



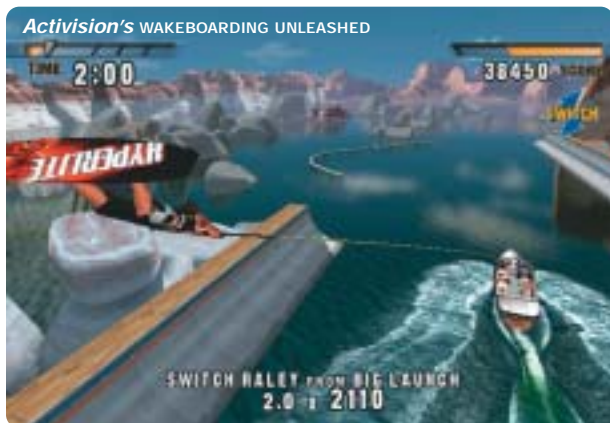
E3 Expectations



Electronic Arts/WB's LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION

New games debuting at the Electronic Entertainment Expo run the gamut from sports to spies, sci-fi, and SpongeBob.

E3 kicks off May 13 to 16 in the Los Angeles Convention Center, with more than 350 exhibitors registered at press time. Movie- and TV-based video games are coming on strong, while games that blur the line between fantasy and current events (i.e., war games) are increasingly popular, according to Richard Ow, senior account manager, The NPD Group, Inc./NPD Funworld/Video Games. Here, a glimpse of some games that will make their mark at E3.



ACCLAIM ENTERTAINMENT

- **ALIAS:** CIA agent Sydney Bristow targets Arvin Sloane, the man who murdered her fiancé; for Sony PlayStation 2, Microsoft Xbox, PC; fall 2003.
- **SUMMER HEAT BEACH VOLLEYBALL:** Two-on-two beach volleyball played in spring break locations; for PS2; summer 2003.
- **GLADIATOR: SWORD OF VENGEANCE:** A warrior slave chosen by the Gods to restore the glory of an empire; for PS2, Xbox, PC; fall 2003.
- **NBA JAM:** Arcade-style, three-on-three basketball; for PS2, Xbox; October 2003.
- **SPEED KINGS:** Street motorcycle racing; for PS2, Nintendo GameCube, Xbox; May 2003.
- **SX SUPERSTAR:** Arcade supercross racing; for PS2, GC, Xbox; June 2003.
- **URBAN FREESTYLE SOCCER:** Gang-style teams compete against their rivals for the rights to home turf; for PS2, Xbox, GC; May 2003.
- **XGRA:** The Extreme Gravity Racing Association governs all heavy gravity racing events; for PS2, GC, Xbox; summer 2003.

ACTIVISION

- **PITFALL HARRY:** The vine-swinging adventurer returns; for PS2, Xbox, GC, Nintendo Game Boy Advance.
- **SHREK 2: THE GAME:** The green ogre is back; co-developed and co-published by Activision and TDK Mediactive; for PS2, Xbox, GC.
- **THE MOVIES:** Run a Hollywood movie studio from the past through the present and the future; for PC.
- **EMPIRES: DAWN OF THE MODERN WORLD:** Command historic civilizations in a bid to dominate the world; for PC.
- **CALL OF DUTY:** WWII first-person action game; for PC.
- **STAR TREK: ELITE FORCE II:** Sequel to the first-person action game; for PC.

Acclaim's **GLADIATOR: SWORD OF VENGEANCE**

- **SOLDIER OF FORTUNE II: DOUBLE HELIX:** Complete missions from hostage rescue to search-and-destroy; for Xbox.
- **WAKEBOARDING UNLEASHED FEATURING SHAUN MURRAY:** Rip behind a high-powered speedboat through dangerous terrain; for PS2, Xbox, GBA.
- **TRUE CRIME: STREETS OF L.A.:** Elite Operations Division Detective Nick Kang takes on the Chinese Triad and Russian Mafia cartel; for PS2, Xbox, GC.

BAM! ENTERTAINMENT

- **ICE NINE:** Young CIA agent trainee tries to thwart the theft and deployment of the "Ice Nine" computer virus; for PS2; fall 2003.
- **WALLACE & GROMIT IN PROJECT ZOO:** Canine Gromit attempts to liberate the Zoo from the evil clutches of maniacal penguin Feathers McGraw; for PS2, GC, Xbox; fall 2003.

ELECTRONIC ARTS/WARNER BROS. INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT

- **LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTION:** Warner Bros. Consumer Products has an exclusive co-publishing agreement with Electronic Arts to produce, market, and distribute Looney Tunes: Back in Action, a video game to be released on multiple platforms day and date (November 2003) with the live-action feature film. Players of Looney Tunes: Back in Action will be able to switch off playing either Bugs or Daffy on a scavenger hunt adventure around the world through several themed levels inspired by the film's locations.

GOTHAM GAMES (publishing div., Take 2 Interactive)

- **THE GREAT ESCAPE:** Battle the Third Reich in the role of actor Steve McQueen; for PS2, Xbox; July 2003.
- **CELEBRITY DEATHMATCH:** Digitally rendered versions of real-life celebs (i.e., Dennis Rodman, Anna Nicole Smith, and Jerry Springer) fight it out in the style of the MTV claymation show; for PS2, Xbox, PS, GC; fall 2003.
- **CONFLICT DESERT STORM 2:** U.S. Delta Force and British SAS return to Iraq following the 1991 Gulf War to complete more missions; for PS2, Xbox; late fall 2003.

INFOGRAMES

- **BACKYARD BASKETBALL:** Three-on-three pickup game for four players; for PS2; October 2003.
- **DORA THE EXPLORER: ANIMAL ADVENTURE:** Dora and Boots journey to find and care for all sorts of animals; for PC; August 2003.
- **DRAGON BALL Z BUDOKAI:** 3-D fighting game; for GC; October 2003.

- **DRAGON BALL Z THE LEGACY OF GOKU II:** Take on the role of Trunks, Vegeta, Piccolo, Gohan, and Goku and battle the Cell; for GBA; June 2003.
- **DRAGON BALL Z: GLADIATORS:** Become the ultimate DBZ fighting champion, playing as one of 25 DBZ heroes and villains; GBA; Winter 2003.
- **ENTER THE MATRIX:** Intertwined with *The Matrix* film sequel, *The Matrix Reloaded*, the game's script was written by the writers/directors of *The Matrix* film trilogy; for PC, Xbox, GC, PS2; May 15, 2003.
- **GREYHAWK: THE TEMPLE OF ELEMENTAL EVIL:** A simple rescue mission turns sinister; for PC; fall 2003.
- **MAGIC: THE GATHERING—BATTLEGROUND:** Choose "wizards" and two Magic schools or "colors" and attempt to reduce opponent's life to zero; for Xbox, PC; fall 2003.
- **NEVERWINTER NIGHTS: SHADOW OF UNDRENTIDE:** New 40-hour single-player campaign with new game features, two new tile sets, and other assets for use in the Aurora toolset; for PC; June 2003.
- **TONKA TOWN** Based on characters from Hasbro, Inc.'s toy line—drive a Tonka-tough vehicle and help friends take care of jobs; for PC; October 2003.
- **TRIVIAL PURSUIT:** New game features; for PS2, Xbox, GC; September 2003.
- **KYA: DARK LINEAGE:** Kya is on a quest to find her lost brother and her way back home; distributed under the Atari brand name for PS2; fall 2003.

BAM! Entertainment's **ICE NINE**

KEMCO

- **ROGUE OPS: PHOENIX UNLEASHED:** Third-person stealth-based action/adventure.
- **LOBO:** Third-person action shooter based on the DC Comics comic book license; for Xbox, PS.
- **TOP GEAR RALLY:** Racing game; for GBA.
- **WOODY WOODPECKER CRAZY CASTLE 5:** Universal Studios licensed action-adventure; for GBA.

KONAMI OF AMERICA

- **K-1 WORLD GRAND PRIX:** Brings together the toughest practitioners of karate, kickboxing, Tae kwon do, and Kung Fu; for PS2; summer 2003.
- **MACFARLANE'S MONSTERS:** Action/adventure game featuring beasts by comic/action figure creator Todd McFarlane (Spawn); for PS2; fall 2003.



Retail Forecast

Compiled by Joshua Fierman

While Grand Theft Auto: Vice City and Mario games were big winners at retail in the first three months of 2003, *License!* polled retailers across the country to find out what video games they think will be hot sellers in the next six months.

PS2: Enter the Matrix, Midnight Club II, Final Fantasy X-2

GC: Enter the Matrix, Wario World, Sonic Adventure Deluxe

XBOX: Enter the Matrix, Star Wars: Galaxies RPG

GBA: Hardware is selling hotter than games.

PC: Warcraft

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PS2: Midnight Club II, Splinter Cell

XBOX: Brute Force, Halo 2

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PS2: NBA Street 2, Wolverine X-2, Final Fantasy X-2

GC: Mario Kart, Animal Crossing 2, Wario World

XBOX: Brute Force, Halo 2, WWE Raw 2

GBA: Golden Sun II, Donkey Kong, Yu-Gi-Oh!

—MANAGER, TOYS "R" US
WESTCHESTER, NY

PS2: Final Fantasy X-2, .hack, Enter the Matrix, The Hulk, Soul Caliber 2

GC: Final Fantasy, Soul Caliber 2, Enter the Matrix, F-Zero, Harvest Moon, Sonic Adventure Deluxe, Wario World

XBOX: Brute Force, Halo 2, Madden 2004 Online, Rainbow 6

GBA: Final Fantasy, Splinter Cell, Castlevania III, Crazy Taxi, Dragonball Z, Harvest Moon, Golden Sun II

—MANAGERS, EB GAMES,
PORT CHESTER/NEW ROCHELLE, NY

PS2: Final Fantasy X-2, Tomb Raider: Angel of Darkness, Wolverine X-2, Enter the Matrix

GC: Wario Adventure, Mario Kart, Final Fantasy

XBOX: State of Emergency, Halo 2, Madden 2004 Online

GBA: Golden Sun II, Lord of the Rings, Enter the Matrix

—MANAGER, FYE, MIAMI, FL

PS2: Final Fantasy X-2, .hack (parts 2, 3, 4), Enter the Matrix

GC: Wario World, Final Fantasy, Soul Caliber 2, Harvest Moon

XBOX: Brute Force, Halo 2, Madden 2004 Online

GBA: Final Fantasy, Dragonball Z, Golden Sun II

—MANAGER, K-B TOYS
WHITE PLAINS, NY

- **TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES:** 3-D fighting/action game with a new look, adventure, and attitude; for PS2, GC, GBA, PC; October 2003.
- **CY GIRLS:** Cyber-thriller featuring spies Ice and Asuka; for PS2; fall 2003.

MAJESCO, INC.

- **ADVENT:** First in a trilogy of intergalactic games and novels with a storyline by science fiction author Orson Scott Card; for Xbox, PC; first quarter 2004.
- **BLACK 9:** In 2080, nine powerful illuminati are engaged in a struggle for the control of mankind; for Xbox, PC, PS2; fourth quarter 2003.
- **BLOWOUT:** Action combat game featuring aliens created by artist Yasushi Nirasawa; for Xbox, PS2, PC; fourth quarter 2003.
- **CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY:** Up to four players compete across four boards with each environment themed to a Cartoon Network show, including Planet Johnnywood, Katz's Creepy Castle, The Tater Farm, and Extreme Cul-De-Sac; for GBA; fourth quarter 2003.
- **CARTOON NETWORK SPEEDWAY:** Kart-style racing game featuring Cartoon Network characters such as Courage the Cowardly Dog, Cow and Chicken, and Ed; for GBA; second quarter 2003.
- **DRAKE: MEMBERS OF THE 99 DRAGONS:** Clans are murdered and the ancient artifact they guard stolen (its power can trap the souls of the living and resurrect those who have crossed over); for Xbox, PC; fourth quarter 2003 or first quarter 2004.

MICROSOFT GAME STUDIOS

Microsoft Game Studios is expanding its games via ancillary products and entertainment licensing:

- **THE AGE OF MYTHOLOGY:** This PC game soon will debut as a board game from Eagle Games.
- **LINKS GOLF:** Hexacto's wireless version of the game is making its way to a cellular phone or PDA.
- **HALO:** JoyRide Studios plans to release the first wave of action figures for Halo in August 2003, and the game soon will be available for PC and Macintosh platforms via Gearbox and MacSoft, respectively. Microsoft Game Studios and Bungie Studios teamed up for the first Xbox game tie-in novel, "Halo: The Fall of Reach"; this prequel has sold more than 130,000



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copies. Microsoft licensee Del Rey has a second Halo novel entitled "Halo: The Flood," plus novels for aviation-adventure *Crimson Skies* and squad-based shooter *Brute Force*.

SEGA

- **BILLY HATCHER AND THE GIANT EGG:** A boy must use the powers of a legendary suit to control special eggs to restore light to a magical land; for GC; fall 2003.
- **HEADHUNTER REDEMPTION:** Jack Wade, a veteran headhunter, struggles to keep order in a futuristic world; for PS2, Xbox; fall 2003.
- **OTOGI—MYTH OF DEMONS:** Raiko, an undead Japanese warrior, tries to stop a demonic army; for Xbox; September 2003.
- **SEGA GT ONLINE:** Six gamers put their cars and driving skills to the test; for Xbox fall 2003.
- **VIRTUAL ON MARZ:** Defeat enemy Virtuaroids as a member of a special Robotic Special Forces unit; for PS2; fall 2003.
- **NBA 2K4, NHL 2K4, NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL 2K4:** New levels of sports gameplay; for PS2, Xbox; fall 2003.

SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT AMERICA INC.

- **RATCHET & CLANK 2:** The two pals team up again for an all-new sci-fi adventure combining action-platform, exploration, adventure, puzzle solving, strategy, role-playing, and racing; for PS2; November 2003.
- **JAK II:** The latest installment of the Jak and Daxter action-adventure; for PS2; fall 2003.



TDK MEDIACTIVE

- **THE HAUNTED MANSION:** Navigate through Disney's Haunted Mansion; for PS2, Xbox, GC, PC; and by Pocket Studios for GBA; October 2003.
- **UFC: THROWDOWN 2:** Mixed martial arts; for PS2; September 2003.
- **THE MUPPET PARTY CRUISE:** 30 mini-games; for PS2, GC; October 2003.
- **MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE 2003 (working title):** Based on the animated TV series, *He-Man*; for PS2, Xbox, GC, GBA; November 2003.
- **DINOTOPIA: THE SUNSTONE ODYSSEY:** Exploration, puzzle solving, and fighting; for Xbox, GC; June 2003.
- **TONKA RESCUE PATROL:** Rescue missions using Tonka



- cars, trucks, helicopters, and construction vehicles; for GC; September 2003.
- **CORVETTE: ZERO TO GONE:** Celebrate Corvette's 50th anniversary in a race down Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles; for PS2, Xbox, PC; and by Visual Impact Productions for GBA; September 2003.
- **THE PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL:** Based on the Disney attraction and accompanies Disney's live-action film; for GBA; July 2003.
- **STAR TREK SHATTERED UNIVERSE:** Space combat; for PS2; September 2003.
- **SPY VS. SPY:** Rivalry that played out for 40-plus years in the pages of *MAD* magazine is now a video game; for PS2; first quarter 2004.
- **SHREK: REEKIN' HAVOC:** Save those fairy tale characters; for GBA; July 2003.
- **SHREK 2: THE GAME:** Inspired by the upcoming film; co-publishing venture with Activision, Inc.; for PS2, Xbox, GC, GBA, PC; June 2004.

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- **GAMES BASED ON NICKELODEON TV SHOWS,** including *SpongeBob SquarePants*, *The Fairly OddParents*, and *Rocket Power* for PS2, GC, GBA, PC; *Jimmy Neutron* for PS2, GC; fall 2003.
- **TAK AND THE POWER OF JUJU:** In THQ/Nickelodeon's first original video game, Tak, a shaman's apprentice, must retrieve Moonstones stolen by evil Juju-man Tlaloc to restore the Moon Juju's powers; for PS2, GC, GBA; fall 2003..
- **SCOOBY-DOO!:** Adventures of the Warner Bros. canine; for PS2, Xbox, GC, GBA; fall 2003.
- **HOT WHEELS HIGHWAY 35 WORLD RACE:** The speed, power, performance, and attitude of Hot Wheels, celebrating its 35th anniversary; for PS2, GC, GBA; fall 2003.
- **Disney/Pixar's FINDING NEMO:** Based on the movie, follow the adventures of Nemo in a 3-D underwater environment; for PS2, Xbox, GC, GBA, PC/Macintosh; May 2003.
- **THE RUGRATS GO WILD:** Based on this summer's feature film starring the Nickelodeon characters; for GBA, PC; spring 2003.
- **WWE WRESTLEMANIA XIX:** Features more than WWE 40 superstars; for GC; August 2003.
- **WWE RAW 2:** Take to the ring with 45 World Wrestling superstars; for Xbox; September 2003.
- **EVIL DEAD: A FISTFUL OF BOOMSTICK:** Revival of the big-screen cult classic; for PS2; Xbox.
- **WARHAMMER 40,000 FIRE WARRIOR:** First-person action game based on a tabletop war game; for PS2, PC; fall 2003.