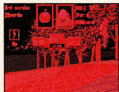




## Portable Systems

### Virtual Golf

Virtual Boy



A 3D golfing experience that puts its money where its mouth is, VG is fun, but not very sharp. Blurry fairways are offset by speedy screen redraw and a pleasing golf interface. You'll wish for the quiet of the course when you hear the lousy music, though. Virtual Golf will keep you putting around for a while.



Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Challenge
4.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	Intermediate

### FIFA '96

Game Boy



FIFA '96 for the Game Boy may be the best sports title of the year for the handheld systems. All the moves – like tackles, headers, and bicycle kicks – are included along with countless teams from the U.S., Europe, and South America. Sports fans of all kinds will enjoy the nonstop action.

Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Challenge
4.0	3.5	4.5	4.5	Intermediate

### Frank Thomas "Big Hurt" Baseball

Game Boy



"Big Hurt" Baseball for the Game Boy may put the hurt on you. The graphics make hitting a nightmare. When the ball is on its way, it gets lost in the green background. Every swing of the bat sounds like a skier slushing down the slopes. Frank Thomas may win the MVP, but his Game Boy cart fails to make the cut.

Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Challenge
2.5	2.5	4.0	3.0	Intermediate

### Vertical Force

Virtual Boy



A standard 8-bit shooter with some minor 3D effects, this flying game is a wild blue yawner. The graphics are simple and bland, with enemies that wouldn't impress your kid sister. The tinny sounds are below average for any post-1990 game. Shooting on two levels and blasting mediocre enemies make this no Force to be reckoned with.

Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Challenge
2.5	2.0	2.5	2.0	Intermediate

### Madden '96

Game Boy



This Madden features no NFL license, old lineups, and none of the improvements made to the '96 SNES version. The small sprites will cause eye strain, player control is difficult, and passes sound like bombs falling from the sky. This game will never reach the goal post for football fans.

Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Challenge
2.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	Intermediate

### Frank Thomas "Big Hurt" Baseball

Game Gear



"Big Hurt" Baseball offers smooth gameplay and excellent control along with such options as Season and All Star games. Graphically, the field and players look excellent and there is good animation of swings and throws. Unlike the 16-bit versions, this Hurt provides a new field of dreams.

Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Challenge
4.0	2.5	4.0	4.0	Intermediate

### Madden '96

Game Gear



Madden '96 on the Game Gear is a below-average attempt to bring football into the handheld arena. While player control is decent, the high-pitched music makes your fingers rush to the volume control. Likewise, the small sprites lack detailed animation. Madden hits the sidelines with this mediocre game.

Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Challenge
3.0	1.0	7.0	2.5	Intermediate