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By Kyle Gonce



Inklings preparing to fight the salmonids in Splatoon 3 (Credits: Nintendo)

On Feb. 9, Nintendo posted its latest Nintendo Direct, which revealed several games that are planned to come out in the first half of 2022. Many fans, myself included, were pleased with the announcements that came from the direct. While there was over 40 minutes of information during the direct, some of the highlights are as follows:



Credit: Nintendo

Super Mario Strikers returns for a brand new game:

Super Mario Strikers is a game that was nearly forgotten about, until now. First released for the Gamecube in 2005, and then as a sequel for the Wii in 2007, this will be the first title for this series in 15 years! Super Mario

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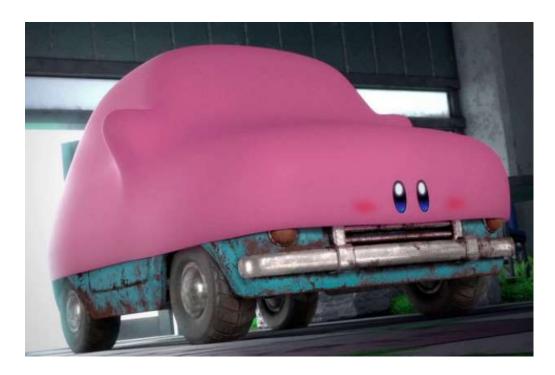
Strikers: Battle League aims to bring back the series in new ways. For example, people can create an online club to join up with other players and team up to score points. Another example is the new gear system, which allows the player to customize their character and give them abilities that fit their needs. This was an insane reveal that nobody saw coming! Super Mario Strikers: Battle League releases on June 10, 2022.

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Splatoon 3: Salmon Run Next Wave

Splatoon 3 has already been one of Nintendo's most hyped up games this year, and this next announcement did not disappoint. Returning from the second game, Splatoon 3 returns the player vs enemy game mode, with a few new additions. While most of the main gameplay remains the same, two (well, three maybe) new bosses and a new mechanic. The first new boss is called the "Fish Stick." It places a bar down on the battlefield and sprays ink all around the map. The Inklings must climb up the metal bar and destroy the salmon to defeat this foe. The next new boss is something called the "Flipper Flopper." It uses its metal mask to try and land its ink circle that we create on the map. However, if an Inkling inks the circle with their own color, the Flipper Floppers armor will come off. Once that is done, the Inkling can safely defeat it. Lastly, the new "Egg Throw" mechanic will be perfect for teamwork as you can now throw the salmon eggs that you must collect with your friends. This will greatly enhance the gamemode, as it was something players have wanted for a long time. The trailer ends with a huge salmon, whose name is unknown. Splatoon 3 will be released some time this summer.



Kirby and the Forgotten Land: Mouthful Mode

Kirby, is that you? Why yes, it is! In a last moment reveal, Kirby and the Forgotten land adds something really silly, as well as something really cool! Kirby can now eat things like cars and vending machines to gain new powers. This was a last minute reveal and the internet seems to be loving the funny looking Kirby car. Another new element revealed was the "Waddle Dee Town" a place that expands and grows as you save more Waddle Dees, a main type of character in the series. Lastly, users will be happy to take advantage of the upgraded abilities system. Classics like sword and cutter have new and improved forms that can do more and dish out a ton of damage. This is by far Kirby's most expensive adventure yet, and it will release on March 25.



Nintendo Switch Sports

Clearly taking inspiration from the masterpiece "Wii Sports," Nintendo Switch Sports aims to bring back the charm from Wii Sports. There are many sports included right out of the gate, like tennis, bowling, chambara (swordplay for those who know the game from Wii Sports), soccer, badminton and volleyball. Users can play all of these sports with people online. Lastly, a leg strap accessory for the Joy Con's will be added for the soccer game, and golf will be added this fall. Nintendo Switch Sports comes out on April 29.



Mario Kart 8: Booster Course Pass

Can't get enough of the high speed racing action of Mario Kart 8 Deluxe?

Well, you are in luck, as loads of new courses will be added to the game soon enough! A new paid DLC (Downloadable Content) is coming to Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. A total of 48 new courses will be added to the game, which will double the tracks from the base game. If that didn't hype you up enough, the new courses are remastered versions from previous games! The first of the six-part DLC will come out on March 18. The rest of the courses will be released by the end of 2023.

That covers the major news from the direct; however, there is so much more to uncover. I encourage you to check out the rest of what was been revealed, by clicking the link below. I hope you are hyped for these new games as much as I am!

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BRAWL STARS RELEASES THE BIODOME UPDATE

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Credits: Brawl Stars/Supercell

Supercell released their new Brawl Stars Update March 1, which added a lot of new components into the game, including, but not limited to, a new brawler, new brawl pass theme and some awesome new skins.



New Environment: The Biodome

Welcome to the Biodome, a place where plants (as well as mutants) come alive! In Brawl Stars, the characters often go in trios. In the Brawl Stars story, the stages that the players play on belong to a specific trio. For a while, many players have been asking for something like a lab or garden area for Rosa, Sprout, and Bea, which are the brawlers who work with plants. Now the wait is over, as the Biodome is the place where they all work. Be sure to look out for all the crazy plants/experiments that Rosa, Sprout, and Bea have created.

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New Brawler: Eve

Eve is the newest brawler coming to Brawl Stars and she has one of the most unique abilities in the game. Eve is an alien from outer space, and also a very caring mother. Since she is from another planet, she is trying to help her alien babies find a new host! She completes the space trio, along with Colonel Ruffs and Squeak.

For her main attack, Eve fires out 3 eggs to attack her enemies, all in different sizes and doing more or less damage depending on the size. For her super, she summons a growing egg and after a few seconds, hatches into baby hatchlings. If these hatchlings catch onto an opponent, they will deal damage overtime! However, Eve's greatest trait is the ability to hover over water tiles. So far, no brawler in the game has been able to do this and this allows Eve to have so much more movement then most brawlers in the game, as water titles can be a pain to move around. Eve is a chromatic Brawler and will be released with the new season.



Plenty of new skins are coming to the game, and of course the theming is bugs and animals. Here are all of the new skins and prices:

Brawl Pass Skins (169 gems):

Firefly Rico - Tier 1

Spiky Eve - Tier 70

Biodome Skins:

- Ivy Belle 79 gems
- Mr. Fly 79 gems
- Mantis Rosa 149 gems
- Corrupted Sprout 79 gems
- Beetle Meg 79 gems
- Doctor Edgar 149 gems
- Wasp Bo 25,000 Star Points (Power League skin)

Other Skins:

- Lion Bull 2,500 Club Coins (Club Shop exclusive skin)
- Bunny Grom 49 gems

2 New Game Modes: Payload and Wipeout

New new game modes are coming to the game both of which are very different and fun:

- Payload: Both teams push a cart to the drop off point. Whichever team makes it to the end of their carts track, wins the game. This is a 3v3 game mode.
- Wipeout: Battle to the death and defeat brawlers to win this game mode. The 1st team to make it to 8 eliminations, wins the battle! This

is also a 3v3 game mode.

Other changes:

 Balancing: A few brawlers have been balanced (check the link below to see all of the changes)

 New Gadgets: 10 new gadgets are being added t the game for brawlers who do not have their 2nd gadget yet (check the link below to see all of the gadgets)

 Wildcard Power Points: Now a bonus in boxes! Pick and choose where your powerpoints go to upgrade the brawler you want!

• Gamemode rotation and Club League changes: These have been updated (check the link below to see all of the changes)

Bug fixes

These new changes and more are coming with Brawl Stars season 11 update! We hope you enjoyed our recap and please check the link below for more information.

Read more: https://blog.brawlstars.com/blog/release-notes/patch-notes-biodome.html

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