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Game of the Year 2003, Readers' Vote: Strategy

What's your vote for the best Strategy game on Game Boy Advance?

December 18, 2003 - It's the end of 2003. The end of the year means we're going to spend an enormous amount of time going back through hundreds of games released for all of the systems, and decide which titles were the best. The Game Boy Advance system had a lion's share of the release, with several dozen games shipping between January and December of this year.



All of the editors at IGN are currently working on our picks for the Best of 2003 for all systems in several categories, but just like every year we're going to give you the chance to voice your own opinion as well. All this week we're going to post the greatest 2003 GBA releases into several categories, and let you cast your vote for the best in each list.

Best Game Boy Advance Strategy Game, 2003

Though mindless action games are always fun, sometimes you just want to use the ol' grey matter. Many GBA games require a lot of brainwork and smarts to get through the challenges. Take your pick from the following nominees.

If you don't agree with the nine games listed, be sure to cast a write-in vote for the game you think should win [Best Game Boy Advance Strategy Game for 2003](#). Click on that link to mail in your write-in choice.

And the nominees are:

[Advance Wars II: Black Hole Rising](#)

Publisher: [Nintendo](#)
Developer: Intelligent Systems
Release Date: August 2003

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What we said: "The successful game has received the sequel treatment in the form of Advance Wars 2: Black Hole Rising."

Final Fantasy Tactics Advance

Publisher: Nintendo
Developer: Square-Enix
Release Date: September 2003

What we said: " Players aren't thrust straight into a foreign land with its own creatures and laws to learn as they go along as in most Final Fantasy games; instead, they follow characters from a modern world into a Final Fantasy universe, learning as the characters do."

Fire Emblem

Publisher: Nintendo
Developer: Intelligent Systems
Release Date: November 2003

What we said: "The game itself puts players in the role of an overseeing tactician, helping a group of adventurers on their way to a task written in the [game's](#) script. On the way, players will be ambushed by enemy forces, and it's here where the player must maneuver the members and have them take out enemy troops."

Ultimate Brain Games

Publisher: Telegames
Developer: Cosmigo
Release Date: March 2003

What we said: "Telegames produces an excellent collection of pick-up-and-play games for the GBA.."

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