

Blockbusters is a version of the successful TV quiz game adapted for the popular home computers. It is a game for two single players played on a 4 x 4 matrix of hexagons, each player attempting to form a path across the matrix. The winner of the Blockbusters round goes on to attempt the Goldrun – "Gold To Gold In 30 Seconds Or Less!"

LOADING

Insert the disc into the machine. CPC version – type 'RUN"BB" ' then press ENTER. PCW version – from CPM (see manual) type "BB" then press enter. The title screen will load. You may now press "B" to go into Blockbusters or "G" to go straight into the Goldrun.

If at any stage you are prompted with "Do you want to load new questions?", press "N". A full explanation of extra questions is provided below, in the "Extra Questions" sections.

PLAYING BLOCKBUSTERS

Before playing the game you will be asked:

- Whether or not you wish to have sound.
- The names of your players.
- The skill level – the higher the skill level, the shorter the time allowed to answer.

Each player will then be allocated a colour, and a key to interrupt (A or J).

You now go on to play a series of three games.

During the game, either player, by pressing his key, can interrupt the question as it is being written on the screen. (A reminder of the letter with which the

answer starts is displayed at the bottom left of the playing area.)

At the end of the game, the series game score is displayed.

At this stage, press ESCAPE to abandon the series or any other key to continue with the next game.

At the end of a series, the final score is displayed, and the winner is given the option of entering the Goldrun (after which the game restarts with Blockbusters). If the winner declines the option, the prompt "Same or New Players?" is displayed. If you press "S", Blockbusters restarts with the same players names. Pressing "N" allows two new players to enter their names instead.

PLAYING GOLDRUN

Before playing the game you will be asked:

- to enter your name (unless you have just won at Blockbusters).
- to enter a level of difficulty (1-9).

The lower the difficulty level the shorter the time allowed.

During the game a question may be chosen by pressing the first letter (of the 2 or 3 letters) shown in that hexagon. There is no need to press RETURN. As the question is written across the screen it can be interrupted by pressing a key. Having then typed your answer press RETURN to have the computer check it. A clock on the screen counts down the time allowed for answering. If a slight misspelling occurs the player will usually be given another opportunity to answer.

At the end of each game a "best times" screen will be displayed. You may then start another game in the series by pressing any key or be returned to the start of the game by pressing N.

EXTRA QUESTIONS

To load in extra question databases, press "Y" at the prompt "Do you want to load a new set of questions?". An extra database is provided on this disc for Blockbusters. To load it in, press "Y" at the prompt and then enter "QUEST2.BLK" when you are asked for the filename.

Extra databases of your own may be created using the Macsen Questionmaster program (see order form attached).

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