



CarBall 2.6 Press Release

"We are pleased to announce the release of CarBall 2.6, an original UT2004 mod. CarBall is multiplayer soccer with cars, combining goal scoring with weapon pickups and vehicle power-ups. Imagine Mario Kart mixed with Fifa, multiplied by Wipeout XL. The addictive gameplay is simple to learn, but difficult to master. Players must combine scoring prowess with defensive awareness, while mixing in smart team play, use of weapons, and some fancy maneuvers.

CarBall is unique in changing the game's focus from killing other players to driving, teamwork and fun with physics. The custom vehicles are capable of not only flipping, jumping and other acrobatics, but also of using various power-ups to change their speed, visibility, and weaponry. Weapons can affect other players, but are more often used on the ball. Chaos and unpredictability are common in CarBall games, even ones with skilled team work and communication from both sides. Far more than other games, CarBall will often make you laugh as much as it will make you jeer and cheer.

Players of every UT2004 gametype play CarBall regularly and more are joining with each release. CarBall specific clans already exist and organized tournaments have been held multiple times. More than one organized LAN event has reported CarBall as being a big hit with its attendees.

PDXLAN founder, Matt Conwell, said that "CarBall was a hot tournament at PDXLAN - we had over 20 teams of 3 participate and everyone who played had a great time. The tournament was so popular that we decided to do another tournament at the GeForce LAN hosted by Nvidia in June of 2005. If you are looking for a great addition to any LAN party or tournament, CarBall is not only fun to play, CarBall is visually stunning and a blast to watch for your spectators." Gamespy stated that CarBall was "...proving that there's no limit to the things that could come out of the mod community."

CarBall is a free download that only requires the player to already have the full retail UT2004 installed. It is available from the CarBall website (<http://www.carball.net>) in the Files section (<http://www.carball.net/cb26/download.htm>). Any party interested in providing the CarBall installation file for a free download from their web or FTP site should feel free to host it with our thanks.

New players can look forward to discovering a variety of maps with various types of goals and scoring possibilities, a large selection of power-ups, and a deceptively simple set of vehicle tricks that be combined into a seemingly endless series of driving feats.

Both new and regular players can look forward to the following features introduced in version 2.6:

- A choice of four different vehicles
- New Portable Repulse Field Generator power-up
- Alt fire mode for both new and returning power-ups
- HUD enhancements
- New skins for car bodies, wheels and licence plates, including cell shaded skins
- Favourite maps redone especially for this release

CarBall was a finalist in the Make Something Unreal Contest, but we didn't stop there! The development team continues to push it further with more custom content and improved gameplay to meet the needs of its growing user base.

Awards, Media Coverage, and LAN Support

-Make Something Unreal Contest

Phase III, Best Use of Karma Physics, 5th Place

http://www.unrealtournament.com/ut2003/ct_phase3/ct_karma.php

Phase III, Best Non-FPS Mod, Finalist

http://www.unrealtournament.com/ut2003/ct_phase3/ct_nonfps.php

-Gamespy Comments

<http://goty.gamespy.com/2004/pc/index22.html>

<http://holidayguide2004.gamespy.com/pc/1.html>

-Organized LAN Events

SpokLAN

<http://www.spoklan.net/games/#ut2k4>

PDXLAN

<http://www.pdxlan.net>

GeForce LAN

http://www.nzone.com/object/nzone_geforcelan2005_home.html

-CarBall Official Website

<http://www.carball.net>

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Official CarBall Websites

CarBall

<http://www.carball.net>

CarBall 2.6 Promotional Site

<http://www.carball.net/cb26>

Download CarBall

<http://www.carball.net/cb26/download.htm>

CarBall Forum

<http://www.carball.net/phpBB2/index.php>

CarBall Store

<http://www.cafepress.co/carball>

Other URL's

European CarBall League

<http://www.ecbl.org>

CarBall Wikipedia entry

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carball>