

BY CHRIS SWEENEY



T IN THE PARK kicks off today and here is my final focus on the 16 up-and-comers playing the T Break stage – which showcases the skills of the best unsigned acts in Scotland...

THERE'LL be plenty of shenanigans at T this weekend – but only one band is planning to take over their fans' minds and bodies.

Glasgow hip-hop duo Hector Bizerk – drummer Audrey Tait and rap ace Louie – will storm the T Break stage tonight and aim to prove that battle rapping was born in Scotland.

Audrey, 25, said: "We've had some slagging online about copying Americans. "But not many people know, there's this thing called flying. It was a tradition in Scotland back in old times – it's basically battle rap.

Skank

"Everyone associates it with America, but it's been happening here for a long time.

"Musically, hip-hop is about the beat. When you're at a festival, you want to jump about and that's what we do – we make music you can skank to in a field."

But the duo insist they have a style that makes them stand out from the crowd.

Louie, also 25, said: "Certain acts just stand there



TALKING RAP... Audrey and Louie

# Flyte for your right to party



sometimes with a laptop – I think some people are looking for more. At our level, the music needs to speak, first and foremost.

"We make songs, so the lyrical content moves their mind. "And Audrey, on the drums, makes them move their body.

"We try to get both aspects. Some people will tune into the clever wordplay and metaphors. Others will get into the rhythm. It's the best of both

worlds." This year was their second attempt at T Break and they're delighted to finally make the cut.

Louie added: "We've established ourselves in Scotland to some level, but T Break is massive. We're honoured to be on the bill.

"The size of the stage has been amped up and it's not just some after-thought. "It's a genuine part of the organisers' ethos." But they

hope this is just the start of the journey – and they have a battleplan drawn up.

Louie said: "We want to take our style of hip-hop as far as it will go outwith of Scotland.

"It's about expanding now – getting out and about in the UK and then looking at America. We want to start making our mark in all these places – we want to widen the net."

Check out hectorbizerk.com

## one 2 hear

HONEYBLOOD are hoping to be flush after their show this weekend.

The progressive duo – singer Stina Tweeddale and drummer Shona McVicar – record their stuff in the TOILET. But it doesn't sound c\*\*p, it's more bang on.

Their single, no Spare Key, is a gritty, angst-ridden rock tune. Hear it at facebook.com/honeybloodeatitup

# Something for the Weekend



## PAWS

WHO: Phillip Taylor (vocals/guitar), Joshua Swinney (drums), Ryan Drever (bass). WHERE: Glasgow.

FOR FANS OF: Nirvana, Teenage Fanclub, Pixies. JIM SAYS: Paws gave me an unintended glimpse of their cool recently when they turned-up at the SAY Award shortlist party with skateboards under their arms.

I loved their style – real rock 'n' roll.

It seemed an ideal mode of transport for a band bursting out of a counterculture to gain widespread acclaim.

While their brilliant album Cokefloat! didn't make the shortlist of 10 for the Scottish Album of the Year, it's near the top of my list.

Phillip said: "It was very flattering to be included on the longlist for the SAY Award."

"We are just in our own little bubble – staying focused and working as hard as possible to achieve the things we want to do.

"So when something like that comes in, it's really nice to know that we are even in contention. Really flattering."

Phillip and Joshua first met at school in the Highland town of Tain. They were initially joined by Matt Scott on bass, but Ryan recently replaced him to complete the current line-up.

Following in the footsteps of fellow Scots outfits The Twilight Sad, We Were Promised Jetpacks and Frightened Rab-



ALBUM... Cokefloat

bit, the album is out through Brighton label FatCat.

Tomorrow, the band appear on the BBC Introducing Stage at T in the Park. Ally McCrae, who co-hosts the Introducing show on Radio 1, is a long-time fan.

He said: "They're one of the most balls-out, uncompromising and brutally honest guitar bands out. The boys may be slacker-pop in genre but they kick it live, sweating every word and busting out every riff."

It's a big deal for a band to get a slot at T, but it's a second time for PAWS after playing the T Break Stage in 2011. They also did the massive SXSW in Austin, Texas, in March.

Phillip said: "That was absolutely insane. We played a total of 10 shows in four days for a variety of fantastic folks like Thrasher Skateboard Magazine, Brooklyn Vegan, Vans and many more. It's a gigantic circus of musical and theatrical delights."

PAWS have a busy schedule ahead including tours with The Crips and We Are Scientists. Phillip told me "Touring is everything to us. We love to travel together and play live as much as we can, so we really love tour life."

MORE: wehavepaws.com Jim will be playing PAWS on In-Demand Uncut this Sunday from 7pm, when the show comes live from T in the Park. Check it out on Clyde 1, Forth One, Northsound 1, Radio Borders, Tay FM, West FM & West Sound FM. indemandscotland.co.uk



# Ouya? Oh no!

THIS year is fast becoming gaming's equivalent of a joke about waiting for London buses.

As well as the next-generation of gaming with the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One releases, there will be at least three more pieces of hardware available.

The yet-to-be-unveiled Steam Box is expected to be available by Christmas, and will be similarly pricey.

But this year isn't just about the big boys – it's about affordable alternatives, too. We have already featured the £79.99 GameStick, and now its main rival has emerged in the form of the Ouya, which sells for £99.99.

Like the GameStick, the Ouya is Android-powered, and turns your favourite app games into instant console classics.

This isn't going to produce rivals for AAA titles such as Call

OUYA (console) \$99.99, Game.co.uk

Of Duty and Grand Theft Auto, but extends the possibilities for budget games on a larger screen.

But it has to be said, the Xbox 360 is now available from £129.99, only £30 more.

Yes, the Ouya and GameStick are nice ideas.

## Brief

But will they really compete with the 360, which has a vast selection of arcade games available, not to mention pre-owned blockbusters on the cheap?

The answer, sadly, is almost certainly not.

The Ouya's graphics aren't up to much, despite the marketing talk on the box – the games look, feel and play like the smartphone releases they are.

Which is fine, but the beauty of most apps is that they are

25

instant and gameplay is generally brief but enough to occupy you for your commute, toilet visit or ad break.

How many want to play these games on television screens is another matter.

Yes, the Ouya is much cheaper than the Xbox One, but it is on a par with the 360's price-point.

Sadly, that's the only area where the two are equals.

It's a lovely idea, but it hasn't quite been delivered by the Ouya.

If Apple have shown us anything, it's that casual gaming doesn't have to be on a television screen.

Longer term, though, its promise to deliver cheaper games is exciting – and with constant improvements there does appear to be room in the market for something along these lines.

Overall though, the Ouya gets more wrong than it does right – which is why it will fall through the gap in the market it has identified.

## NEW SOCIAL NETWORK TO WOO GAMERS

PIXWOO is a social network set up specifically for gamers.

When registering, players must select their gamer DNA.

Whether you're an action/adventurer, an RPG nut or an FPS freak, Pixwoo will tailor the network to your likes and interests. Where Raptr logs the hours gamers play and grades them on their experience, Pixwoo engages the community in other ways.

Through this network, they can share their screenshots, upload videos, comment on each other's statuses, rate games and even crank up discussion about the classics.

Players can add owned consoles, assign their gamertags and even sync Facebook and Twitter accounts, inviting their friends to join Pixwoo, but also revealing gaming loves via their social network of choice.

The network allows players to view a feed built just for them, but also see what's currently hot on Pixwoo in the Pixwoo Channel or the Top 5.

As gamer networks go, this is one of the finest out there. It puts a single roof over all networks used to communicate about games and brings the Press, publishers, developers and community together in a welcoming environment.

The Pixwoo app is free on the iOS App Store and can also be found via Google Play. RW





peugeot.co.uk/offers

### 3 YEARS INSURANCE, INCLUDED.

JUST ADD FUEL® FROM PEUGEOT.

**3 YEARS** INSURANCE\* WARRANTY SERVICING CAR TAX\* ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

WITH A PEUGEOT 208 ACCESS ALL FOR **£169 A MONTH\***

**DRIVE AWAY HAPPY!**

PEUGEOT RECOMMENDS TOTAL Official Fuel Consumption in MPG (l/100km) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km) for the 208 Range are: Urban 28.8-78.5 (9.8-3.6), Extra Urban 57.6-88.3 (4.9-3.2), Combined 42.2-83.1 (6.7-3.4) and CO<sub>2</sub> 154-87 (g/km).

MPG figures are achieved under official EU test conditions, intended as a guide for comparative purposes only, and may not reflect actual on-the-road driving conditions. Terms and conditions apply, participating dealers only or visit www.peugeot.co.uk \*The first year Road Fund Licence (RFL) is included in the on the road price. The Dealer will provide customers with a cheque equivalent to twice the current RFL cost. The customer must apply for years 2 & 3 RFL. Just Add Fuel (JAF) is subject to status. \*Minimum age 21, 25 or 30 on selected models, maximum age 75. Policyholder must have a minimum of 2 years NCD to use on the vehicle. All drivers must meet eligibility criteria including minimum 2 years' full UK licence, driving convictions/claims limits. Excesses apply, 3 years motor insurance is provided and underwritten by UK Insurance Limited, which is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. A guarantee may be required. Written quotations available from Peugeot Financial Services, Quadrant House, Princess Way, Redhill, RH1 1QA. \*JAF is incorporated into a Personal Lease contract. 208 Access 1.0 VTI 5dr including metallic paint initial rental £2,291, optional final rental £4,510, 35 monthly rentals. If you choose to pay off the optional final rental, you can pay an annual rental equivalent to one of your monthly rentals but will not own the car. Ownership is possible with JAF Passport, ask your Dealer for details. Rentals quoted for a typical customer & will vary according to age, postcode and annual mileage. Excess mileage charges may apply. Routine servicing included only. Excludes wear parts. This offer is not available in Northern Ireland. Offer available on cars ordered by 30th September 2013. Information correct at time of going to press.

JUST ADD FUEL

PEUGEOT 208

MOTION & EMOTION



PEUGEOT

APPS and GAMES

DEUS EX: THE FALL iOS, \$4.99

POTENTIALLY, this is a watershed moment for gaming. The follow-up to AAA title Deus Ex: Human Revolution has been released exclusively this week and, for perhaps the first time, it's a top-billing title built specifically, and from scratch, for mobile.

The package as a whole is shorter than its console predecessor – around five hours for playthrough – but the price-point is far from budget-busting.

Top level gaming on your mobile for less than a fiver? This, my friends, is the future.



CAMME iOS, free

COOL hand gesture-controlled camera app which is a must-have for selfie fans.

Lets you take snaps from a distance without even touching your device. Just open and close your hand and a three-second countdown will begin before the photo is taken.



SOUNDROP Spotify, free

MORE and more free apps are popping up for music streaming service Spotify. This one's idea is themed music "rooms" to suit what you might be doing, with topics including Falling Asleep, Chillout and even Working... if you can get away with it without your boss hearing.



FATTY 69p, iOS/Google

IF Deus Ex is the future of mobile gaming, Fatty is very much the past.

Probably the most simplistic user interface I've ever come across in five years of the app store – you do virtually nothing as your character bounces through a world, gorging on unhealthy treats and getting fatter.

It's presumably aimed at kids, with the message that fast food is bad for you.

Well they certainly won't be coming back for seconds.



BADLAND iOS, free

AWARD-WINNING, dark and eerie left-to-right platform game where you control a black blob floating through a rainforest of nasties, including giant cogs and boulders.

The controls are just a tap to boost your blob upwards, let go and he floats down. It's all about timing, this one.



SURVIVAL RUN WITH BEAR GRYLLS Free for all

PLAY as Mr Extreme Survival himself in this Temple Run-style free runner.

You run along cliffs, slide down slopes, drive sledges and ride helicopters, all while collecting coins as you spring.

Great freebie with lots of levels to work through.



SKY SPORTS ASHES EVENTS CENTRE Free on iPad for Sky Sports subscribers

WATCH ball-by-ball coverage wherever you are. Has a great built-in Hawk-Eye feature which lets you replay every ball virtually. Also has stats, session timelines with clips, text commentary and integrated social media – for sledging Aussie pals.

