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Bitmaps Announce *Speedball 3*

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The Bitmap Brothers have unveiled first details of a sequel to *Speedball 2*.

Legendary developers the Bitmap Brothers have announced the first, true sequel to the original explosion of sporting ultraviolence, *Speedball 2*. This was the game responsible for more blistered and bloody fingers and thumbs than anything before it when it was released on the Amiga back in 1988.

With the gaming world still reeling from the announcement of a revival of the classic future sports title on Ninty's next-gen handheld (follow the link on the right if you haven't already heard about this), the news of a *Speedball 3* in the works is liable to cause widespread foaming at the mouth.

The last outing for the series was a bit of a disappointment. *Speedball 2100* turned out to be little more than a slight graphical makeover of a 12-year-old game, but this time round we're talking a whole new ball park, or more precisely, a whole new arena.

The new title is to be called *Speedball Arena*, and it's going online! Players will be able to train their team in the single player modes, then take individual players online to join forces with or compete against other players. So you'll be able to form teams made up entirely of human-controlled players and compete in sponsored online tournaments—just think about it! YES!

The new game promises vague but exciting enhancements including improved full-contact attacks, a brand new class system with new standard and class-specific moves, and a new targeting system for easier control.

More than 30 arenas are planned, some boasting new features, and there will be special spectator modes which allow you to track a team's statistics while you study their game. The game is also being tailored for online gaming with support for clans, chat, server search and a dedicated webhub for news, fixtures, league standings and so on. You'll even be able to transfer players between local and online teams.

Speedball Arena has been announced for PC and as-yet-unspecified next-gen consoles. No publisher or release dates have been announced.

Follow the link on the right to check out the teaser website the boys have set up to give us a taste of things to come.

That's it, we're too excited to write anymore, we're all going to go and have a nice lie down somewhere.

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