

Wii Sports

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A quick rundown of the games:

Tennis: An alright game. Slightly lacking without the option to move your character about the court, only the computer moves you, you control the racket swinging with your Wiimote. (7/10)

Baseball: Another not so deep game. You can swing the bat, and pitch the ball, but you can't control the things that make a baseball game for me: baserunning, fielding, stats, pitching out, etc. It's also a little lacking with the 3-inning setting. They could've at least give you the choice for 3, 6, or 9 innings. (6/10)

Golf: Probably to me the best of all the games in this collection. The choices of holes, clubs, and the wind all make this game excellent. (9/10)

Boxing: I don't like this game for one reason. After you get to pro level, there's no point in playing because the computer will beat you every time. And when you're in 2-player, all the second player has to do is just rapidly swing the controllers around to punch like crazy, not playing with any defense (yes, I was beat this way). Like a watered... really watered down Fight Night with Motion Sensoring. (6/10)

Bowling: Last but not least, bowling. This game is pretty good. The controls are pretty intuitive, and it's absolutly hilarious when you throw the ball backwards & "accidentally". (8/10)

And not to be left unmentioned, the Training and Fitness modes are pretty cool.

The training mode just gives you differant goals for the sports that you can do, rating you on bronze, silver, and gold levels. Does it help make you better? Yes, because it kinda makes you stratigize.... sort of.

And the fitness mode sticks you into three random events, and tests your speed, balance, and stamina. (The one thing that I notice is that it's really good at making fun of you. Being a 14 year old with the 40 year old body isn't too fun. I showed it the next day though....)

So all in all, it's a pretty good package deal. The graphics are fine, gameplay is intuitive (if sometimes flakey), and it's gameplay is good.

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