or CURSOR UP/up or jump.



● Wreaking havoc through space with Michael and Craig Holdstock!

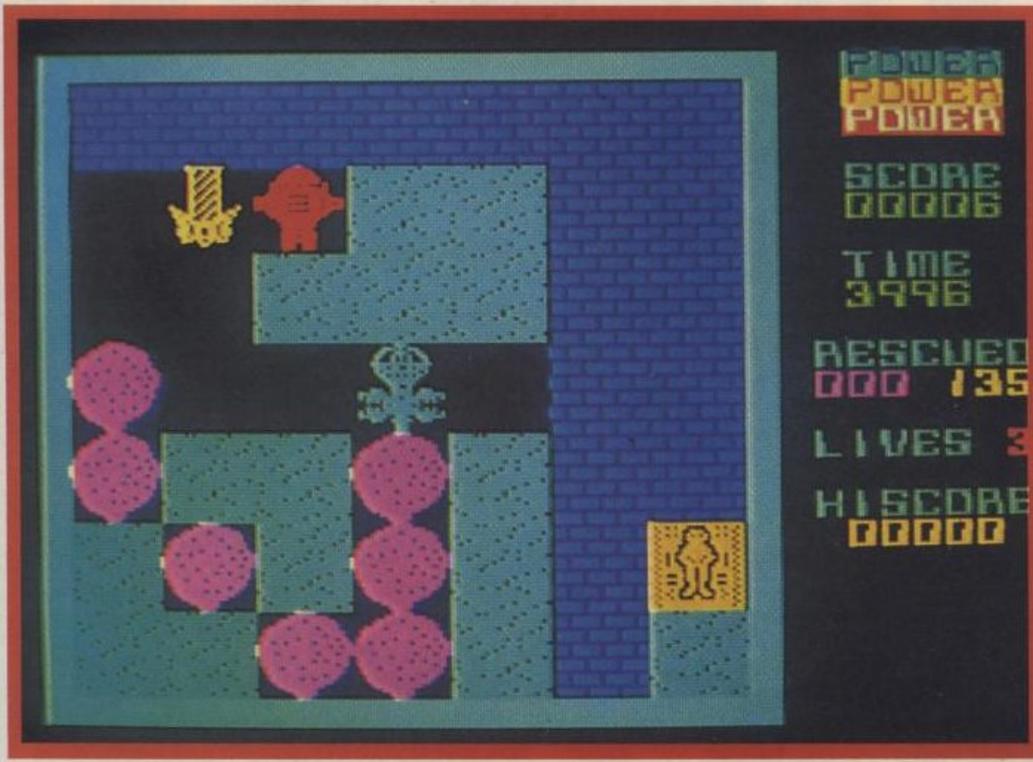
★ Cosmic Chaos takes you for a dangerous ride in space were wave after wave of mean, lean alien fighting machines attack! It's cosmic! It's chaos (hence the title)! And it only takes about 30 — 30!!! — seconds to load!!

CRASH seems to remember that Space Invaders verges; towards the dull side of things. So, when we first saw Cosmic Chaos's comments bandied about included 'Blurrgh!!', 'Oh dear' and the like. And then we played it and — heavens above! — we were hooked!! Cosmic Chaos may look a bit stark and simple, but it's a mean blaster of an invaders game — and soooo addictive, you've gotta keep playing just to see the next level!!!!

Invaders swarm down from the top of the screen — you've gotta a blast them out of the sky. Your space ship remains at the bottom of the screen and can move left and right. Hit fire to unleash major death onto the alien scum. But avoid their bombs which hurtle down the screen towards you. Clear one wave and another, tougher set zooms into view! Can you survive all the alien attacks?!

IT'S CHAOS...

...if you don't know the controls which (keys only) Q/left, W/right and to SPACE/fire. Full keyboard instructions on the title screen.





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A CRASH EXCLUSIVE! DON'T PLAY IT- LISTEN!!

● He's mad, bad and completely dotty, it's MEL CROUCHER'S COMPUTER FUN LINE!

★ Mel Croucher is a dotty old fellow. Author of endless CRASH features, he's the jester of the computer world! And this special audio track is his latest venture. Normally, you can only hear his deranged witterings on the telephone (0898 299 399), but now he has recorded a special *Computer Fun Line* for the CRASH cassette.

Remember, this is an audio track, you can't load it into the Speccy — it's for your ears only!

100 MEL CROUCHER POSTERS MUST BE WON!!

CRASH has 100 — 100!! — posters of said loony to give away! There he is, with a bullet from the phone going through his 'brain' and out the other side. A titter every time you see it. Ho ho. To win one of these

fabby A2 posters (worth £1 each), answer this quick question: Which computer manual did Mel Croucher write? Was it a) the Amiga manual b) the SAM Coupé manual c) the MSX manual

Answers on a postcard, to arrive here by July 19, to: NEWSFIELD, CRAZY CROUCHER'S POSTER COMPO, CRASH, LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE SY8 1JW.



SOFTWARE HOUSE

● A real challenge from Cult!

★ Ever fancied yourself as a hot-shot? Maybe running your own software house? It must be soooooo easy — all you do is get a game and sell it! Easy. Well, not quite. With *Software House* you get a taste of the complications and hassles in running your very own software business.

Software House is a management game, and we've never had one of these on the Powertape before. There's a lot of them around, most of them from Cult themselves, and if you have the brains they can be fun!

There's no instructions — you're on your own (what's the point of a game like this if we tell you how to play it?). Once loaded up you get the main working screen. First type in the name of your software house and then your name. Off you go!

Okay, okay — a little bit of help to get you started. Well, you'll need some staff and then a game. So look at the main menu where you'll see the **Employ Staff** option. The letter E on Employ is highlighted green to show you which key to press to select that function. Things should then start to happen on the communications window. Once you've read the communication press enter. If the interview has been successful you've got yourself a worker! Now follow the same pattern for buying up a game. That should get you started...

All the controls in *Software House* are on the keyboard. Type in your answers when the program prompts you, or if it asks a question type Y for Yes, A for accept, etc. Don't expect to become an instant success, though hard work and perseverance will pay rewards.

Maybe your company will win a CRASH Readers Award sometime!

POKEMANIA REIGNS SUPREME!
Graham Turbo Mason has loads more cheats and POKEs for your favourite games! Turn to Nicko's Tips section for full details of what's on offer this issue...

GET YOURSELF ON THE COVER!!

If you think you've written a completely brilliant game and want to share it with the Speccy world, send it to us on cassette or disk with a letter explaining the game. If it passes the reviewers' test we'll put it on the Power Tape for thousands to enjoy! It could be your first step into the software publishing world!!!

Check out the coupon on page 19! It must accompany all entries!

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★ It's here! We've done it again! Once more CRASH proves itself the most generous blooming Spec mag around by heaping goodie after goodie on you! This month you've got the Powertape with another quartet of whizzo complete games, *Pokemania*, PLUS *Uncle Mel Croucher's Fun Line* — and now more chewable freebies! Not one, but TWO chewy bars! It's McCOWAN'S scrumptious double act: **TANGY Lemon 'n' Lime** and **TANGY Spearmint**!!

Indeed, they're a knock-about comedy double act! Hold 'em up to your ears and listen to their jokes!
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Turrican is the mega-blaster from Rainbow Arts which won a CRASH Smash last issue. It's a wicked shoot 'em up as you take Turrican through many levels dealing out death to aliens! *X-Out* is another whizzy shoot 'em up from Rainbow Arts (reviewed in issue 73) where you take control of a submarine battling with underwater forces. Mark Caswell said 'It's one hell of a game to get through!!'.

You can't afford to miss this offer — hurry up scoff some more McCOWAN'S TANGY bars and get the order form in the post today!!



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★ OCEAN, OCEAN — RAH, RAH, RAH!!

Yes, the cheers are up again because there's a new Ocean game on the streets (well, there are three actually, counting *Sly Spy* and *Shadow Warriors*), and it's called *Midnight Resistance*! And about time too. It 's been six bloomin' months since Ocean last put out a Specky game — any longer and we'd have thought it had gone to 16-bit City and stayed there (Blubl!). But, Ocean's back (back! BACK!) with the Specky and in good form too 'cos *Midnight Resistance* is dead brill! Hurrah!
 Nine levels of the whizziest arcade action around make up the this corky coin-op conversion. It's *Ikari Warriors* in the future (being, as it is, *Ikari Warriors II*), featuring endless varieties of enemy to bash and heaps of countryside to bash them in — stomp through cities, tunnels, forests, mountains to reach enemy HQ!

★ HERE WE ARE, THEN

A new Ocean game, completely skill conversion, CRASH cover, it can only mean one thing: a compo of the most snootiest order! Ocean has stumped up a great portable colour telly for first prize in this *Midnight Resistance* compo! Why? Because you can't resist watching telly at midnight (Groan — Ed)! Additionally there's a copy of Specky *Midnight Resistance* for the winner, and there are 20 — 20!! — runners-up prizes of a copy of the game!

To stand a chance of winning, there's a brain-boggling puzzle to solve. See the word grid in which the words WIN A TELLY are placed? Good. Right, now you have to find 20 other words, of at least three letters each, that can be built up by moving one square at a time. For example the word LATELY is made up by travelling thus: From the letter L at the bottom left of the grid, go north to A, east to T, east to E, south-westerly to L and then east for Y. And there you have it: LATELY! As we're feeling generous you can put that at the top of your list.

When you've discovered 20 words write them all down, along with your name and address and send the whole caboodle to: NEWSFIELD, IT MAY BE MIDNIGHT BUT I CAN'T RESIST IT COMPO, CRASH, LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE SY8 1JW. Entries here by July 19 and you can't use the words WIN or TELLY. That's mucked up your cheating plans, hasn't it?!

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PREVIEWS

● **Summer scorers and winter warmers — there's loads of Specky action heading your way!!**



YOU OLD DEVIL!

● **SATAN**

Following AIC, released last month, Spanish software house **Dinamic** is preparing *Satan* on the Specky for the end of June. As with many of the previous **Dinamic** offerings *Satan* is a two-part arcade adventure. Fight the forces of evil. In section one you're a

brave warrior who battles with the hordes of Satan to obtain a wizard's magical powers. Manage that, and you spend the second part in Wizard guise mustering all the magical weapons and spells at your command to put an end to Satan's evil once and for all (and the best of luck to you). Sounds flaming hot to us!



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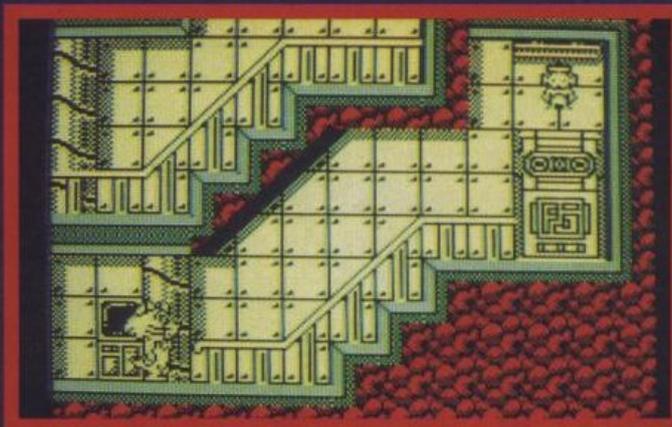
● **HONG KONG PHOOEY**

Hong Kong Phooey number one super guy. **Hong Kong Phooey** faster than the human eye. **Hi-Tec Software** is on the verge of releasing *Hong Kong Phooey* the computer game! Hurrah! **Baron Von Bankjob** has escaped from prison, so **Penrod Pooch** leaps into his special filing cabinet, and after a hefty kick from **Spot**, the wonder sidekick, **Hong Kong Phooey** emerges to chase the villain. But our hero is his usual

bungling self and it's up to Spot to save the day! Expect to see *Hong Kong Phooey* very soon now at a whoof, whoofy £2.99.



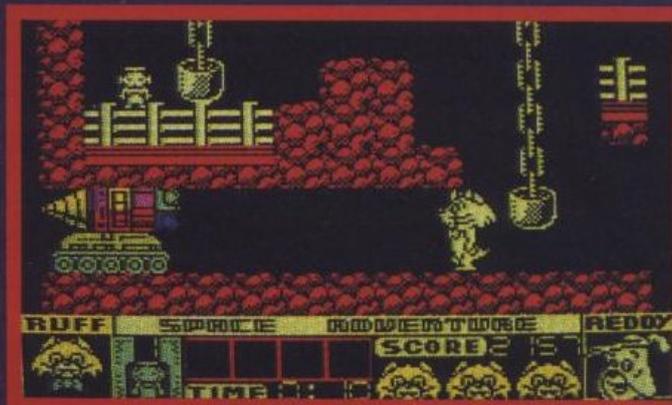
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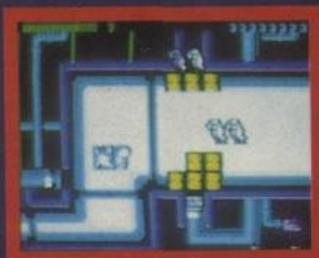
● **RUFF & REDDY**

Along with *Hong Kong Phooey*, **Hi-Tec Software** will soon be unleashing *Ruff & Reddy*, the dog and cat duo who have starred in their own cartoon series. The daring duo have agreed to test **Professor Flipnoodle's** pocket rocket, though at blast off something goes badly wrong and the rocket spins out of control. **Ruff** and **Reddy** find themselves on a

strange alien planet where the inhabitants, little blue creatures called **Lilli-Punies** kidnap them. They're told that only when **Ruff** has freed their comrades from the clutches of vile creatures who inhabit a neighbouring planet will they be released. It's up to you to save the aliens, and so free our heroes. You can experience *Ruff & Reddy* next month — 'cos **CRASH** has an exclusive demo on the Powertape!!



DEAD PARROTS AND ALL



● MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS

The dead parrot, the Ministry for Silly Walks, fish slapping, Eric the Half-Bee, the squashing foot — they're all highlights from the classic comedy series *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, and they're coming to your Specyc! It's true! **Virgin Games'** adaptation of the TV shows is on its way, packed with merriment and mirth of a particularly odd style. The game is based on **Terry Gilliam's** mad-cap animation sequences, and the star of the game is **Gumby** — a



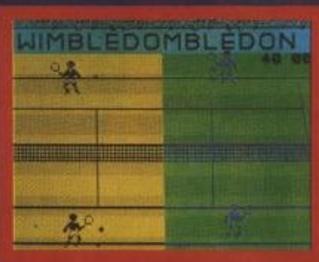
strange little fellow, kitted out in shorts, knotted handkerchief and walking boots. Gumby has lost his brain and now has to tramp through four surreal levels to find it. Programmed by **Core Design**, programmers of *Impossamole* and *Rick Dangerous*, the graphics are great and the game, even at this early stage, plays really well. Combining heaps of different styles of gameplay including shoot 'em up, platforms, and arcade adventure, *Monty Python* is actually funny! Don't worry if you never saw the TV shows, the game is so bizarre it's bound to raise a lorra smiles!

WHAT A RACQUET!

● GRAND SLAM TENNIS

After the **World Cup**, the sporting sensation that's spawning simulations is tennis! **Grandslam** has an offering for all tennis fans in its latest game *Grand Slam Tennis*. Giving the option of a two-player game, *Grand Slam Tennis* lets you play men and women's tennis as well as doubles on a court displayed in 3D.

What is special about *Grand Slam Tennis* is the split-screen technique used to show the two-player game. **Grandslam** reckon the problem with other two-player tennis games is the difficulty in controlling the player at the back of the court. So now, with two views of the court, it's all equal.



Stuffed with all the other usual tennis moves, players compete in tournaments with the objective of winning the **Grand Slam**. Get ready to serve when *Grand Slam Tennis* is released in late June.

HE IS THE LAW!

● JUDGE DREDD

Star of **2000 AD**, *Judge Dredd* is heading onto your screens soon from **Virgin Games**. Cleaning up the chaotic streets of **Mega City One** is the aim of the game as you take **Dredd** through six levels which bring to life five exciting Dredd stories. Each level is set on a different block (the skyscrapers of Mega City One), and the action's viewed from side on. There are plenty of platforms and ramps to roam around on, and plenty of **perps** to blast! The blocks present a huge playing area, and going around on foot could take up valuable game time, so luckily Dredd can call up his powerful bike, the



Lawmaster, to get around at speed. The characters Dredd faces are taken directly from **2000 AD**. There's the **League of Fatties** who are eating all the food in Mega City One, **Professor Fribb** and his enzyme that's reversing the process of evolution turning civilians into apes, lizards and even amoebas! **Orloc**, the Sov agent who attempts to poison the water supply and rain, with **Blockmania** turning everyone violently mad — and finally, in an ultimate battle Dredd comes up against the **Dark Judges: Fear, Mortis, Fire and Death!** Essentially a multi-directional scrolling shoot 'em up with loads of action, **Virgin Games' Judge Dredd** should hit the streets in September.



CAST A GIANT SHADOW



Who's this? It's Shadow Warrior! A hero for the '90s (not another one!), according to Ocean. Out any nano-second now, Shadow Warriors features six levels of ninja action set in the toughest neighbourhoods of America! Marvel at the graphics for now — and a review next ish!

Next issue is August! Holiday time for you — but all your fave software houses will be gearing up for the autumn game playing bonanza! Tune in to Preview...

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LIVE CIRCUIT

Before we kick off, a quick update on the Campaign For Mangram To Get A Shiny New Desk. Just one measly financial contribution this month: a 100 Dinar note (Yugoslavian dosh), thanks to John Gallagher for that. Thanks also to Shirley, CRASH's Dust Extraction Executive (Cleaner—Ed) who attempted brightening up ye olde tatty desk with a generous helping of Mr Sheen. Onward, ever onward. Letter Of The Month—a good sensible one from John Quinn who strikes home hard the piracy problem. For having a bit of sense (I knew one of you must have) there's a £40 software voucher winging its way to you! You too could be winner by penning a great letter. The address is: NEWSFIELD, LLOYD MANGRAM'S FORUM, CRASH, LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE SY8 1JW.

COPY BRATS

Dear Lloyd,
After reading Karim Portess' letter in CRASH, issue 75, I feel I must put forward the following points on piracy. Programmers spend months and months writing a game, which is then published. Lots of people buy it but even more copy it.

Therefore, the publishers don't make any profit and the price of the games are put up to compensate the loss. This is probably why games which cost £7.95 last year now cost £9.99. So all that pirates achieve by stealing software is a price increase.

Consider this: Would you walk into a shop and pick up a game and leave without paying for it? Probably not - it's theft. Would you go to your friend's house and copy the latest mega game that he just brought?..... think about it.

John Quinn, Wicklow, Eire

Very well put John. But sadly, piracy already appears to have affected the Spectrum scene badly. The amount of releases is way, way down this year because people just aren't buying enough Spectrum games for software houses to cover the cost of production. This is especially true on original games — these could completely disappear soon with just big name licences, which always sell, appearing. To this end, CRASH has teamed up once again with industry body ELSPA to run a series of anti-piracy ads.

LM

VERY NICE

Dear Lloyd
I think that it was very nice of you to give Iestyn Morris the game which he was looking for for ages — Scuba Dive. I also like the game from the issue 76.

Thank You.
David Dunne, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1SF

It was nice, wasn't it? Well, truth be told I can't accept the



praise. *Scuba Dive* was already lined up for the cassette when Iestyn's letter arrived. The result now is endless letters pleading for games which readers have lost — no more please!
LM

THICK

Dear Lloyd
I would like to know the password for *Karyssa III*. Because all it said on the screen is Enter Password - What now?
Lewis Atkins, Hurley CV92JH

Once again for those who missed it — honestly! It was printed in the instructions — the password's LOXA.
LM

BACK THRILLS

Dear Lloyd
Please could you send me all the back issues of *CRASH* apart from issues 71, 72, 73 and 74 and all the back game thrills on tape. I really love *CRASH* a lot.
From Mica, Thornton Heath CR7 6DP

No. But you can get hold of back issues (while stocks last!!) through mail order for £1.70 per issue.
LM

GO AWAY

Dear Lloyd
I am writing to tell you why I should win the star letter
1. I read *CRASH*
2. I think Y*** S***** is crap
3. Same as S***** U***
4. I own a *Speccy +2* (what a surprise)
LM

5. Nicko is cool
6. I want to win 40 quid's worth of software
7. I need new games
8. I'll hold my *Speccy* hostage
9. I'll beat up the *Oli bug*
10 I enclose 100 dinar
John Gallagher, Maghull L31 8DQ.

Bribery will get you everywhere. But anyone who beats up Oli bugs is automatically disqualified from winning Letter Of The Month. Be off with you, you young scamp!
LM

JIGSAW FUN

Dear Lloyd
First of all I would like to say how much I like *CRASH*'s new image and the four free games (it's wicked!). I now only buy *CRASH* although I used to buy those two other magazines (not to be mentioned).

Only one flaw though, probably because you have just moved to new premises, but all the letters were mixed up last month (*CRASH* 76, page 15). Never mind though, it was quite good fun trying to un-tangle them.

Keep up the brilliant work and don't worry, there is no competition for a better *Spectrum* mag!!
Neil Morris, Dyfed SY25 69Y

Yes, yes — move to the new premises, etc, etc. Nothing at all to do with me delivering the *Forum* way past deadline, resulting in layout layabout *Markie* sticking it down at 3.00 am on a Sunday, working by candle. Ahem.
LM

FEMINIST!

Dear LM

Occasionally I pick up this waste of good trees that you call a magazine. I wonder at the mentality of your readers, especially when I see my 11 year old brother, who is glued to his +2 (which is surgically removed at bedtime). He can't seem to talk about anything else except computer games, *CRASH* blah, blah, blah etc. He's a real pain in the neck and totally unsociable. Plus, all the games he likes are violent, containing lethal weapons and killing people for points - not a good thing for impressionable minds. Anyway, why are nearly all the characters that you move about men? Surely women should get some representation in computer games? What about ethnic minorities? I hope that your readers realise that they are falling into the pit of materialism and that you are propagating ruling-class ideologies.
Yours sincerely

A gÜeen, pacifist, feminist, semi marxist 18-year old who's fed up with her brother
Barbara Miller, Beccles NR34 7JQ
PS. No offence intended
PPS. I like *The Hobbit* myself
PPPS. This is written on recycled paper

Right ho, *Babs* (oh dear — Ed) you'll be pleased to hear that *CodeBlasters* is releasing *GÜeen Pacifist Feminist Semi-Marxist Simulator* soon (programmed by a lost Bengalian tribe camping in the rain forests (they sound very lost — Ed)). Maybe not. On a serious note, as much as *CRASH* would love to be 100% environmentally friendly, the cost of recycled paper is still prohibitive (and think of the chemicals that would be needed to whiten and clean the paper to our requirements). And besides, *CRASH* isn't printed on paper from trees in the rain forests but from quick-growing trees in *Finland*, — and currently more trees are being replaced and

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grown there than are required for paper.

There is a lack of heroic female characters in games — though *Castle Master* is an exception, giving you the option to play either a male or female character, and there's, erm, *Aliens* starring Sigourney Weaver and, erm, that's about it really (Are there any more female games? Send in your lists). Besides, I thought young ladies loved playing with young, bronzed, muscley, heroic males dudes, in games that is.
LM

MANUAL HELP

Dear Lloyd
I am wondering if you can help me. I have just bought a *Spectrum +2*. But I have not got an operating manual (to help write progs etc) and would like to know if anyone can help me, I'd be grateful if they did, considering I'm in Germany and they don't sell kit for the *Spectrum* over here.

Oh by the way I think this mag is Brill.
Spike Mingard, BFPO 34.

Anyone with a spare +2 manual, bung it in the post to us and we'll forward it to Spike — there's a t-shirt in it for you!
LM



And that wraps up this month — more of your effusive thoughts next month!

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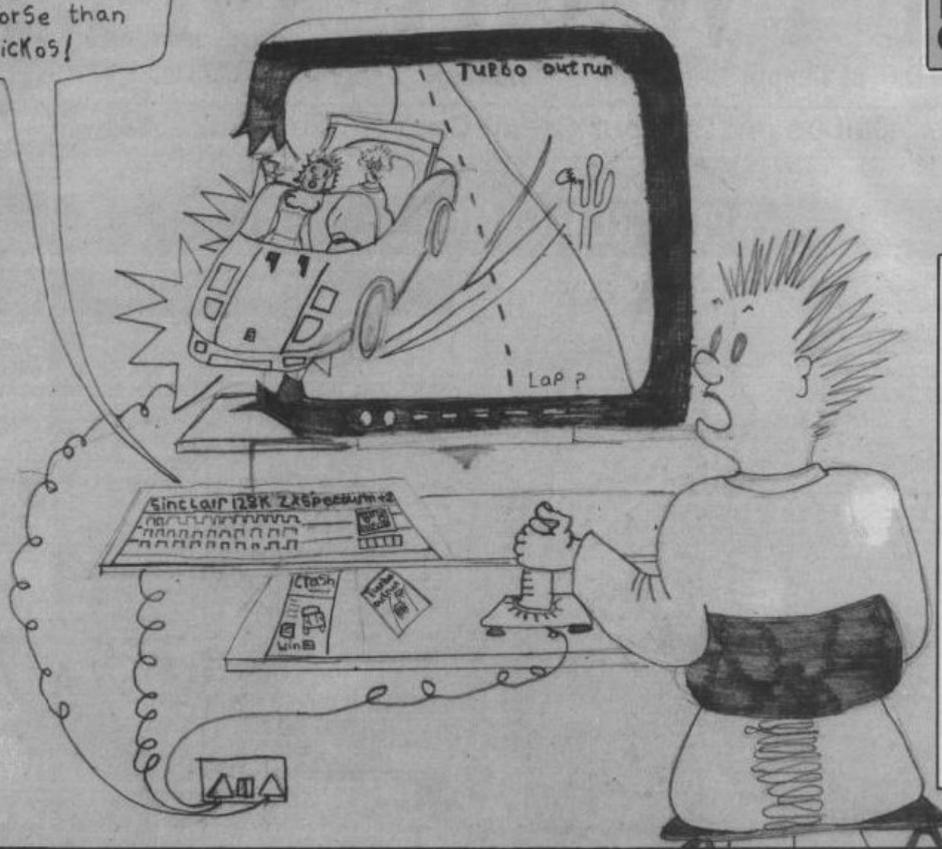
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● Arcades news from **The Sales Curve**, best known for converting *The Ninja Warriors* and *Continental Circus* for Virgin. It's launching its own software label called **Storm** with one original title and three arcade licences. The original game is *SWIV*! Take control of a helicopter or jeep and blast your way across level after level of hostile terrain. Tanks, helicopters, jeeps, jets and huge multi-part 'copters all want your hide (eek!). Expect to see *SWIV* in October. The first **Storm** arcade conversion, around September time, is *Saint Dragon*. Taken from the **Jaleco** coin-op, you're the pilot of a futuristic spacecraft shaped like a giant dragon on a quest to rescue a real fire-breathing reptile: six levels filled with alien uglies stand between you and your pal, but fear not — there are heaps of power-ups to enhance your weaponry. The

other two coin-ops on the cards are *Big Run*, a teeth jarring rally racing game and the seriously cute *Rodland*. Here you play either Tam or Rit, two magic wand wielding fairies who are sent on a very dangerous mission.

TARDIS-LIKE LARKS!

● After programming **CRASH** Smash *Hammerfist*, Watford based super team (or so they say) **Vivid Image Design** are well on their way to completing *Time Machine*. Play the part of a white haired professor who escapes brutal terrorists by going way back in history in his time machine. He enters several time zones, in each of which he must help evolution along its proper path. Shades of *Back to the Future*? Well, it's an arcade/strategy extravaganza and we'll be bringing you a preview in the next couple of months!

VERY HORRID

● Watch out because **Hagar's** about! Yes, that part-time lunatic

Viking from the popular press and full-time lager lout (how does the **Skol** song go again..?) is soon to be unleashed on a Speccy near you. *Hagar the Horrible* will be released in September, and the game will follow the misadventures

of this lovable rogue and all his motley friends. Programmed by a German team called **Kingsot, The Software Business** will be marketing *Hagar the Horrible* on these shores. Now what's Norse for 'It's your round'?

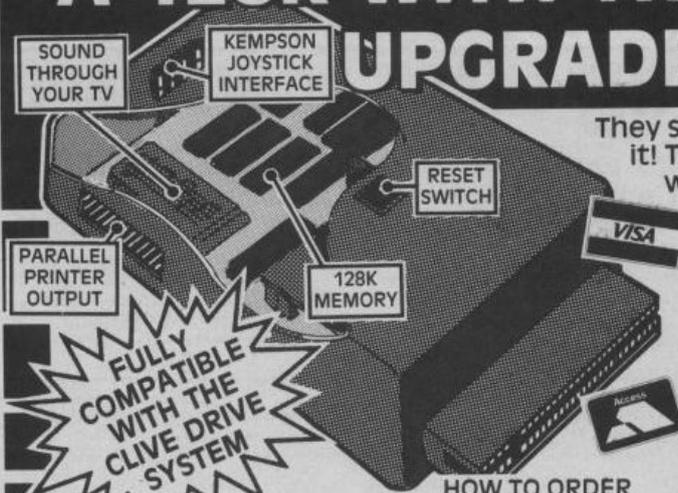
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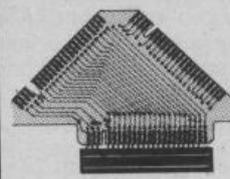
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In this early 80s story **The Purifiers**, a fanatical religious group lead by **Reverend William Stryker**, hunt down and kill mutants. Our band of costumed vigilantes are prime targets, especially when Stryker kidnaps their mentor **Professor Xavier** and brainwashes him into murdering his 'children'.

God Loves - Man Kills is a classic tale of mankind's fear and loathing towards anything strange or different. You really do find yourself cheering the mutants and booing the Purifiers, a graphic novel well worth the asking price.



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The plan is to create a test tube colony away from the infected planet, but a radical group on the planet's surface want no part of this and take the scientific team and its leader **Dr Kohwangko** hostage. **Captain Kirk** and crew are powerless to help, but **Mr Sulu** goes rogue and heads to the rescue: **Ms Kohwangko** is an old flame of his!

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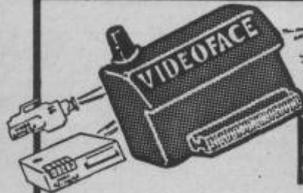
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Next up is the *Chocks Away With This P-47 Compo* for which Firebird are coughing up a Video Recorder, a P-47 video and a Firebird T-shirt for the winner who is Malcolm Sims, Canterbury CT1 1YF. Don't despair - there are three second prize winners who each receive a copy of the P-47 video and a T-shirt and they are: Sharon Wright, London NW7 1BW; Ross Jackson, Kirkcaldy Scotland; Peter Aston, Pershore WR10 3HB. And for 20 runners-up, there's a T-shirt each. David Hunt, Derby DE3 5RD; Alex Tolmie, Moray IV30 7UX; V Collis, Whitchurch RG28 7HR; Lee Ellison, Stockport SK8 6LQ; Mark Evans, Birmingham B44 9DM; Mark Gowland, Peterlee SR8 5JW; Matthew Wiggins, Fleet GU5 9TS; Ronan Lumb, Norwich NR8 6SL; Robert Burningham, Cranleigh GU6 7JU; Andrew Ollett, Gilberdyke HU15 2XH; Paul Gedder, Bicester OX6 7PF; Mark Brown, Alford LN13 9JD; James S Watson, Carlisle CA2 5XB; Zita S Goncalves, London SW16 6SQ; Christian Inglis, Hull HU10 6PS; Robert Rogers, Peterborough PE1 2LZ; Paul Spencer, Romsey SO51 8RN; Christian Nicholls, Bath BA3 2BX; Simon Ling, Tregaron SY25 6UW; Daniel Parkinson, Wirral L47 9RU.

Last month's *I'm No Potato But I Want That Jacket Compo* from Gremlin brought in stacks of entries - very well drawn too! But the first prize winner who gets a black leather jacket with a screen print on the back, a T-shirt and a copy of *Impossamole* is Perry Fields, Exeter EX4 1RH. 15 second prize winners who receive a copy of *Impossamole* on Spectrum cassette and a t-shirt are: Adrian Holtby, Pickering YO18 8BO; Robert Shaddick, Barnstaple EX31 2EA; Wayne Fagg, Sittingbourne ME9 7JX; A Smith, Spalding PE11 2PR; Cameron Taylor, Clacks FK10 3PB; Kristofer Cuthbert, Edinburgh EH10 4HR; Louise Fitzhugh, Worcester WR5 3EP; Lucia Colella, Oxford OX4 5JA; Brian Heath, London E17 6BJ; Paul Banyard, Harlington LU5 6LX; Daniel O'Neill, Liverpool L18 5HQ; Daniel Dupree, Basildon SS16 5DT; S Aquilina, Eastleigh SO5 7EZ; John Stevens, London SE9 3RH; Ben Hales, Doncaster DN4 9BS.

And the 10 runners-up who receive a copy of the game are: Brett Jordan, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE3 3BB; Chris Roberts, Wrexham Wales; Daniel Heathcote, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 4BY; Myles McCallum, Dundee DD2 3TY; Ian Naylor, Aughton Lancs; Alan Hay, Barnsley S75 6DE; Andrew Albertis, Glasgow G32 7DB; Laura Woodward, Bristol BS19 2TP; J M Brand, Orpington BR5 3HH; Christopher Tiangga, Woking GU21 2PB.

Then it's *Microstyle's Black Belt Here I Come Hotline Compo* from Issue 76. The winner, who receives a set of ten *Martial Art Lessons* (at their local centre) and a *Microstyle Goodie Bag* - watch, sunglasses, a frisbee, a credit-card wallet, and a poster is: **Gregg Cormack**, Aberdeen AB2 8TA. Hurray! And the nine runners-up who receive a *Goodie Bag* each are: **Thomas Venner**, Lisburn BT28 3EB; **Kenneth Diamond**, Glasgow G41 2ET; **Lorraine Jones**, Leeds LS9 0EE; **Ian Simpson**, Gosport PO12 4RR; **Carl Davies**, Pembrey SA16 0UT; **Paul Hendon**, Newcastle ST5 3AN; **Kevin Teese**, Bourton-on-the-Water GL54 2EH; **Colin Davison**, Newcastle NE5 1SR; **P Render**, Dewsbury WF13 3RZ.

No luck there? Have a gander at the results of *Thalamus I'm All Charged Up And Ready To Win The Thalamus Compo* from issue 75, maybe you're in here! Well, the winner who receives an *Eye Of The Storm*, a *Thalamus* t-shirt and a copy of *Delta Charge!* is **David P Dunne**, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1FZ. Congrats! And the 20 runners-up who each receive a copy of *Delta Charge!* and a t-shirt are: **David Simpson**, Dewsbury WF12 7PQ; **Ian Sotherton**, Durham DH5 3AF; **Andrew Dungey**, Penryn TR10 8QJ; **Andrew Whibley**, Brighton BN1 7FA; **Ian Cornick**, Southampton SO1 0LY; **Dale Pellatt**, Cambridge CB5 9PT; **Howard G Crook**, Preston PR7 5QP; **James Hollyhomes**, Ken CT7 1QT; **Sean Lewis**, London SE26 6LD; **Jamie Vining**, Ryde PO33 4SB; **Tommy McCrae**, Fort William PH33 7EB; **Peter Ives**, Coventry CV2 3AQ; **Chris Riley**, Shipley BD18 1AR; **Nicholas Williams**, Kemnay AB56LN; **Clive Churchyard**, Theford IP24 1NJ; **Stuart Tolmie**, Airdrie ML6 6NR; **Allan Stevens**, Rainham RM13 9XJ; **Sinbad Nagie**, Clonmel Ireland; **Cathy Candlin**, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 9AY; **Gavin Bruce**, Aberdeen AB1 5TS.

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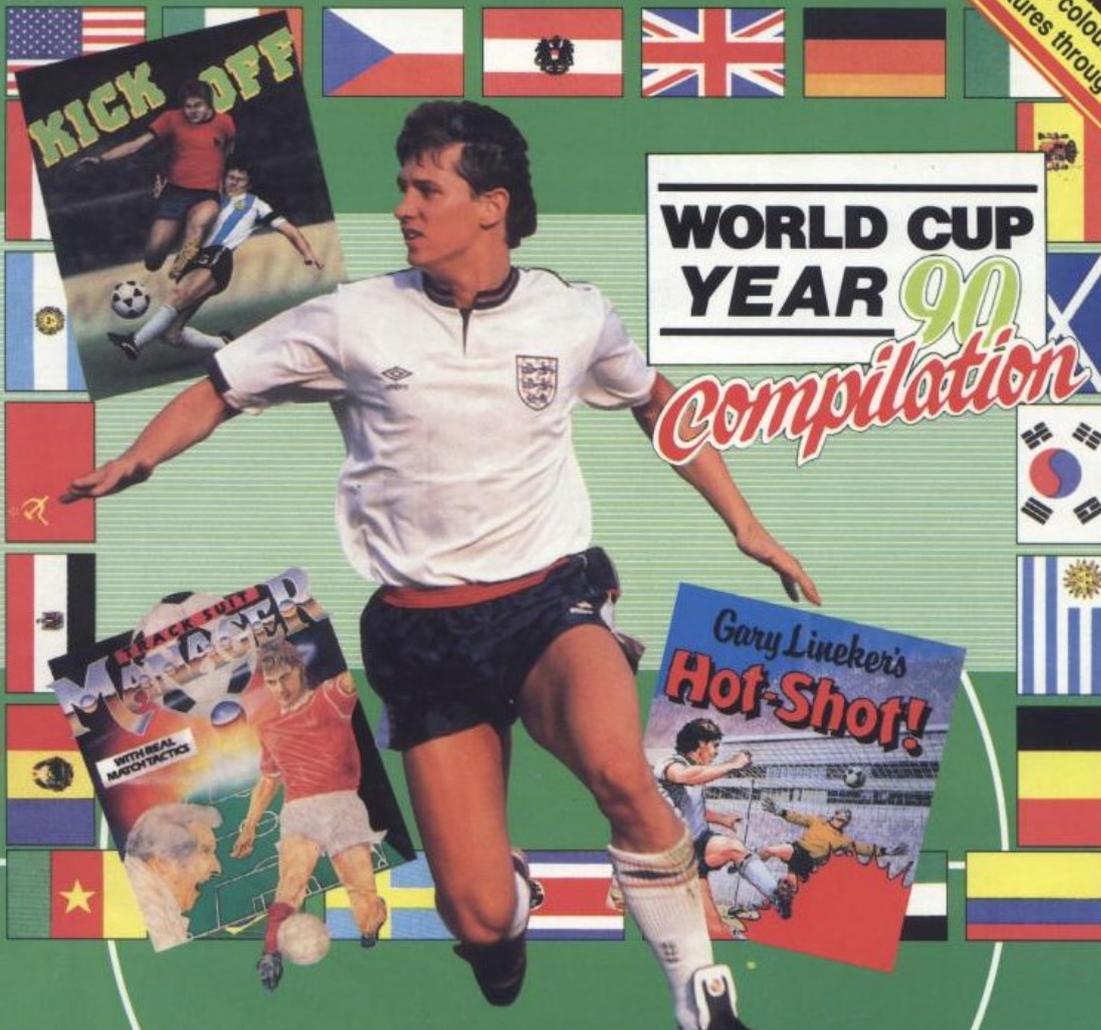
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NEWS UPDATE

MGT has issued the final, definitive and generally all round finished version of the SAM Coupé ROM chip. That means, all current Coupé owners get a new ROM chip to install (soldering larks, ahoy!), and all new Coupés have this upgraded chip inside, with all the problems and bugs in the original ROM cured.

Also there's a new issue of SAMDOS, the disk operating software. This upgrade on disk has been issued free by MGT — however should there be any further upgrades don't expect MGT to be quite so generous!

To complete the jigsaw, MGT have just sent out the latest version of the Spectrum Emulator making even more Speccy products SAM Compatible. And while on the subject of compatibility you'll be pleased, nay ecstatic, to know that Ocean have confirmed that all future Speccy releases will be SAM Coupé compatible! Hurrah!

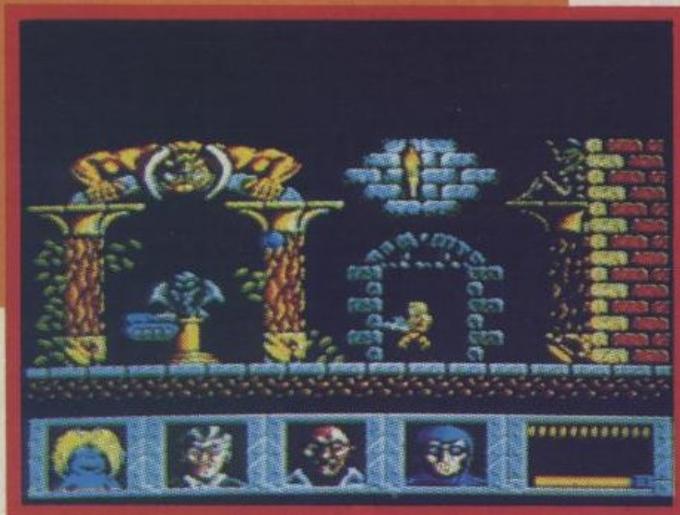
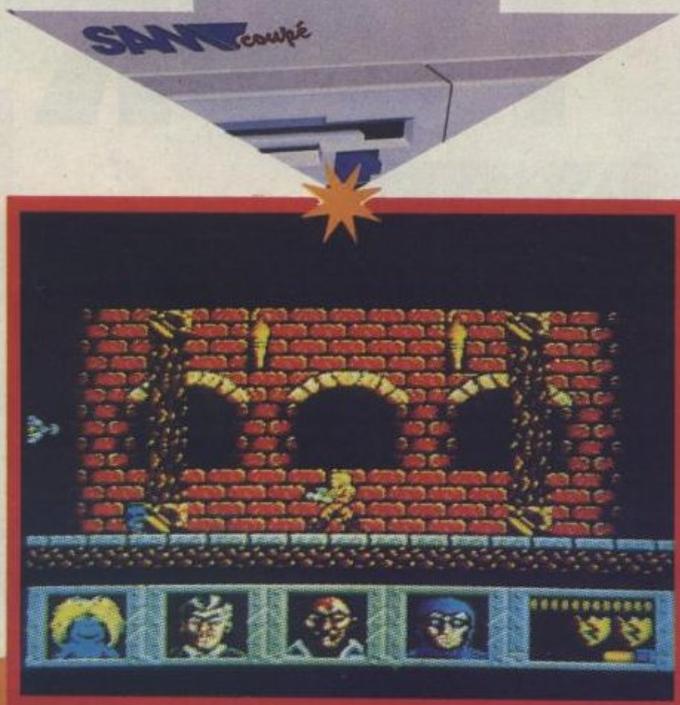
SAM SOFTWARE: NEXT MONTH

Don't miss out on next month's SAM Update — we'll be taking a look at the first batch of SAM Coupé specific software. For now, CRASH can reveal screen shots of the very first SAM Coupé specific game — *Enigma Variations* Defenders of the Earth. The Speccy version's reviewed this month, and we'll review the Coupé version next issue. For now, feast your eyes on these screens...

And the rest to thrill your socks off are: *Kick Off II*, *Anco*, *Defenders Of The Earth*, *Enigma Variations*, *World Boxing Manager*, *Goliath*, *Snoball In Hell*, *Atlantis*, *Fun School II*, *Database*, *The Race*, *3D Snooker and Superleague*, *Players*, *Play It Again Sam*, *MGT/Fissionchip*, *Desk-Top Publisher*, *PCG*, *Puncman*, *Spanish Gold* and *Granny's Garden*, *Rickitt Educational Media*. Review special, ahoy!

LLOYD MANGRAM'S SAM COUPÉ FORUM

Bit of a change for the forum — I've got pictures to show this month, as well as words to read. Yes, the response to the plea for you to show off your Coupé art skills has been great. Works of art, created using the Coupé art package *Flash!* have piled up and, interestingly the majority arriving on disk — nice to see



you lot are getting your drives fitted. Sadly, we can only print what space allows (ie: not many pictures at all), but keep sending 'em in — you may see your creations in print! Words and pictures to me — that's NEWSFIELD, LLOYD'S SAM COUPÉ FORUM, CRASH, LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE SY8 1JW.

■ I want to know which disks the Sam Coupé with disk drive use. It seems to me that there is not a lot of point in buying one if there are no programs on disk. I was going to buy a Speccy 03, but we asked for one at a computer shop and they said they hadn't been made since Christmas!!! I'd get the Coupé if

I knew that there was going to be disk software soon (like next month).
William Scott, Alvechurch B48 7DD
The Coupé uses 3.5 inch disks, but as yet software houses have made no promises regarding availability of Coupé software on disk.
LM

((MARKIE:: PIC FOR THIS)))
■ I am writing because I have made rather an interesting discovery. When converting a word processor I had written from the +3 to the SAM, I was annoyed to have to copy the program from disk to (unreliable) cassette to load onto the SAM, and then save

onto SAM disk. Can I devise a system which will cut out the cassette, I thought to myself? Half as a joke, I connected my cassette lead upto my +3, and the EAR to the SAM. I loaded the program and started to save to cassette. I thought it should work in theory. Save on +3 and load on SAM. It didn't work. With a flash of inspiration, I swapped EAR to MIC, and tried again. The signal was picked up and the program translated. I have supplied a diagram and operations sheet with this letter.

Another discovery I made while experimenting, was the ability to load 48K programs directly into memory without opening a SNAPSHOT file. Connect your equipment up as before, and load up the header program onto your +3. If possible make the program load all relevant code, and begin to save the program to tape. Then, on the SAM, BOOT UP, Load 2, press 5, select the Emulator, and press (ESC).

Type NEW, then DEVKET — then MODE 1. As it is a code file, press F8, or LOAD""CODE. Watch the program down load. Write a program which loads all relevant code and autoruns. Save this as either 'LINE 5' at the end of the load instruction, or as AUTO X. To run the program, use either the CALL or the RANDOMIZE USR command. As long as the program is compatible, you shouldn't encounter any problems.

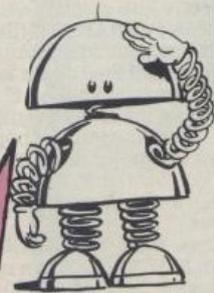
I will answer any questions put to me about the SAM or +3. James Wightman, 8 Sherwood Walk, Aldridge, Walsall, W.Mids WS9 8BT.

■ I am very confused! In the March issue of CRASH somebody wrote into you about the Sam Coupé and said when they got it they loaded up *Batman the Movie* and it worked, and in the following issue somebody wrote in and said they tried to load it but it didn't work. I happen to own this game and I am very interested in the Sam Coupé, so what I'd like to know is does it work or doesn't it?? I also wish to know if it is possible to load games on the Sam Coupé from a normal personal stereo??
Steven Herron, Northumberland NE71 6AG.
Like the Speccy (except +2) the Coupé uses an external tape player to load in data. *Batman* will work using Patch 3 but is sensitive, so a decent reliable tape player is a must.
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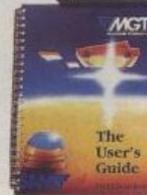
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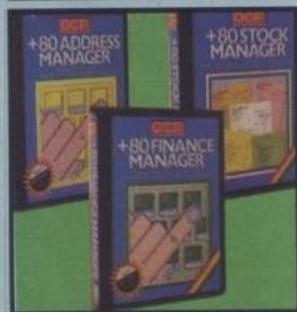
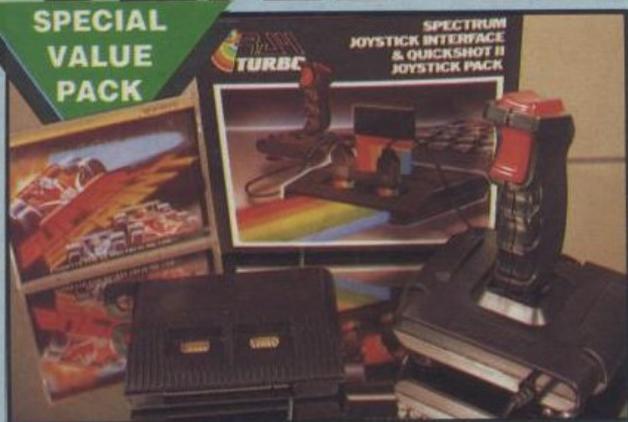
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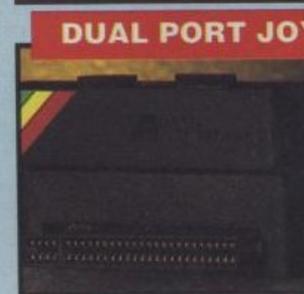
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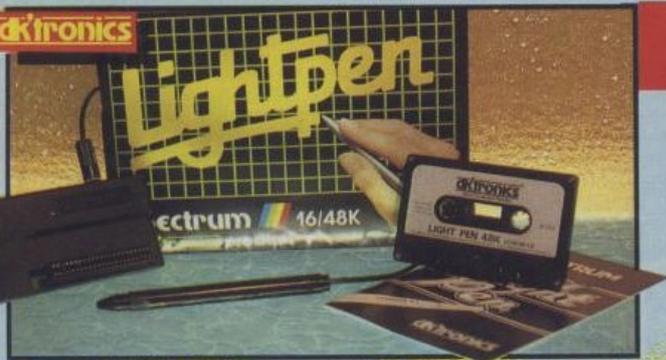
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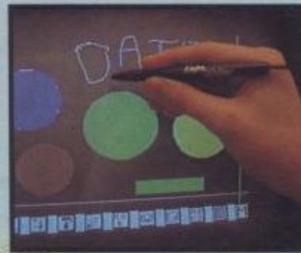
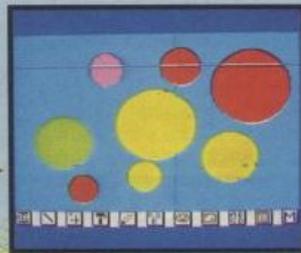
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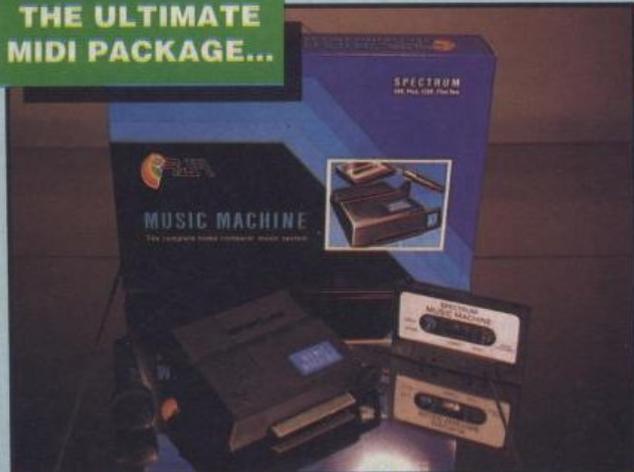
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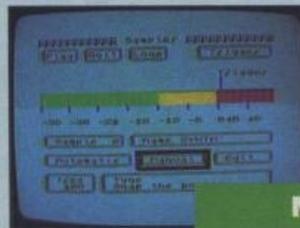
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Nick's PLAYING TIPS

Brmmm, brmmm! Yes guys and gals, guess what? I've finally got my car back: poor old Betsy the black Metro has been in her hospital bed for six weeks suffering from a bash up the rear (ooo, don't!). I've been taking her grapes and chocolates to cheer her up every weekend though — there's quite a smelly mess in my boot now: all that melted chocolate and fermenting fruit, it looks like tea time at the Caswells! One thing I've learnt — next time I see a big bully BMW I think I'll hide and not bash into it!

Tips galore this month. I've been sent so many long solutions to games that I've had to split some of them up to run in two issues. I bet you like being kept in suspense! The £40 software prize goes to Daniel Leach of Ilford in Essex for his solutions to *Hammerfist* and *Dan Dare III*. The games are whisking their way to you as I type, Daniel. As well as those offerings I also have the complete low-down on the new *Pokemania* and a cascade of cheats. So get stuck in to this lot...



RAINBOW ISLANDS

Continuing on from Issue 76 here are more tips for that brilliant game, *Rainbow Islands*. The continuation has come in from Mark Currie of Liverpool.

General Hints and Tips

One: You can use your rainbows to walk through walls by firing them through the wall and walking over them.

Two: You get an extra life by getting all of the diamonds on an island.

Three: To get the diamonds, you must a) fire a rainbow over a baddy and break it so it lands on him or b) use one of the magic objects.

Magic Objects

Red necklace with a dot at the bottom (not normal red necklace):

Get this and whenever you jump, stars fly off you in all directions.

Blue necklace (as above): Get this and weird stars fall from the sky killing the baddies.

Small leaf: Makes a spinning thing fly around you.

Yellow box of wings: Makes you grow invincible for a short length of time.

Cup of destruction: Kills everything in sight (except you).

RAINBOW ISLAND 3 - Monster Island (continued)

Round 12: Take your time on this round, but watch out for the bats. Don't miss anything out: try to kill all of the baddies on a platform with one shot.

The Big Baddy! - Dracula

As soon as you reach him, jump onto the furthest right platform in the middle. Face Dracula and fire loads of rainbows. When he moves a bit closer, jump on them and he should die.

RAINBOW ISLAND 4 - Toy Island Toys

Bouncy boxing gloves: These act in the same way as the skeletons on Monster Island.

Spinning faces: These spin around the island at random. Watch for them coming from the top of the screen.

Spinning coins: These just spin from left to right and are easy to kill.

Giant faces in circles: These bounce around at random but very soon home in on you.

Water pistols: These move from left to right firing water at you. Kill them just after they shoot.

'Telescopic tweezers': These are easy to kill. Just jump up behind them and shoot.

Round 13: Watch out for the boxing gloves and spinning faces. Try to shoot them straight away.

Round 14: This has all the baddies of round 13 but has the extra giant faces and water pistols. Just shoot 'em all!

Round 15: This round also has 'telescopic tweezers'. You need to watch out for the giant faces when there is a large area of sky. Try to stay in the middle.

Round 16: This is much the same as round 15, but watch out for boxing gloves landing on your head.

The Big Baddy! - Giant Faace

As soon as you get here, stand under the middle platforms and fire loads of rainbows. When he goes through them, jump on them. This should waste him. Turn round and do the same again. Continue this until he is dead.

RAINBOW ISLAND 5 -

Doh's Island

Doh's Troops

Diamonds: These come in from the top of screen and go out bottom, but they go through platforms and destroy your rainbows.

Everything else on the island does pretty much the same thing: bounce around the screen getting in your way. These things are: spinning cones, spinning cubes, spinning pyramids, spinning balls (one-er) and spinning things that are impossible to describe.

Round 17: This round features the cones, cubes and pyramids. You need to look out for them because they blend in with the background.

Round 18: This round features the things in round 17 but also the undescrivable objects. Don't bother trying to shoot them all, there are too many and it's too hard.

Round 19: The extra enemies in this round are the balls and the diamonds. A good way to do this round is to stay at the right hand side in the section numbers, but watch out for those diamonds.

Round 20: There are no extra baddies here, but it's better to try and get to the top as quickly as possible, avoiding things instead of shooting them all.

The Big Baddy! - Doh Himself
Doh just sits at the top, firing waves of diamonds at you. Stand a bit to the left of him and when he fires diamonds, run over to the right, jump up and fire at him. As you land he will fire more diamonds so repeat this, but going in the opposite direction. Repeat until he is dead.

RAINBOW ISLAND 6 -

Robot Island

Robots

Normal robots: These walk from left to right firing at you.

Flying helmets: These are fast moving critters that home in on you. Blast them.

Bouncing screws: These move in the same way as the boxing gloves on Toy Island.

Spinning spanners: These spin around the island trying to kill you.

Bolts: These move left and right, falling off the edge of platforms but homing in on you after a while.

Round 21: On this round you must watch out for the helmets coming down on top of you. Try to stay in the middle of the screen as there are less enemies there.

Round 22: Here you must keep a sharp lookout for the bolts and shoot them quickly or they will home in on you.

Round 23: Watch out for the three helmets on this level which attack you right at the start. Go to the left, turn around and blast them.

Round 24: Watch out for the helmets and spanners on this level but otherwise it's easy.

The Big Baddy! - Giant Robot
Stay in the middle, facing right and fire loads of rainbows. When he's on the edge of them, jump onto them and he should be destroyed.

RAINBOW ISLAND 7 -

Dragon Island

Baddies

Bouncing knights: These move the same way as boxing gloves and screws.

Dragons: These fly through platforms firing shots at you.

'Mr Potato Head' men: These walk left and right firing at you.

Blobs: These move from left to right falling off platforms until they get to the bottom.

Ghosts: These just drift around the screen being ghosts(!)

Walking knights: These do the same as the potato head men.

Round 25: Watch out for the dragons at the start of the round. You can block their shots with your rainbows.

Round 26: At the very start of this level some blobs will fall on top of you if you're not careful. Try to avoid them.

Round 27: The bouncy knights and dragons are the pain in this round. Try to stay to the right to be ready for them.

Round 28: Go quite slowly on this round and kill as many enemies as possible. You needn't bother killing the blobs.

The Big Baddy! - Giant Dragon
As soon as you get here, jump onto the lower left platform and fire, facing the dragon. When he shoots at you, jump on the rainbows and over him to the right of the screen. When he shoots at you again, run under him and turn around. Fire lots of shots, and when he goes down so that only his head can be seen, jump on the rainbows. This should kill him.

THE END! Now read the message and wait for the note from the Rainbow Islands inhabitants.

POKEMANIA

Fear not all you slaves to the poke. The master hacker, Graham 'TURBO' Mason is here again with a scintillating selection of

scrumptious hacks for your Speccy. On the starting line this month is...

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Dan Dare 3 - Easy this one!

Jungle Warfare - Infinite ammo and men

Black Tiger - Lots of Black Tigers

Guardian Angel - Infinite angels

And now for a little message for all those of you who regularly write to ol' Turbo... could you please send all your letters in to me at the usual Newsfield address and I will send them on to the man himself to sort out.

Someone's been busy! Daniel Leach of Ilford has completed Hammerfist and Dan Dare III in one day. Phewwee!! Here's part of his solution on the first of the games. More of it coming soon... Sheet 1

HAMMERFIST
Press down to get out of the matrix. If you aren't already, select Hammerfist and destroy the three matrix pods by firing up twice below each one. Then head butt the screen at the left hand end. When the 'Security System Breached' sign shows up, get out through the right hand end of the screen.

Sheet 2

Turn into Metalisis, run to the end of the screen, destroy the V.D.U. and two screens next to it. Jump onto the desk with the screens you just destroyed and from there do a high Hac-Hac to the other platform. Destroy the two T.V. screens up there and kill guards until the 'Security System Breached' (S.S.B.) message comes up. Fall down to the floor and move to the grille, it will open and you should walk through it.

Sheet 3

First of all, turn into Hammerfist and destroy the growth in the bottom left corner by firing down. Turn round and destroy the flower hanging down by firing right, keep firing right to destroy the mound of eyes. Turn into Metalisis and jump between the eye and the flower hanging down. Turn into Hammerfist and while standing between them, fire up. The laser will bounce off the platform above and hit either the eye or the flower depending on which way you face. Once both are dead, change into Metalisis and jump onto the platform above the iron grille door using a high Hic-Hac. On this

Sheet 4

platform, stand at the very left edge and high Hic-Hac to the top platform. This may take a lot of practice. At the top, move to the door, hit it and go through. Do not head butt the flashing lights at the top: they drain your energy. If you need to go back to Sheet 2, head butt the grille and go through.

Sheet 4
Turn into Metalisis to save on laser bolts and move over to the three TV screens. Head butt them and keep destroying guards and robots until the S.S.B. message comes up. Now go to the door on the bottom level, jump into it several times. The door will open. Go through. There is a door on the top level but it leads to a dead end.

Sheet 5

Turn to Hammerfist. Destroy some of the bouncing balls to give you time to turn into Metalisis and kick the door. It will open. Let the little droid out and let the door shut behind him, keeping him out. The flashing point on the wall is an energy socket. Headbutt it to get energy, however, if you let your energy bars go to the top it will drain your character of all its energy. Head butt the iron grille and go through the open door. If the security system is still active, let the droid in, kill three of them, then let the droid out. Head butt the door and go through.

Sheet 6

When the first lift is down, change to Metalisis and fall onto it. Because she is light, the lift will go up. When in range of the door, sommersault twice into it and go through. Do the same for the next lift and door. Don't worry about the crates falling down. Turn into Hammerfist and go out onto the lift. Let the lift take you all the way down. Turn to Metalisis and hit the door twice like last time. Turn into Hammerfist, take the lift and blast the door twice, go through and exit the screen to the right.

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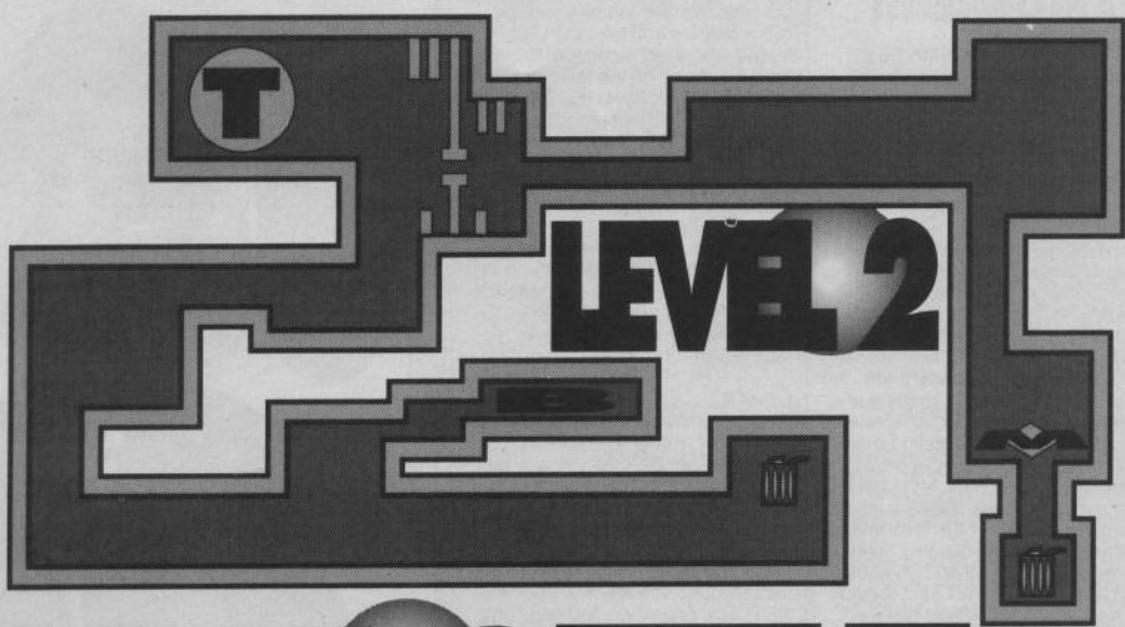
Shoot all the boxes except for the last one while at the same time destroying the androids until the S.S.B. message appears. Head butt the door at the bottom and go through. Shooting the crate drops it revealing a skull icon, don't pick it up.

Sheet 8

Turn to Hammerfist. Hit the door and keep destroying robots. Destroy the V.D.U. by head butting it. Keep killing robots until the S.S.B. message comes up, then hit or kick the door at the end several times, go through and load the next part.

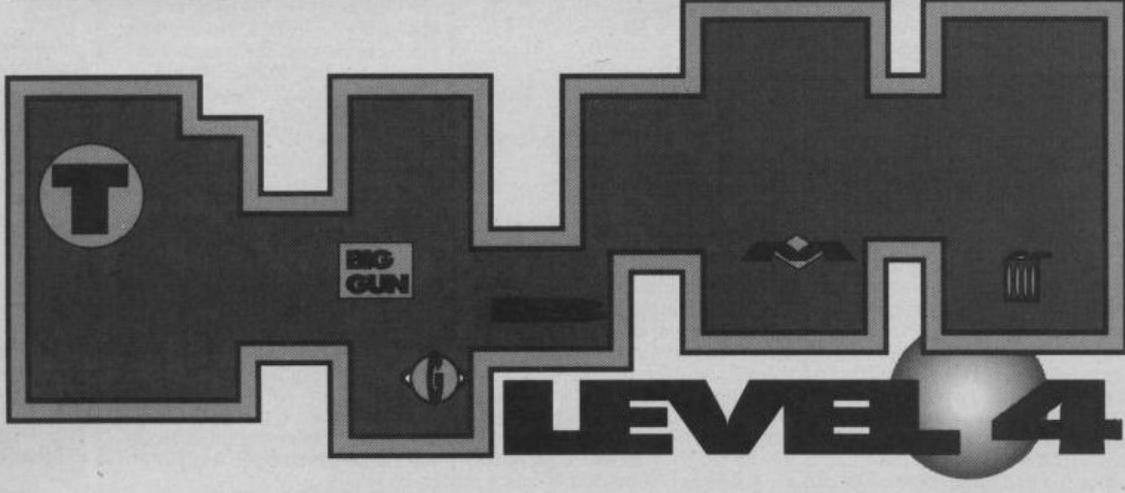
More of this brilliant solution to Hammerfist next issue...ahh the suspense!

DAN DARE



KEY

- BIRD
- TRASH
- KEY
- GUN/AMMO
- TRANSPORTER
- BIG GUN



DAN DARE III

The complete solution to *Dan Dare III* as completed by Daniel Leach of Ilford along with his solution to *Hammerfist*. I printed the store stage solution last issue so here's the continuation with maps from Terry Hill again.

Level 1

Once in level one destroy all aliens in immediate area and go down the tunnel. Follow the corridor, destroying aliens on the way until you reach the end. Situated at the end of the corridor is a lever. Move onto this and press down, it will open a door. Go back, keeping an eye out for baddies and go through the new exit. You'll soon find a way down, do not go down this as you get ambushed when coming back out, but keep going. There is now a narrowed section of the level with four red bad guys bouncing up and down, destroy these and go above and past the gun. Just past the gun is the Mekon and behind him the fuel, first get the fuel by going behind the Mekon then shoot his back (cowards!). When he dies he'll drop the key to level two, take it and go to the telepod. From the telepod go to the store by selecting the store icon and pressing down. Pressing down in the telepod without selecting the store icon takes you to level two. In the store get a full complement of lives and transport to level two.

Level 2

Upon entering level two charge the plasma rifle to full power and walk right but don't fall off the telepod. Two fish will charge at you, destroy them. Charge to full power and loop around to the back of the telepod. Let yourself fall and there will be a tunnel leading down. Take it. At the bottom move left, destroy the three nasties and go down and left. You should now be in a long corridor, follow it slowly as there are loads of aliens in this one. The corridor will open up to a wide tunnel going up. Ignore this and instead, keep moving right into another corridor. At the end of this corridor are about five bad guys, kill them and go up and collect the 10lb of rocket fuel. Go back to the pod. If you are short on lives go to the store and get some more, if not then carry on... From the telepod go right destroying aliens as you go. When you come to the gun firing at you, walk on the floor as it can't get you there. Walk off the platform and fall down, keeping your gun fully charged. Fall down without moving left or right and you will find the Mekon. Destroy him with one big shot and as many small shots as it takes. Get the key and go down. Destroy the bad guy, take the fuel. Jet up-right to the other opening in

the cavern and then go down. At the bottom move left, destroy the two monsters and take the extra ammo. Move left along the corridor and at the end kill the four monsters hopping up and down. Go left into a large cavern and jet along the ceiling to the end. Turn around and fall down, you will just miss the Mekon's barrage of fire. Walk left, tapping fire for small shots so as to keep the Mekon's fire from hitting you and kill the Mekon. Take the key and move right slowly. Destroy the red aliens and go up to take the fuel. Return to the store to fill up on lives, ammo and fuel. Go to level four.

Level 4

Charge up the rifle to full power and move right. Kill all the red aliens and move on. Go over the gun and take the ammo. Move right, but don't move out of the corridor and kill the big bird with small shots. Go right and stand on the column. Shoot the Mekon with big shots and take the key. The key will say RETURN! and when activated and the telepod will take you to the store. Move right, kill the two green aliens and take the fuel. Go back to the telepod and get to the store. Once back in the store go to the computer and select: 5 *BLAST OFF*. This option will work now, as you should have the 50lb of space ship fuel needed.

General Hints

- * When you're not sure what's coming next keep your rifle fully charged.
- * You don't need SMART and BOUNCING BOMBS. They're a waste of money.
- * As soon as you enter the teleport sequence, move left to position in the centre of the screen.
- * Touching the Mekon results in instant death!
- * The guns are invulnerable to everything, you can't blow them up.

CHEATS

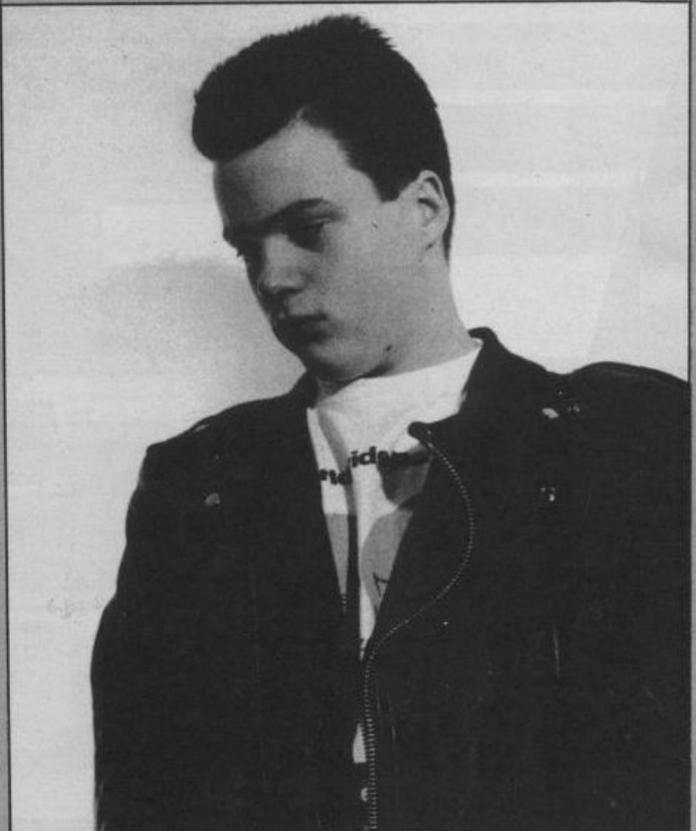
Another handful of fulfilling cheats for you this month. The goody bag this time round includes a rather fetching *Mission Fallout* tippet and a *Shinobi* whopper!

Mission Fallout

On the title screen press BREAK and a speed menu will appear. Select your speed and press fire and another menu will come on screen. This is a hardness menu. Select your hardness and press fire once more to start the game! (Nic Brooks)

Fighting Soccer

Give the opposition a goal kick. The player with the white arrow then moves his arrow to where he wants the goalie to kick the ball (this is usually the top right or left,



dependig on where the kick is being taken from). Position the ball in the best place possible (use your imagination) and hey presto, the goalie will kick the ball in his own net! He probably plays for Ludlow Town!! (Neil Potter)

Shinobi

Redefine your keys as G, R, U, T and S to give your little man the impressive gift of infinite lives! (Geoffrey Dallimore)

Kenny Dagleish Soccer Manager

What you have to do is borrow some money from the bank and spend, spend, spend. When you're almost broke pay any money you have left plus £1.00 back to the bank. You'll find you have minus £9,999,999!! Now buy any player available and play the next match. After the match you'll find that the minus sign has disappeared and you'll have more than nine million pounds in your pocket to buy all the good players. Oh by the way, you can repeat this as often as you like! (The Wiz)

Surface Tension

For all those of you who loved the cover game from the May issue but couldn't get very far, have you tried loading the game using the TAPE LOADER option (on +2, +2A and +3 computers). When the game loads you will be asked if you want to cheat or not! (Captain Pugwash)

Batman - The Movie

On level one, when you come to the spot where three acid drops fall at the same time, duck, the acid drops will now not fall until you climb up a level or throw up your batarang.

(Bet Gilroy)

Jason's Gem

When the game has loaded press W, A and S at the same time until you hear a beep. You will now have infinite lives.

(Alf Roberts)

What do you think of the new trendy pictures of yours truly then? If you say you could see right up my nose last month I'll come round to your house and hit you though: it wasn't my fault the camera man was only three feet tall! Sorry I'm not sizist... much.

My desk is beginning to look much tidier than usual. You can't be sending me enough letters with your tips and cheats to fill it up, so come on and get tipping. Send all your efforts to the usual address...

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A STORY OF SURVIVAL

OR MUMMY, WHERE DO SPECTRUMS COME FROM?

A TWO PART CRASH SPECIAL!

★ Sir Clive Sinclair is fifty this year, and it was ten years ago he launched the first computer branded Sinclair ZX. The ZX80 was followed by the ZX81 and then the ZX Spectrum. Six ZX incarnations later the Speccy is still the favorite! CRASH reveals the story of Britain's most popular computer...

● The SPECTRUM is the best and most famous ZX computer. But it's worth remembering the other computers that Sir Clive Sinclair had a hand in designing before the ZX range was conceived.

By the late 70s Sinclair was running out of road. He'd hit trouble selling calculators and digital watches, and had been trying to make and sell a pocket-sized TV set since the 60s. At last he'd produced one, but it was costly, unreliable and difficult to make.

One plan to raise money for the TV project involved a computer, the NewBrain. Britain's Labour Government bought a large stake in Sinclair's firm, Sinclair Radionics, to try to keep things going — but lost confidence after a while. Radionics was split up and Sinclair left to run a new firm, Science Of Cambridge.

The NewBrain was sold to Newbury Labs, then to Grundy; at one time it was going to be the official BBC micro, but it reached the market too late and didn't catch on.

Over at Science Of Cambridge, Sinclair and an engineer called Chris Curry pooled their experience and invented a horrid wrist calculator, with keys you could press in three

different directions for various functions — a sign of things to come!

CHEAP AND USELESS

● Then they dreamed up a computer system which has never been beaten on price or uselessness — the MK-14. It used an obscure processor called an SC/MP, mainly because the firm that made it offered to design the computer for nothing as long as

Sinclair used its chip.

The MK-14 had a calculator display and keyboard, 0.25K of memory, and no box. Sinclair sold 10,000, and decided that computers were a good way to raise money. Science Of Cambridge changed its name to Sinclair Research. And after moonlighting for a while, Chris Curry left, to set up Acorn Computers.

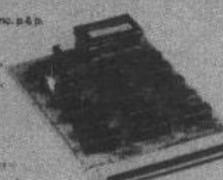
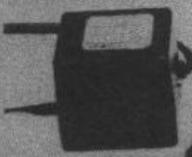
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designed by Jim Westwood and with software by John Grant. The ZX-80 looked very much like a real computer, though it was made of bendy plastic, had no keys and was less than a quarter of the size it appeared in the glossy adverts.

You could program it in BASIC, using a TV display, and save programs on cassette. But lots of improvements were needed. The ZX-80 contained only 1K of memory, and it could only work with whole numbers between -32768 and 32767. Worst of all, the screen went blank when you pressed a key or ran a program!

Still, the ZX-80 was a success, and even spawned a clone — the **CompShop Micro Ace**. A 16K RAM pack — prone to fall off at inconvenient moments — was produced, and various ingenious tricks were used to stop the machine overheating.

ZX-81 SUCCESS

● Within a year the ZX-80 had been redesigned, with a custom chip in it to make copying more difficult, and with a much-improved display that allowed programs to run while the screen display was visible — albeit at about a quarter of the ZX-80's speed. And ZX BASIC was souped up to handle text and floating-point mathematics, though square roots didn't work properly at first.

The result was the ZX-81: a big improvement, launched in March 1981 at a price that undercut the ZX-80 by £30! The cloned Micro Ace disappeared, but Acorn Computers, founded by Sinclair's former colleague Chris Curry, got the BBC contract — the ZX-81 had only a black-and-white

display.

The ZX-80 had been assembled for Sinclair by part-time home workers, but the ZX-81 was obviously going to sell too many for this arrangement to work. So Sinclair did a deal with **Timex**, which owned a big factory in Scotland. In return for building the ZX-81 Timex was allowed to sell it in the USA, paying Sinclair a 5% royalty.

The ZX-81 sold well — as did the US version, the **TMS-1000**, when it popped up in 1982. But Sinclair was still after the BBC contract, and in the summer of 1982 he announced the **ZX Spectrum** — a colour computer aimed at would-be programmers, with 16K or 48K memory. The extra 32K was fitted on an extra board inside the computer, so it couldn't fall off.

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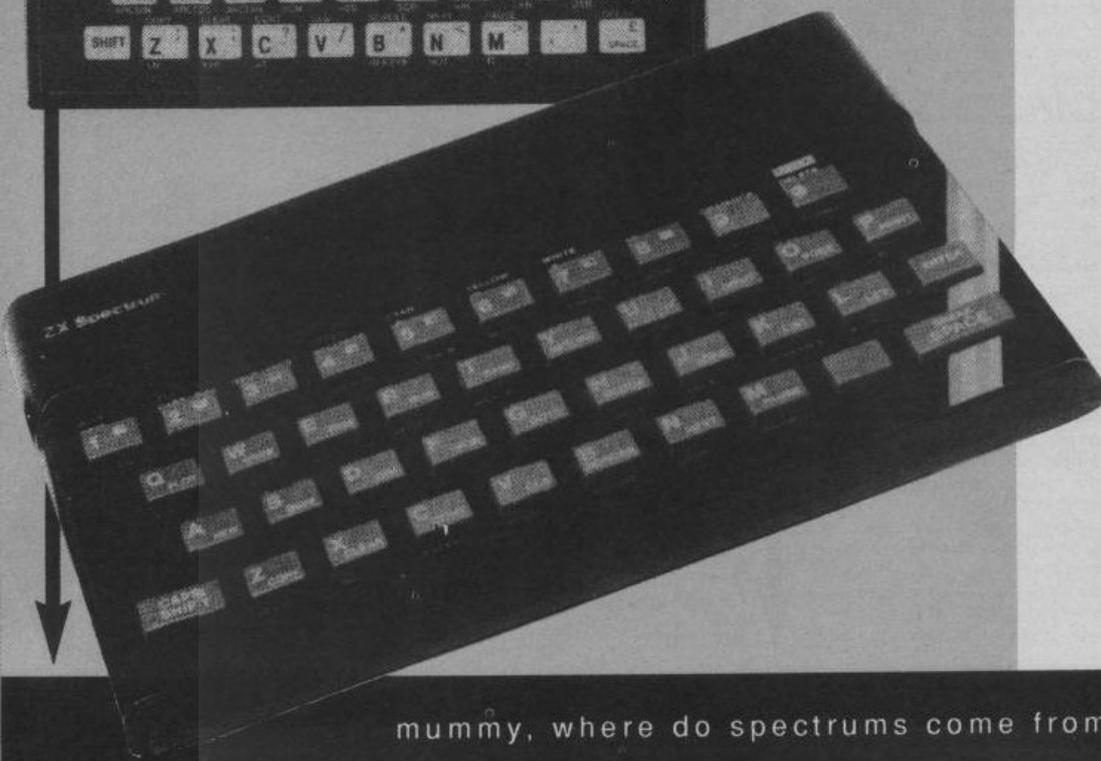
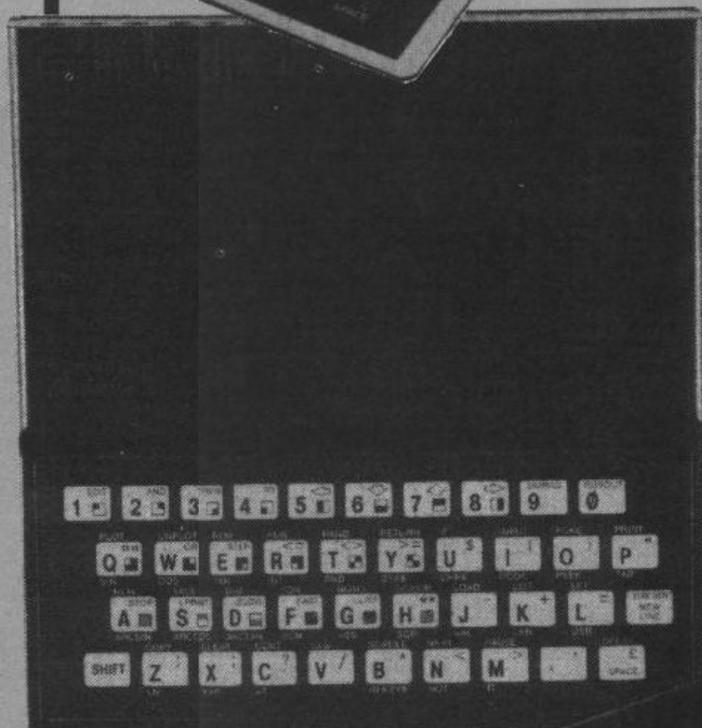
★ 'A last minute bodge was needed to make the keyboard work properly'

★ 'The rubbery Spectrum keyboard was universally hated, so Sinclair tried to develop something better-looking.'

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★ 'On April 7 1986 Amstrad bought the right to make Spectrums, and to kill the QL.'

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ZX-80

£100; 4K ROM, 1K RAM; whole numbers only; very limited black-and-white graphics but basic 32 x 24 screen established. Total sales about 50,000.

MICRO-ACE (clone)

£80; 2K RAM; ZX-80 kit copy

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ZX-81

£70, \$150; 8K ROM, 1K RAM; floating-point maths; slow but continuous black-and-white display. 500,000 sold in the first year

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TIMEX TMS-1000

US\$100; licensed ZX-81 — a big hit for Timex in the USA

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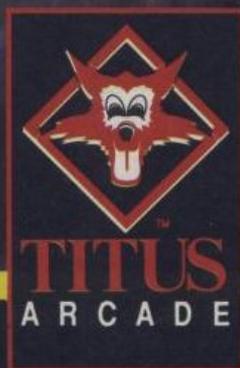
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Midnight Resistance in the arcades is graphically good, but the game type has been seen many times before,

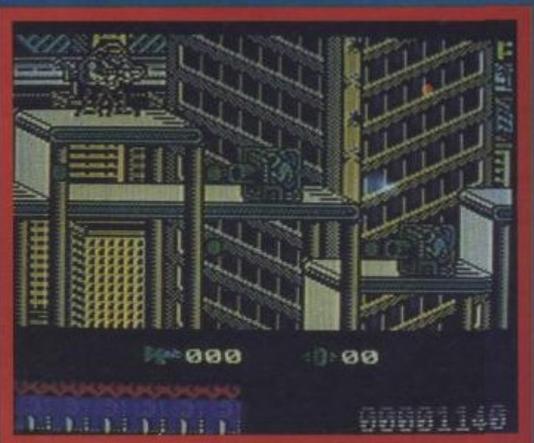
which might lead you to think 'yawn, another shoot-'em-up', but Special FX have come up with the goods: programmed by the guy who brought you *Batman — The Caped Crusader*, *Midnight Resistance* is packed with

blasting mayhem. Graphics are very impressive indeed, all sprites and backgrounds beautifully detailed, and the difficulty level is set just on the right side of frustrating. Highly recommended.

MARK 94%

NICK This guy can certainly hand out some serious aggro, and the game is amazingly addictive. You just have to pick up the joystick to be whisked into the hero's combat boots. Graphically it's great: the main sprites are beefy chaps who stride around as if they mean business (as indeed they do). The armoured vehicles that attack from time to time are tough to crack, and this is why it's imperative to regularly visit the armoury. Seemingly impossible, but this game is more playable than its arcade parent! Brilliant!

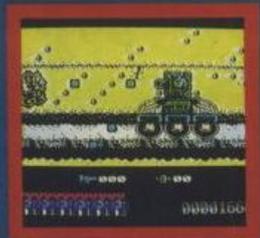
92%



An average coin-op transformed into a brilliant computer shoot-'em-up

PRESENTATION	87%
GRAPHICS	90%
SOUND	80%
PLAYABILITY	90%
ADDICTIVITY	88%
OVERALL	93%

RATING



Ocean/Special FX
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■

Whilst working on a top secret research plan your grandad and five other members of your family are kidnapped by a mysterious alien force. You tough, stubble-jawed mercenary type are the one to rescue them! Leap off the back of a jeep and face nine levels of blasting mayhem. A barren cityscape catches your eye, but not for long because a horde of thugs run at you with murderous intent.



THE CYCLES

Accolade
£9.99/£16.99

Here's a motorcycle racing game on some of most tortuous tracks in the world that all speed merchants will love! Start by setting the options: Practice, Single Race or Championship Circuit. Then set the difficulty level between easy peasy at one end of the scale and 'Aaaagh! Where are the brakes!' at the other. Finally, log in your name and the number of laps you want to race

(1-99). Three bikes are on

these you're up against nine other racers, with the Championship Circuit offering the added fun of slowly clawing your way up the leader table.

Whichever mode you play *The Cycles*, it's fun, and you get tasteful day-glo sunspecs with the game too. In real life I prefer driving a car (though not as suicidally as Nicko) to riding a bike, but unlike Nick I enjoyed playing this game. Okay, it isn't graphically stunning, but I found it playable. Perhaps Nick doesn't like racing games after his car crash.

MARK 85%

NICK *Cycles* is a typical Accolade conversion. They make a fantastic simulation of motorcycles on the 16-bit computers and then attempt to bring the game to 8-bit - unsuccessfully. The packaging is plastered with screen shots of the IBM PC version not the Spectrum — a tad misleading. The graphics consist of patchy coloured cycle handlebars and a monochrome area where the undetailed track trundles by. When racing the odd opponent zooms past too: nothing special visually, and there's no tune, just a motorcycle noise effect.

Playing the game isn't too bad once you master the controls. Hit every corner at correct speed or you go flying off into the grass. Play doesn't seem too difficult though: I got first place every time on the hardest difficulty! A world record I think! *Cycles* is a mediocre simulation of a nail biting sport, not suited to the 8-bit capabilities.

52%

offer: a 125cc wimpo machine, a 250cc butch machine and a 500cc suicide machine no one in their right mind would choose.

It's best to choose Practice mode first, mainly to get used to handling the machine. You can spend most of the time in the first few races on the grass rather than the tarmac. But once a bit of control is gained, tackle Single Race or Championship. In both of

Disappointing simulation for tin legged motorbike racing aficionados

PRESENTATION	70%
GRAPHICS	65%
SOUND	45%
PLAYABILITY	65%
ADDICTIVITY	70%
OVERALL	68%

RATING

WORLD CUP SOCCER '90

Virgin Games
£9.99/£14.99

World Cup Soccer '90 is the only 'official' World Cup soccer game, and thus the only one allowed to sport the little stick man mascot (named Ciao). It's also taken from an arcade coin-op of the same name, though it must be an obscure one 'cos I've never seen it. So, two licences packed into one Speccy game — does quantity equal quality though?

It's your chance to go to the top and grab that coveted gold trophy, though the other teams will obviously put up a fight. First choose a one or two player game, tell the computer whether you own a colour or black and white telly (I kid you not) and pick to play England, Belgium, Italy or Spain. The first qualifying game is played



NICK I'm not a great fan of soccer games as a rule, but I did find *World Cup Soccer 90* quite good fun (until I was knocked out in round two). This is a basic football game: none of the endless options you get with most, just a pitch and a few players to kick the ball up and down.

The graphics have a digitised feel to them, but I don't think they are. The programmers have tried to give them a more realistic look than the stick men or cartoon players of other games. Their colouring is a little sploody at times, especially when the players get together and clash.

One fault I did find is that free kicks, goal kicks, etc are computer controlled leaving you just watching, and the goalie doesn't dive! To save a goal you just position him where you think the opposition are going to boot the ball. A good basic football game.

71%

against the US of A (isn't Gridiron Football the American sport?).

The task is simple: score as many goals as possible in the time allowed (which is what soccer's all about, really — Ed). The player under your control is highlighted by an arrow, a good thing because all your team mates look the same. Control of a player can be switched by pressing the firebutton when not in possession of the ball.

When in position to score a goal the view changes from a side view to behind your player with the goal in front of you. The same sort of view is presented when you're

defending (though you control the goal keeper). If you beat the USA you move onto the next match, and the next until you hold that cup in your hands, or fail miserably as the case may be.

Sprite movement is very nice, but then the backdrop for the main part of the game is green so the computer's little memory chips aren't stretched too far. My two main niggles are the opposing teams' colours, a garish pinky splodge (yuck) and the lack of sound (unless you count the annoying whistle). Still, it's playable, and by no means the worst around.

MARK 70%



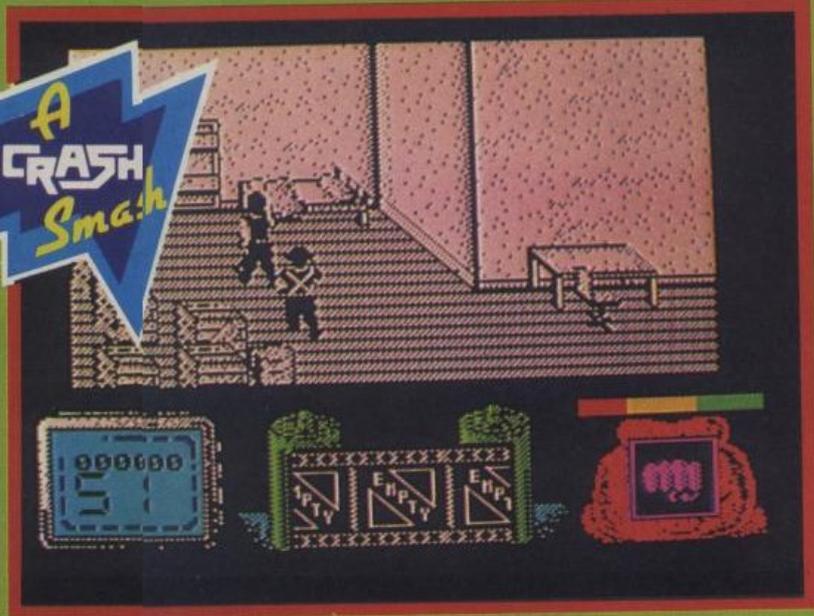
No-messing footy. Good, but lacks triff-making polish

PRESENTATION	74%
GRAPHICS	63%
SOUND	40%
PLAYABILITY	73%
ADDICTIVITY	69%
OVERALL	71%

RATING



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Armed only with your bare fists and a knife, you track the terrorists down to an old warehouse swarming with guards. You have to fight your way through in search of your relatives — and the all-important evidence for the police. As you play additional weapons such as AK-47 Kalashnikov assault rifle, an Uzi machine pistol and grenades can be found.

When this first area has been thoroughly searched you leap into your trusty Ferrari F40 and bomb down the highway. Even here you're attacked by enemy forces, but if you were thoughtful enough to pick up the access card in the warehouse, the F40's weapons systems can be used. Can you save your kin in the hour allotted? Their fate is in your hands... *Vendetta* is an

vendetta

System 3
■ £9.99 ■

You're a lean, mean fighting machine — a mercenary. Your professor brother is developing a secret formula which in the wrong hands could spell the end of the world. Terrorists muscle in:

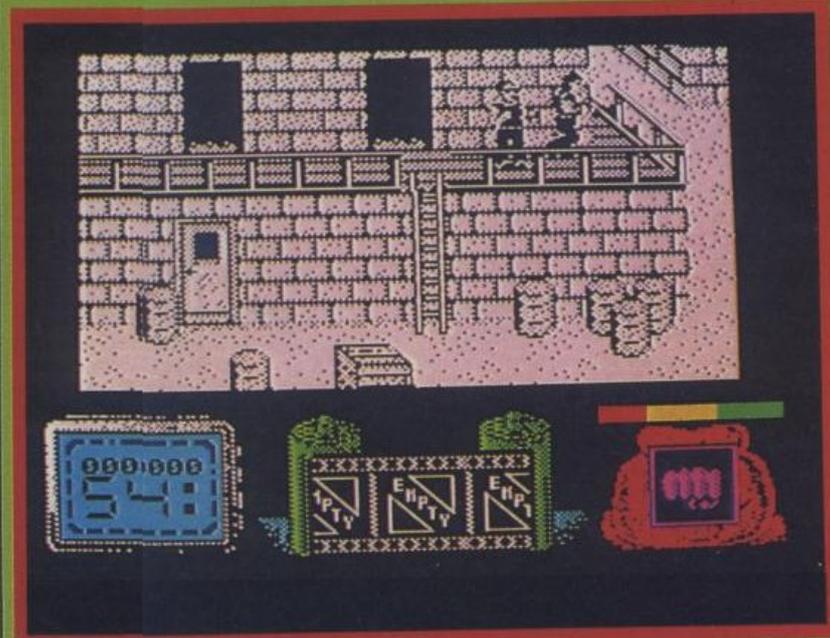
they kidnap the professor and your niece and demand the formula in one hour — else they get it in the neck.

It's time to go into action — this is a personal vendetta. And for some reason the police think you're responsible, so you take a camera along to collect evidence of your innocence.

NICK *Vendetta* is really the cat's whiskers! I haven't enjoyed playing a game so much for ages. You just get so involved in the storyline and examining all the drawers and filing cabinets - great fun. The game is set out like System 3's *Last Ninja II*, where the main character can roam around each 3-D screen and its objects beating up terrorists. Each screen is highly detailed and close examination of every nook and cranny is essential. Certain objects can be immediately opened, others need a bit of persuasion with a crowbar! Just section one would have made a brilliant game.

Vendetta has an added bonus of a great car racing section. You jump into the driver's seat of a flash sports car and drive off in search of all that is evil. It's all a joy to play and, boasting many of the most successful elements a game can have, it should be a smash hit.

91%



arcade/strategy game with few equals. The graphics are superb, the monochrome sprites and backdrops are wonderfully detailed. The action comes thick and fast, and you have to keep your wits about you when searching for clues.

Purchase this game immediately (if not sooner). **MARK 92%**

A brilliant arcade/strategy game. Grab that crowbar and go for it.

PRESENTATION	90%	RATING
GRAPHICS	91%	
SOUND	80%	
PLAYABILITY	92%	
ADDICTIVITY	89%	
OVERALL	91%	

SLY SPY- SECRET AGENT

Ocean
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■

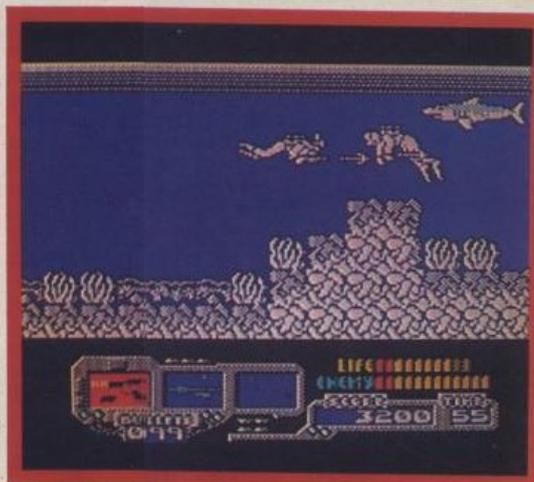
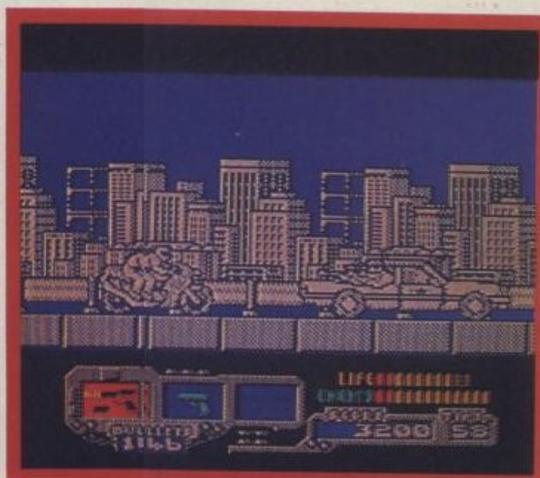
Old wimpo James Bond has nothing on you! As a secret agent you've been in more death defying scrapes than he's had hot dinners. This latest mission is one of your toughest yet: stop the Council For World Domination terrorists running riot.

Action starts with you plummeting down from the heavens, luckily wearing a parachute, but then so are the attacking terrorists. Blast 'em away with your trusty 9mm pistol; ammo is limited but supplies drop from the skies.

At the end of this section your parachute opens (if it doesn't it's panic time), you leap astride a powerful motorbike and roar off in pursuit of one of the CWD's leaders (probably the one with the white cat in the diamond collar). Motorbike riding and jetpacking terrorists threaten life and limb, but again your firepower should win the day. The villain's car is caught and his three heavies gunned down. On the subject of guns, three types are on offer: you start with a pistol, but by picking up a machine gun and the five parts to a golden gun more firepower can be yours.

There are eight levels to battle through, and each one is tougher than the last. Especially the underwater scenes where, with harpoon gun in hand, you brave terrorists and a band of *Jaws* rejects.

Though playable, *Secret*



NICK We haven't had a good old secret agent game for ages. The last playable ones similar to this were the *Saboteur* games. *Sly Spy - Secret Agent* is brilliant. I was hooked from the word go! The game has been well programmed and designed right down to the last byte. All graphics are detailed and well animated, making good use of simply white on blue; however, there's a bit more colour on the screens between levels and the status area. A groovy tune plays in the background as you battle your way through a sky diving shoot out, motor cycle massacre and some dare devil diving. The levels are full of hazards and bonuses that will keep you playing for some time. *Sly Spy - Secret Agent* is set to be one of the best games of 1990. Get your copy today - you won't regret it.

91%

Agent just misses out on greatness, lacking that special something to make it a real hit. Graphically it's very good indeed, with highly detailed sprites and backgrounds; a pleasant tune warbles at the start of the 128K game, though in-game sounds are limited to a few good effects. The levels are pretty short and master blasters may find it a bit easy to complete.

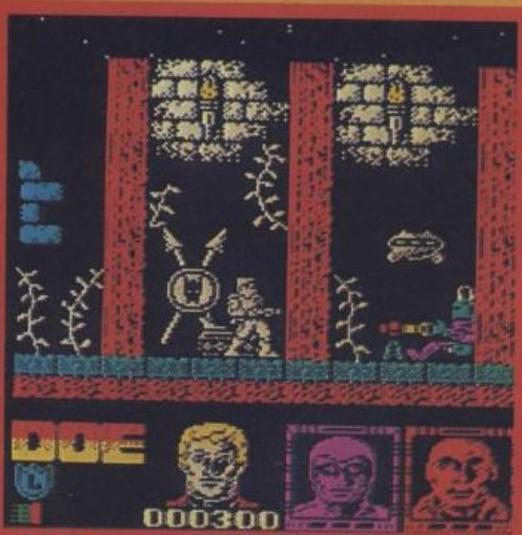
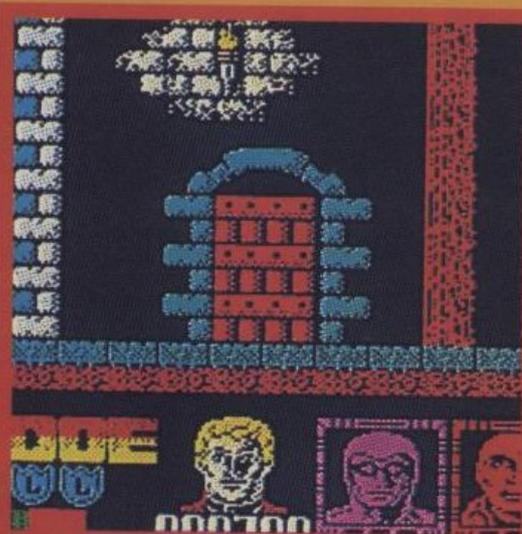
MARK 85%

A thriller for all budding 90s heroes, packed with enjoyable gameplay.

PRESENTATION	85%
GRAPHICS	87%
SOUND	83%
PLAYABILITY	83%
ADDICTIVITY	84%
OVERALL	88%

RATING

DEFENDERS OF THE EARTH



Enigma Variations
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■

Flash Gordon, Mandrake The Magician, Lothar and The Phantom are the square jawed heroes from the golden age of comics now enjoying a revival in the Saturday morning cartoon show. Flash Gordon's old enemy Ming The Merciless is the chief baddie; he's kidnapped the fab four's kids and is holding them in the depths of his fortress. Ming's message is clear: the foursome must stay out of his plans to take over the world. If they don't, the kids die! — Isn't comic strip life simple...

You control gun toting Flash as he attempts to penetrate Ming's fortress against stiff opposition. He is not alone though: a press of the keyboard buttons and his pals come to his aid. Lothar and The Phantom are very useful opening doors, Mandrake can create optical illusions and their cute pet, Zuffy, generally gets in the way.

That's basically it! Guide Flash around the fortress and keep out of trouble! The game's initially very playable and the backdrops are quite colourful, though for the main part the sprites are monochrome. *Defenders Of The Earth* may appeal to fans of the cartoon series.

MARK 70%

NICK Graphics are really good with plenty of colour splashed about, and some of the screen effects are excellent too — with multi-coloured writing filling up the Spectrum's border. Add good tunes and effects — and you end up with a game which is fun for a few goes but soon wears thin with the lack of things to do. All your time is spent blasting away the same monsters each go and following the same paths. Little brain work is involved, except at the start when you have to choose which doors to get your mates to open for you, but after the first go you know exactly what to, killing all fun. *Defenders Of The Earth* will keep fans of the cartoon happy awhile, but they'll soon be looking elsewhere for more playability.

83%

An blasting romp for fans of the TV series — with only short term playability.

PRESENTATION	80%
GRAPHICS	75%
SOUND	80%
PLAYABILITY	76%
ADDICTIVITY	74%
OVERALL	76%

RATING



DELIVERANCE- stormlord II

Hewson
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■

Fairies are no end of trouble! Especially for the returning hero Stormlord. This time the winged beauties have been kidnapped by the followers of the wicked Black Queen: underground you go

NICK Will Raff Cecco ever rest on his laurels? I certainly hope not if he keeps producing games like this! His *Cyberoid* games were beyond belief, and now *Stormlord* looks set to carry on the tradition. *Deliverance* is an action packed game, full of exciting graphics and plenty of colour — and it's tough! *Stormlord* was a piece of cake in comparison. The tunes and sound effects that accompany the action are equally impressive. Another masterpiece of programming from Raff Cecco and Hewson which should keep you playing for ages!

89%



to complete your rescue mission — right down into Hell (brrrrr). It's not a very nice place, with plenty of the Black Queen's minions to keep you occupied. Acid droplets, bouncing eggs, green trolls who hop around, zombies and vampires are just some of the vile creatures you face.

Whether it's a good omen or bad, a variety of weapons can be picked up: they belonged to other explorers who never escaped. Some are more powerful than others, it's up to you to discover their advantages and disadvantages as mistakes could cost you a life. Occasionally Stormlord is put into a bonus level where fairies drop him gold coins which add up to an extra life for every ten.

Another interesting feature is your ability to tame a wild dragon.

This happens when you prevent her eggs from striking the ground. With the green 'n' scaley mama on your side, your mobility and firepower increases.

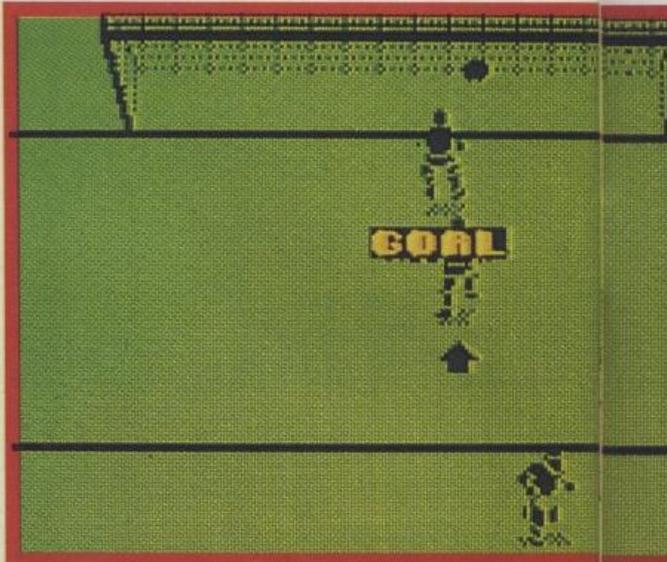
The first thing that strikes you in *Deliverance* is the size of the character sprite — either Stormlord has been stretched on a rack or programmer Raff Cecco has seen fit to improve his stature (methinks it's the latter — Ed). The second is just how much tougher this is than its predecessor. It took me a long time to get off even the first couple of screens. The main culprits are the enemy forces — much too vicious too early in the game. I feel a lot of people may not persevere with this for that reason. Which is a shame because it really is rather good, once a bit of practice has been put in.

MARK 80%

Stormlord returns — action packed, but tough

PRESENTATION	85%
GRAPHICS	85%
SOUND	82%
PLAYABILITY	83%
ADDICTIVITY	84%
OVERALL	85%

RATING



ITALY 1990

US Gold/Tiertex
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■

The World Cup reigns supreme! *Italy 1990* is US Gold's entry into the footy stakes, and

not bad either.

First move is to set playing options: choose keyboard or joystick, then pick a one or two player friendly match as a warm up, set the playing time or enter the big event itself. Next choose the

RICHARD It's as if there are more World Cup games around at the moment than the footy teams in the actual championship itself! Good news is that *Italy 1990* is a well-deserved qualifier. Wade through all the options at the start and you're in a decent footy match. The action is certainly fast — the player sprites are a decent size and bomb around the pitch. They're well animated too — you could get out of breath just watching them! One niggle is that when the opposition boot the ball way down the pitch you never know where your players are — you have to wait until one appears within the playing area. The on-screen presentation is superb; the option program, though taking up one whole side of the tape, is easy to use and graphically very detailed. This is a smart product — a neat game and a brilliant 68 page booklet which brings the atmosphere of the season into your home!

82%



ESCAPE FROM THE PLANET OF THE ROBOT MONSTERS



country you wish to represent and go play ball.

The players are seen from a bird's-eye perspective, but their bodies are in view. The player under control is denoted by an arrow, this changes only when another player is deemed by the computer to be nearer the ball than the current one, or you hoof the ball to another player. The power of the shot is determined by how long the fire button is held down, coupled with the players' individual strength. When they arise, throw-ins, penalties, corner kicks and goal kicks add to the fun factor. Though the referee's ability to hand out yellow and red cards is a bit frustrating if you foul like crazy.

Italy 1990 is nicely packaged with background info on the history of the World Cup and a real chance to win tickets to the big match. The graphics aren't exactly stunning, but it's fun to play, and that's all that really matters..

Mark 78%

Highly enjoyable footy romp with loads of atmosphere — bootiful

PRESENTATION	84%
GRAPHICS	75%
SOUND	55%
PLAYABILITY	76%
ADDICTIVITY	76%
OVERALL	80%

RATING

Tengen/Domark
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■

Planet X is a peaceful place, until from outer space the evil Reptilons arrive.

They force the Earth scientists stationed there to create huge war robots to be used to destroy Earth. Enter the heroes of the game — two members of an interplanetary SWAT team attempt a four pronged mission: rescue the hostages, destroy the robots, destroy the Reptilons and finally rescue the lovely Professor Sarah Bellum (Sarah Bellum? Ho ho).

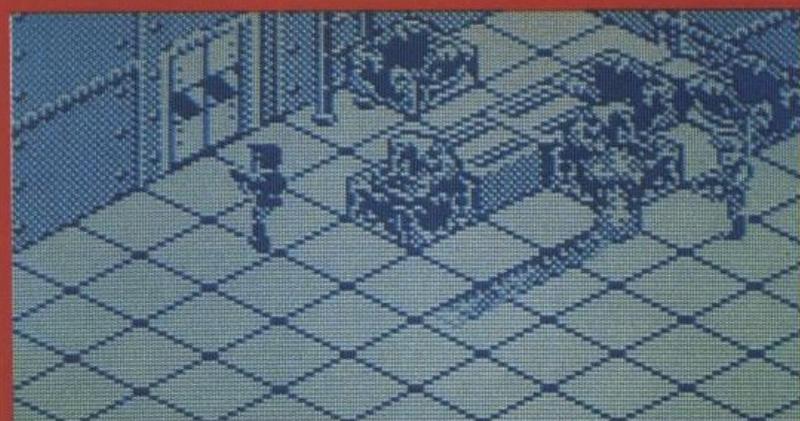
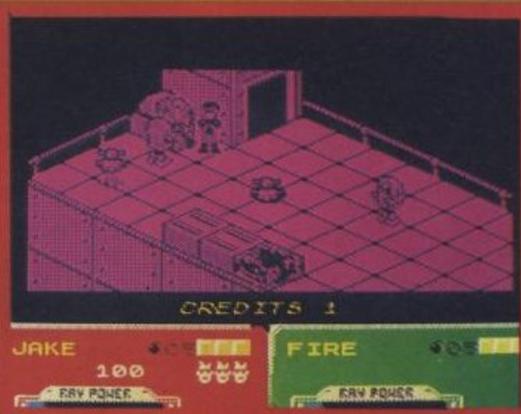
Take your pick of Jake or Duke and go for it! The planet is split into factories, and each one is split into levels. Each level is reached by either a ladder or by activating an escalator. Your first concern is to rescue the hostages, these are bikini clad females, so you don't feel too bad about being thrown into the middle of the fray. Of course, the enemy forces are going to attack you, but with your ray gun and smart bombs killing the myriad robots is a cinch. Each time you're hit your energy goes down: raid the lockers which contain food

and bombs. Ray power can be boosted by collecting the crystals dropped by robots.

The Reptilons take all your skill (and a good chunk of luck) to defeat. Can you do it? Play and find out 'cos it

really is worth the effort. The sprites are monochrome, but they contain many of the arcade version's humorous touches. The best being the way your character clings to the side of the platform if he

falls over. One slight niggle is the low number of playing credits: two aren't really enough to get you very far in the first few games (especially with two players). Despite that, this game (I



NICK This is just like stepping into a cartoon strip! There is a set of full colour pictures that tell the story at the beginning of the game, setting the atmosphere perfectly. The game itself is action packed with robots attacking and unexpected things happening on each screen.

The main moan I have with *EFTPOTRM* is the control method. As the game is in 3-D, the programmers have chosen a method where you can swivel left and right on the spot and go forwards. This is highly confusing at first: it takes some mastering, believe me!

Graphics are small but full of animation and detail. You have to keep your eyes peeled all the time or things like spikes shooting out of walls and the floor swallowing you up will catch you out. The two player option gives even more excitement with both players battling it out together.

EFTPOTRM is a must. If you are anything like me (a nutter) you'll enjoy every minute of it.

90%

refuse to repeat the title 'cause I'll run out of breath) is fun to play; in fact it's a birrova Smash!

MARK 90%

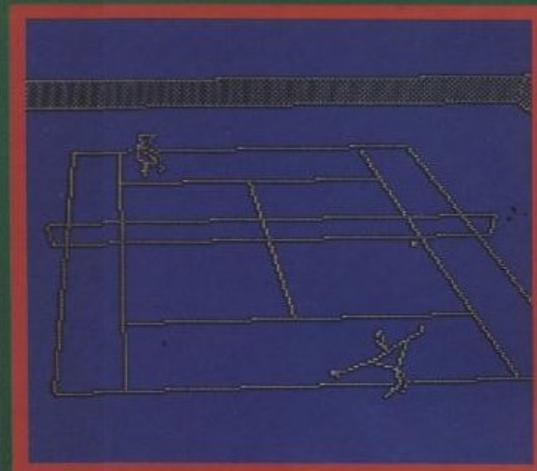
Forget the silly title — just play, play, play!

PRESENTATION	88%
GRAPHICS	88%
SOUND	81%
PLAYABILITY	90%
ADDICTIVITY	86%
OVERALL	90%

RATING

international 3D TENNIS

Pacific
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■



The great English sporting event of the year, Wimbledon with strawbs 'n cream, is upon us. As with footy games, a spate of tennis releases are here: *International 3D Tennis* from Palace is the latest.

The time-honoured option screen starts you off. Choose a one or two player game (single matches), or for greater challenge either Tournament or Season mode, plus four skill levels: Novice, Semi-Pro, Pro and Ace.

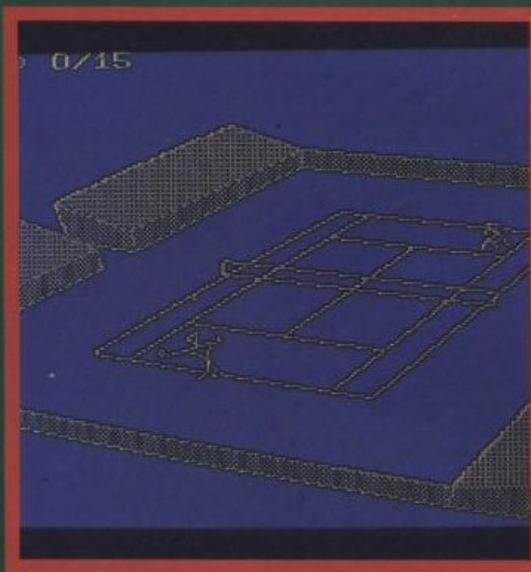
The difficulty levels greatly affect how the game is played. Many games are frustrating because you can't move fast enough to hit the ball. On Novice level, you don't have to run at all! The computer moves you into

position whilst a flashing block tells you when to press the fire button, all you do is decide the power of the shot etc. Whichever option you choose, the game content remains the same: two stick figures stride out onto the court and whack a small yellow ball over a net.

In Tournament or Season mode your progress depends on how much dosh you win. If you're knocked out of a match early you only gain a few thousand dollars. If you survive you could be a millionaire and up with the likes of Becker and Lendl before you know it.

The game kicks off with a nice title tune (in 128k mode) and the choice of options is impressive. But the sprites are very basic, small stick men indeed — once you get used to that it's the playability and accuracy of *International 3-D Tennis* that makes it a real and impressive simulation. Even after Wimbledon you'll be back to play again!

MARK 80%



A smart simulator, lacking thrill power to make it smashing

PRESENTATION	80%
GRAPHICS	73%
SOUND	79%
PLAYABILITY	77%
ADDICTIVITY	86%

OVERALL 78%

RATING

76%

Scetlander
■ £9.99/£14.99 ■

Oh dear. You're not going to like this. *Hooray For Henrietta* is an educational game. Oh dear. Sorry, but it features no aliens, no laser death cannon or anything like that. This is all about maths, sums, adding-up, taking-away, y'know the stuff. If you're over 12 years old, it's okay, you're excused; but for 5-12 year olds — tough! You're going to learn a bit more about addition, subtracting, multiplication and division (the very words that strike terror into my heart).

But wait, what's this? It's not boring? No, not at all. What makes *Hooray For Henrietta* the fun story behind the game and the consequences if you can't solve the sums. It's like the *Sesame Street* way of learning — give 'em something to laugh about and they'll forget it's homework (Fat chance — Ed)!

The story's this: Hopeless Henry is due to be married to Henrietta, but the mischievous bird John The Parrot is out to cause trouble. John has stolen Henry's coat, hat, trousers and boots and kidnapped Henry. To make matters worse, if you can't rescue Henry in time, John drops him into a vat of cold custard! Ugh.

Hooray For Henrietta comes with two standards of play — one for 5-8 year olds, and one for 9-12 year olds, both are essentially the same except for the level of difficulty in the questions. Both versions have eight different levels ranging from easy to hard. Each mathematical skill has its own mini-game. If you answer enough questions correctly within the time limit Henrietta gets to save



Henry, if not John drops the custard. Get through all sections correctly and the marriage can go ahead. Doncha just lurve happy endings?

Succeeding on all levels, *Hooray For Henrietta* achieves a perfect balance of learning and having fun. With a little bit of adult help even the very young should have no difficulty handling the program: all the user does is type in the numeric answers and the program does the rest. The pack comes complete with a John The Parrot badge, a guide to the program for parents and basic instructions and story card. The graphics are basic, but are a welcome addition, brightening up a usually hated subject.

RICHARD

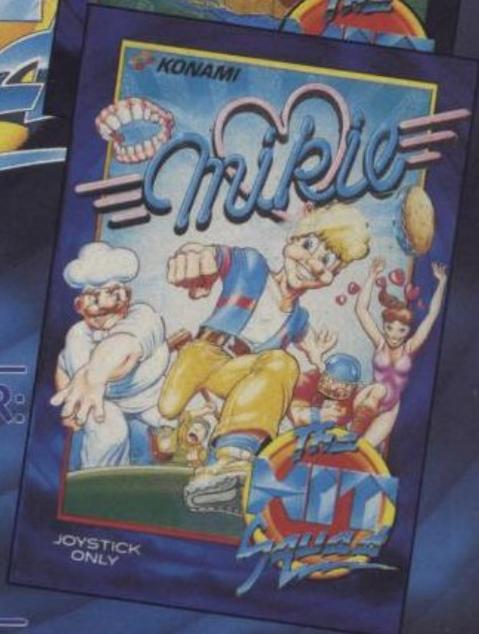
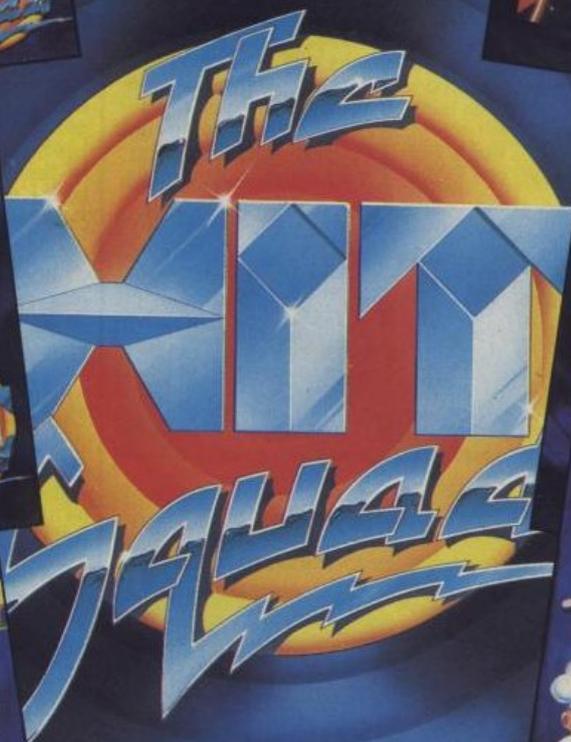
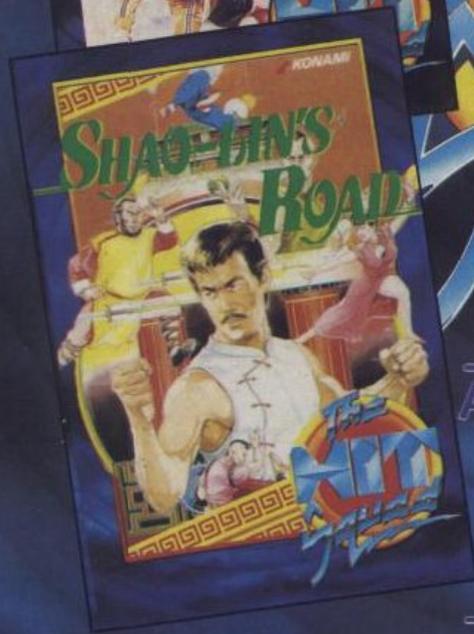
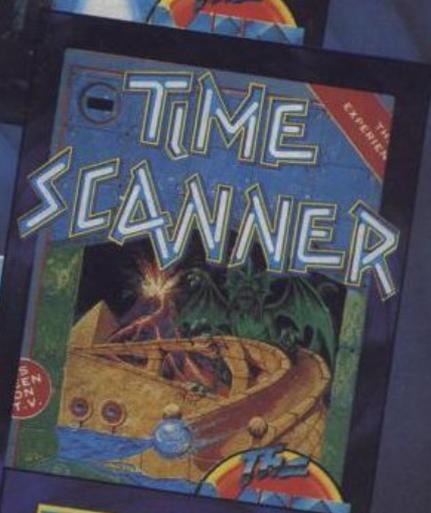
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NICK A very sporty month! I've been playing football all morning and now a relaxing game of tennis. *International 3-D Tennis* is... different, like tennis in *Freescape*, the programming method used in *Driller* and *Castle Master*. The players look a bit odd — they have triangular heads, bodies made from lines and sway from side to side all the time. The court is also drawn in lines, which can make things difficult to decipher at times. The audio side is really good with tunes galore including a groovy rendition of the TV tennis theme! This is more of a novelty game than one you really get into. I prefer having players look like the real thing! But if you're after a real tennis simulator, this is the best to get!

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YOGI'S GREAT ESCAPE

Hi-Tec Software
■ £2.99 ■

I'm smarter than the average bear! Well you'd have to be to survive in this new cartoon adventure from Hi-Tec. You take the role of good ol' Yogi Bear who's trying to escape from Jellystone Park. The park is to be closed down and all the animals moved to the zoo, so Yogi decides to run away — no more picnic basket nabbing for Yogi!

Different platforms, moving floors and other obstacles must be negotiated by our lovable bear. You have to keep Yogi on his toes too. If you slow down, the Ranger will catch up with him, and off he goes to the zoo.

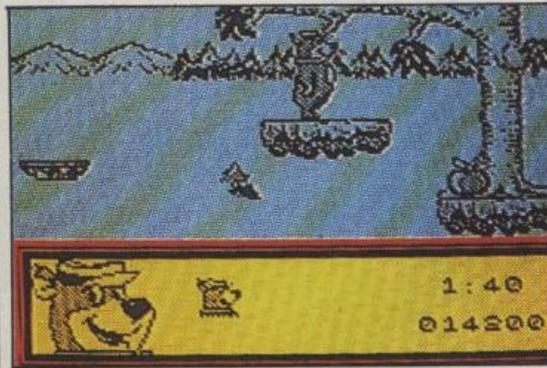
There are six levels in all, starting with Jellystone Park going through to the Fun Fair and New York

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City, each with its own detailed backdrops and sprites — new nasties are out to get you on each one too. The trouble with the game being in monochrome is that some times you can't see where

things like snakes are hiding.

As well as escaping from the park you have to collect six parts of Yogi's car, six bags of money and six cowboy hats to get an extra super-doooper bonus.



Yogi's Great Escape is a fun, addictive game. Take control of one of your favourite cartoon characters and have a great time. I can't wait to see the other games in the Hi-Tec/Hanna Barbera series, like Hong Kong Phooey!

Overall 79%

FUTURE BIKE SIMULATOR

Hi-Tec Software
■ £2.99 ■

I seem to remember playing something like this in an arcade years ago...ah sweet memories! This computer version is a bit more basic and doesn't have the fun and excitement you get from



racing through a digitized landscape with crowds of people watching you!

As you may have guessed, it's set in the future. All the world's governments have banned the motorcycle as we know it today. Someone who didn't really like this decision was Finnius M Houlder, a multi-billionaire who has a love for two-wheeled speed machines. He set to work on an alternative that could get around the laws: the result was Future Bike!

The bikes are well drawn and speed along at a convincing high speed. The borders supposed to represent things like cities, deserts and rapids are a different story. They are very bitty with the same sprite repeated over and over again. The action is a bit too fast really and you can't control the speed of the bike, only the directions left, right, up and down. Collecting money on the speed track levels gets you into the shop where extra weapons and add-ons can be bought.

Future Bike Simulator is a simple race game, good fun but I doubt it will keep you hooked for long.

Overall 68%

LITTLE PUFF IN DRAGON LAND

Cartoon Time
■ £2.99 ■

Poor Little Puff. He went to explore the wonders of colourful Dragon Land and got himself lost! He wouldn't mind but he's hungry too! Life is really tough. Being nowt but a little dragon, Puff isn't fierce enough to catch himself something to eat, so he needs help. This is where you come in: guide Little Puff back home so he can have his tea. To do this, four pieces of a special pass must be collected and a toll paid to a nasty dragon who guards the gate to his town.

Cartoon Time (a CodeMasters label) has published heaps of cute games, and Little Puff is a



perfect example. Cuddly cartoon characters, excellent animation and a fun story line make a gem of a game. Every screen holds new puzzles and traps for poor Puff to fall into. In Dragon Land



hordes of nasty creatures like bees, worms and spiders would like nothing more than to eat sugared Puffs for breakfast!

The graphics are big and colourful with detailed backgrounds and lots of variety. The puzzles are set at just the right difficulty, as long as you don't use the complete map and solution printed last issue!

Playing it takes me back to my days of saving up my pennies and buying a game from CRASH mail order. Good arcade adventure games like this used to be seen everywhere. Now they've become more scarce. That's why when a game like this comes along you just have to get it. Excellent and full of nostril burning fun.

Overall 92%

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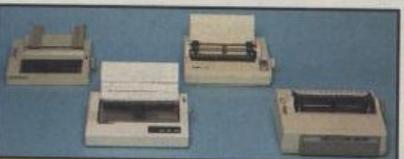
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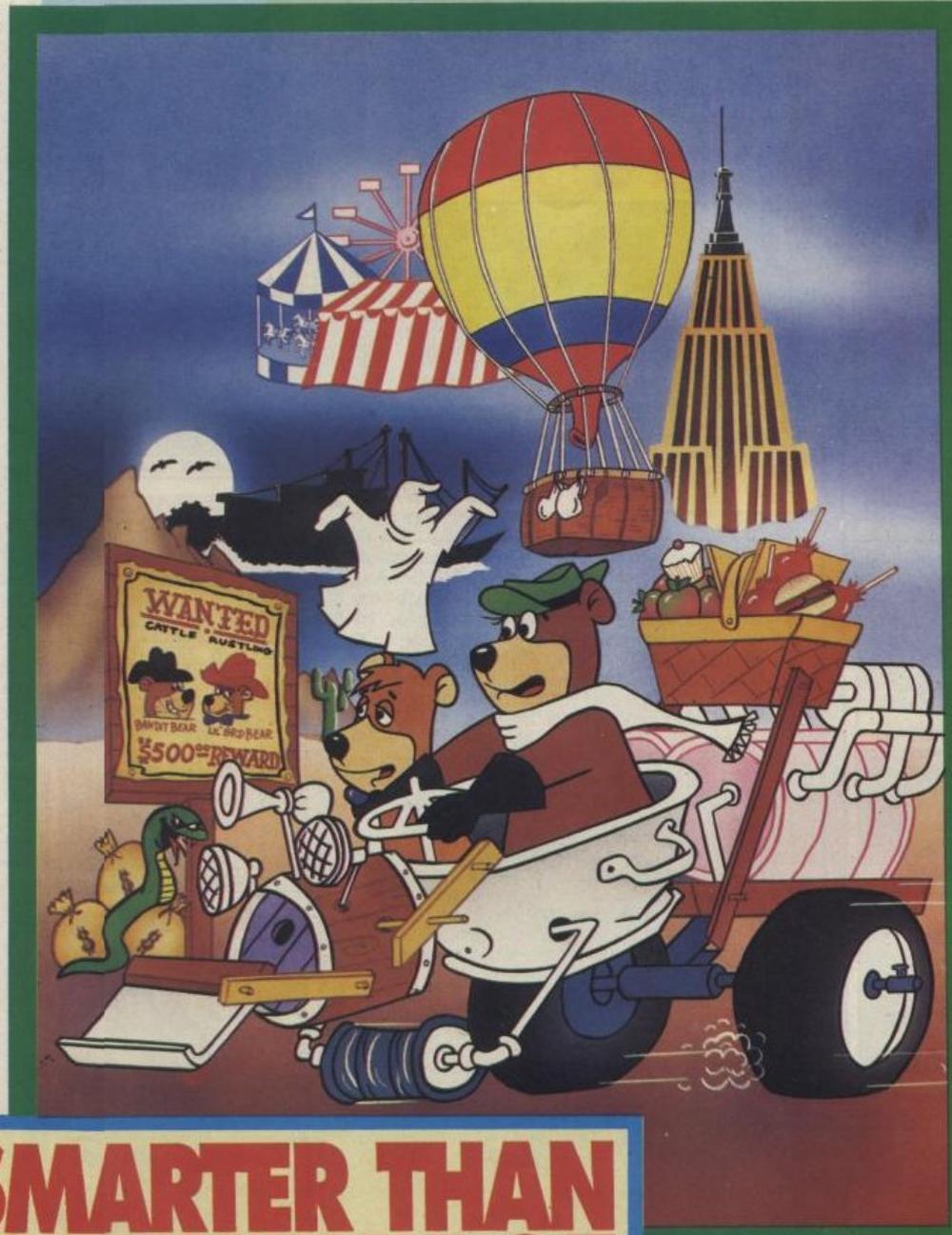
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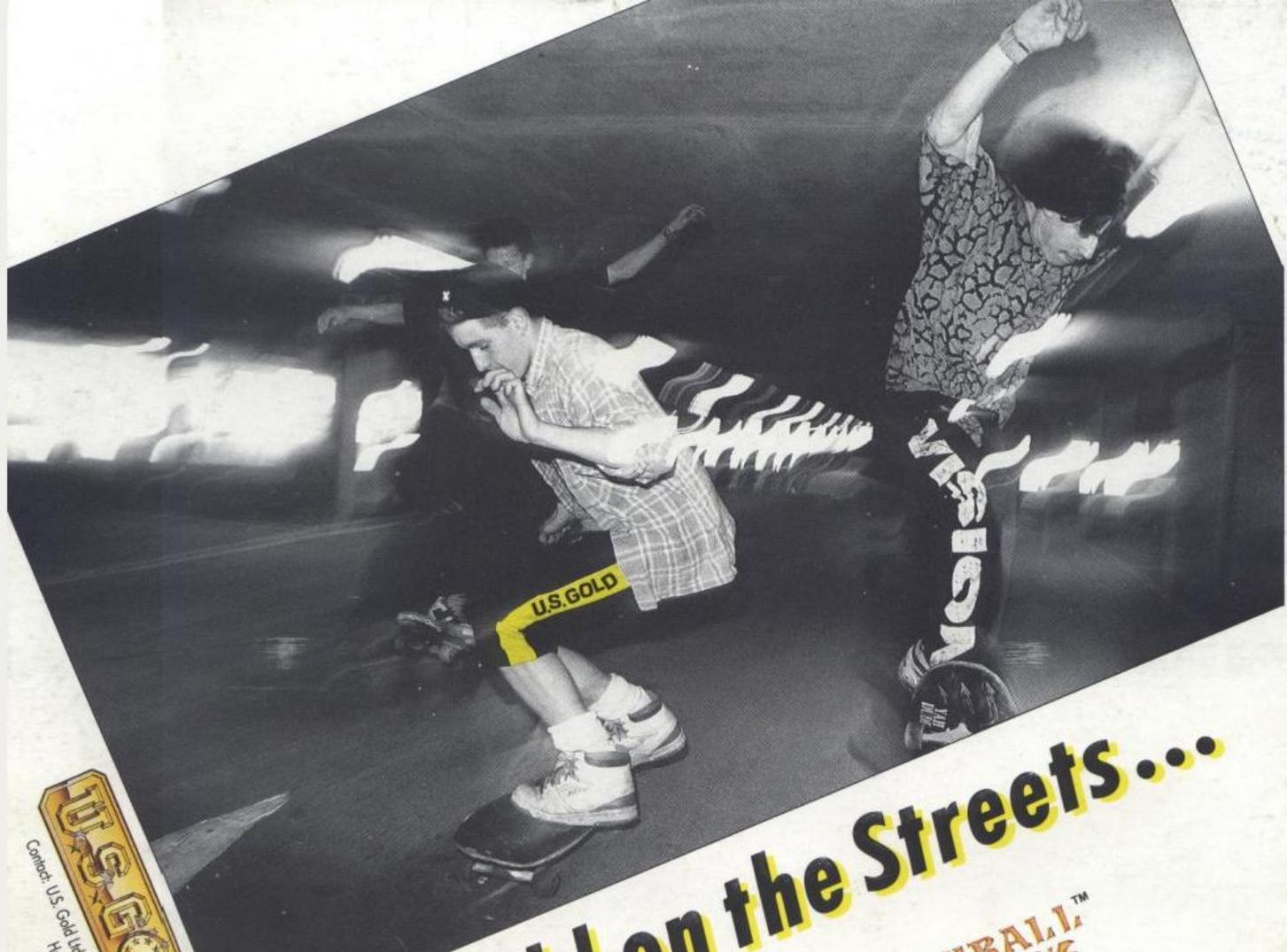
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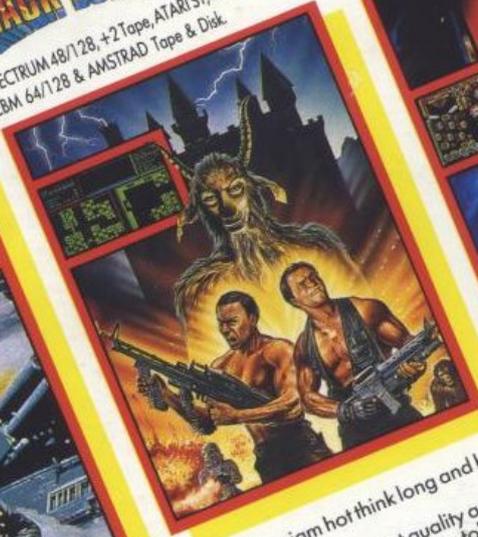
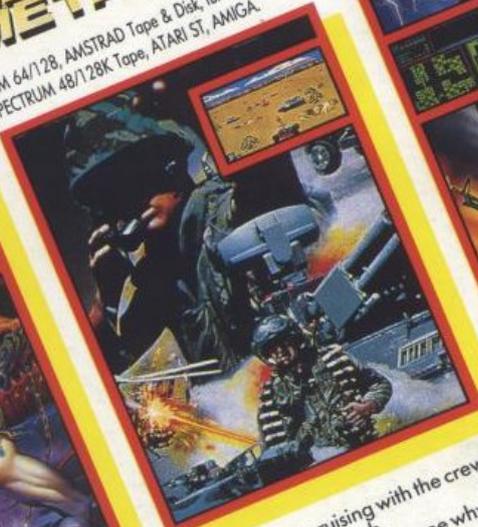
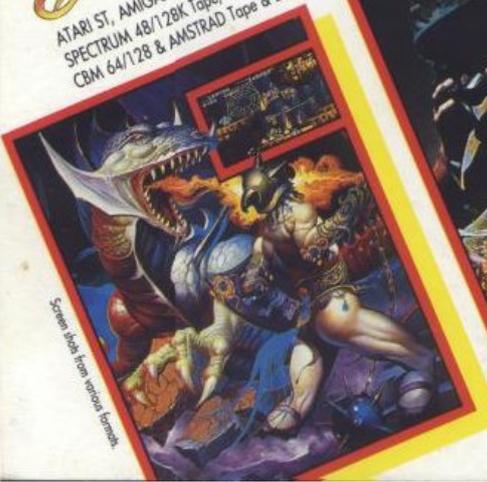
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