



VCS OWNERS' CLUB BULLETIN

A Warner Communications Company

ATARI 2600



*Seen
the film?*

*Now
play the
game*

Throw on your leather jacket and uncoil your rawhide whip to become the swashbuckling adventurer Indiana Jones* in Atari's latest adventure games cartridge — Raiders of the Lost Ark*.

Your mission is to find the ancient Lost Ark of the Covenant before the enemy, but the problem is, where?

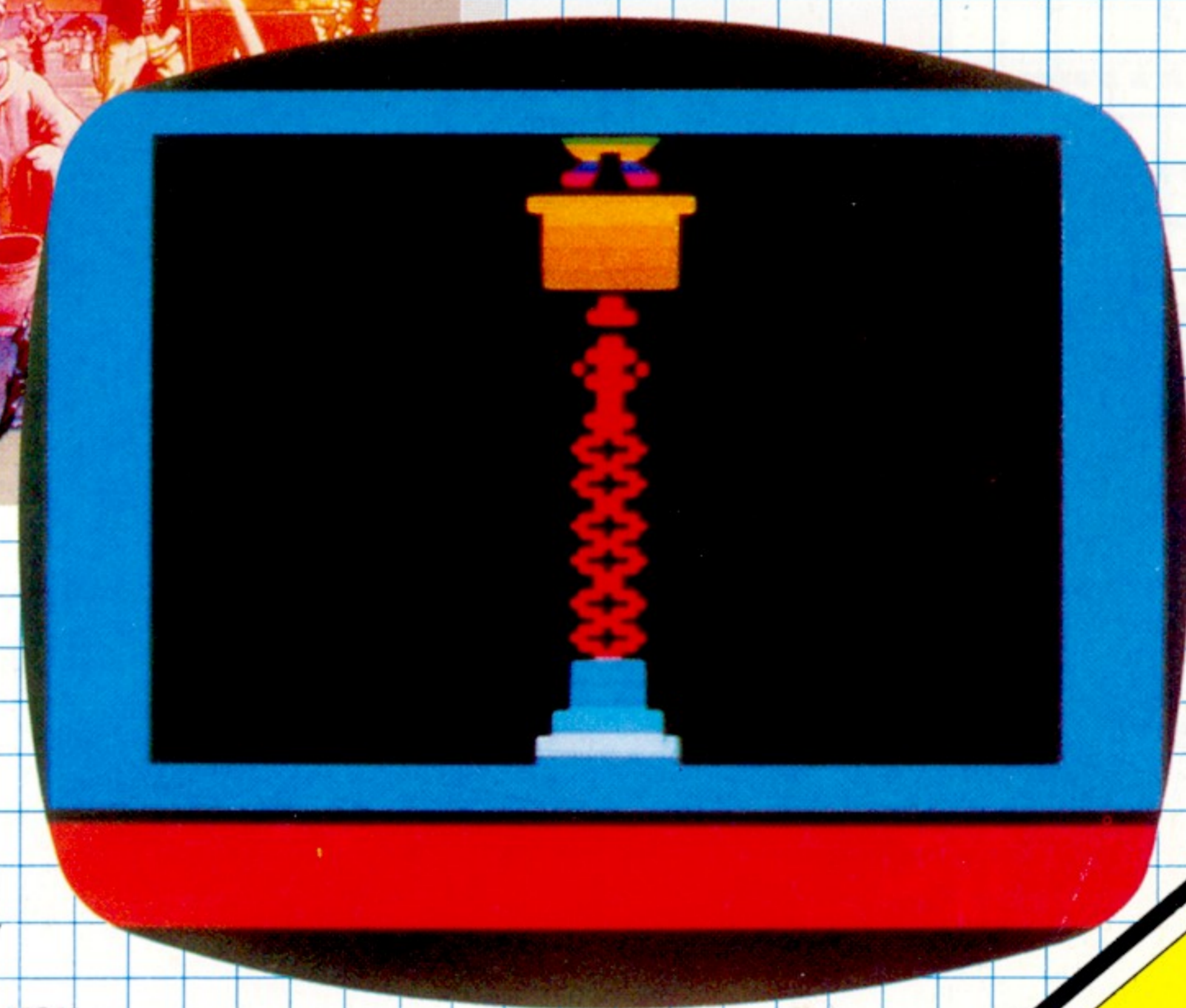
As an expert on the Egyptian occult, you know the Ark was hidden inside the secret Well of the Souls in the year 980 BC. Go to the map room in the hidden city of Tanis and if you're holding the right object its location will be revealed to you.

Finding the map room is no easy task and you'll need cunning and courage to overcome the dangerous obstacles you encounter. Armed with your whip and steel nerves you can handle any thing — anything, that is, except creepy snakes.

Raiders of the Lost Ark* is an action packed games cartridge for one adventurous player, using two Joystick Controllers and bags of courage.

Recommended retail price: £29.99 including VAT.

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on Soccer 6 and
Club Offers

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VANGUARD

Vanguard is the NEW Space-Action Classic from Atari. Considered as the most brilliantly-coloured VCS game ever produced, Vanguard offers a strategic challenge for Atari space veterans on the Atari 2600.

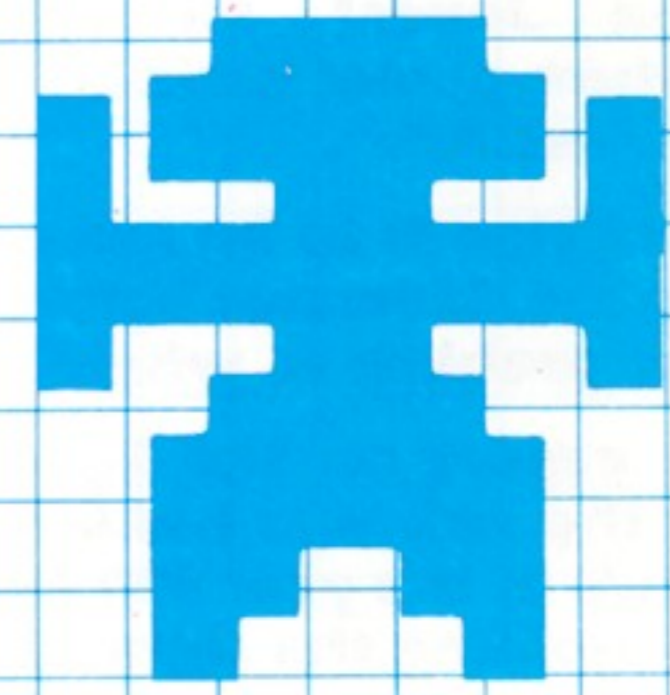
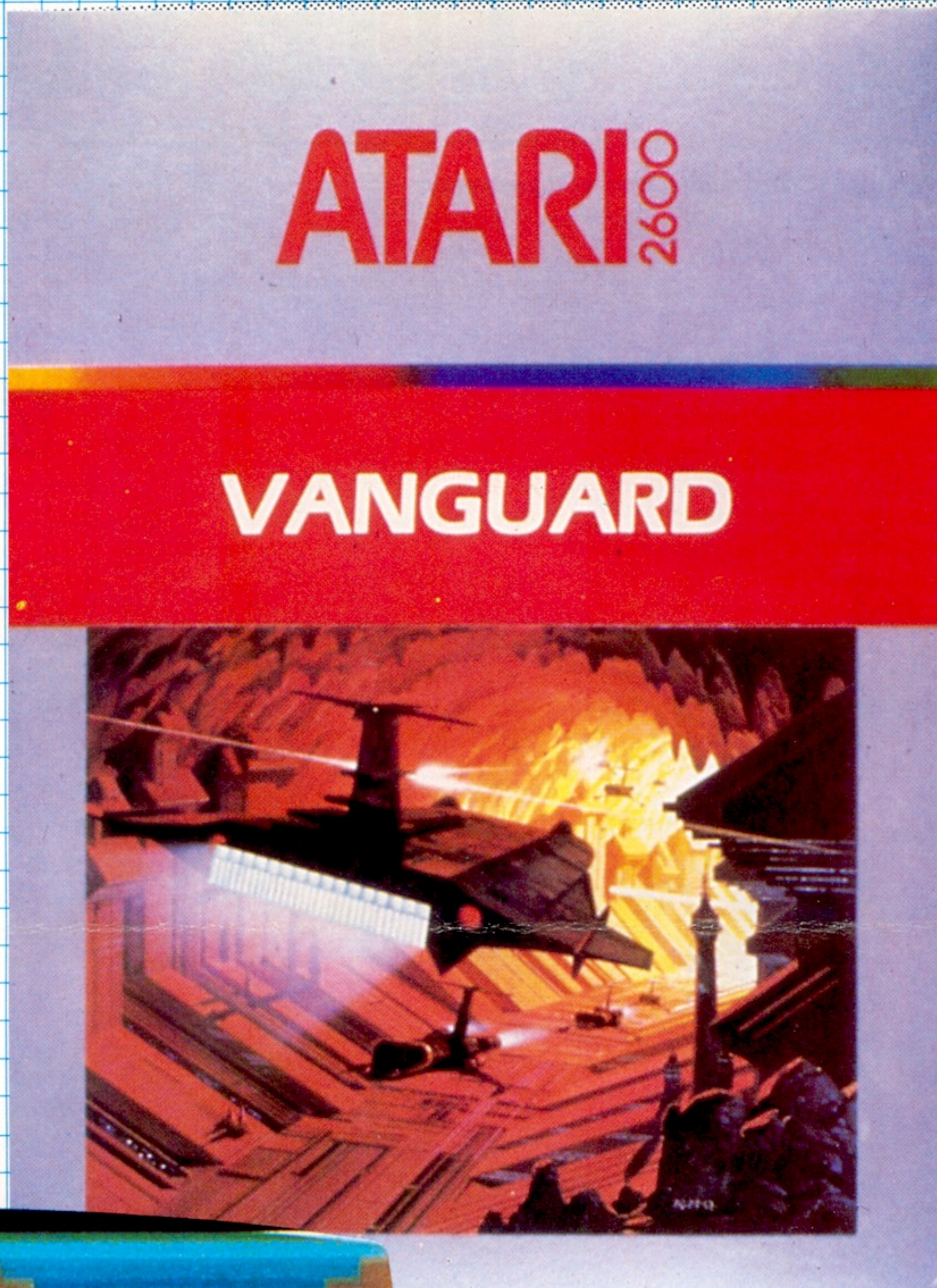
As leader of the Vanguard expedition you must pilot your spaceship into the 'City of Mystery' and destroy the mighty evil Gond. But nothing is that easy!

Nine different tunnel zones and eleven waves of enemies stand between you and your mission — a challenge to your leadership, your skill and your daring.

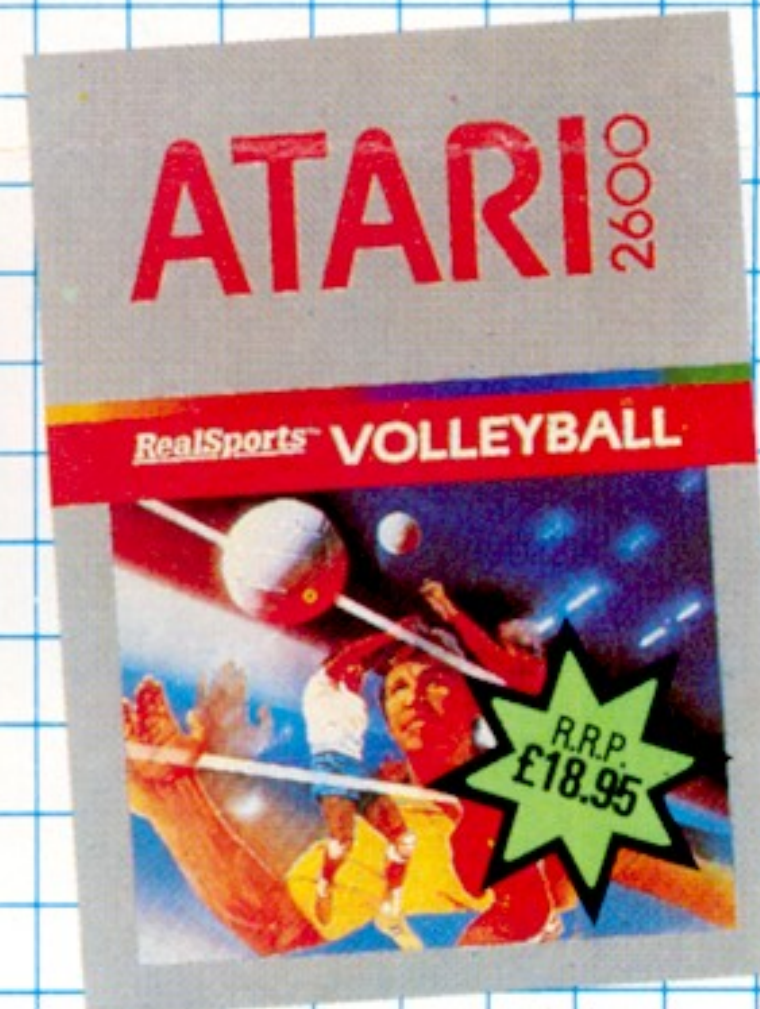
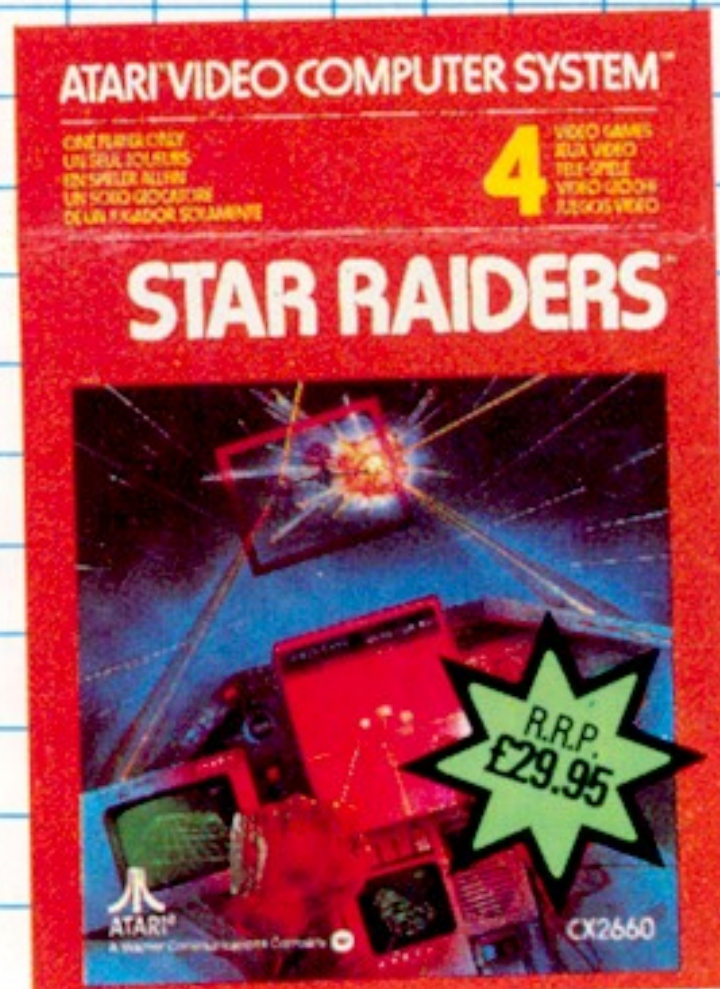
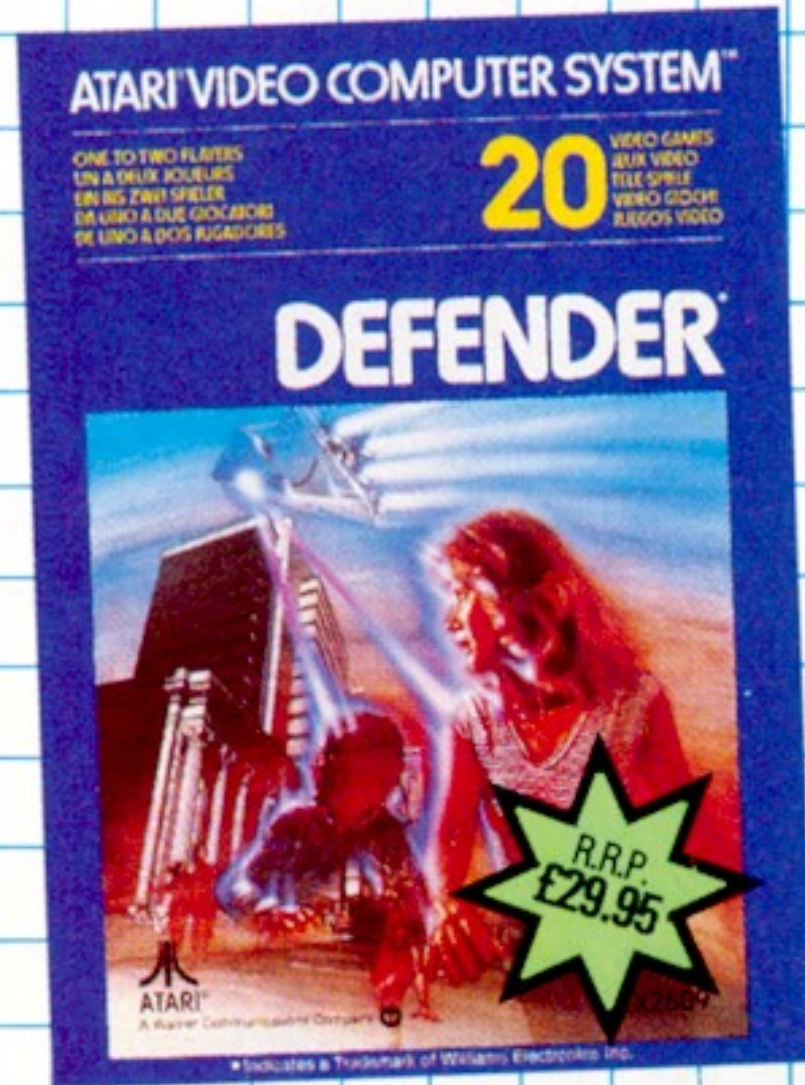
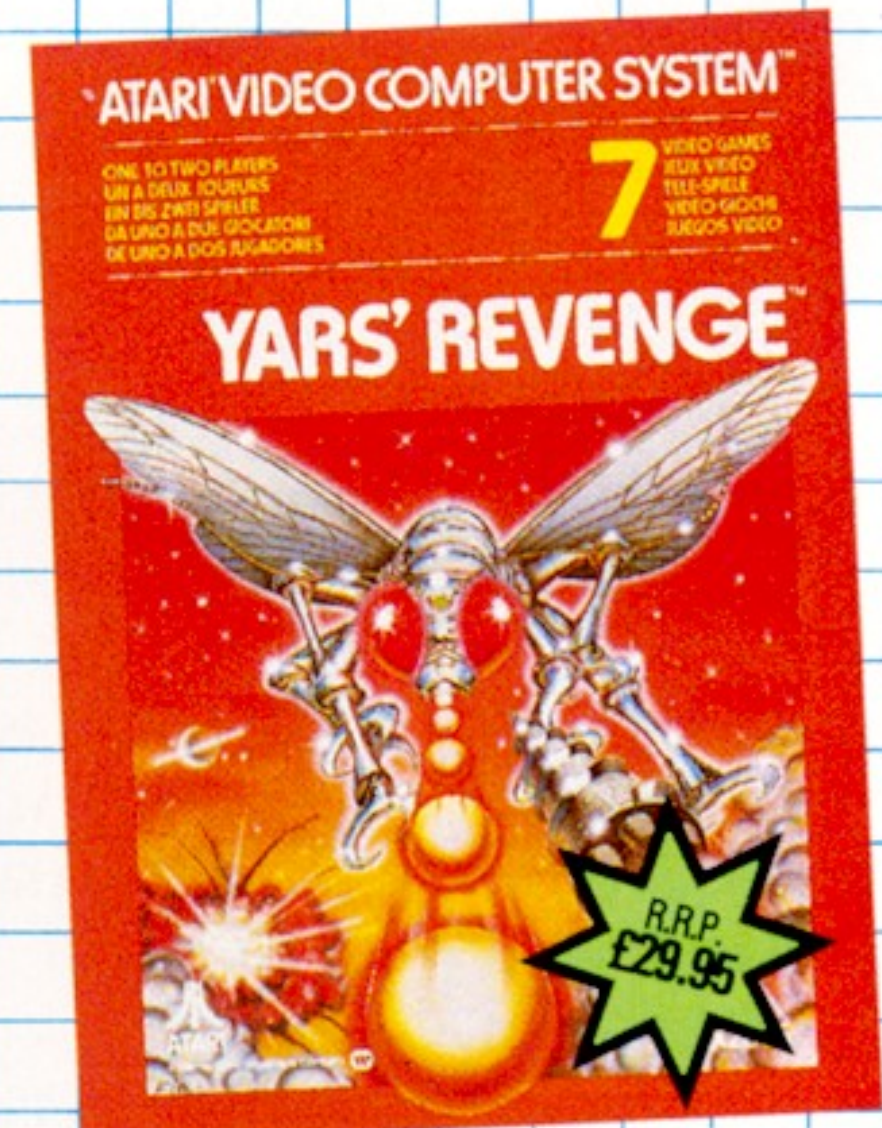
Atari's Vanguard game features an 'Invincible Attack' mode, that enables you to resume play from the time your 'last' life starts — rather than from the beginning of the game.

Vanguard will be available in the UK in March 1983 at a recommended retail price of £29.99.

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LOOK BACK TO CARTRIDGE RELEASES IN 1982



E.T.* THE DOLL

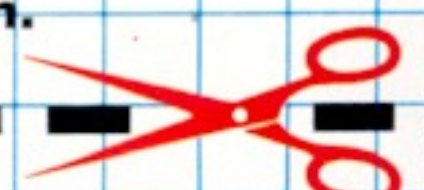
*E.T. and the E.T. character are trademarks and licensed by Universal City Studios, Inc. © 1982 Universal City Studios, Inc. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

Who is 11 inches tall, is soft and cuddly, is harmless and friendly and is one of the greatest film stars of all time — E.T. the doll, of course.

Up until today you've loved him but he's always been the other side of the 'screen', (both the cinema and the video games screen). But now you can meet E.T. In the fur — yes fur!

These super E.T. dolls from Knickerbocker are available from Atari Control at the less than extra-terrestrial price of £9.95 + £1.00 Post and Packing (including VAT). Especially for Atari Owners Club Members.

Welcome E.T. into your own home and help him feel a little less alien.



TO: AB24 — E.T. OFFER

Atari Control, Railway Terrace, Slough, Berks SL2 5BZ

Please send me _____ E.T. doll(s) for which I enclose £10.95 each.

Name _____ Console No. _____

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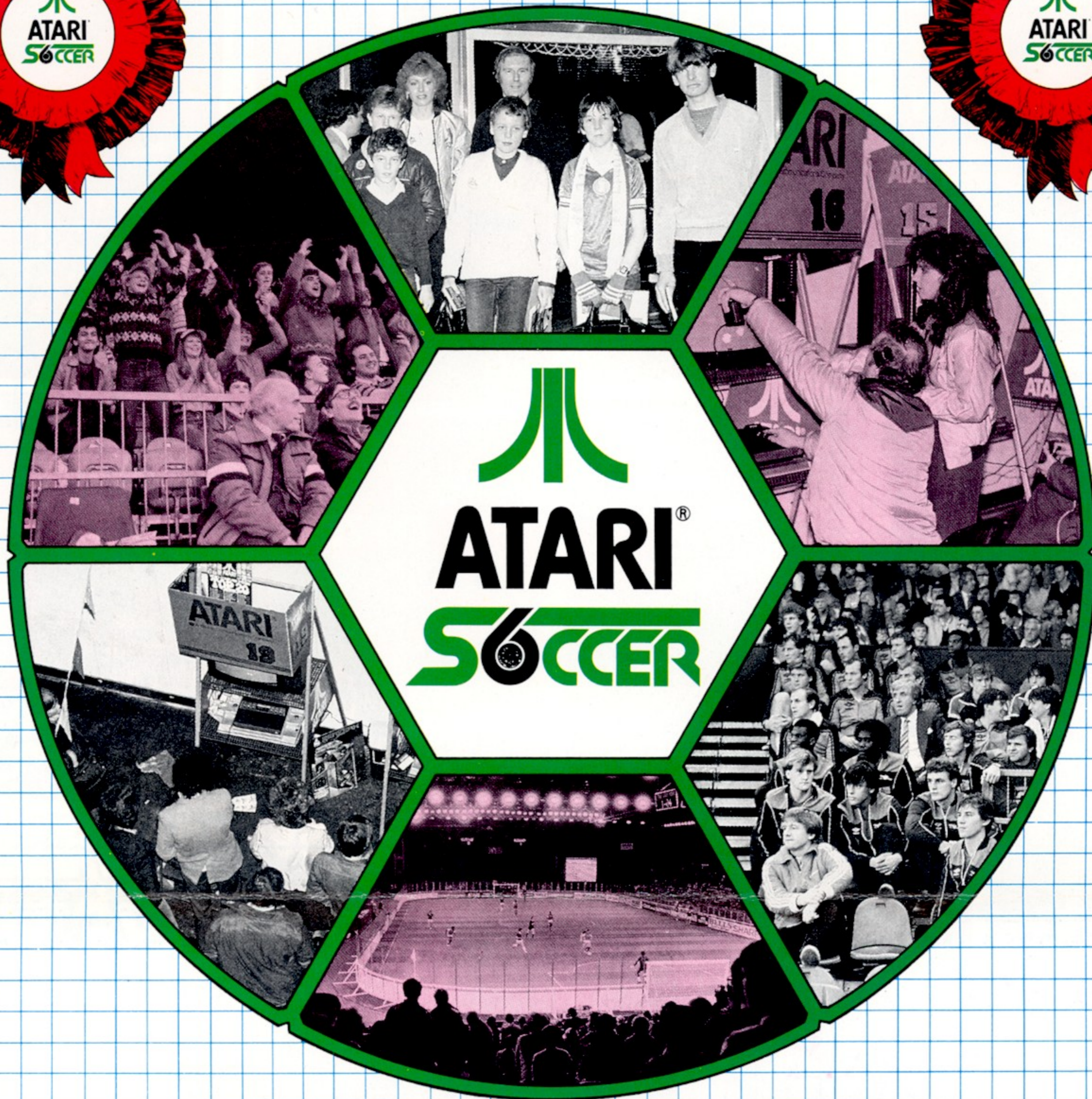
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Allow 3 weeks for delivery. Offer subject to availability.

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JANUARY 25th & JANUARY 26th



.....Atari Control reports from the National Exhibition Centre, in the heart of the Midlands. Soccer 6, 6-a-side indoor football championships, the brand new ball game, has been created by the Football League who appreciated the demand for a new form of soccer. During these 15 minute games, the ball can be hit as hard and as high as the player likes, with heading, tackling, chesting and chipping. With such teams as Arsenal, Ipswich Town, Southampton, Birmingham City, Swansea, Everton, Manchester City and Nottingham Forest all competing for the finals tomorrow (26 Jan '83) the atmosphere is tense. The crowds have been arriving since 5pm, allowing themselves time to play the Atari Games, visit our Atari Control stand, collect autographs, try out the Home Computers and prepare themselves for the 7pm kick off.

Great meeting you all! Above a few pictures from the tournament.

The rest will be in the April Bulletin.....



Exclusive Atari VCS Owner's Club Accessories

OC 830 — Atari 'Carry All' Case

Silver PVC case, padded with flexible sponge foam, designed to store 24 cartridges and the instruction books, or 12 cartridges, instruction books, joysticks, paddles and adaptor. All stored neatly away.

(11½" × 14½" × 5½")

£16.95

OC 831 — Atari 8 Cartridge "Book Tidy"

Brown PVC covered binder. Two black injection moulded inserts, holding eight Atari Cartridges. The outer leaf has a pocket for instruction books. Made in the USA (10¾" × 10¼" × 2")

£7.95

OC 832 — Atari VCS Tidy

A silver vacuum moulded tray, designed in England, to house your console, joysticks, about 10 cartridges and the instruction books. This unit comes together with a light-weight PVC dust cover plus a small cartridge holder for the remainder of your cartridges.

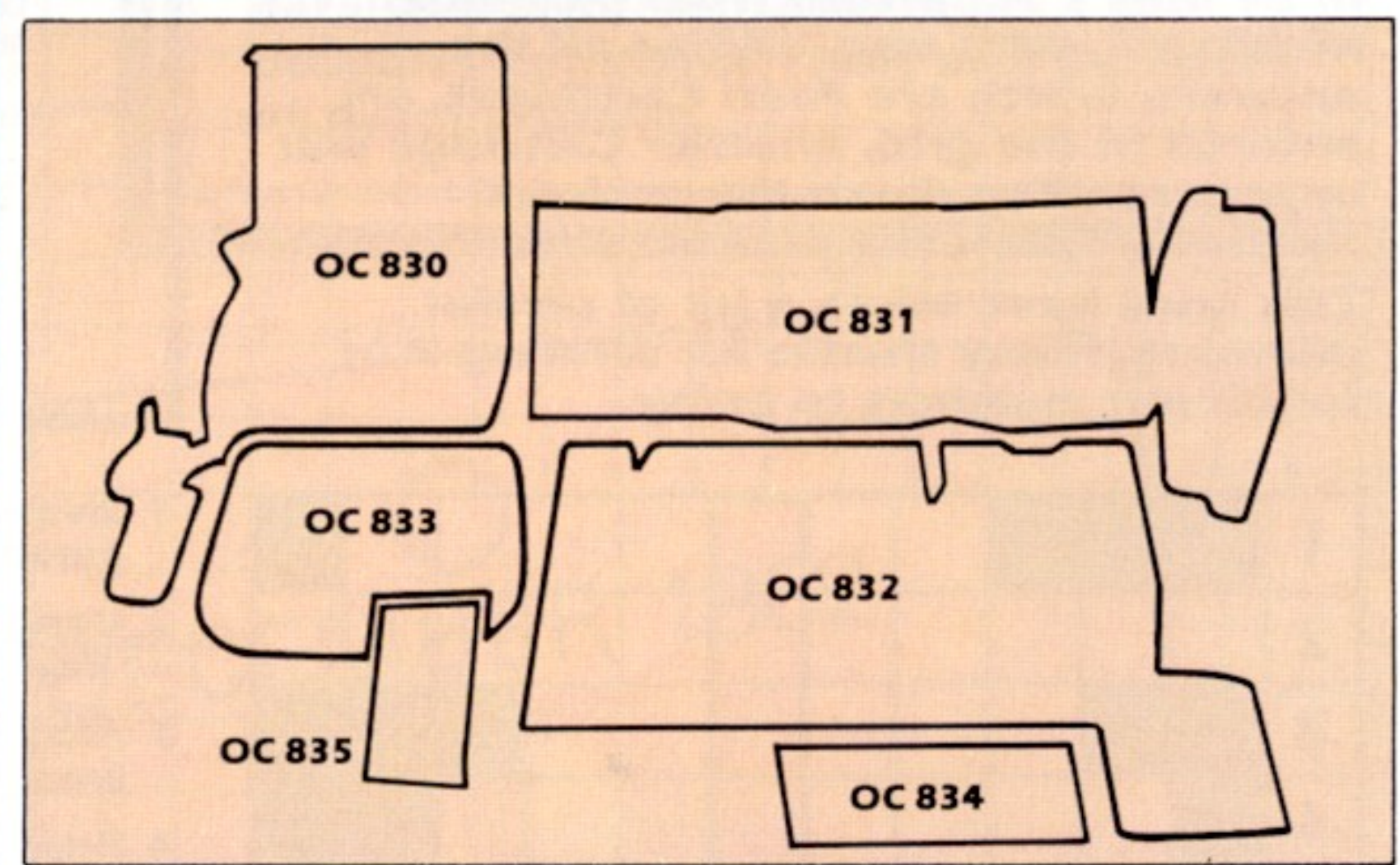
(2" × 23" × 12")

£12.95

OC 833 — Atari Dust Cover (Limited stock)

A blue, washable canvas cover, made in the USA, carrying the Atari name and logo. Ideal to cover your console, avoiding the collection of dust in the ridges.

£1.25



OC 834 — I Love Atari Sticker

This is a white vinyl, silk screened adhesive sticker.

(3½" × 11¾")

.50p

OC 835 — The Player's Strategy Guide

This book, from the editors of the American Electronic Game Magazine, Arnie Katz and Bill Kunkel, is printed in the UK by Penguin. Since the book originates from America, some of the games mentioned are not on sale in Britain. What's the book about? Well, the two authors decided that a few gentle hints on how to better your scores, would help all you enthusiasts. The advice given covers many video games, most of which are Atari.

£1.95

ALL PRICES INCLUDE VAT, POST & PACKING

Recently, ATARI CONTROL received an S.O.S. from one of our members, John Dickinson, who was taking an exam and needed some information about Atari. So, we sent him some things, and were delighted to receive this very nice letter from John:

"I would like to thank you for your kindness and co-operation in sending me the posters and information needed for my English

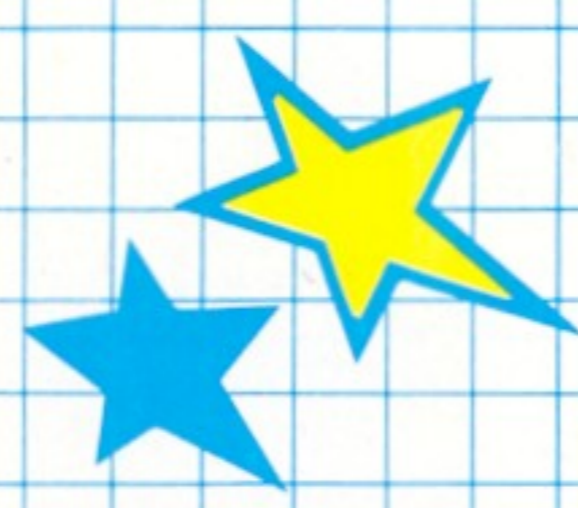
Speaking Board Exam. I am happy to tell you that I passed the exam with distinction. All the boys in my class enjoyed my talk on the Atari and the cartridges I used in my display and thought they were great."

Thank you very much for writing to us, John, and congratulations from all of us for doing so well in your exam.

Mrs. S. Chappin,
Stanmore, Middlesex.
1st November 1982

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Atari not working.
Oh what a fuss.
You would think someone's been run over by a number 9 bus.
The Joystick Controller I herewith enclose.
Could be the plastic inserts, none of us knows.
We come to you for your expert advice.
To see if you could mend it in a trice.
Our Atari game is now laying idle.
That Joystick Controller our only survival.
So please can you mend it speedily.
As addicts we have come to be.
Of that wonderful game ATARI.



Mrs. L. Hughes,
Crawley, Sussex.
25th November, 1982.

Dear Sirs,

I wonder if you are an animal lover? I ask this because I've bought my son an Atari for Xmas and I was testing it out one evening, surrounded by the games, boxes and instructions.

When trouble reared its ugly head — trouble with a capital 'T' — comes by the name of Jasper, my Springer Spaniel. He obviously felt not enough attention was being lavished in his direction and therefore set out to find his own amusement! The result of this little escapade was the complete and utter destruction of 3 instruction booklets, namely: 1) Space Invaders; 2) Breakout; and 3) Air/Sea Battle.

He feels extremely sorry for himself now but faces being "in the doghouse" (excuse the pun!) all over Xmas as my son won't know where he is with the games.

Is it possible you could come to the assistance of this poor little dumb animal and let me have replacement books — I'd gladly buy them if necessary, just send me an invoice and I'd return my cheque immediately.

I do hope you can help to bring a wag back to Jasper's tail and I now throw his fate to your mercy. Can he too have a nice Xmas and a bone with a bow round it or is it to be the doghouse, only you know. I've enclosed a self stamped and addressed envelope — just in case!

Many thanks for your help.

ATARI SERVICE
NORTHWICH NETWORK

Dear Mrs. Chappin,
**'T'WAS A COLD COLD MORN'
IN THE WAREHOUSE**
Mighty Mark and Stevie B
Opened up your package
And what did they see?
A solitary Joystick —
Diagnosis?
It was very sick.
Thought they then
"We must do our best,
For the Chappin Family
Are very distressed!"
Each wiped a tear from his eye —
"What can be done?"
They were heard to cry.
"I know!" said one,
"Leave it to me",
And a new Joystick
Was sent immediately.
Mighty Mark and Stevie B
Send their best wishes,
As do all at Atari!

ATARI SERVICE
NORTHWICH NETWORK

Dear Mrs. Hughes,
Thank you for your letter of 25th November 1982.

We were all sorry to hear of your dog Jasper's sad tail (please forgive the pun!). We felt that it would be extremely "Ruff" for your son not to have the instruction booklets for his Atari games on Christmas day, just because Jasper was trying to improve his "Gnowledge" by nibbling Atari Booklets.

"Paw"-little Jasper we thought — how could he show his face on Christmas day? We'll make no bones about it.

Please find enclosed the instruction booklets as requested — "Goodwag" to all dogs this festive season!

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As our last Puzzle (December AB23) proved so popular, we have decided to include another one. This time, it is more of a CROSSWORD, although slightly unusual as there are no clues down! It has been sent in by Miss T A Parsons from Uxbridge, Middlesex, who says, "When all the answers, which are Atari Cartridges, are entered in the grid, another Cartridge will appear reading down the enclosed squares". This is the part outlined in red.

This must have taken a lot of careful planning. Many thanks for sending it in for all our members to enjoy.

THE ATARI TV STARS — Winning an Atari video games competition can mean more than fabulous prizes, four of our 1983 Pac-Man champions have gone on to fame (and perhaps fortune?) by appearing on television.

Craig Heap, the world Pac-Man champion has starred on the Saturday Superstore with Mike Reid of Radio One and John Craven; the Oxford Roadshow with Radio One's Peter Powell and the Video Age with Anglia Television's Patrick Stoddard. Craig who is keenly looking forward to this year's contest is also the star of a special video on the world final which features all the national champions and "Dollar" the pop duo.

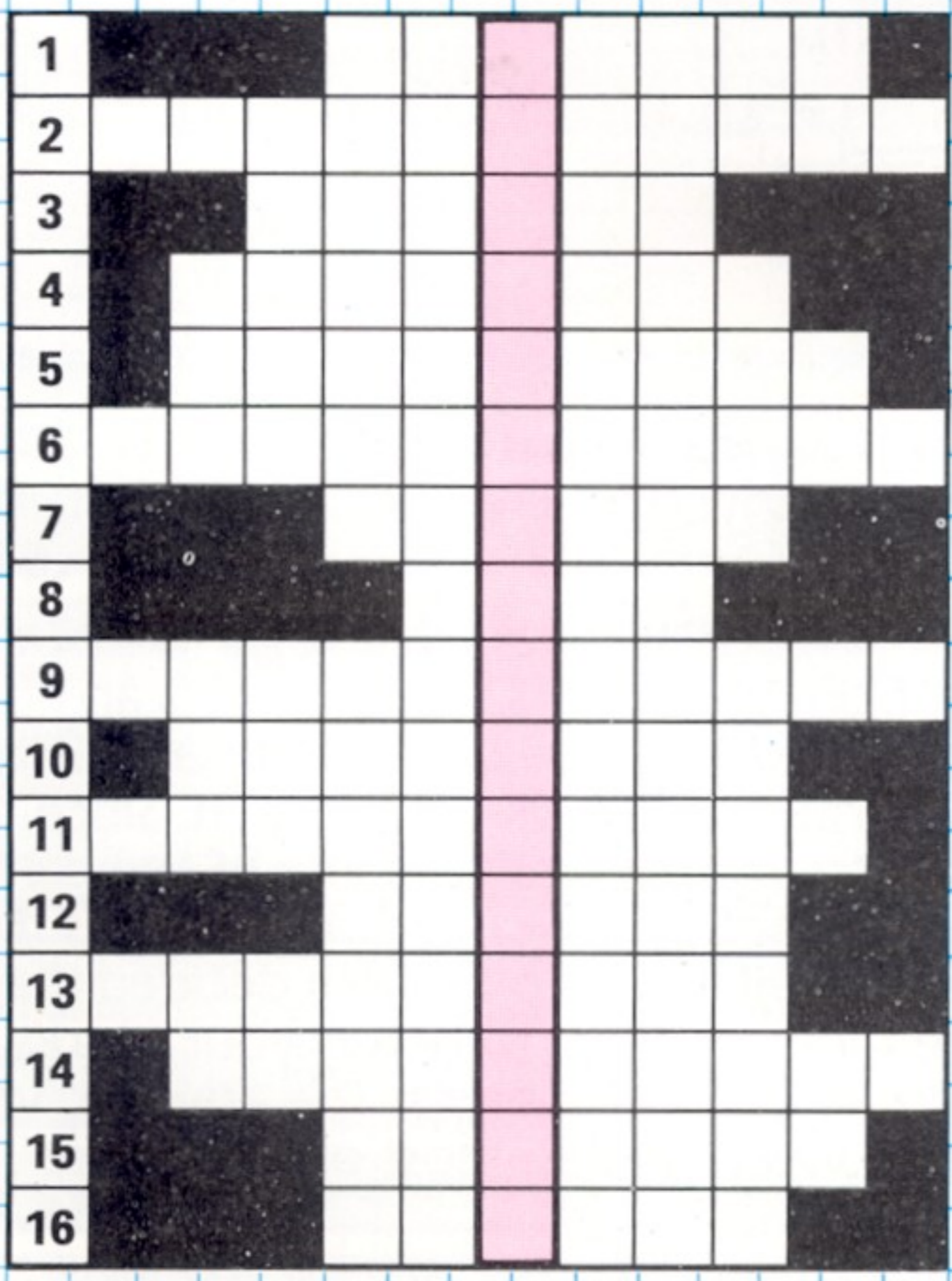
Atari's man in the Midlands, Trevor Yardley, the over-25 national Pac-Man champion, seems to have made Central Television his own. Before the national finals in London Trevor appeared as a regional champ; but his next performance was as a national champ before going to Paris for the world final.

Two other regional winners Stuart Murray (Scotland) and Tony Eaton (Midlands) were interviewed by BBC Scotland and Central TV. Like Craig and Trevor the bright lights and fame came easily for these two.

Well done all round and we look forward to more Atari champs in '83 appearing on the other side of the screen! Perhaps it will be you!

START PRACTISING ATARIANS — Atari Control has been full of rumours and gossip over the last couple of weeks as the top Atari people from all over the world got together to decide what the 1983 Championship games cartridge will be.

All we can say at the moment is that it will be a pretty Olympian affair!!!



- 1 Swerve, to avoid pursuers — (5,2)
- 2 Vengeance for the 'Rays' — (4,7)
- 3 Amp-Can (anagram)
- 4 Feuds with peers
- 5 A remarkable happening
- 6 Clowns in 'Tiara' — (6,5)
- 7 American bandit
- 8 Out-door game, played with club
- 9 Manoeuvrer in the dark — (5,6)
- 10 A Parachutist — (3,5)
- 11 Posterior bacon
- 12 Fight
- 13 Small Planets
- 14 Recreation for the grey matter — (5,5)
- 15 A famous race course — (4,3)
- 16 Gambling place



Our thanks to John Dutton of Northwich in Cheshire, who wrote to us. John, who suffers with muscular dystrophy has mastered the art of playing with his Atari VCS. Since November 1st 1982, John has managed to achieve the following scores:

Pac-Man — Game 1, Difficulty B — 126,063;
Asteroids — Game 1, Difficulty A — 37,040;
Missile Command — Game 1, Difficulty B — 124,835;
Defender — Game 1, Difficulty B — 116,400;

Yars' Revenge — Game 1, Difficulty B — 186,530.

I'm sure you will agree these scores are excellent; the photos prove how John has mastered the art. The joystick is operated by mouth and the firing button, which with a little pressure, fires, and accurately too. Congratulations John, we know you are trying to better your score each time, and we look forward to receiving your update.





Atari Control announce the winners of the AB23 Competition.

FIRST PRIZE WINNERS — each winning a Cartridge of their choice

Master G Morris, Nuneaton Warwickshire; Gareth Rodwell, Hayes, Middlesex; Mr J Williams, Liverpool; Graham Godley, Southwick Sussex; David Rider, Edinburgh Scotland.

RUNNERS UP — of which we have selected 20 since the response was so outstanding — all receiving a £1.00 Voucher.

Shane McGeehin, Letterkenny Elre; Alistair Longmuir, Land Stracht Aberdeen; Andrew Best, Dursley Gloucester; C Milne, Grimsby South Humberside; Edwina Bellinger, London; Tony Guy, Billericay Essex; Stephen Downs, Croydon; Phillip Cleugh, Sunderland Tyne & Wear; Daniele Ciraulo, Wolverhampton; Mrs J Brewin, Timperley Cheshire; Billy Logue, Lanarkshire Scotland; Robin Lewis, Prestatyn N. Wales; Simon Gosling, Kings Langley Hertfordshire; Mr E Gammon, Norwich Norfolk; David & Paul Fletcher, Praze Cornwall; Mrs K Carlisle, Horsforth Leeds; Miss J Tickner, Godstone Surrey; Peter Clark, London; Mark Smith, Rotherham S. Yorkshire; Ian Scott, Ebbw Vale Wales.

THE ANSWERS WERE 1. Trevor Brooking, Eric Morecambe, Ernie Wise. 2. Pele Soccer. 3. West Ham United. 4 Luton Town.

HIGH SCORE SPOT



BERZERK

Dean Woodward of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire has gone 'Berzerk' with a score of 9,802,280 in 16 hours on Game 1. Congratulations Dean! Let's see if anyone can reach the 10 million barrier in time for the next Bulletin (April). Remember it'll have to be on Game 1 and preferably in a quicker time!



DEFENDER

The highest score on this cartridge has almost doubled since the December Bulletin, which is great news. The new record has been set by Kevin Pollington of Washington, Tyne & Wear. It is 37,625,000 on Game 1 in 39 hours. Can anyone better this?



MISSILE COMMAND

Another brilliant score has been achieved by a very enthusiastic Atarian, Peter Saunders of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. Peter has slashed the old record not only in points but also in time. From the 59,463,721 in 64 hours record by Kevin Nuttall, we have now reached 72,632,854. Peter sat up all night to do this, about 16 hours, and it was on Game 1. Well done!

We are pleased to announce that from now on ATARI CERTIFICATES will be issued to all ATARIANS featured in our HIGH SCORE SPOT. So, keep practising and send in your best score to: ATARI CONTROL — HIGH SCORE SPOT, Atari House, Railway Terrace, Slough, Berkshire, SL2 5BZ.

Please don't forget to tell us all the details: Which cartridge, Game 1 (if possible), Length of Time, and Signature of Adult Witness.

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This Saturday in December brought with it the 1st Bisley Scout Group's Christmas Fair. It was held at the village hall in Bisley, Surrey. There were many stalls, including a Tombola, Raffle, Lucky Dip, Homemade Cakes and Biscuits, and guess who else was there? Yes, ATARI!!!! Visitors were invited to chance their luck against Pac-man, and prizes went to the Top 3 Scorers. We raised about £15 on the Atari stall, and in total the Scouts made £275 from the Fair. This money will go towards the Scout Funds, and we wish them all the best for 1983.

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VENUE:
Maelor General Hospital in Wrexham

With Christmas in mind Mr Pritchard of G P Video in Wrexham donated to the Childrens ward, a colour television and two Atari Cartridges, one had to be ET and the other, one of our popular Pac-man Cartridges, Atari supplied a VCS unit, and to the delight of all those children in Hospital, the spirit of Christmas was restored. All were able to have a go, and each person wishing to play will be charged a small fee which is going towards buying more equipment for the Childrens ward. Judging by the number queuing to play, it won't be long before the ward outshines the rest of the hospital. However, that is not to encourage you all to go to hospital, just to make your short visit more enjoyable.

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Our Lady of Lourdes R C Primary School, Wanstead, London E11 Father Tozer and Atari launched a fund raising day for the Mother Theresa Calcutta Fund.

There was a small fee charged for entrance, and another small fee to enter the Berzerk Competition. The game was played by all entrants for 5 mins, and the highest score in two categories won prizes. The two categories were 9 year olds and under and the 10 year olds and over.

Well the day was great fun and we had a terrific turn out, with Raffles, competitions and some super prizes, for the fund we were able to raise approx £400.00.

Winners at the event — UNDER 9's: 1st David (surname not known); 2nd Robert Sterling; 3rd David Walker. OVER 10's: 1st John Sharkey; 2nd M Phillips; 3rd R Hovarth.

The top score being 4,840 and remember that was in 5 minutes.
1st prize — Atari Video Computer System + Cartridge + T-Shirt
2nd prize — Cartridge + T-Shirt • **3rd prize** — T-Shirt.

Congratulations to you all in Wanstead and our thanks for your contribution to the Mother Theresa Calcutta Fund.

ATARI CONTROL

Hi There Atarians!

A happy 1983 from Atari Control, and we kick off by announcing two new cartridges — "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Vanguard". For further details on game play see front cover and page two. There will be more releases soon, so look out for future information.

The Atari year has got off to a lively start with Atari Soccer 6 (see page 4), and as always we have many other things planned for you — Including another National Competition. There's a small clue to that in this edition!

You will be glad to know that we now have a range of Atari Tidy Units, the details are on page five. Order forms with prices enclosed.

When you write to us, please note our new address and the codes listed below. This helps us to answer your letters quickly.

After the punishment received during the holidays, your Atari Console and joystick may need medical attention! The enclosed Independent Service Centre Guide shows your nearest hospital for treatment, and be sure to take your Warranty Card if it is still valid.

Congratulations to the winners of the AB 23 Competition, and commiserations to those who were unlucky. Don't worry, perhaps you'll have better luck with the 1983 Competitions.

Finally, Atari Control says thank you for all your Christmas Cards — especially the hand painted ones. We certainly have some talented artists.

Until the April Bulletin.

Editor.

PS — We still have a few Special offers left;

AB22 Pac-Man Posters at £1.50.

AB23 Star Raiders T-Shirts at £2.95 Small and Medium only.

RESULTS OF THE 'DESIGN A PAC-MAN BADGE' COMPETITION

In the Spring of 1982, there was a Competition featured in our Bulletin, to design a Pac-man Badge. The lucky 9 winners were: Robert Wilde from Birmingham, M Riccio from Widnes, Chris Brook from Leeds, Andrew Roberts from Cleethorpes, G Sunderland from Bradford, David Bisby from Manchester, Elizabeth Doyle from Grays, Christopher Jones from Bath, and Robert Pace from Warley.

They each won a Pac-man Cartridge and a T-Shirt. Well done to you all, and sorry we took rather a long time to print the results!

WORD OF WARNING!!!

On our letters page in the December Bulletin we heard from Warren Larcombe who told us about the 'Double Bullet' on 'Space Invaders'. Our Technical Expert has since told us that too much messing around with the console control switches could in fact damage your Atari Video Computer. So, please everyone, look after your consoles well.

On a similar note, some people have written to us asking how to 'suspend' games. I'm afraid we cannot give you this information, as, again, we have reason to believe it could cause damage to your console. So, please do not try to do this. In future, we will not be able to feature HIGH SCORES which have been achieved by suspending the game. Sorry, but we do have the welfare of your console at heart!

... MAYDAY ... MAYDAY ... CALLING ALL ATARIANS VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE ...

OWNERS CLUB at ATARI CONTROL welcomes all letters from Atarians, but please don't write to any of the old addresses because this causes delay in answering your queries! We are now getting so many sackfuls of letters that we have decided to make life a little easier for everyone. The idea is to make sure all your letters are properly addressed. This is what to do:

1) If you MOVE HOUSE — keep the white envelope when your Bulletin arrives. This has your membership number on the label. Write your new address (including postcode) clearly on the same envelope, and your Atari Serial Number, and send to:

ATARI CONTROL — MOVE HOUSE

2) If you think you have a really HIGH SCORE — don't keep it a secret; write to ATARI CONTROL. Remember: Cartridge, Game (Game One is usual), Time, Difficulty, Witness and of course your Name and Address. Send to:

ATARI CONTROL — HIGH SCORE SPOT

3) If you want one of our SPECIAL OFFERS — just follow the instructions on the Order Form in the Bulletin, and send to:

ATARI CONTROL — SPECIAL OFFERS

4) If you would like a free CATALOGUE, plus Price List and Stockist List for your area, write to us at:

ATARI CONTROL — CATALOGUE

5) If you have a BRAINWAVE — good ideas, interesting suggestions, helpful ways in which you think we could improve things, do write in:

ATARI CONTROL — BRAINWAVES

6) If you want to write with GENERAL enquiries, or a variety of requests, or about anything not already mentioned, please send your letter to:

ATARI CONTROL — GENERAL

So, please remember the letter headings, which will help us to help you, we hope! We look forward to receiving your mail:

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