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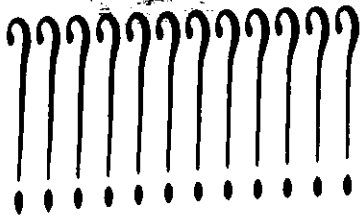


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A little something from the **PREZ!!**

I have often wondered if the President's RAM should actually be called President's ROM. RAM meaning random access memory seems to indicate random thoughts and lack of direction. Where as ROM meaning read only memory sounds more positive, in control, or having direction. What's this leading up to? "The Questionnaire" In last months newsletter was another questionnaire. It's intent was to tap the feelings of the membership for information regarding the direction of L.C.A.C.E. What do you want from your club? You say you don't like questionnaires! WELL THEN DON'T FILL IT OUT. Just turn it over and give us your thoughts, good or bad. Let us know what we can do for you. Please turn in the questionnaire to one of the Officers or better yet mail it in to: L.C.A.C.E. P.O. Box 8788 Waukegan, IL. 60079-8788. J.J. likes when we get a lot of mail (it has not happened since the last computerfest). Back to the RAM-ROM question. We will keep it RAM meaning the storage of information available for immediate use, rather than ROM meaning read only memory with no chance for input.

by *Steve Kostelink*



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are simple, crude, and poorly animated. Throw in a very choppy side-to-side scrolling, and game looks like a relic from the Atari 2600. The title theme music is very catchy, but the other game sounds are primitive and dull.

SUMMARY: **BASKETBRAWL** takes an idea loaded with potential, then removes most of the excitement by combining weak sports action and weak combat action. The only thing to do is to wait a while longer for an authentic basketball game; Lynx owners may be eager for sports titles, but they're not desperate.

NFL FOOTBALL 1-2 players, vertical game Atari Corp., for the Atari Lynx \$39.95 Stereo? No

OVERVIEW: There's no surprises here; **NFL FOOTBALL** for the Atari Lynx is a portable version of the American pigskin sport. This is the sport where two teams of eleven guys each try to carry an oddly-shaped brown ball down a hundred-yard field into the opposing team's end zone. As a licensed game, all of the real football teams and logos of the NFL are used, letting players fulfill their fantasies of managing their hometown favorites. For even more realism, the card features offensive plays designed by a real NFL coordinator, and game strategies can be altered in real time as needed. The action takes place from an overhead perspective, which zooms in and out of the action.

GAMEPLAY: Ugh.

NFL FOOTBALL had such promise, but falls short. The game has so many defects it's hard to wonder if...

play, and there is no difference between teams other than their logos and uniform colors. There are no fouls, no way to block punts, and many more shortfalls, too numerous to list.

GRAPHICS/SOUND: The graphics on **NFL FOOTBALL** are clean and identifiable, yet fail to excite or inspire. The Lynx's hardware scaling is wasted; the screen zooms in at the end of a play and zooms out to a high overhead shot for kickoffs, but most of the game is viewed from a static halfway height. It's possible to be in control of an off-screen player, though it shouldn't have to be. Screen clips highlight cheering crowds and the referee's calls, but they are simply animated and there's not many of them.

Sound is a little better, but not by much. Aside from a title theme, the game is quiet most of the time, with most of the sounds consisting of a whistle and the shlup-shlup-shlup of running feet. The digitized voices of the referee calls are a bit muddled, while the crowd that cheers after each score is a simple "white noise" effect.

SUMMARY: It doesn't help if football games on other portable game systems are no more sophisticated than **NFL FOOTBALL**. The bottom line is that this game is a futile exercise in boredom, and is certainly not fun to play nor worth the price asked for it.

STEEL TALONS 1 player, horizontal game Atari Corp., for the Atari Lynx \$29.95 Stereo? No

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