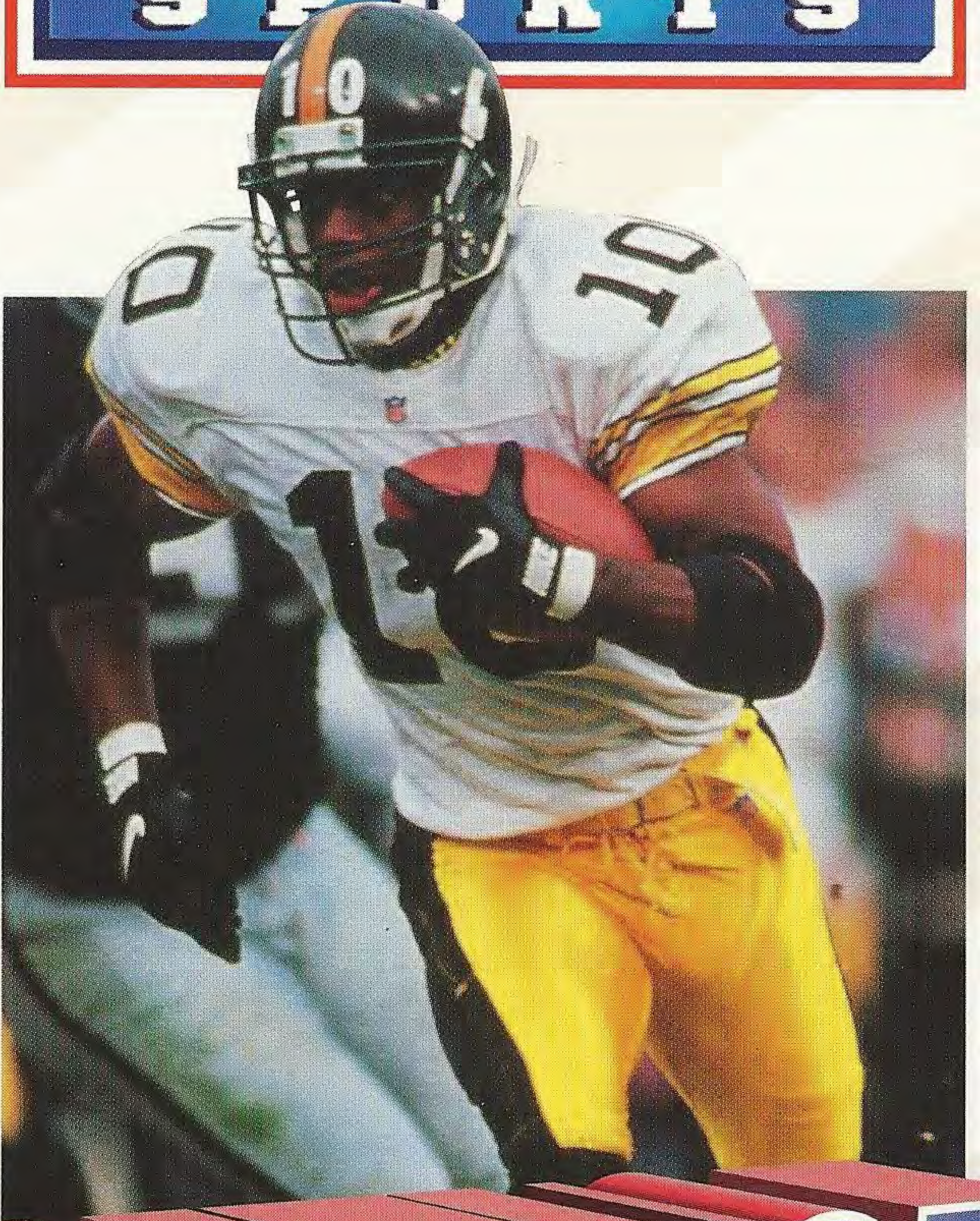


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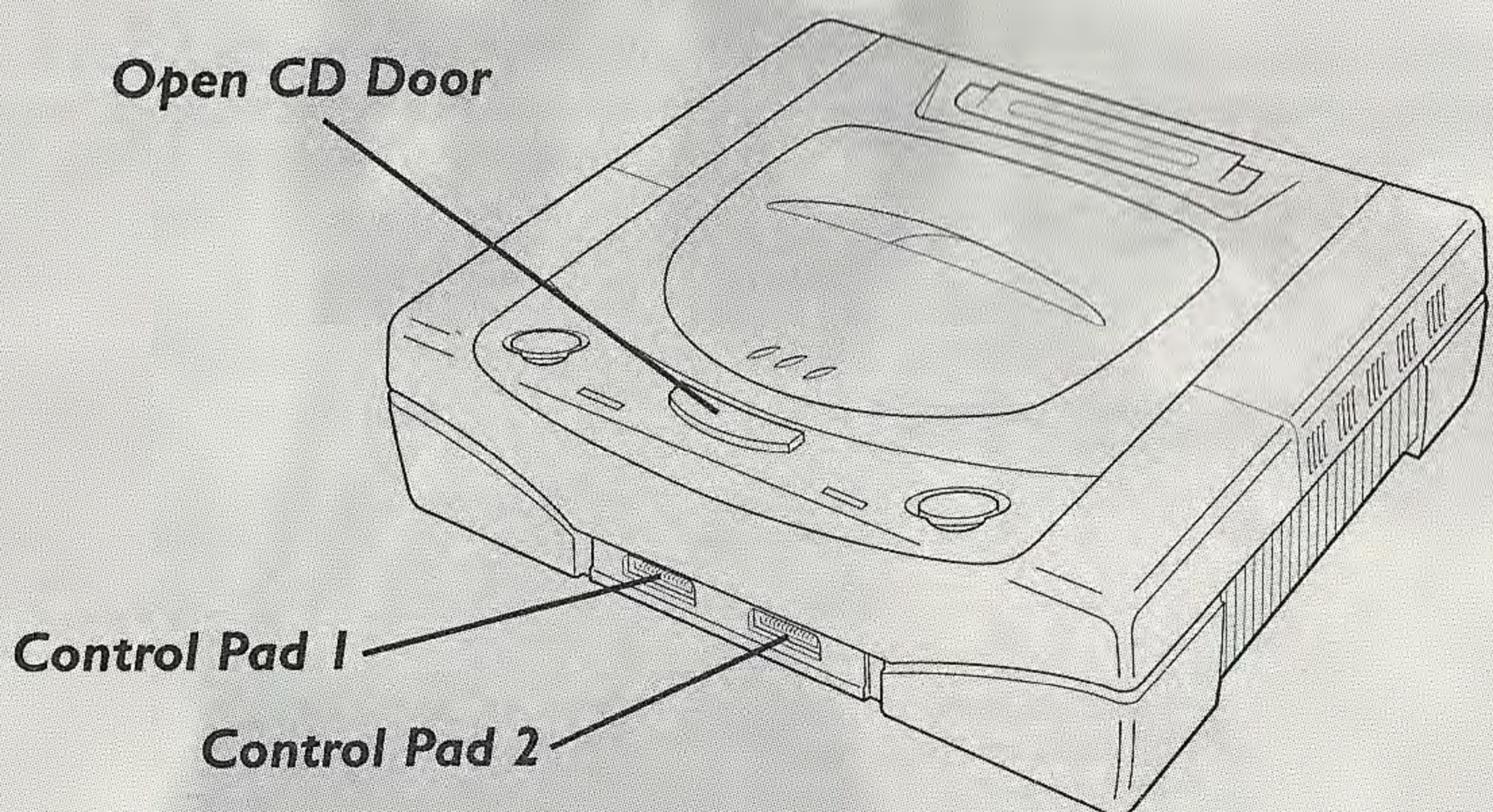


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# GETTING STARTED

1. Set up your Sega Saturn System<sup>®</sup> as described in its instruction manual.
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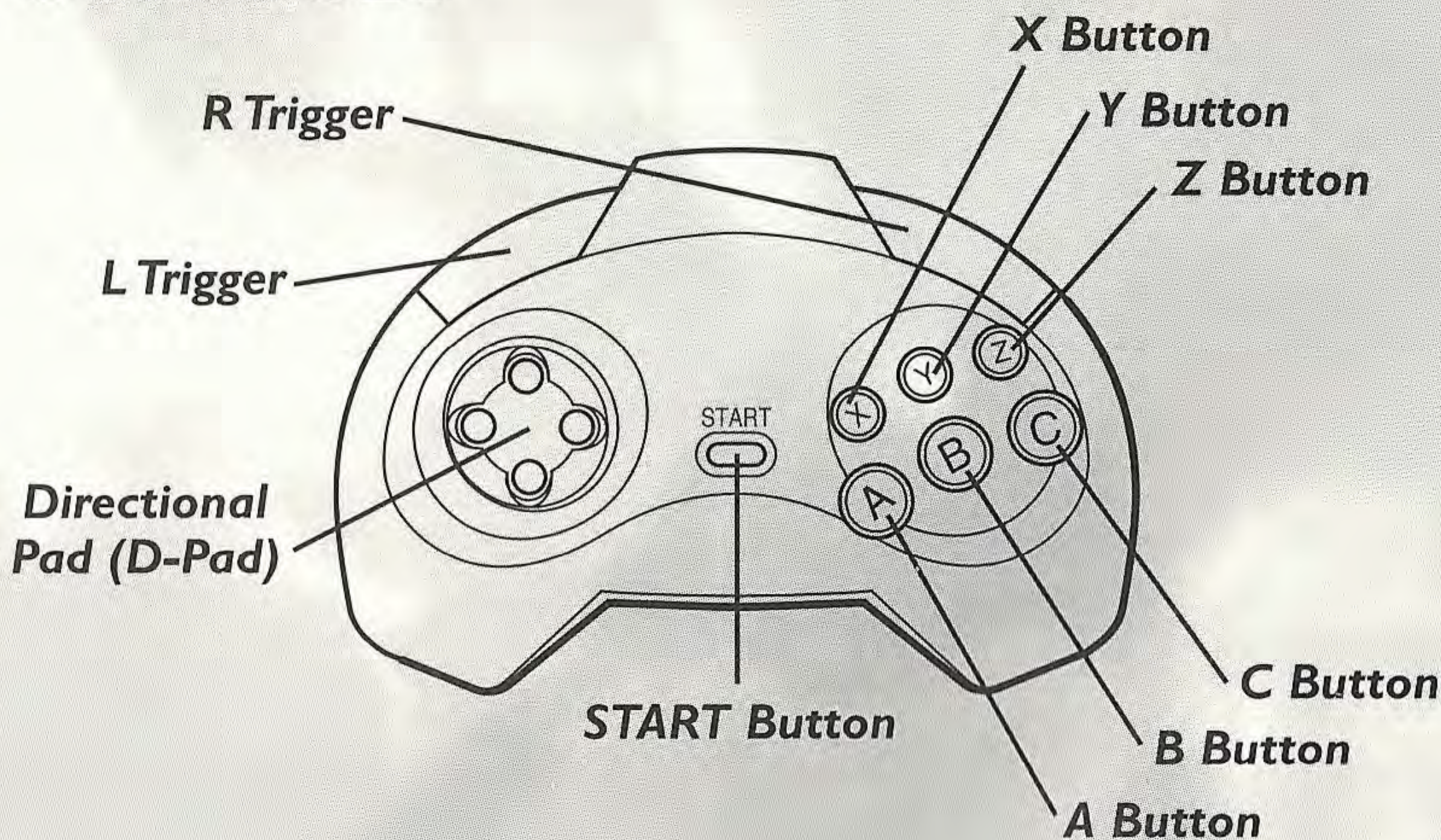
**NFL**

**'97**

**YOU  
MAKE  
THE  
CALL**



# CONTROLS



The following is a list of offensive and defensive controls for NFL '97.

**START**

Calls up the pause window

## SPECIAL TEAMS - KICKING

You have the ability to control the distance and direction of punts and kick offs and field goals. Press the B Button to launch the arc meter and press the B Button again when desired distance is reached. You can then, using the D-Pad, control the direction of the ball.

**B Button**

Set the kicker in motion and start the kick arc meter. Press again to set power of kick.

**D-Pad**

Aim the path of the ball (even after the power is set)

**L Trigger**

Zoom in (before the snap)

**R Trigger**

Zoom out (before the snap)

**L and R Triggers +  
D-Pad**

Adjust the camera angle and height before the snap

## **BEFORE THE SNAP - OFFENSE**

<b>B Button</b>	<b>Snap the ball</b>
<b>A Button</b>	<b>Select audible (then press the A, B or C Button to select play)</b>
<b>Y Button</b>	<b>Assign third (Y) receiver (tap repeatedly to toggle to available receivers)</b>
<b>C Button</b>	<b>Call a fake snap (beware of a false start)</b>
<b>L Trigger</b>	<b>Zoom in (before the snap)</b>
<b>R Trigger</b>	<b>Zoom out (before the snap)</b>
<b>L and R Triggers + D-Pad</b>	<b>Adjust the camera angle and height before the snap. The angle you set will be saved for the following plays until a turnover.</b>

## **Offense Receivers (Co-op mode)**

<b>B Button</b>	<b>Toggle to next available receivers</b>
<b>L Trigger</b>	<b>Backwards toggle to previous receiver</b>

## **Defense**

<b>D-Pad</b>	<b>Move controlled player</b>
<b>B Button</b>	<b>Toggle to next defender</b>
<b>L Trigger</b>	<b>Backwards toggle to previous defender</b>
<b>R Trigger</b>	<b>Toggle to next defender</b>



## AFTER THE SNAP

Note: If you do not take control of the quarterback during the play, he will run the play automatically. To take control of him, simply press the D-Pad in any direction. To control him after the snap, hold the D-Pad in any direction before snapping the ball.

### **Offense Passing**

You have three potential receivers available on every pass play (X and Z, with the optional receiver being Y). To throw to a particular receiver, press the corresponding button on the Controller.

When passing, tap the button for a bullet pass and hold the button for a lob pass.

<b>D-Pad</b>	<b>Move controlled player</b>
<b>B Button</b>	<b>Pump fake</b>
<b>X Button</b>	<b>Pass to X receiver</b>
<b>Y Button</b>	<b>Pass to the assigned Y receiver</b>
<b>Z Button</b>	<b>Pass to Z receiver</b>
<b>L Trigger</b>	<b>Throw ball away to left</b>
<b>R Trigger</b>	<b>Throw ball away to the right</b>

### **Receiving**

<b>D-Pad</b>	<b>Move controlled player</b>
<b>B Button</b>	<b>Turn to catch (increases chances of catching ball)</b>
<b>A Button</b>	<b>Speed burst</b>
<b>Y Button</b>	<b>Jump to catch</b>
<b>C Button</b>	<b>Dive</b>



## Running

D-Pad	Move controlled player
B Button (QB behind line of scrimmage)	Pitch/handoff if running back is within range
B Button (beyond line of scrimmage)	Spin
A Button	Speed burst
Y Button	Hurdle
C Button	Dive

## Offense Co-op Receiver (non ball carrier)

D-Pad	Move controlled player
B Button (ball beyond line of scrimmage)	Toggle to teammate nearest the ball
A Button	Speed Burst
Y Button	Jump
C Button	Dive

## Defense

D-Pad	Move controlled player
B Button	Toggle to defender nearest the ball
A Button	Speed burst
Y Button	Jump to block
C Button	Dive
L Trigger	Toggle to nearest non-blocked defender
R Trigger	Toggle to nearest non-blocked defender

## INSTANT REPLAY CONTROLS

L Trigger

Zoom in

R Trigger

Zoom out

D-Pad

Tilt camera UP/DOWN

D-Pad

Rotate camera LEFT/RIGHT

A Button

Tap for single-frame reverse/Hold for fast reverse

B Button

Press to play/Press again to pause

C Button

Tap for single frame forward/Hold for fast forward

## GAME MENU

Here you can select to play an Exhibition game, start or continue a Season, run some offensive drills in Practice mode, view each team's Stats, design and edit your Playbook, and set the sound effects Options.



### Exhibition

It's been a long summer. Now it's time to test out your rookies and see what kind of shape your pros are in.

### Practice

Choose your team and run some drills with your offensive squad. Ideal for perfecting your old and new plays before a big game.

### Stats

Preview any team's team and player stats, team schedules, play books, and the substitutions menu (where you can make your substitutions).

## Season

Choose your team and play a full 16 game season on the road to the almighty Super Bowl. (You can also choose to play an 8-game or 4-game season, or go straight to the Playoffs.

## Play Edit

Design and edit your own plays.

## Options Menu

To make a selection, position the cursor beside an option, toggle the D-Pad LEFT or RIGHT to highlight your selection. Once you've completed your selection, press the A Button to begin the game or press the B Button to access the Options Menu.

### **Announcer Volume**

Set the announcer volume to your desired level.

### **Referee Volume**

Set the referees volume to your desired level.

### **Crowd Volume**

Sets the crowd volume.

### **SFX Volume**

How loud do you want those grunts, groans and bone crunching tackles?

### **Music Volume**

Set the background music volume to your liking.

### **Credits**

See the people responsible for bringing you today's game.

# GAME OPTIONS MENU

You have four options to work with:

To make an options selection, position the highlight cursor beside an option and press the A Button to access that option's menu. The following is a brief description on each Options Menu.

To bypass this screen and begin play, press the A Button or select "Play Game."



## Settings 1 Menu



**Quarter Length**

Choose to play 2, 5, 10 or 15 minute quarters.

**Difficulty**

What'll it be: Easy, Normal or Hard?

**Speed**

How fast do you want your players to be?

**Human Effect**

"Norm" bases the game on the player's stats and abilities.

**Fumbles**

"High" bases the game on the your own playing ability.

**Auto QB**

Slippery fingers or hands like glue?

Who do you want to play QB? The computer or you? When auto QB is on, the QB will go as far as throwing the pass. If you select "Off", the QB will do everything but throw the pass.

## Settings 2 Menu



**Stadium Type**

Single, Double, Horseshoe, Multi-purpose, Dome

**Field Type**

Play on Grass, 2-Tone, Turf, or Dome Turf.

**Weather**

Play in Rain, Snow, or Clear.

**Wind**

Play in Windy, Normal or Slight Wind conditions.

## Settings 3 Menu



### Controls

Customize or go with the default settings?

### Play Book

Put your own set of plays in your Playbook.

### Play Call

View your plays during the game via formation or by Run/Pass. Change this and look at the play call screen text.

### View Team

Preview the stats on each team in today's game.

### Create Team

Allows you to take players from other teams and build your dream a team.

## Markers Menu

### Scrimmage Marker

Play with or without scrimmage markers. These indicate where the scrimmage line is.

### First Down Marker

Play with or without them.

### Pass Marker

Lets you know the exact spot where the quarterback is going to throw the ball.

### Coverage Marker

"ON" means the icons grow in size when the receiver is open.

"OFF" means the icons stay the same size at all times.

## Penalty Options Menu

Here you can keep or turn off any of the penalties in the game.

# TAKING THE FIELD

## Choosing Teams

After choosing the Game Mode, you must choose the teams and set the game options. You can also choose who will be the "home" team and who will be the "away" team. To choose a team, use the D-Pad and press the A Button to enter your selection. Below you will see the team ratings for each squad.

## Choosing Sides

To take control of your team, simply place the Controller on the side in which your team helmet appears. Leave the Controller icons in the center to watch the computer battle it out.

## Setting The Game Options

Prior to each game you can set the game options to your own specifications. (For operating instructions see Game Options on page 9).

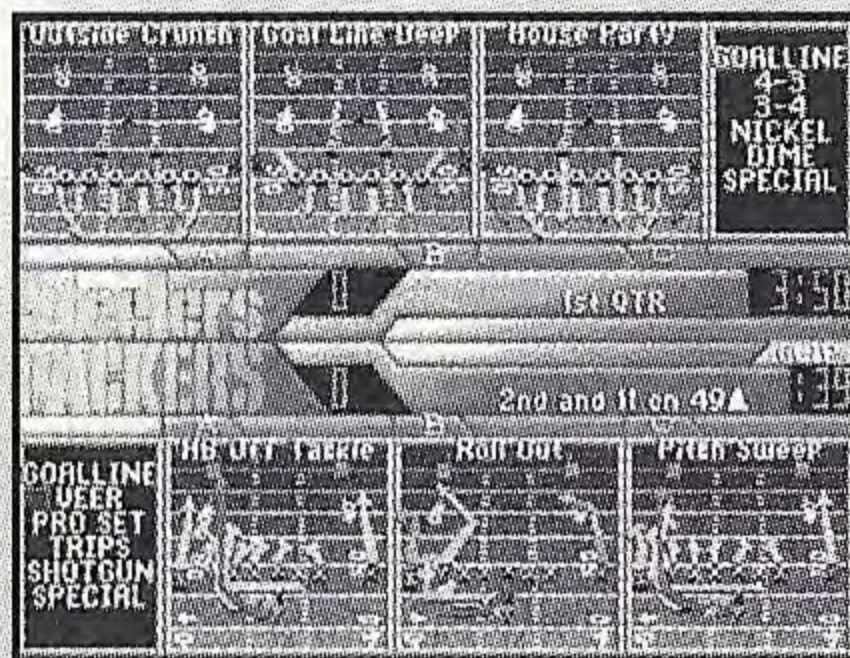
## The Coin Toss

What'll it be: Heads or tails? Visiting team calls it. Use the D-Pad to highlight your choice and press the A Button to enter your selection. Depending on whether you won or lost the toss, choose the side of the field you wish to defend.

# SELECTING PLAYS -

## OFFENSE & DEFENSE

You have six offensive and defensive play sets to choose from. Each play set is designed to be used in specific instances, whether it be a goal line stand, a long bomb, or a punt situation.



Contained in each play set is a selection of play formations. To select a play category, highlight the type of play design you wish to run by pressing the D-Pad UP or DOWN. To cycle through the various play formations within each category, press the D-Pad LEFT or RIGHT.

To call a play, press the button that corresponds with the play (A, B or C).

## STATS MENU

You can view the team and individual player stats at any time prior to or during the game. Operate this menu as you would when choosing a team.



Once you've selected a team you will be presented with the Stats Menu. To operate, press the D-Pad LEFT or RIGHT to choose a team. Press the D-Pad UP or DOWN to view Team and Player Stats, the Team Schedule, Team Playbook, and the Substitutions menu. To make a selection, press the A Button. Press the B Button to return to a previous screen or menu.



# SEASON

Get ready for a full season, a 8-game or 4-game season, or go straight to the Playoffs. Your goal: the Super Bowl. But first you've got to put up some Ws against the NFL's best.



On the Season Menu you can select from the following options:

## Play Game

Choose this to continue play on a season in progress.

## New Season

Choose this to begin a new season of play. First select your team, then choose the season length (Full, 8-game, 4-game, or Playoffs), and select the Difficulty setting.

## Load Season

View all of the saved seasons on the backup memory.

## View Team

Lets you view the team stats, player stats, Playbook, etc.

## Standings

View the league standings in full.

## NFL Schedule

Preview this season's entire schedule, team-by-team.

## League Leaders

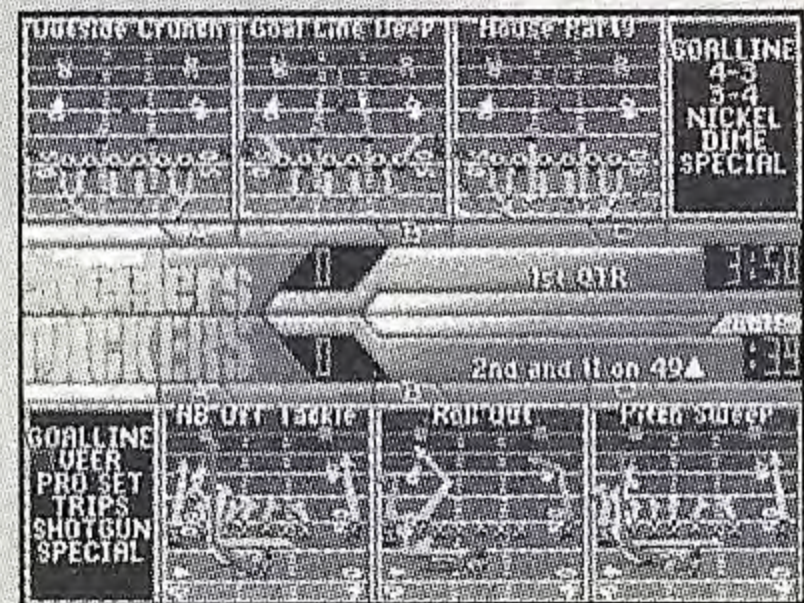
Take a peek at the league's current overall Team Stats, and Passing, Rushing, Receiving, Kicking, Punting, and Kick Return stats.

## Exit Season

Select this to return to the Game Menu screen.

# PLAY EDIT

This is where you establish yourself as a coach in the NFL. Here you can design any offensive play. The following is a briefing on how to draw your own plays.



## Creating New Plays & Editing Old Plays

First you must choose your play type: run or pass play. The following is operation instructions for designing your own plays, or editing plays currently contained in your Playbook.

## Running Plays

- 1) You have 15 different offensive formations to start with. To make a selection, toggle the D-Pad LEFT or RIGHT.
- 2) Next you must choose the ball carrier. Press the A Button to choose a player.
- 3) Once you have chosen a player, you can program the direction you would like that player to run. To cycle through the various motions, press the D-Pad LEFT or RIGHT.
- 4) Repeat above procedure with all other offensive players until all have been programmed.

5) Once all players have been assigned their respective routes, press the A Button again and you will be presented with the Name Play Screen. Here you can enter the name of the play using the D-Pad. Select a letter by pressing the A Button. To enter your entire selection choose "END."

6) You can now save the play and enter it in your play book by pressing the A Button. To place any new play in your play book for the next game, select it from the current play list and press the A Button.

### **Passing Plays**

1) You have 15 different offensive formations to start with. To make a selection, toggle the D-Pad LEFT or RIGHT.

2) Next you must choose the path for both the quarterback and wide receivers.

3) Choose between three "Y" receivers who you want to be the default receiver.

4) Choose route for default "Y" receiver.

5) Choose route for other "Y" receivers.

6) Choose route for offensive line.

7) Once all players have been assigned their respective routes, press the A Button again and you will be presented with the Name Play Screen. Here you can enter the name of the play using the D-Pad. Select a letter by pressing the A Button. To enter your entire selection choose "END."

8) You can now save the play and enter it in your play book by pressing the A Button. To place any new play in your play book for the next game, select it from the current play list and press the A Button.

### **Edit Old Plays**

To edit an existing play, first choose one from your Playbook and follow the directions described in Creating New Plays on page 16.

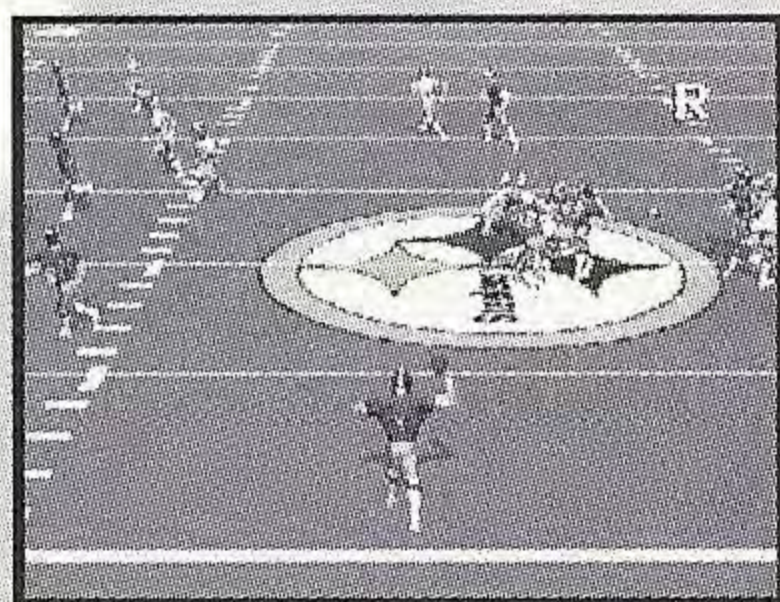
## **PAUSE MENU**

At any time during gameplay you can call up the Pause Menu by pressing the START Button. To make a selection, highlight an option using the D-Pad and press the A Button.

The following selections appear on the Pause Menu:

### **Instant Replay**

Takes you directly to the Instant Replay Operation Menu.  
(See page 8).

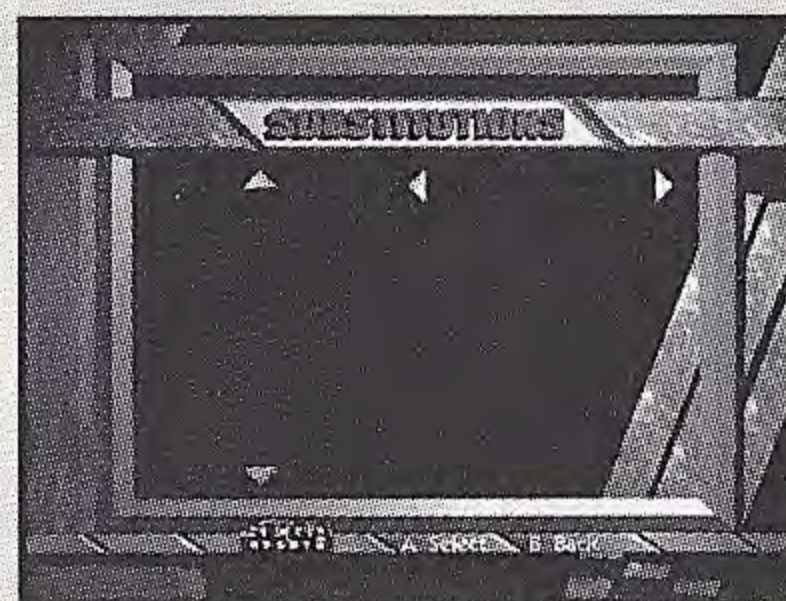


### **Time Out**

You have three time outs per half (two during overtime). Use them wisely.

### **Substitutions**

Takes you directly to the Substitutions Operation Menu.



### **Team Stats**

Select to get an overall performance evaluation on your squad.

## **Player Stats**

Select to get a detailed performance evaluation on each player on your roster. To operate, press the D-Pad UP/DOWN to scroll through the roster.

Press the D-Pad LEFT/RIGHT to toggle between each players current stats, and his abilities chart.

Press the B Button to return to the Pause Menu.

## **Set Audibles**

Choose this to preset your game audibles, or plays you can call from the line of scrimmage. You have three possible audibles to choose from. You can reprogram your audibles at any time during the game.

To program audibles, select plays within the play set by pressing the D-Pad LEFT/RIGHT to cycle through the play sets ("Special" not included). Press the D-Pad UP/DOWN to highlight a play in the play column. Press the A, B or C Button to assign the highlighted play to that button.

## **Camera**

Lets you view the game in the following camera angles: Quarterback, Sideline High, Sideline Low, Corner High, Corner Low.

The player on offense can also adjust the camera height, tilt, and zoom before snapping the ball. Your own settings will be saved for the following plays until the ball is turned over to the defense.

## **Options**

Takes you to directly to the Game Options Menu.

## **Quit Game**

Aborts the game.

## Continue

Select to resume gameplay.

## **HALFTIME STATS**

During halftime you can review each team's overall and individual stats and skill rating. To operate, highlight the player and you will see his skill rating. Press the D-Pad LEFT or RIGHT to view that player's overall stats for the season, and current stats for today's game.

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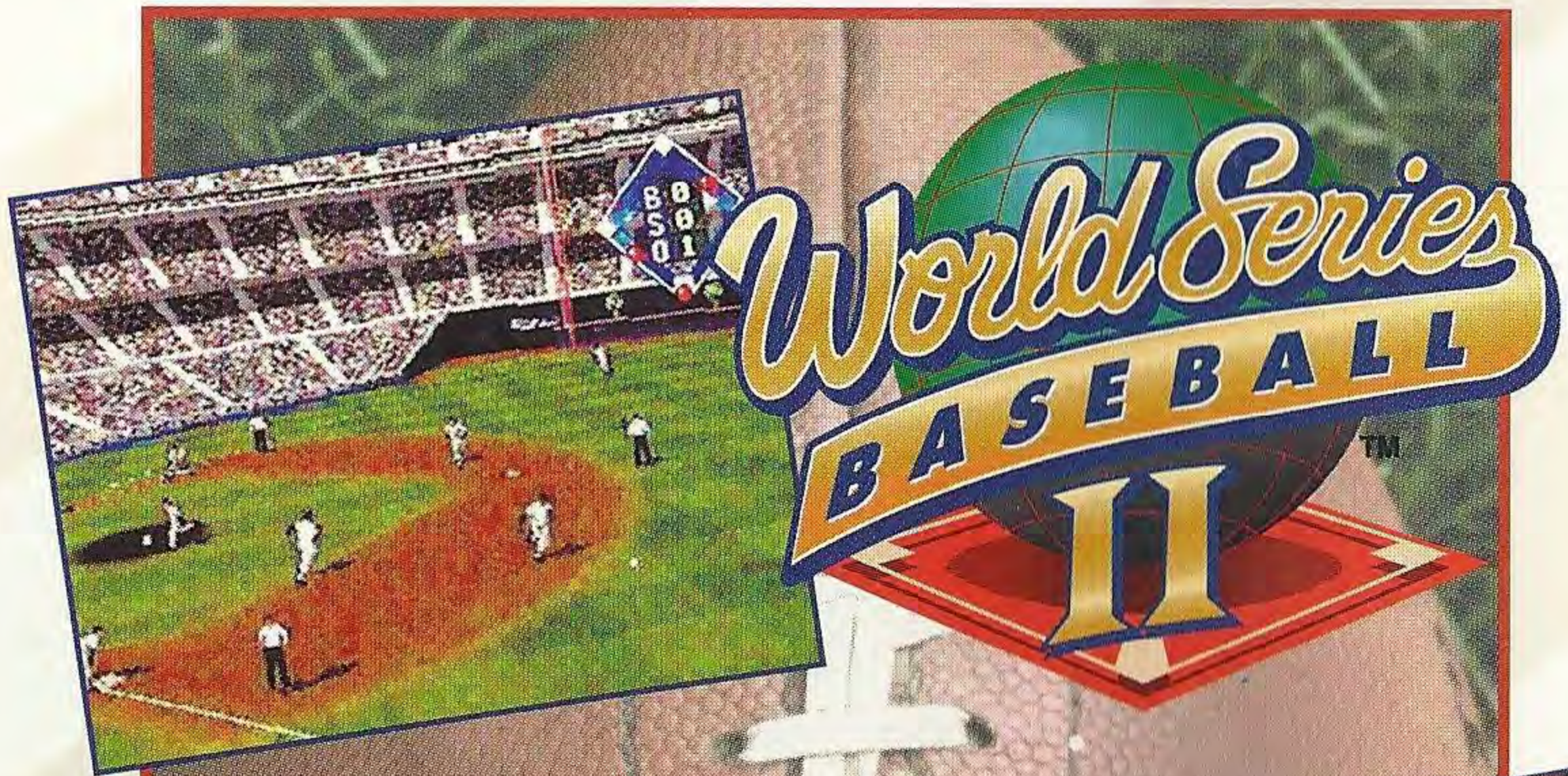
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