



“Top Spin”

Title:	“Top Spin™”
Publisher:	Microsoft® Game Studios
Developer:	PAM
Brand:	XSN Sports
Format:	DVD for the Xbox® video game system, Xbox Live™-enabled
Availability:	Christmas 2003

Product

Overview: “Top Spin,” part of the new XSN Sports brand, is the complete tennis experience that allows gamers to define their playing style, take risks, pull off world-class tennis shots, argue calls and work the crowd to develop a unique image on the court. Utilizing revolutionary new Web-based technology, tennis gamers and sports fans can easily organize tournaments and schedules from a centralized Web site, XSNsports.com, which pulls stats from Xbox Live. In addition, gamers can train with a coach to master shots and playing surfaces, and work their way up the online rankings to become the best in the world. “Top Spin” offers gamers singles or doubles matches with 16 of the world’s top professionals, including Anna Kournikova, tennis legend Pete Sampras and one of the world’s top players, Lleyton Hewitt.

Key Features:

- **XSN Sports.** XSN Sports games let you compete in the first truly virtual sports league for your Xbox. Now you can easily set up a league on XSNsports.com, take out your rival over Xbox Live, and track up-to-date stats on your PC throughout the season. All XSN Sports games bring the power of the Xbox and PC together for the first time through XSNsports.com, so you are always plugged into the competition.
- **XSNsports.com.** XSNsports.com is the web-based service that links a gamer’s Xbox console, Xbox Live, PC and cell phones together for the first time ever. “Top Spin” fans will now be able to organize tours, tournaments and league schedules on a centralized Web site, XSNsports.com. Xbox Live will automatically broadcast up-to-date scores, standings and



statistics to this site, so that gamers can see how they stack up against the competition.

- **Experience intense action and realism.** “Top Spin” delivers all the intensity of professional tennis, from cross-court winners and crushing ground strokes to rocket serves. Gamers can master all the shots, including slices, lobs, drops, spins and several trick shots, while perfecting their play on surfaces including clay, hard court and grass.
- **Get into the zone.** “Top Spin” challenges gamers to take risks by trying difficult shots to get into a zone. Players can use that momentum to improve their play. Gamers can develop their player’s image on the court by pumping their fist after a great shot, slamming a racket to the ground or arguing a bad call.
- **Become the world’s best player.** Gamers may be No. 1 in their own living room, but Xbox *Live* gives them a chance to prove it any time and any place on a global scale. Gamers can climb worldwide ladders, play tournaments, take on all challengers in singles matches, or go for the top spot with a friend in doubles play.
- **Create a player.** Players can use the highly-detailed player creator (with more than 30 parameters to modify in tons of ways) to personalize a player’s look, style and technique, as well as to get coaching to perfect their tennis game. They can start at the local playground, rise through the amateur ranks, and play real pros in the top tournaments, while earning endorsements along the way.
- **Play with the world’s best players.** With 16 professional tennis players, “Top Spin” tests gamers against the rocket launching serve and baseline game of tennis legend Pete Sampras, for example. The following players are featured in “Top Spin”:

leyton Hewitt	Pete Sampras
James Blake	Tommy Robredo
Meghann Shaughnessy	Jan-Michael Gambill
Michael Chang	Anna Kournikova
Daniela Hantuchova	Sebastian Grosjean
Martina Hingis	Barbara Schett
Ashley Harkleroad	Elena Dementieva
Amanda Coetzer	Gustavo Kuerten

**Developer
Information:**

“Top Spin” is being developed by PAM, which was established in 1995 by Pierre Adane, who had previously worked as a developer for “Mister Nutz” on Playstation. PAM recently developed “Pro Beach Soccer” for the Xbox and PS2, and “Ronaldo V-Football” for the Playstation

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