

Sony signs sports stars

Sony have tied up a sponsorship deal with two style-leading sports stars. Boxing supremo Prince Naseem Hamed and world superbike champion Carl Fogarty have both been signed-up to help promote the PlayStation further in Sony's multi-million pound promotional campaign.

Prince Naseem Hamed will be temporarily abandoning his leopard-skin shorts in favour of a new PlayStation number featuring various logos. The sponsorship deal comprises of a package worth over £300,000 reportedly. Prince Naseem will be donning his new attire for four fights, after which even more promotions will follow.

Carl Fogarty, dubbed the 'Barry Sheen of the 90s', is the second personality to have recently been signed to promote the PlayStation. Fogarty has had two wins in the British round of the World Superbike Championship at Brands Hatch and will be sporting the fastest PlayStation logo you'll ever see, probably.

A kind of magic

Magic Carpet breaks on to the PlayStation early next year. The game is being converted from the superb PC game. The PlayStation version is going to be enhanced from the original, with improved graphics and speed. Bullfrog are currently working on converting many



of their successful titles to the PlayStation and are fully supporting the machine due to its superior power. (It's great working on a PlayStation magazine.)

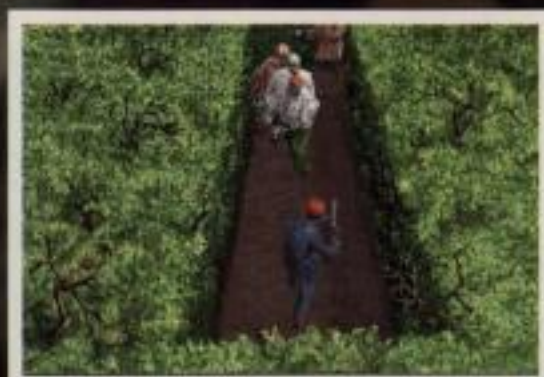
Play is planning to follow the game closely throughout development.

Jack pops up

D Infogrames is working on the PlayStation version of their classic adventure game *Alone in the Dark: Jack is Back*. You take the role of Edward Cambry in his search to find his pal Ted Striker. Striker, who was investigating the kidnapping of an eight year old girl, Grace Saunders, by One Eyed Jack, has

been missing for a week. Your mission is to find Striker and the girl and rescue them from the clutches from the rather notorious bootlegger Jack.

The graphics on the PlayStation version are touted as far improved on the PC version and it has extra sound and is generally a far more polished game. *Alone in the Dark: Jack is Back* will be reviewed next issue.



Acclaim alienates everyone



A cclaim is developing *Alien Trilogy* for the PlayStation. Making use of Acclaim's award-winning motion capture technology for realistic action, *Alien Trilogy* is to feature 18 levels of intense xenophobic action. The game combines elements from *Alien*, *Aliens* and *Alien³* and should be the most comprehensive Alien bashing game on earth.

For sheer firepower, the game boasts an extensive array of special weapons and some incredibly fearsome, et, aliens, including face-huggers, dog-aliens and queens. *Alien Trilogy* is planned for release in January, so Play'll be reviewing it in time for Christmas.

Heretics Doomed Alert

C laimed to be the most immersive, real-world, combat-action computer game yet produced, *Hexen - Beyond Heretic* by id Software and Raven, is coming to the PlayStation. The game has an advanced scripting engine that allows multiple actions to be triggered by the players' actions and is claimed to take the *Doom* engine as far as it can go. *Hexen - Beyond Heretic* is to appear during the first quarter of '96.

MK3 coins it in

Mortal Kombat 3 out any day now on the PlayStation from Sony, is in the process of being upgraded in the arcades. Original designer Williams is updating the cabinet with several of the characters in *MKII*, including Kitana and Scorpion. As well as the new characters, the upgrade will feature an extended set of special moves. Williams main reason for upgrading *MK3* is to give it a new lease of life, as the PlayStation version is virtually identical to the arcade.

But coin-op fans won't be stealing a march on home-based gamers for that long. From what we hear on the grapevine, it seems a special memory card patch will be made available to allow PlayStation owners to keep right up to date with the arcades. Smart.

▼ *MK3*: More new special moves to keep you happy.



▼ Gory as ever, *MK3* will be out very soon...

