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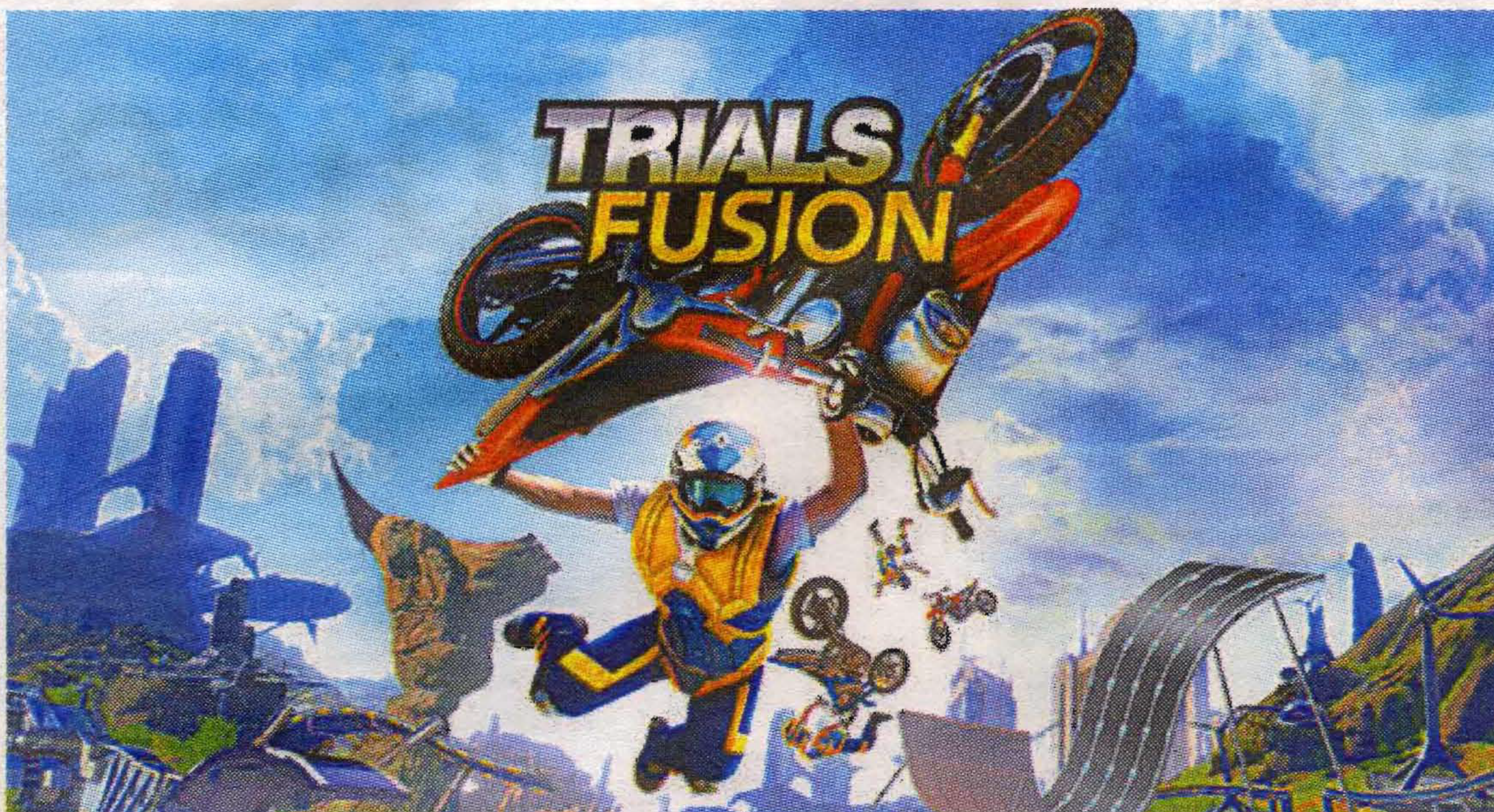
Trials Fusion features difficult levels, addictive play

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Trials Fusion has once again raised the bar for the Trials series. These games are well known with a basic formula: scrolling racetrack on dirt bikes. This fifth installment achieves the same balance that its predecessors did. Enough content to justify buying the game, but not so much to require commitment to a storyline or characters.

Trials Fusion is a classic arcade style game for the PC, Xbox One, 360, and PS4 for only \$20. The gameplay is more or less the same as its critically acclaimed predecessors Trials Evolution and Trials HD, but now features more social elements. Global leader boards and local multiplayer lets riders compete against their friends and the rest of the world. A tricks system has been added, making some maps trick based instead of racing the clock. One of the most praised features from Evolution is making a return, the track editor. This lets users create custom tracks, adding so much more gameplay than the premade developer created tracks. While this is a motorcycle game, the sky was the limit with users recreating games such as asteroids, snake, Pacman, and even Flappy Birds.

While the fan base created tracks



kept Evolution fun to play long after the standard tracks, Fusion has added way more gameplay possibilities. Each track has three individual challenges, such as completing a track without crashing or performing a certain amount of flips. While every track can be completed under an hour, these challenges can more than triple the play time. And that is not all. Through the entire game, there are 20 hid-

den squirrels, un-lockable usually by crashing in a certain way. The first few are easy to find, but as the game gets harder, so does finding the squirrels.

This game ends up looking amazing. Compared to the other trials games, this one is more vibrant and features some amazing lighting and shadow effects. This is the one thing that the flash game equivalents cannot

match. They will never look nearly as nice as the master race of PC gamers has come to expect.

At the end of the day, you get an addictive game that can be played for hours on end. There is a campaign and storyline, but it usually gets lost between the crashing, restarting, and challenges. The next generation graphics and fantastic user maps make gameplay even more enjoyable. At \$20, some people may find that with enough imagination free flash games like Line rider, Canvas Rider, and Free Rider HD can be just as fun and maybe even

more so. Trials is an example of a fan-favorite style of games being taken to its extreme limits with the power of modern computer technology; whether or not it's worth it is up to you.

If you do buy the game, don't get frustrated by a seemingly impossible challenge or jump to make. Everyone will end up restarting from a checkpoint time and time again.

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Track & Field reaches end of outdoor season

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The Illinois Tech Track and Field teams competed exceptionally well during their last two outdoor meets, especially in their performance at the Cougar Invite hosted by Concordia University in River Forest, IL. Overall, the men placed a close 2nd out of 15 teams, scoring 80 total team points, only three behind the home school Concordia. And the women placed 11th out of 16 teams and scored 17 points, outscoring rivals such as Roosevelt and Robert Morris.

"It was a great day for our men's team. We had athletes scoring in almost every event that we competed in, which is pretty impressive considering the programs that took part at this meet," said Head Coach Calin

Hantau. With all these points rolling in from many teammates, it really is a team effort because it takes contributions from everyone to be competitive in track and field.

To highlight the top performances, we have Anne Crotteau who placed 3rd in the 3000m, Veronica Hannink who placed 4th in the 100m Hurdles and 3rd in the 400m Hurdles, Mitchlie Martyr who placed 5th in the 400m, Ethan Montague who placed 4th in the 800m, Phillip Cano who placed 4th in the 1000m, Andrew Montague who placed 5th in the 1500m, Samuel Wietlispach who placed 2nd in the 3000m, Teva Venet who placed 1st in the Triple Jump, Jack Kosar who placed 1st in the Javelin, and Joseph Yassin who placed 2nd three separate times in the Shot Put, Discus, and Javelin. Not to mention the 4x400m Relay, consisting of Tyler Haag, Ethan Mon-

tague, Andrew Montague, and Quentin Shipley, that finished in an exciting 4th place team effort.

Only a week later did the varsity teams next head to the Twilight Invite hosted by Benedictine University in Lisle, IL. Overall, the men placed 9th out of 16 teams and the women placed 14th. Although the competition was tough, the Scarlet Hawks still managed to achieve many new season bests and even a few school records.

To highlight the top performances, we have Amy Rice who set a personal best in the 400m, April Wanagas who set a season best in the 800m, Anne Crotteau who set a personal best in the 3000m, Veronica Hannink who set a season best in the 100m Hurdles, Raman Venugopal and William Carlson who both set personal bests in the 100m and 200m, Tyler

Haag who set a personal best in the 100m and improved his school record in the 200m, Ethan Montague and Quentin Shipley who both set season bests in the 800m, Andrew Montague who set a personal best in the 1500m, Gabriel Wolstenholme who set a personal best in the 3000m, Samuel Wietlispach who improved his school record in the 3000m, Phillip Cano who set a new school record in the 400m Hurdles, Peter Lau who set a personal best in the 3000m Steeplechase, and Joseph Yassin who set a season best in the Shot Put and a new school record in the Javelin Throw.

In two weeks, both men and women teams will head to their last meet of the season. They will travel to North Central College in Naperville, IL to compete in the Dr. Keeler Invite on Friday, May 9th for one more chance to improve their scores. Great job, Scarlet Hawks!

Premier League a 2 horse race for title

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The 2013-2014 Barclay's Premier League season is now into the final three weeks as the race for the title is continuously seeing new leaders.

Atop the table and the new favorites are Liverpool who, after a win over Manchester City and now a 3-2 win over Norwich sit with 80 points which is 5 points clear of Chelsea and 6 points clear of City who also

have a game in hand. In their 11th straight victory the most impressive player on the pitch was Raheem Sterling for the Reds as he opened and closed the scoring as well and assisted Luis Suarez with a sublime pass. With Daniel Sturridge out, Suarez needed a new partner on the day and Sterling was the man.

Norwich is just a point outside the relegation zone and to take a point from Liverpool would have been very good for them. Another major result in the top four was Arsenal's FA Cup Final preview against Hull

City that ended in a 3-0 win for the Gunners. A goal from Aaron Ramsey and a brace from Lukas Podolski sent the Gunners on their way to hold onto the fourth Champion's League spot just a point ahead of Everton who have 69 points.

Everton kept pace with the Gunners as they completed a comprehensive 2-0 victory over struggling Manchester United.

Manchester City kept pace at the top as they dismantled a resilient West Bromwich side in 3-1 fashion. City looked nervy

for a large part of the match, but the striking power of Sergio Aguero would not be denied as they marched with three points.

On the other side there was a massive upset as Chelsea slipped up to Sunderland at home as the Black Cats won 2-1 and ended Jose Mourinho's unbeaten streak at Stamford Bridge.

Dropping three points has not mathematically eliminated Chelsea, but it has seemingly turned the race for the title into a two horse race.



Wednesday, April 30

Baseball

vs. Calvin College
1 p.m., Ed Glancy Field
Games 1 & 2

Friday, May 2

Baseball

vs. Maranatha Baptist Bible College
Donation Night for St. James Food
Pantry
3 p.m., Ed Glancy Field

Saturday, May 3

Baseball

vs. Maranatha Baptist Bible College
1 p.m., U.S. Cellular Field,
Home of the Chicago White Sox

Friday, May 9

Women's & Men's Track & Field

Dr. Keeler Invite @ North Central
College
Time: TBA