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GAMES
 with Richie Young

Michael Jackson: The Experience

Xbox 360, PS3
Ubisoft

Already out on Nintendo's Wii and DS, versions for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 have arrived to steal the limelight. There's no question that these newcomers are the best of the bunch but both still fall short: *The Experience* is good, but it should have been great.

The game does a lot right. The music, of course, is brilliant and there are tracks that don't appear at all in the other versions. The choreography is excellent. It's even great visually... Jackson's video clips play around an onscreen image of you. Better still is that the Kinect and Move technology tracks your moves with accuracy—big ticks for all the big stuff. It's the detail that's a bit of a letdown. If Michael Jackson were still alive, you'd suspect he'd demand everything to be just that little bit tighter. There's a dance-school training part that is nowhere near as good as it could have been and the "singing" part is sub-par. Why? You barely have to sing properly to get great scores.

It's a respectable game, but just not quite the "experience" we were hoping for. Unless you're Michael-mad, get *Dance Central* instead. ★★★☆☆

It's hands-free gaming with the Gloved One in *The Experience*.



Portal 2

PS3, Xbox 360, PC
Electronic Arts
 It might look like a shooting game but *Portal 2* is so much more. It's got as much puzzle action in its DNA as it does guns and it has the potential to seriously twist

your mind. This gem will test your spatial awareness and working out how to move through the chambers captivates. Even Stephen Merchant (*Extras*, *The Office*) plays a character. Bonus! ★★★★★



We Sing Down Under

Wii
THQ
 The name says it all. *Down Under* has 30 big songs and the selection does a good job covering most bases. Natalie Imbruglia, Olivia,

the Veronicas, Gabriella Cilmi and the Choirboys get a run. With modes such as Vs, Group Battle, Pass the Mic and Marathon, it's especially fun when there's a posse around. ★★★☆☆

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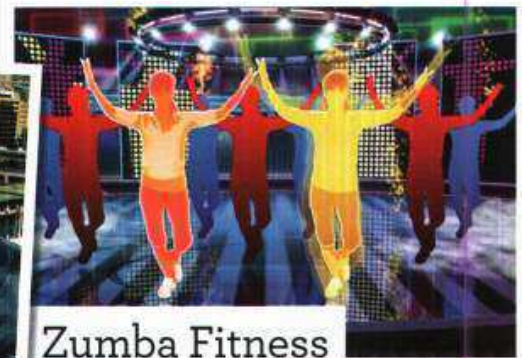
The former tennis champion, 38, has gone digital for Top Spin Tennis 4.

YOU'RE IN TOP SPIN 4—DO YOU CHOOSE OTHER CHARACTERS TO PLAY AGAINST YOURSELF? Absolutely. You have to use other players. Because I know my weaknesses, I am easy to beat.

DO YOU PLAY ANY OTHER GAMES IN YOUR DOWN TIME? I am not a big player of computer games... All in moderation.

WHAT'S THE GOAL THIS YEAR? To try to help the Australian Davis Cup team get back into world group. Fingers crossed.

GOT ANY FASHION TIPS FOR THE TENNIS COURT? I am not into fashion very much. I'll leave that to the Williams girls.



Zumba Fitness

PS3, Wii
SOS Games
 A top way to join the Zumba craze: you can try it out in privacy. Think of this as a digital tutor... It has plenty of pros, but has its limitations. You'll get a

good chunk of dance styles on the disc, with around 30 routines, and it does a decent job for beginners to those who are more advanced. Still, it's no substitute for the real thing. ★★★☆☆