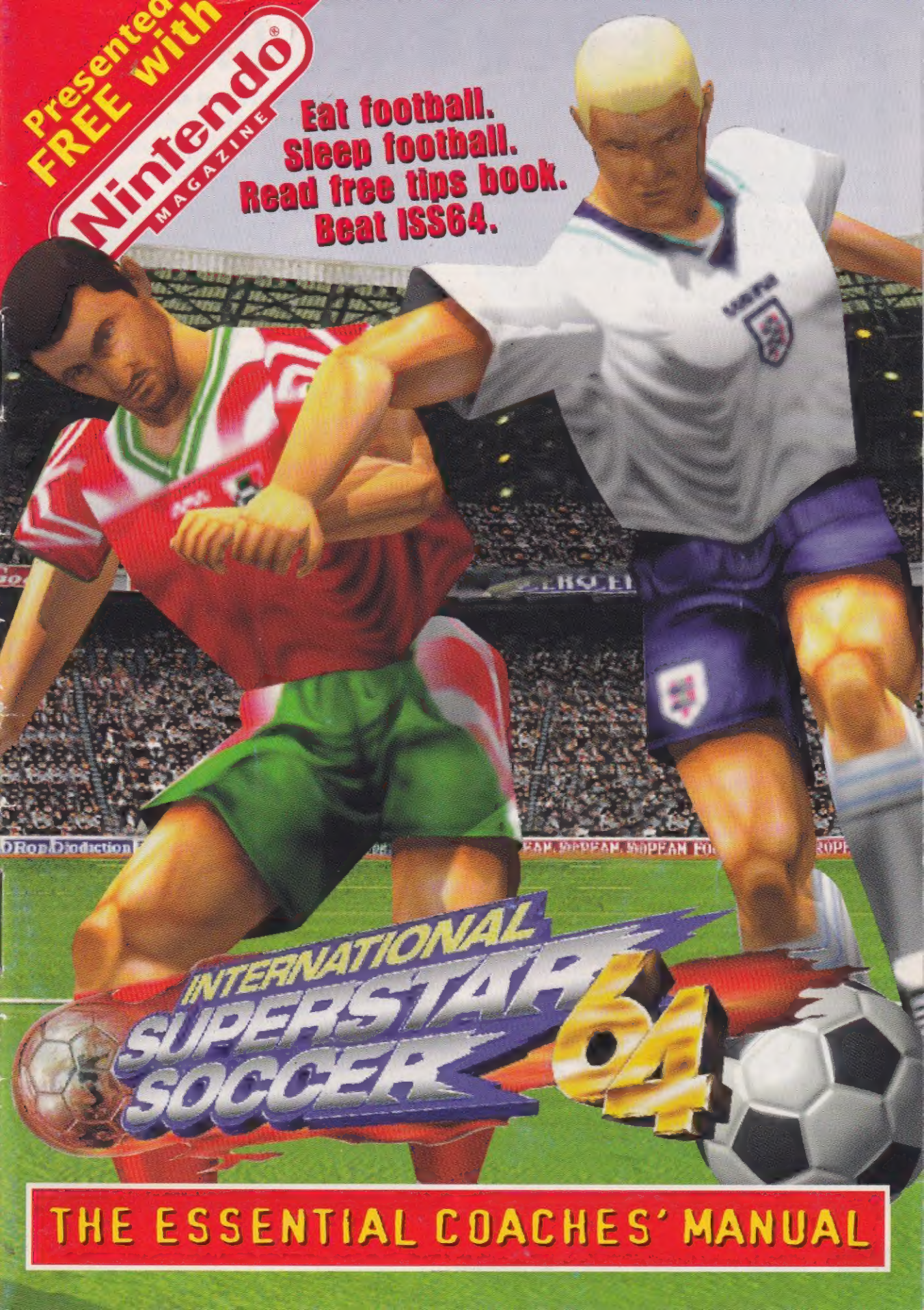

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A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

With the football season over, what better way to endure the close season than with a game of International Superstar Soccer 64? However, if you want to perform better than Southampton, you may need a few coaching tips to strengthen your defence, and get the most out of your strike force. This book will give you all the necessary information to take you to the top. The game's about to kick-off, so it's time to take to the field...

SCORE IN A MINUTE

It doesn't matter how much possession you have in a game if you can't convert it into goals, especially now the goalkeeper's intelligence has been improved for the UK version. So you may find that scoring is not as easy as it first appeared.

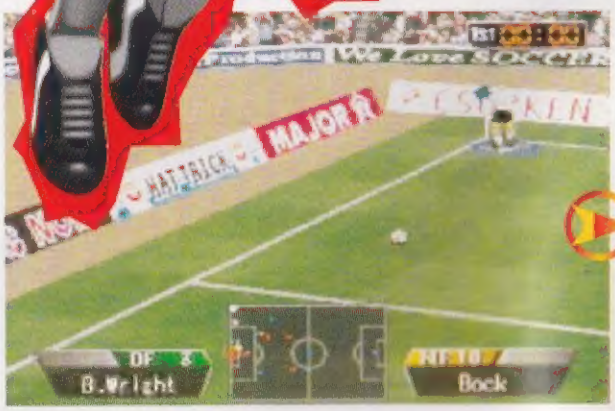
SET PIECES

Every time you're awarded a free kick or corner, there's the opportunity for you to put the ball in the back of the net. Perfect execution of a dead ball situation can result in goals, goals, goals!

CORNERS

SHORT CORNER

Make sure you have a team mate waiting on the near post. Line up the cursor with your player and take the corner (maximum power) using the pass button. As the ball leaves the corner taker's foot, move the receiving player forward and charge up the shoot button. Release to shoot and the keeper remains glued to the spot.



MID CORNER

Move the cursor as near to the goal line as possible. Now use the cross button and kick the ball at half strength. Charge up the Shoot button – similar to short corner – and hopefully the ball will land on your team mate's head. Release the button and aim for the near post.







LONG CORNER







Change the corner taker's position so he takes an out swinger. Move the cursor as near to the goal line as possible. Now using the D-pad, press five times to move the arrow towards the edge of the six yard box. Press the Shoot button to cross the ball, stopping just before maximum power.

Before the ball is kicked, tap dash and your players try to lose their markers. If all goes well, the ball lands at your forward's feet. Make sure you have a clear path to goal and you should have a simple tap-in.



FREE KICKS

HIT THE TARGET

Move the arrow cursor away from the keeper so it's lining up just inside the post. Shoot using 70% power and the ball clears the wall and will either go in, or be tipped by the goalie. Follow in to score.





ONE ON ONE

Use your dash button to get away from the defence. Once you reach the eighteen yard box, slow down and wait for the keeper to sprint off his line. There are now two choices open to you. Side step the keeper and shoot immediately. The keeper will be pulled too far out of position to make the save.





OPEN PLAY

While playing against the computer, you'll notice he doesn't try to foul you too often – he won't commit to too many sliding tackles, so free kick opportunities are rare. This means your best chance of scoring is during open play. So, how are you going to beat the keeper? By learning the following moves...



REBOUND

Shoot low and aim directly at the keeper. More often than not – especially on the default setting – the keeper coughs up the ball. Keep moving towards the ball and slide. You should now be able to tuck the ball into the empty net.



As the keeper narrows the angle, return to the dash button and sprint towards the far post. You should be able to tuck the ball into the ol' onion bag.





GERMANY	FRANCE	ITALY
BEST FORMATION: 3-5-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2
STAR PLAYER: SIEKE	STAR PLAYER: CHATILLO	STAR PLAYER: CARBONI
TEAM RATING: ●●●●●	TEAM RATING: ●●●●	TEAM RATING: ●●●●●

STEP OVER

If the keeper catches you off guard, and you don't have time to shoot without the ball rebounding, or he's too near to skip past, continually press the dash button. The step over motion confuses him long enough for you to compose yourself, side step and shoot.







LOW ANGLED DRIVE

Enter the area at a 45° angle from either corner of the eighteen yard box. Hit a low angled shot across the keeper and the ball flies under his outstretched body.





STEP UP

When running into the box, try to move in a step motion – Right, Up, Right, Up or Left, Up, Left, Up. Once again, the keeper fails to read this and offers you an ideal opportunity to score.



SWITZERLAND	NORWAY	DENMARK
BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 5-4-1
STAR PLAYER: MEYER	STAR PLAYER: KVALATAD	STAR PLAYER: LAUDRUP
TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

CROSS

This approach is ideal if you're in a 4-4-2 formation, as you'll always have a winger attacking the flank. Hold up play until the wide midfielder overlaps. Now give him the ball by playing a through pass – a standard pass will slow him down, and it will run into his path. Get to the byline, view the radar to pinpoint your forwards, and swing the ball into the box using the cross button.

NEAR POST

Near post crosses have a higher success rate. Don't put too much pace on the ball, otherwise you'll have to attack it with your head. Cross the ball using the top R button as you kick and now press the shoot button and wait for the player to come into picture. Release the button and aim the ball towards the near post.







FAR POST

Aiming at the near post usually results in the keeper conceding a corner, so try to hit the ball back in the same direction as the cross. This is the perfect time to score with a spectacular scissor kick.





BELOW: Always cross from the byline. If the keeper intercepts the cross, move towards the side line until you find your range.



FEINT AND SHOOT

As long as you've no defenders on your back, this is another shot which has an extremely high success rate. As the keeper approaches, release the 3D stick and tap the dash button. The goalie thinks you're about to shoot and lunges for the ball. Once he moves, press the shoot button and the ball passes over him and into the goal.



SWEDEN	SPAIN	PORTUGAL
BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-5-1	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2
STAR PLAYER: MAGNUS	STAR PLAYER: SERRANO	STAR PLAYER: DUARTE
TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

BACK HEEL

Okay, so you don't actually score from the back heel, but it's the key pass in the attack. If you've carried the ball too far into the box and haven't been able to get a clear shot in, run across the box and wait for the goalie to commit himself. As he's about to dive, perform a back heel and the ball moves away from him. As long as you've another player following up, he'll have a free shot.





LOB THE KEEPER

This is probably the most difficult shot to perform. As you enter the box, make sure you have a clear path to goal and tap shoot while pressing back on the 3D stick. Hopefully, the ball will rise over the keeper and drop under the crossbar.

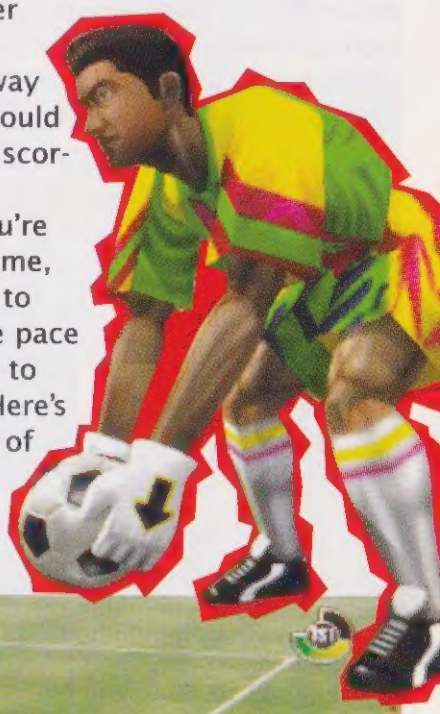




LOB THE KEEPER 2

Another variation for the lob is to wait for the keeper to rush off his line. As he approaches, U-turn with the ball, spin back to face the goal, and tap the cross button. The goalie becomes confused and watches the ball go over his head.

Passing your way up the field should get you into a scoring situation. However, if you're chasing the game, you may need to quicken up the pace if you're going to taste victory. Here's a few samples of how to turn defence into attack.









HOLLAND	BELGIUM	AUSTRIA
BEST FORMATION: 3-4-3	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2
STAR PLAYER: VISSCHER	STAR PLAYER: KOSTER	STAR PLAYER: PLATTNER
TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:

BREAK DOWN THE DEFENCE

ONE-TWO

Although the one-two can be performed at the mere touch of a button, many attacks break down by not activating it at the right moment. Try to get good separation between the two players, and make sure the opening is wide enough for two passes to be completed. This method can split open the heart of any defence.







DOUBLE PASS

Press the Pass button twice while in possession and you'll release the ball to a team mate, who'll in turn play a first time ball to another player further up the field. It's possible to bypass the opposition with the minimum of fuss using this technique and get yourself into a scoring position.





THROUGH BALL

The through ball is easily executed, and a computer controlled defence will continue to struggle against it. Don't use this method to play your way out of defence, as both computer-controlled midfielders and forwards read them much more effectively.







GREECE	ENGLAND	WALES
BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 3-5-2	BEST FORMATION: 3-5-2
STAR PLAYER: ANTONIS	STAR PLAYER: KEEGAN	STAR PLAYER:MELVILLE
TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

HEEL LIFT

Flicking the ball over your head and into your own path confuses the full backs every time. Again, it's not advisable to use this tactic in your own half.







DON'T DASH

When running with the ball it's advisable to use the Dash button as little as possible. Run in a zig-zag motion and the defenders struggle to make the tackle.





NO SEARCH PASS

As you play a standard pass using the A button, press the top R key at the same time. You'll gain control of the player receiving the ball much quicker and you should be able to get round the defender before he figures out what's happened. If performed correctly, this looks similar to a through ball.







SCOTLAND	REP. OF IRELAND	NORTHERN IRELAND
BEST FORMATION: 5-3-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 5-4-1
STAR PLAYER: McLAREN	STAR PLAYER: KIELY	STAR PLAYER: MAHONEY
TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

DEFENDING

It goes without saying that you don't want to foul the opposition when they're attacking deep into your half. Mistiming a tackle may result in giving away a free kick on the edge of the box, or, even worse, a penalty. These invaluable pointers should keep your back four from hacking down the opposition and receiving a card.

GET IN FRONT

It's advisable, wherever possible, to take an extra couple of steps to get in front of an opponent rather than sliding in from the back. If they shoot, there's every chance you'll block it or clear the rebound.

SLIDING IN

If you must slide in, try to come in from the side. There's less chance of you missing the ball, and taking out your opponent. There's also a player's fitness level to consider. At full strength they're more likely to stay on their feet.



CIRCULAR MOTION

A much safer way to perform a sliding tackle, is to make a clockwise circular motion with the 3D stick whilst using the left C button. This makes the player swing from the side instead of going through the back of the opponent. This should rule out any chance of you fouling in a dangerous area of the footy pitch.



DOUBLE SLIDE

Once you've slid in and taken the ball, you're likely to be put under pressure from another opponent. Instead of waiting for your player to get to his feet, tap on the Slide button twice and he'll pass the ball to a team mate while on the ground.



RUSSIA	CROATIA	ROMANIA
BEST FORMATION: 4-5-1	BEST FORMATION: 3-5-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-5-1
STAR PLAYER: URBANOV	STAR PLAYER: JULIC	STAR PLAYER: COSTAN
TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:

AHH, COME ON REF

Knowing which referee is in charge of the game may force you to chance your game style. There are three officials which can either be pre selected or randomly chosen when the game starts. Each ref has his own way of addressing discipline and his own style of play, and may, or may not, allow much physical contact to take place.



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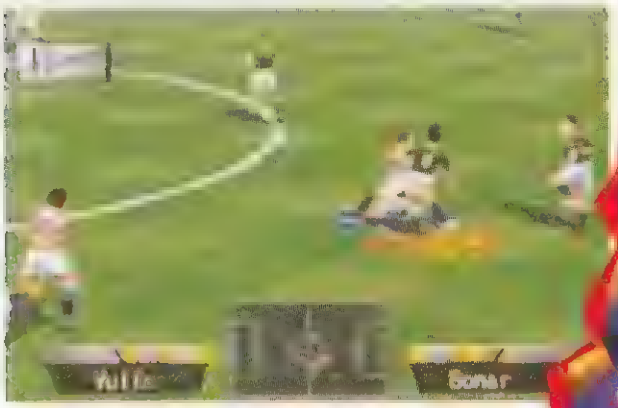
As lenient as you'll ever see. He'll let you get away with murder and waves play on. Even though he'll occasionally blow up for a free kick, the chances of him booking you are extremely remote.

CARLOS

Carlos is a right little Hitler. Sliding tackles should only be performed when necessary. If you think the Premier League referees are bad, wait 'til you get a load of him.

HEINZ

Heinz lets the game flow but don't try his patience. Once again, he's in no desperate hurry to reach for his pocket, but he has been known to give players a lecture for the occasional late tackle. But be sure to use sliding tackles with caution.





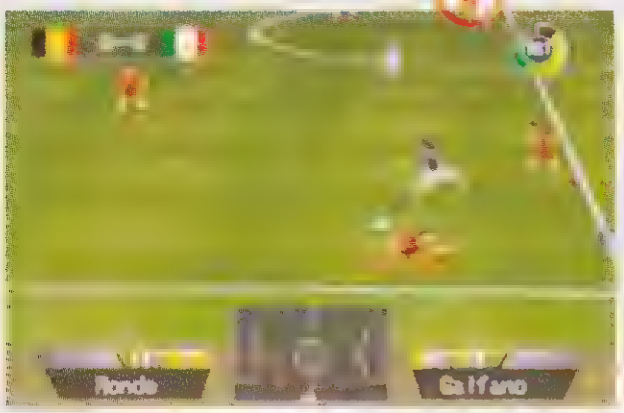
BULGARIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND
BEST FORMATION: 4-3-3	BEST FORMATION: 5-4-1	BEST FORMATION: 3-5-2
STAR PLAYER: PENEV	STAR PLAYER: NOVOTNY	STAR PLAYER: MUSIOL
TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:

STRATEGY

When selecting your Team Strategies, make sure they suit your formation. It's pointless to choose strategies which pull your players out of position.
When viewing the Strategy screen, you'll notice certain players have arrows pointing either forwards or backwards. These show which way they'll move when a strategy is activated. If you fail to use it, players only react when the ball is in their area. Teams which use a 4-4-2 or 3-5-2 formation are well suited to a Side Attack as they'll always have players on each wing. Notice the players push forward as the strategy is activated. Use a through ball and you should be able to keep ahead of the defence. Notice how, by viewing the radar screen, you can see your team mates on the opposite side of the field also pushing forward. Switch the play and your players should now be free.

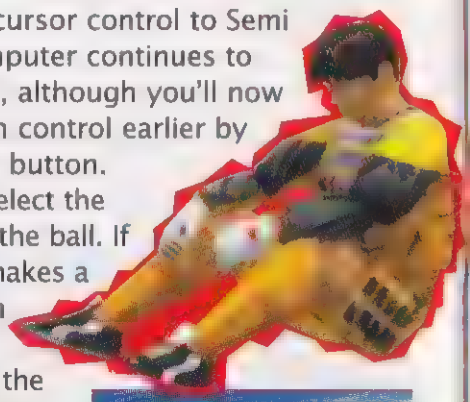






CURSOR CHANGE

Once you've grasped the basics, it's worth changing the cursor control to Semi Auto. The computer continues to switch players, although you'll now be able to gain control earlier by pressing the R button.
Don't always select the player nearest the ball. If an opponent makes a run, follow him instead of going towards the man in possession. If a through pass is played you'll stand a greater chance of intercepting it and counter attacking.





MAN TO MAN

Although man to man can be effective, tie up too many players and you can leave yourself wide open. If your opponent has an extremely skilful forward, it's worth using your best defender to stick to him for ninety minutes.
Occasionally, you can man mark the centre midfielder, but it's easier to concentrate on your own game.







JAPAN	SOUTH KOREA	TURKEY
BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 3-5-2	BEST FORMATION: 3-5-2
STAR PLAYER: HASIMOTO	STAR PLAYER: KIM	STAR PLAYER: YASAR
TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:	TEAM RATING:

PLAYER'S ROLE

Although each player is given a set position, sometimes you may need to give them another task. By checking the Player Role screen, you can view each individual's attributes to see if they're in the best position to suit the team.
While playing in perfect conditions, you won't have any problems executing the entire range of moves and passes. However, your game plan will need to change when competing in the snow and rain.





ABOVE An example can be seen with Germany's goal poacher, Sieke. Although he's listed as a Centre Forward, he's more suited to the role of Striker. By making the switch, he'll be more productive, and stands a greater chance of scoring.

WHATEVER THE WEATHER





SNOW

Players struggle to react to the ball on an icy pitch, so use you're dash button to get away from your marker. Sprint when necessary, as quick turns are impossible when you're running at full speed. Use short passes and avoid taking low, long-range shots. The ball slows considerably, and gives the keeper an easy pick-up.

RAIN

Avoid making quick turns on the wet, as the players struggle to deal with the conditions. Try to use short passes as the ground slows up the ball, and long shots are beneficial as the keeper struggles to get back to his feet if he fails to claim the ball.

FITNESS LEVEL

Unlike ISS Deluxe, it's not necessary to substitute a player because he has a sad facial expression. This indicates his current fitness level, whereas the small gauge to the right allows you to view his stamina. If it's low, it's advisable to make a quick substitution .

CAMEROON	NIGERIA	SOUTH AFRICA
BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2
STAR PLAYER: BATIK	STAR PLAYER: TALIHA	STAR PLAYER: QUBAY
TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

GENERAL TIPS

BEAT BRAZIL ON LEVEL FIVE

After defeating all other nations, you'll face the near impossible task of trying to beat Brazil. Here's a few guidelines on getting the best out of your team...

- Always make sure that you have Offside Trap and Zone Pressure in your selected team strategies.
- Move your defenders as far forward as possible. It's risky, but you can catch them offside, and spend more time on the attack.
- Brazil prefer to attack down the middle.
- Try to attack down the flanks.
- Use Charge tackles. Don't slide in!
- Play in a 3-4-3 formation.
- Man mark both centre forwards.



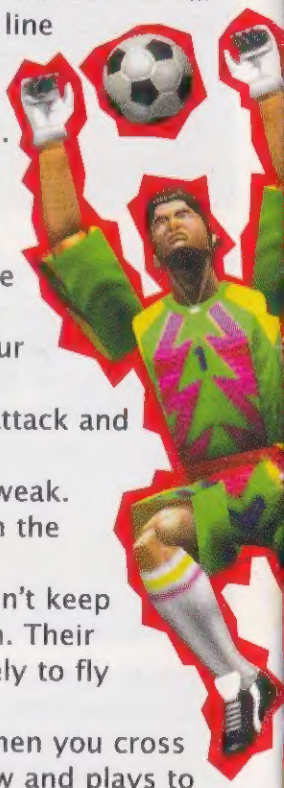






CONTROLLING A WEAK NATION

- Adopt a 4-5-1 or 5-4-1 formation.
- Make sure you put two defenders as far back as possible, and in line with each goal post.
- Play two defensive halves in centre midfield.
- Bring your wide players in to strengthen the middle of the park.
- Attack through the centre of the field.
- Keep your forward in your opponent's box.
- Use strategies Counter Attack and Centre Attack.
- Don't dash – stamina is weak.
- Use your through pass in the centre circle.
- Tap the shoot button, don't keep the button pressed down. Their shooting is poor and likely to fly high and wide.
- Hold the top R button when you cross the ball. This keeps it low and plays to their only strength.



BRAZIL	ARGENTINA	COLUMBIA
BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2
STAR PLAYER: ALLEJO	STAR PLAYER: FUERTE	STAR PLAYER: ALVAREZ
TEAM RATING: ●●●●●	TEAM RATING: ●●●●	TEAM RATING: ●●●●





CONTROLLING AN AVERAGE NATION

- Play 4-4-2 or 4-3-3.
- Use two stoppers or one stopper and one sweeper in defence.
- Play one defensive half in midfield.
- Use strategies Counter Attack, Centre Attack and Zone Pressure.
- Only dash with your wingers in the second-half. The others tire easily.

CONTROLLING A STRONG NATION

- For attacking play use 3-5-2 or 3-4-3. Defensive opt for 4-3-3 or 5-3-2.
- Use all attacking strategies.
- All players are strong, so they should last the full ninety minutes.

ATTACK TIPS

- When you play a through ball, try to aim it up the park – in a straight line, not across the pitch.
- Use the R button to keep the ball down when you're crossing from the wing.
- Practice taking free kicks using 70% of the power bar. Also, pull back slightly on the 3D stick.
- Use the radar to find open players.
- When dribbling – don't dash. This very rarely beats the computer.

DEFENCE TIPS

- The computer prefers to attack down the middle of the field.
- Use Zone Pressure, cancel it and select All out Defence. Your players swarm to the ball and catch him off guard.
- Slide tackles may force mistakes, but overall it's best to opt for a Charge Tackle.







MEXICO	URUGUAY	USA
BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2	BEST FORMATION: 4-4-2
STAR PLAYER: LEONE	STAR PLAYER: YANEZ	STAR PLAYER: GRIFFIN
TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽	TEAM RATING: ⚽⚽⚽

TIPS FOR LEVELS FOUR AND FIVE



You may remember that we interviewed the Major A development team responsible for ISS 64. Luckily, Yasuo Okuda passed on his perfect eleven to compete on the harder settings.

- This formation is ideal for attacking and defending.
- On harder settings, the computer uses long passes through the middle or uses the wings. You'll be able to deal with both.
- Use the Strikers and Centre Forwards for shooting only.
- Make sure the OH cross the ball. There's always a striker in the box.
- Pass using the no search method. This gives you time to get in front of the opponent and break away.

CHEATS, CHEATS, CHEATS...

BIG HEADS

To increase the players heads, enter the following code on the Title screen: Hold Z button and press Top C, Top C, Bottom C, Bottom C, Left C, Right C, Left C, Right C, B, A and Start. The commentator says "He taps it in," and the players heads will swell when you take to the field.





HIDDEN TEAMS

To access the Star teams enter this code on the Title screen: Hold Z button and press Up, L, Up, L, Down, L, Down, L, Left, R, Right, R, Left, R, Right, R, B, A, Start. There'll now be an extra group featuring the best players from around the world.



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Yet another tip-tastic freebie from the ONE and Only Official Nintendo publication!