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Letter from the Editor ::

Is it March already? It seems like it's only been a few weeks since we first took our final Xboxes and GameCubes for a test drive - and now we're almost at the end of the first quarter of the new year. While January and February are traditionally slow months for gamers, things always start to get more interesting in March. Ironically, the games that most people are talking about this month aren't from Sony, Nintendo, or Microsoft. Whether it's giving Xbox owners the challenging shooter GUNVAL-KYRIE, throwing down the gauntlet on PS2 with Virtua Fighter 4, or broadening GameCube's sports lineup with Soccer Slam, NBA 2K2, and Home Run King, Sega is delivering on its promise to turn heads no matter what platform you own.

With that in mind, this issue of IGN Unplugged not only contains an early review of Virtua Fighter 4 but also a look at what could be the first true RPG for GameCube, Skies of Arcadia. And it's not all about Sega, of course. Flip through this PDF mag and you will find an in-depth interview with the guys behind the promising multi-platformer Vexx, info on gear, movies, and DVDs, as well as a slew of game previews not yet available on our site. Print it out or read it on your monitor -- either way, enjoy what this latest copy of IGN Unplugged has to offer.

Oh, and just so know, Tal's not dead or fired, he just has jury duty, so he probably wishes he was dead right now.

- Peer Schneider

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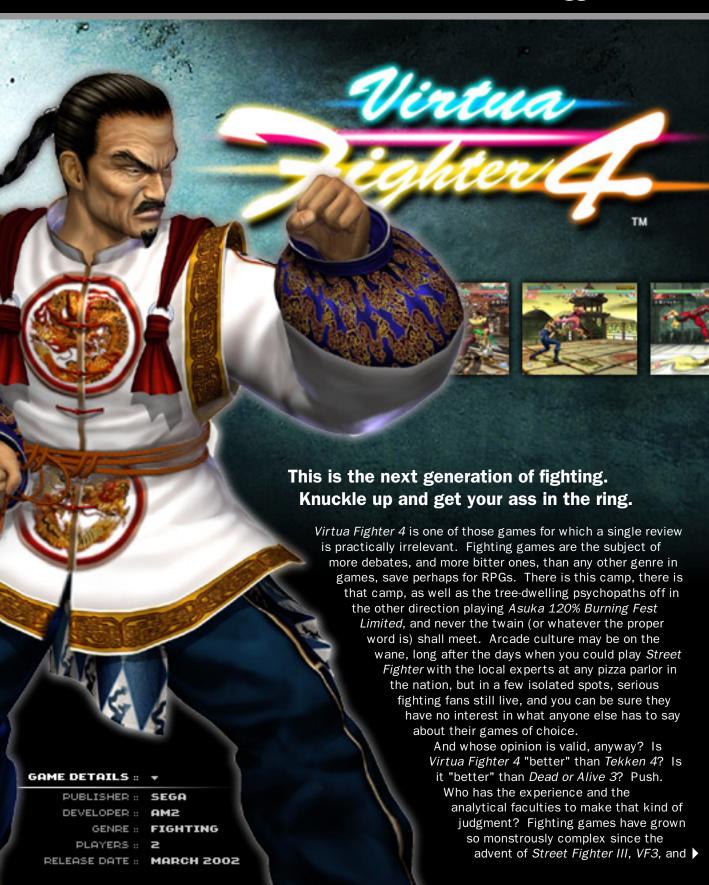
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This Month in GameCube ::

Well, well - you're back. The last couple of weeks have been somewhat slow going for our lovely next-generation console of choice, but things are about to pick up quite nicely. By the time this issue of Unplugged hits, Capcom's GameCube update of Resident Evil will be ready to debut in Japan, and indeed US gamers will have barely more than a month to go before it releases stateside. Excited?

During the same period America will see such GameCube releases as Bloody Roar - not a bad fighter, I might add; Soccer Slam, Home Run King and a polished port of James Bond 007 in... Agent Under Fire.

This, of course, is just the beginning. The months to follow will debut such triple-A GameCube products as Spider-Man The Movie, Star Fox Adventures, Eternal Darkness, and more. So in dedication of things to come, we bring you three new previews of upcoming software currently in the works. Sit back, have a Coke and enjoy.

For more Cube news. reviews, previews, and more, visit http:



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Preview :: Skies of Arcadia Become the Robin Hood of the skies with one of the first true RPGs on GameCube.



Preview :: Dead to Rights Move over Max Payne -- Namco's noir thriller is set to blow gamers away.

Editor's Most Wanted ::

1:: Metroid

2:: Mario Sunshine

3::Zelda

4 :: Eternal Darkness

5: Star Fox Adventures

Office Abuse ::

Matt Casamassina gets to park in the handicapped spot for several mental-related reasons.

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HUNTER: THE RECKONING

We take a look at the characters you will be playing in this awesome game.

Creatures of the night, beware. Zombies, vampires, werewolves, ghouls - notice has been served. A reckoning is coming. This summer the undead meet their maker. Hunter: The Reckoning takes the Gauntlet-formula to the next level. Featuring furious four-play action, the screen will be filled with baddies and blood. We'll be taking a look at different aspects of this game as it nears its release. First up, the characters of Hunter: The Reckoning.

Each character begins with a melee weapon and a ranged weapon with unlimited ammunition. Throughout the game, characters can find new weapons such as chainsaws, shotguns, machine guns, and even flamethrowers burn baby, burn. Characters also have "edges" which are like magical attacks. These differ between the characters, and new ones can be gained throughout the game.

Each player is rated by five stats. At the start of the game, these stats are low, but they can be raised through superior gameplay. Here are the stats and what they mean:

Strength - Measures the power of your attack Accuracy - How accurate you are with ranged weapons Speed - How quick and nimble you are on your feet. Conviction - Your edge draws from your conviction. The higher the conviction, the more edge you can use. Stamina - These are your hit points. The better the rating, the harder you are to kill.



Deuce Wyatt: Avenger

Strength: 3 Accuracy: 2 Speed: 1 Conviction: 1 Stamina: 2 Starting weapons: Axe. rifle

Deuce is one baaaaad mothah. His giant axe is a zombie cleaver, and with the use of the "edge," the axe becomes a fiery weapon. Deuce is the fighter, there to kick ass and chew bubblegum, and you know this guy is all out of bubble gum.

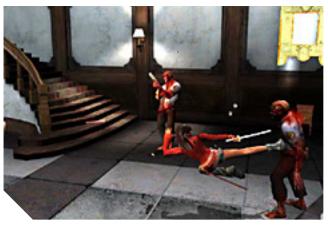


Samantha Alexander: Defender

Strength: 2.5 Accuracy: 3 Speed: 3 Conviction: 2.5 Stamina: 2 Starting weapons: Katana, revolver

This beauty is the most balanced at the start of the game. She's a cop, and she swings her katana with deadly precision. Her revolver isn't that powerful, so you'll want to pick up the shotgun as soon as possible.





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Brian Linder

This Month in Entertainment ::

It's March madness at the box office kids, and there's plenty to keep us busy over at IGN FilmForce. Early in the month we've got 20th Century Fox's CG-animated Ice Age, along with the highly anticipated Resident Evil movie. That should be a big one for all you gamers!

Then there's Blade II on the 22nd - it's sure to be a killer flick (pun intended?). E.T. also returns to our planet this month for the film's 20th anniversary re-release.

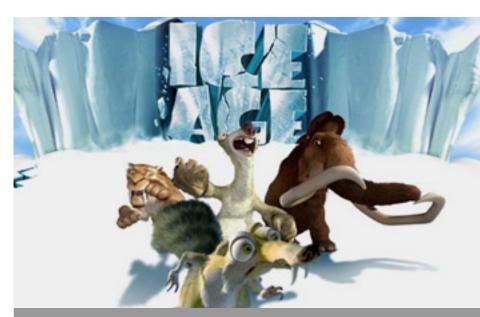
And March winds up with Jodie Foster's thriller Panic Room, and the Robin Williams-Ed Norton comedy Death to Smoochy -- both of which should be pretty cool.

I'm personally diggin' on all of those flicks with the possible exception of E.T. - just not a fan. I'd much rather see an Alf movie, but that's just me.

The home entertainment realm will see some cool releases also. Baz Luhrmann's first film, Strictly Ballroom, comes to DVD, as well as the Oscar-nominated cop drama Training Day, and the first season of Star Trek: The Next Generation also arrives in a sweet boxed set.

See ya around!

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043 :: Ice Age Movie

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045 :: Gear Review - Sharp's Aguos Flat Panel Television 047 :: DVD Previews (Romeo + Juliet: SE, Training Day)



Aquos Flat Panel Television

We take Sharp's baby Aquos for a long, smooth test drive.

Editor's Most Wanted ::

1 :: Star Wars: Episode II

2:: The X-Files Series Finale

3 ∷ Evolution Motion Picture Player

4 :: Spider-Man

5 :: Disney's Lilo & Stitch

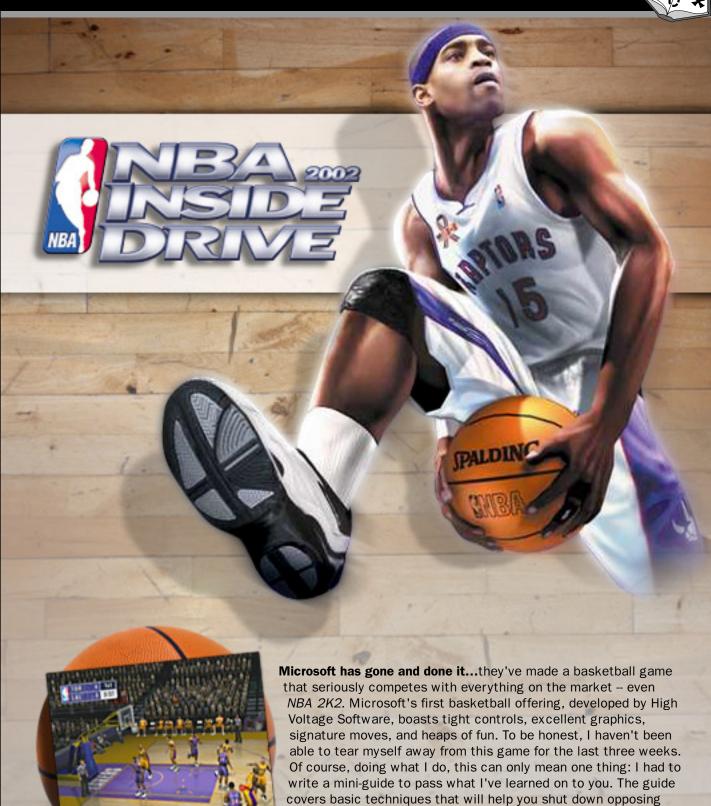


Romeo + Juliet: Special Edition

Baz Luhrmann's popular version of the classic get a new special edition.

> Office Abuse :: **Brian Linder's favorite** thing about March is **Marshmallow Peeps.**

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offenses and earn mad points. We've also got a full slate of secrets to make your Driving experience all the more enjoyable.