

Players Guide to New Coin-Op Games

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## ODYSSEY OUTLOOK

★ The next action game for the O<sup>2</sup> will be **Pick-Ax Pete**, a maze game with a light touch. As a merry miner, the player must explore underground passages and unearth the buried treasure.

★ As a result of the court showdown with Atari, **K.C. Munchkin** has been removed—some reports say permanently—from the shelves.

# Electronic Games' Picked Hits

## Most Popular Videogame Cartridges

Position		Game	System	Manufacturer
This Month	Last Month			
1	—	Pac-Man	Atari VCS	Atari
2	2	Missile Command	Atari VCS	Atari
3	3	Adventure	Atari VCS	Atari
4	4	Kaboom!	Atari VCS	Activision
5	5	Astrosplash	Intellivision	Mattel
6	9	Major League Baseball	Intellivision	Mattel
7	1	Asteroids	Atari VCS	Atari
8	—	Space Battle	Intellivision	Mattel
9	8	K.C. Munchkin	Odyssey <sup>2</sup>	Odyssey
10	—	UFO	Odyssey <sup>2</sup>	Odyssey

## Most Popular Computer Software Programs

Position		Game	System	Manufacturer
This Month	Last Month			
1	1	Star Raiders	Atari 400/800	Atari
2	2	Jawbreaker	Atari 400/800	On-Line
3	4	Missile Command	Atari 400/800	Atari
4	5	Castle Wolfenstein	Apple II	Muse
5	—	Protector	Atari 400/800	Synapse
6	3	Empire of the Over-Mind	Atari, TRS-80 Apple	Avalon Hill
7	—	Thief	Apple II	Datamost
8	—	Eastern Front	Atari 400/800	APX
9	—	Caverns of Mars	Atari 400/800	APX
10	—	Wizardry	Apple II	Sir-Tech

## Most Popular Coin-Op Videogames

Position		Game	Manufacturer
This Month	Last Month		
1	1	Pac-Man	Namco/Midway
2	2	Tempest	Atari
3	3	Defender	Williams
4	8	Donkey Kong	Nintendo
5	4	Centipede	Atari
6	5	Battlezone	Atari
7	—	Venture	Exidy
8	9	Gorf	Midway
9	—	Missile Command	Atari
10	—	Stargate	Williams

## Readers Choose Top Games

Since mere *quantity* of play doesn't necessarily equal actual popularity, **Electronic Games** bases its standings on the votes of its readers. These lists of most popular games are based on the more than 700 Reader Polls. We update the "picked hits" lists in every issue of **Electronic Games**.

So send in your votes!

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