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MX UNLEASHED

Publisher: THQ **Developer:** Rainbow Studios Release Date: 2004 Just when you thought you couldn't care less about another motocross game, Unleashed arrives to surprise. From the makers of ATV Offroad Fury and Motocross Madness, Unleashed blends racing and freestyle, and is peppered with minigames, helicopter races, and a Career mode with three different racing leagues (Amateur, Semi-Pro, and Prol. It's also online, to make you care more rather than less.





MTX MOTOTRAX FEAT. TRAVIS PASTRANA

Publisher: Activision Developer: Left Field Release Date: 2004 There are few details on this tricks-based motocross game, but at least it features the hottest young rider going. He's only 18!



COLIN MCRAE RALLY 04

Publisher: Codemasters **Developer:** Codemasters Release Date: Fall It's hard to believe there can be an even better physics engine in a Colin McRae game, but that's what Codemasters promises with the next in its series.



SPLASHDOWN: **RIDES GONE WILD**

Publisher: THQ **Developer:** Rainbow Studios Release Date: August The sequel to Rainbow's awesome watercraft game is a little more cartoony than before, but it handles much like a sim.



XGRA: EXTREME-G RACING ASSOCIATION

Publisher: Acclaim Developer: Acclaim Release Date: July It's a new XG game, which is a good thing. And this time around. it's focused on building and maintaining a pro Extreme-G career.



R: RACING **EVOLUTION**

No, it's not Ridge Racer VI

Whether you believe it or not, R is something completely new. A totally new racing franchise. The fact that its title begins with the letter R two times in succession is apparently irrelevant, so perish the thought that this is Ridge Racer VI with licensed cars (RR6 is still on the way, we're told). If you believe the PR, R is some kind of story-driven entry-level driving game designed to teach an appreciation of racing games by wrapping all aspects of racing up in one of those "car-PG" things. Hmmm. Sounds a bit like R4, doesn't it? Things are helped along by the presence of two hot chicks who, as you can see in the screens, never zip their suits up all the way. Bravo.







