Escape From L.A.

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64 MAGAZINE REPORTS

It's hot, sweaty and 6,000 miles away from home but each year we make the trek to Los Angeles to talk to people who live only a few miles up the road from the 64 MAGAZINE offices! Yes, like it or not, it's E3 time again. We travelled 'across the pond' to report back on the hottest Nintendo games ever seen!

E3 MAIN GAMES

LIVE FROM E3!

Mickey's Speedway USA Nintendo

The story for this game goes something along the lines of this: the weasels have stolen Pluto's diamond necklace and it's up to you to get it back! Quite frankly though - who cares? It's a Disney karting game from Rare so if that doesn't get you excited then nothing will! Surely Mario Kart can feel the impending doom as Mickey's Speedway USA rounds the corner.

As the title suggests this game is set in the good old United States of America. Of the five grand prix circuits on offer in the game each one is set in a different part of the US, for example, one of the tracks takes in the Grand Canyon. Like Mario Kart and Diddy Kong

Racing the emphasis in this game is very much on having fun. The courses are littered with power ups and yes, you will be able to scupper your mates with projectile weapons in a four-player bout! Mickey's Speedway USA isn't due out over here until November but it's definitely going to be worth the wait.

First Impression

Another Rare classic? Well kind of... but the one thing that hits you in the face as soon as you start playing is that this is basically Diddy Kong Racing with different graphics and a few tweaks. Having said that it's also fast, fun and a good challenge. We jumped straight in at the start racing as good old Mickey Mouse himself. The Disney graphics and sound effects really boost what is already a very playable game and take it

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to another level. If you're a cartoon racing game fan - it doesn't come much better than this - start getting excited now! Anticipation Rating: ***

Indiana Jones and The Infernal Machin Lucasarts



Based on the hit PC game of the same name this could be just what the N64 has been waiting for - its very own version of Tomb Raider! Admittedly, Indiana Jones has a little more stubble than Lara Croft but he was the first person to glamorise a profession that mainly involves shovelling dirt!

However, this game is a little more complicated than just digging up lost artefacts. Playing as Indy you learn that the Soviets have discovered information about an ancient machine that can open



the door to a parallel dimension known as the Aetherium. Thus, Indy being the hero that he is, sets out on his biggest adventure yet. He must go around the world to find all the parts to the machine before the Soviets can.

This action adventure game takes you to the ancient ruins of Babylon, into the bowels of Teotihaucan Aztec temples and across the mountains of Kazakstan! On the way you partake in some white water rafting and even a bit of off-road jeep racing. Oh and this wouldn't be an



The big games at E3 that were just so huge re couldn't fit them on these pages! Look Isewhere in this issue for 64 sights on:



Nintendo

This secret Rare roject was unvei game literally left ople dumbstruck!



Conker's Bad Fur Day Nintendo Shocking all that saw

it with its bad language and violence, Bad Fur Day is definitely for the adult N64 audience! Page: 18



Eternal Darkness Nintendo

Once thought a dying game, this horror adventure managed to amaze and delight eager onlookers. Page: 19



Star Wars Episode One: Battle For Lucasarts At last Stor Wo the N64 again, it's

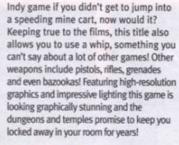
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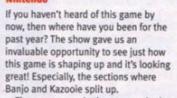
First Impressions

One of the most impressive games on the Nintendo stand at E3, Indiana Jones was a joy to play. It does have a very Tomb Raider-esque feel with the lead character viewed from behind as he runs, jumps, searches, shoots and drives through the adventure. When you think about it things have come full circle – Tomb Raider was an Indiana Jones rip-off to start with!

A favourite section of ours was the jeep driving. The controls are tricky to start with, but once you get used to them it's really enjoyable, whizzing over rickety bridges and running over the bad guys. It looks like LucasArts have another winner on their hands!

Anticipation Rating: *****





The moves remain the same as in the first game when they're together but apart it's a whole different ball game! Banjo without Kazooie can use his now empty backpack as a weapon or as an air storage device for underwater exploration! Kazooie without Banjo on



the other hand becomes an aerial master who could put the Red Arrows to shame!

There's no word yet on how this game will interact with the original Banjo Kazooie but the word on the show floor was that it is likely to involve 'hot swapping' the carts! This would involve taking one cart out and replacing it with another mid-game! Banjo Tooie is due out over here in October.

First Impressions

More of the same – nuff said! We don't know what you were all expecting from Banjo-Tooie, but it really is just a remixed version of the original Banjo-Kazooie game. This was really to be expected though – especially as the new game is supposed to interact with the original title.

The similarity isn't a bad thing though
– because you've got loads of new
puzzles to sort out and terrain to
explore. This is a 'must have' game!
Anticipation Rating: ****

Mario Tennis

Last year's E3 showed the world Mario Golf, this time Mario's taken to the court and swapped his club for a racked Just like Mario Golf this game has realistic physics mixed with explosive action. As well as all the usual lobs and serves you can play some power shots to strike fear into your opponents. The earlier you get to where the ball is going to land the more power you can put hito your shots!

Most consical of all though is the Bowser court which is suspended on chains above a flery pit! As well as a moving court you have to contend with Koope shells and other such nastiness being thrown at you. Full of multiplayer and solo fun this game is

First Impressions

Stick Mario into any game and watch it self!
That's Mintendo's motto—and they're sticking to it! Underneath all the snazzy graphics and animation this came across as an average templs game in the same mould as Super Smeah Rennis from the old Super Hintendo days, only with Mario and his pals thrown in for good measure. There are lots of quicky things going on to splot the game up a bit and the dynamic camera angles as the character serve, lunge and run about really do add an element of excitement, but at the end of the day... It's only tennis!

Anticipation Rating: **



Resident Evil Zero Capcom

We brought you an exclusive preview on this game a while back but this prequel to the famous horror series was looking better than ever at E3. Set before the very first game on the PlayStation, Resident Evil Zero gives an insight into the background surrounding the whole Raccoon City incident. Investigating a train crash, you play Rebecca, who originally featured as a STARS team rookie in the first game!

An amazing new feature that surfaced at E3 is a real-time zap system! A first for the Resident Evil games this allows you to switch between the two main characters at any point during gameplay. This should heighten the suspense no end on the game that is promising to be the most difficult and most terrifying Resident Evil game to date.

First Impressions

Wow, this game certainly looks good! In fact we would go so far as to say it's one of the most, if not the most, impressive Resident Evil game ever! We all know the gameplay involved, it's the quality of the graphics and the ingenious new features like the real-time zap that will really boost this version. We can't wait for the completed game to arrive! Anticipation Rating: *****





FEATURE



Turok 3: The Shadow Of Oblivion

If you didn't buy our last issue with a mammoth feature on this game then you won't know that it's bigger and better than ever before. This latest timetravelling installment has got more blood, more enemies and more weapons than Turok 2 even dreamed off One thing it hasn't got though is joshua Fireseed. Instead, taking his place for this game you have other family members Danielle and losses. Other new additions to the game include apgradable weapons, realtime out source with speech and field animation and more frequent game speec. This being a Wank game you also get loads of opportunities for litting your mates. In addition to the classic games such as Monkey Tag you now get Golden Arrow, Calear Tag, Neureal Of War and Waspon Master multiplayer gamed Look out for more on this one soon.

First Impressions Fan-Rippin'-tastici We'd already played the E3 build looked even better. The tack of many disosaurs doesn't detract at all from the gameplay and the range of other enemies more than make up for this anyway. As we stated in the feature last issue this game is very reminiscent of Holf Life on the PC and as such it's tremendously atmospheric. The time travel element seems to work really well and we've positively salivating at the thought of finished code arriving in just a few months!







Mario Story

Shown as Paper Mario at the show, this game has already been retitled Mario Story for its Japan release. The RPG adventure kicks off after Mario receives an invite to a party at Mushroom Castle. The original name of Paper Mario comes from the fact that all of the well known characters appear in flat 2-D form! They are of course all set in a glorious 3-D world but as shocking as this may be, the game is a side-scroller! Despite this, Nintendo is promising that the game will be bringing a new gameplay experience to the public. The original Mario 64 is still one of the best games on the N64 who knows, perhaps this could top it?

First Impressions

Anticipation Rating: ***

What on earth is going on in this game? It uses a similar graphic style to Yoshi's Story but puts Mario and all the usual characters (Luigi, Koopa and Peach) from the Mario games into the starring roles – and they're all flat so they virtually disappear when they turn around! This special look is one that is uniquely Nintendo and

although it doesn't exactly make the best use of the N64's graphical power – it is fascinating to watch! The game is a kind of a sequel to Super Mario RPG and uses similar role playing elements – Mario Story will certainly be a game to look forward to!

The World Is Not Enough Electronic Arts

The name's Bond, James Bond! After an epic wait the suave and sophisticated secret agent is making a comeback on the N64. Shockingly though this title is being made not by Rare but by EA! Thankfully however like *Goldeneye* this is a 3-D first person shooter split into mission-based levels. There are ten levels in all based on scenes from the film and split into several objectives. Whilst on these levels you'll get to play with no less than 40 weapons and gadgets! So far this is looking amazing and – dare we say it – possibly even better than *Goldeneye*!

First Impressions

What can we say? It's another Bond game – and about time too! Thankfully this game is already looking much more impressive than the rather duff *Tomorrow Never Dies* which popped up on the PlayStation, and it does indeed look like it might be able to rival *Perfect Dark* for playability. It's time to don that tuxedo again and run around your house

pretending that your clenched fingers are really a Walther Poo! Anticipation Rating: ****



Those Pokémon have got their tentacles into practically every market and now they're taking it one step further with *Pokémon Puzzle League*. The gameplay is like most other puzzlers: simple! Basically the idea is to match three blocks of the same colour to make them disappear. Of course the complexity comes when you start going for combos but the fun and basic gameplay should make this game a sure fire hit with Pokémon fans of all ages.

First Impressions

Come on... read between the lines! Pokémon Puzzle League is nothing more than a variation on Tetris, only with Pokémon graphics slapped on it! We've all seen the game before, but once you start playing you just get hooked all over again! The game is particularly playable as a two-player battle. Anticipation Rating: ***





Mega Man 64

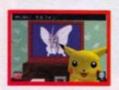
Long overdue for the N6a, the Mega Man is coming. Those traitorous scoundrels amongst you who own a PlayStation will probably already be more than familiar with the short guy in a metal suit. This game is in fact based on the Mega Man Legends game that was released on the PlayStation a Capcom have made a few improvements since then and Mega Mon 64 should be delight to behold. Taking place in full 3-I the graphics are a lot or sper than on the PlayStation version and you don't get the problems of dodgy clipping either! Slightly smaller levels also means bette frame-rates and higher polygon counts. You haven't experienced the Mega Man I action yet then this game should be the perfect excuse to give him a try!

First impressions
Mege Man is one of those games
which has held its appeal through
numerous different format changes
and from the looks of things it's
going to be just as good on the N64.
It's arriving a little later in the
ninny's life then we'd have liked, but
it's definitely a case of better late
than never!









Have you ever wanted to truly play with an on-screen Pikachu? Well despite the fact that you may need psychiatric help now you can with Hey You, Pikachu! This may not be a title to catch everyone's attention but this is the first N64 game to use voice recognition. Yes that's right, by using the microphone that comes with the game you can talk to your very own Pikachu!

This ultimate advancement in cyberpet technology allows you to help Pikachu fish, cook, search for treasure and many other things. Other Pokémon such as Bulbasaur, Caterpie, game for Pikachu to interact with. Do well and you can earn friendship points Hey You, Pikachu! hasn't been confirmed for a UK release yet but is due out in the

US around Christmas time.

First Impressions

This game gives you the chance to shout at Pikachu - what more could any sane gamer want? Coming with its own microphone attachment and voice recognition software the technical marvel behind the game is quite amazing! In reality it's not quite as interactive as you might think, especially as the version

Charmander and Squirtle are also in the but annoy Pikachu and he could run off! spent most of his time just looking at us blankly! We're sure it will thrill Pokémon fans all across the UK though - if it ever comes out over here! Anticipation Rating: ****

on show at E3 was Japanese, so Pikachu

in Beyond: Return Of

The Dark Knight creeps up on the N64 unnoticed but he's not quite the Gotham City hero you might be expecting. Batman Beyond is based on the cartoon series of the same name, which stars not Bruce Wayne but an all new futuristic hero who has donned the Dark Knight mantle. This is a good thing, because it means we get to play with his new gadgets including Dark Knight discs and a lovely pair of nunchakas!

Similar to Fighting Force 64, the gameplay basically involves fighting and takes place in a variety of locations. This includes

the Gotham Aerospace Research centre, which the loker and

his clown





gang have invaded. Batman Beyond: Return Of The Joker's gameplay recalls the classic Streets Of Rage or Double Dragon games, as most of the action takes place on side-scrolling levels. Let's hope that Batman manages to better the last comic outing Superman - but let's face it that won't be difficult!



Wahey! 64 MAGAZINE are big fans of Batman and if you read our Dragon Sword feature a few issues ago, then you'll know that we're rather partial to progressive beat-'em-ups too. so this game went down a





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through the thirty levels on offer! To give this game the true authentic feel it even has actual character voices, music and sounds from the TV show. This will keep Power Rangers fans happy.

First Impressions

Okay, let's face it: the Power Rangers are pretty pants! For some reason though, they're incredibly popular (and it's sure as hell not for the acting!) The good news though is that this game looks like being a darn sight better than the television series so you probably won't have to be a fanatical Power Rangers enthusiast to enjoy it.

Anticipation Rating: **



Roswell Conspiracies: Alien Myths and Legends Red Storm Entertainment

TV cartoon show-based games seem to be the next big thing and Roswell Conspiracies is just one of many. If you haven't heard of this cartoon yet then don't worry, because it hasn't even been broadcast over here yet! The game is

due to come out around about the same time as the show itself. In this third-person action adventure game you play an agent working for the Global Alliance whose job it is to capture any aliens who have landed on the planet. Unlike Men In Black however you have to capture them, not blast them to bits! This is a game aimed at kids after all!



While playing
Roswell Conspiracies in LA
and chatting to the PR person
looking after the game we
realised that it is actually being
created just 30 miles up the road



from 64 MAGAZINE! If we can wangle it we'll get up there and bring you a full report very soon. The game has a special look and feel to it, capturing the cartoon perfectly – textures have been kept to a minimum with the flat colour perfect for a cartoon conversion. The movement is very smooth and from the short demo we played, the game looks very promising! Anticipation Rating: ****

The Best Of The Rest

There were far too many games at E3 to cover each one in detail, let alone play the all! Here's a run down of some more titles you can expect to see appearing over the next year.

Army Men Sarge's Heroes 2 3DO

A follow up to the successful Army Men franchise on the N64, although unfortunately there are no plans to release it over here yet.

Cat Roots Nintendo

Looking very much like a computer game version of Itchy and Scrutchy, this one appeared completely out of the blue on the Nintendo booth!

Donald Duck: Quack Attack Ubi Soft

A mix between 2-D and 3-D platforming wit Donald Duck and other Disney characters, all running around on the *Rayman 2* graphics engine.

Looney Tunes: Duck Dodgers

Starring Warner Bros' Duffy Duck this completely 3-D platformer, set in space, will be going beak to beak with Donald Duck.

Indy Racing 2000 SouthPeak Interactive

Continually racing around an ovel circuit may not be the best idea for a console game

Madden NFL 2001

More than just a rehash with updated stat and players, this American footy sim is stacked to the gills with upgrades.

Mia Hamm 64 South Peak Interactive

Mia Hamm is a famous American female

footballer, if you're waiting for the next IS: game this may have to keep you going.

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Its predecessor never hit the stores over here and we can only cross our fingers and hope that this yearly undate changes that

Ogre Battle 64: Person Of Lordly Caliber Atlus

The last time we heard about this strategy/RPG game it was being translated! Now it's looking better and is due out in the US soon

Rally Challenge 2000

Looking like it's going to put all the other ally games firmly in their place, this officially licensed little plays like a drawn.

Rugrats in Paris

Yet another Augruts game from THQ this, featuring all the usual characters and plus an all new character exclusive to the Puggets in Paris game.

Starcraft 64

If you don't know Starcraft then where have you been! On the horizon for ages this strategy game is now almost upon us.

Tom and Jerry NewKidCo

Who better to have in a fighting game that the ever quarrelling cat and mouse? Themed arenas will be full of frying pans and the like.

WWF No Mercy THQ

A follow up to the best wrestling game on the N64, with better graphics, more wrestlers and even more modes of play!