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Uh... don't be a BASKET CASE. JUICE up and read our exclusive review. And you can't BLOCK the fact that you can be JAMMED sure that this is... er... better than NBA Jam. Sigh...

EXCLUSIVE!



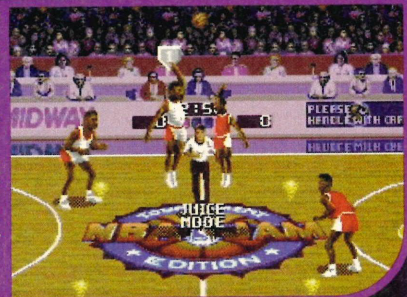
"Yup, I'm your new drama teacher, I'd preesh it if you'd call me Len. Mr. Chorizo is such a mouthful. Let's BE STATUES..."

Skyscrapingly lithe, fashionably surly, struttingly spindly men – squeakin', leapin', jammin', and, should you insist, slammin'. End-to-end stuff is basketball. Noisy and buzzy and shouty and... and... very baggy shorts. Gagglingly competitive and as firmly 'street' as traffic lights, off-licences and small, shuffling groups of rubbish children standing outside Happy Shopper, vaguely menacing customers. If it were a facial expression, it'd be a needless, waxen-eyed sneer at the milkman's morning small-talk. Yeeeah. You can take your cosy, hot water bottle-fondling, non-threatening, not-

much-happens sports (they know who they are) and you can ram them right up your, er, thing... I've forgotten the word. Sorry.

Basketball is also unique in that it's prrrroobably the only sport with celebrities who are actually notable for both their

Et... Number 1 could be saying, "Me, me! I said it first!" If you like.



Basketball. This... trembling volcano of a sport. Tall men... erupting from the court's crater and devastating the basket like... a small valley village.

NBA Jam

Tournament Edition



"How come you didn't come see me?" "Who'd wanna see you in a cage, man?"

ability and for their swaying arrogance and crabby charisma (as opposed to the sordid, slimy details of their intimate liaisons). It's also, for pure fantasy reasons, one of the most sensible sports to translate into a video game. While we can all just about summon the energy to stumble around a bit of waste-ground, punting a toddler's ball between two piles of cardigans, it's a touch harder to imagine you and a group of your stumpy mates nimbly launching yourselves from the gym floor, streaking through the air, somersaulting insanely...

But, you know all of this. You've already got the original *NBA Jam*, and, even if you haven't, you want to know why we put some bleedin' basketball



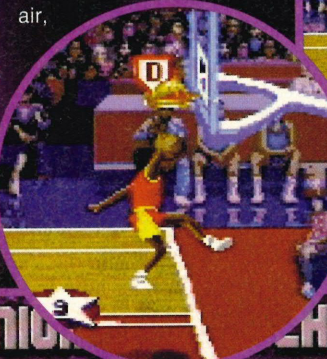
they've Jesus well insisted on making it even better...

There's the practice mode – you and a

game on the cover... It's fantastically paced, playable, fumingly competitive, arcade quality... and... and now, in the true spirit of perfection-ism,

computer drone potter around the court, no time limit, no option restrictions, just PRACTICE. The Special Options Menu, in particular, sicks up some tantalising new dainties... Juice Mode is now an option (with four speed settings). Hot Spots are bashed-down star icons which appear around the court – stand on one,

Can... ho ho... YOU find the special cheat to - no, stop it - make all the other players - ooh, I'm haemorrhaging - DISAPPEAR? Jeeez...



Yep, now you've got a same team match-up option. No mate-fighting over who has who. Can you possibly conceive of anything more life-affirming?

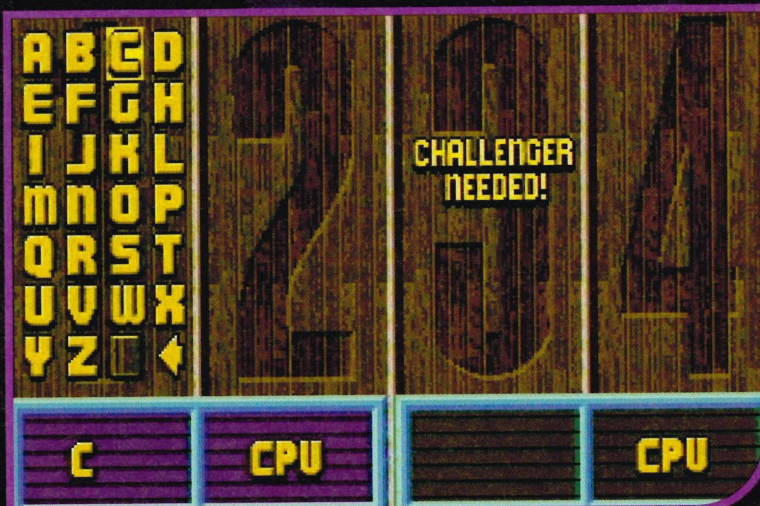


The Mini Gun, as shown here, is perfect for removing those unwanted rival Syndicate members. And it lasts ages too. (Oh no! Er... These pics are really dull and - um - we're being invaded by old captions!)

Basketinevitable fact... Charles 'Boom Boom' Barkley once flew an injured child from Ontario to Oban... on his back!

temporary, but dazzling talent – 'on fire' status, better three-point ability, infinite turbo gauge, and – most ludicrous of all – The Superdunk. Oh yes. Now, you can set off those invariably "Wooooah!"-inducing slam-dunk pyrotechnics FROM THE OTHER END OF THE COURT.

The action, although now decorated with a few cosmetic flourishes (excellent speech commentary, nine all-new slam-dunks) remains, essentially, the same. But now you have a much more customisable option frenzy nailed to the shoulder of a sparkling game.



Here, we see the beautifully designed initial-entry screen. On your left, you can just make out someone entering their initials s s s s s s s z z z z z z z.

So, to finish off, some cold, hard advice... Never ever pick a team with a white bloke, don't tell jokes, be generous, never use the word 'extravaganza', eat more fruit, and, if you don't own any version of NBA Jam - BUY THIS!

Aaaand, if you do already own a version of NBA Jam - BUY THIS!

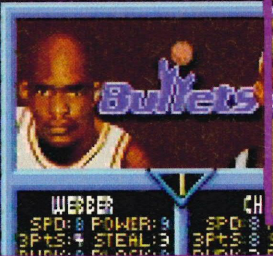
SEGA POWER



Another tragic case of Basketball Ennui sets in, the player simply stopping in mid-run, unable to bear the weight of life's essential emptiness.

"Is evil something you are or something you do?" "Exactly!"

SUBSTITUTION
PRESS A B C TO SWAP
PRESS START TO SELECT



Cheesy tip. If you're comfortably in the lead, hold onto the ball a bit. This is called "time wasting".

Basketsighinformation... Inhabitants of remote Mikl, one of the Orkney Isles, worship basketball players by 'flinging' crabs at their photographs.



Ah, the brutal, graceful ballet that is running out of things to say about basketball games.



NBA Jam TE

- ▲ Superb one and two-player game
- ▲ Fast, exciting, skillful
- ▲ Touches of comic, slappy violence
- ▲ Worthy enhancements
- ▼ Not MASSIVELY different

Graphics

9

Sound

8

Addiction

9

Lifespan

9

Power points

Release date Late February
Players 1-4
Levels n/a
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Final verdict

"New, improved, bigger, bettered, deluxe. Get this from your local vendor with all speed."

Andy

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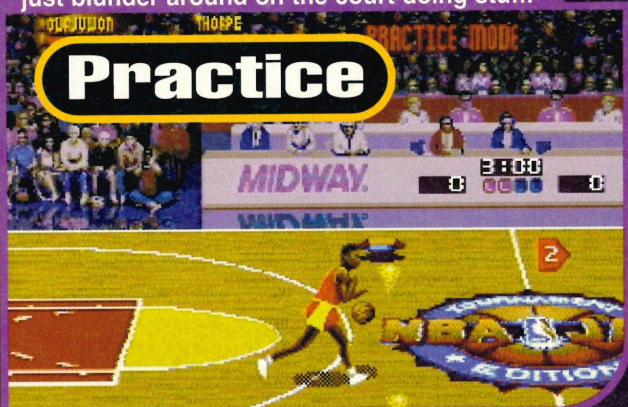
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NBA Jam Tournament Edition

New Stuff

Pick your options, no time limit, and... well, just blunder around on the court doing stuff.

Practice



Hot spots

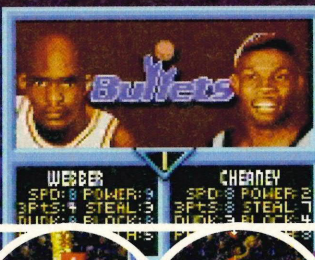
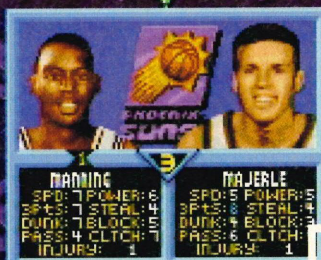


Big, numbered stars. Score from them and get large points.

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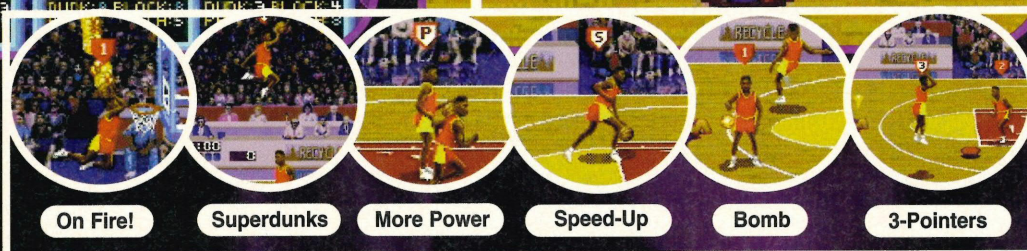
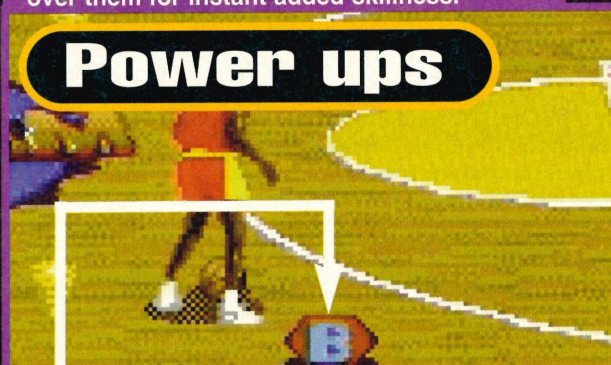
CPU SUBSTITUTION



Should your player get tired or injured, you can sub him. Ace.

Greasy, spinny icons appear randomly. Run over them for instant added skillness.

Power ups



EXCLUSIVE! HIDDEN CHARACTERS AND CHEATS...

HIDDEN CHARACTERS (there are 48 in all, but here's a few to get you started...)

Say 'Yes' to the initial-entry question and, if you enter the secret character's initials properly, you'll be granted access. The SECOND code refers to the method of entering the initials. 'A', 'B' or 'C' means enter the initial by pressing A, B, or C and START at the same time. 'N' means enter the initial by pressing A, B, or C without START. Simple...

HILARY CLINTON - (HC(blank), NBN), PRINCE CHARLES(!) - (ROY, BAN), GORILLA - (GOR, NBB), BENNY BULL - (BNY, BNC), THE FRESH PRINCE OF BELL-E (No! - Alison) - (WIL, CBN), HUGO HORNET - (HGO, NCA), WOLF - (CRN, ABN).

CHEATS

Enter these on the "Tonight's Match-Up" screen. Do 'em quickly and you can get multiple cheat modes.

POWER-UP TURBO - BBBAAV▼downUL POWER-UP DUNK - ◀◀ABBA PUSH ONE OPPONENT AND THEY BOTH FALL DOWN - ▲▲▲▲◀◀◀AA, SLIPPY COURT - AAAA▶▶▶▶▶

