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TOP 5 GAMES
THIS WEEK1. Far Cry Primal
2. Legend of Zelda Twilight Princess
3. Heavy Rain & Beyond Two Souls
Collection4. Plants vs Zombies: Garden Warfare 2
5. FIFA 16
● Chart courtesy of game.co.uk

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SCOTS star Joanne Calderwood loves being in UFC2 but admits it has given her a small problem.

The Irvine invincible is worried that her tattoo days could be under threat.

She laughed: "I think they got everything pretty spot on.

"It doesn't help when I get more tattoos though but my hair style is on point and the tattoos are spot on too.

"It feels pretty cool. I think it's more exciting for my family and people that know me — they all are proud and think it's awesome. But

when I signed my UFC contract I signed away my image so I always knew it could be a possibility."

Girls have been included in the game for the first time and JoJo — who won her last fight at home in Glasgow against Courtney Casey to earn a 10-1 victory record — reckons it will be a hit at the prestigious Tristar gym where she works out in Montreal.

She said: "I'm staying in the Tristar dorms and I'm hoping I get to fight the other guys at Tristar in the game.

"Hopefully, we can do a tournament against each other. They beat me up

in the gym so I can get some pay-back."

She is even ready for a tear-up with fight fans. JoJo added: "Tristar have plans to open up a game centre and it will be a possibility to do that one day. I guess that gives me time to get good at playing."

Former world, European and British Muay Thai champ JoJo's inclusion is a reflection of the impact girls are having in the UFC ring, but she is glad the designers took their time.

She said: "I think it makes more sense now because there are more female fighters to put on the roster. I

think everything happens at the right time, it's not been overdue. I like that they have taken their time and the fact that there are going to be more fighters is better for the game player."

Calderwood admits it will be pretty cool to use her reverse triangle grappling move and knee or elbow attacks and fancies being a future cover star. She said: "I would love to be part of it in the future — that is good enough for me.

"If my game character beats everyone and everyone in the world beats anyone when they pick me to fight then I deserve to be a future cover star. You gotta earn it to become it."

STUART CULLEN

EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW

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Bit of brawl right

YOU need to be fighting fit to be a winner with UFC2.

It only seems right that you start with a fight — Robbie Lawler against Rory MacDonald — and, from the first brutal punch, this isn't for the faint hearted.

There are a tonne of modes — from campaign, where your rookie fights up to the main event card — to the outstanding new KO mode.

That sees the fighting system stripped of grappling in favour of attack and counter-attack.

You can use strength and speed bonuses and playing this mode will improve your counter game no end.

The biggest new mode is UFC's take on FIFA ultimate team. You build a team of five fighters across different weights and fight to win cards that unlock upgrades. Like FIFA, you can buy coins with real money to unlock new packs of cards



EA SPORTS: UFC 2
Xbox One, PS4, PC £44.99

though the game throws enough cards in so why spend?

There is a 250-strong roster of fighters, including the legendary Chuck Liddell and current fave Conor McGregor... and Mike Tyson and Bruce Lee. Slightly odd, but good fun nonetheless.

You can always custom build your fighter if you can't find the ideal one.

The girls are brought to the party for the first time — answering a load of fan requests.

The game controls well for the most part but you'll have to get used to the fact that you have a more binary input system than other more arcade-style fighters which focus on half-circle combos.

The biggest difference is the stamina

bar which limits how many punches and kicks you can throw before you tire out and have to back off and recharge.

That all adds up to a massive hit online because everyone has a chance to win.

Offline, you can get a bit frustrated as it seems you are kicking someone in the head 20 or 30 times just to get them down. That is great for newcomers as it's more accessible but long-time fans may feel disappointed.

The game is truly stunning and has an almost photorealistic feel at times — the sweat and blood hitting the mat in the middle of the fight is amazing. Your battered fighter even gets bruises during a fight in real time.

UFC2 is highly polished piece of work and the wealth of modes and fighters should thrill fans of the sport.

★★★★
STUART CULLEN**CATHOLIC ACTION**

WHO: Chris McCrory (vocals/ guitar), Jamie Dubber (bass/vocals), Andrew Macpherson (guitar), Ryan Clark (drums)

WHERE: Glasgow
FOR FANS OF: Franz Ferdinand, The Velvet Underground, Bell and Sebastian
JIM SAYS: Fronted by former Casual Sex drummer Chris McCrory, Catholic Action have been turning heads across the UK.

Support slots with The Libertines and FFS (Franz Ferdinand & Sparks) plus a tour with Swim Deep have enhanced their reputation as a live band.

But it was in the studio that they first crafted their art.

Chris said: "Increasingly turned on by melody and arrangement, I wanted to make classic guitar records. After my crash course in doing just that with Sam Smith (*Casual Sex frontman and producer*) at the Green Door studio, I knew exactly what to do to bring these new songs I had written to life."

The new single L.U.V is actually the 12th track they've unleashed. You'd be hard pushed to find some of them.

Many of the early tracks were cassette-only releases, sometimes with as few as 100 copies. L.U.V was originally released as a split cassette with the now-defunct band Poor Things.

It's had a bit a revamp, turning into even more of a glam-



tinged indie stomper. Chris said: "It's like the old version but on steroids. More like how I intended it to sound."

Most of Catholic Action's output is produced by Chris, out of his Shady Lane studios in Erskine. Having the studio means the band can work at their own pace, though they have ventured further afield.

Chris added: "Almost everything you've heard up until now has been done at mine. We have recorded with other people. We did L.U.V with Sam and we're working with Margo Broom in London at the moment. I decided, for the album, I wanted to concentrate on playing and singing as opposed to fixing microphone stands. It means I'm more free to produce the tracks on the fly, and not worry about engineering technicalities."

L.U.V has been gathering pace leading up to today's release. The song features on a video promoting Hibs season tickets. The band haven't a clue how that happened. The actual video for the single was premiered by NME earlier this week.

Catholic Action head out on their first UK headline tour next week, rounding off with dates at Nice N Sleazy in Glasgow on March 31 and Underdog in Aberdeen on April 1.

MORE: facebook.com/catholicactionband
● Jim presents a weekly showcase of New Music on Amazing Radio Sundays 2-4pm. amazingradio.com/jimgellatly

Watch video of band at: thescottishsun.co.uk

SMILES AND TEARS
iOS/Android, free

THE BBC's Children in Need has funded the release of this app — designed for and by young people with firsthand experience of loss.

The app simulates some of the therapeutic activities available to help cope with feelings of grief. We hope it reaches all those who need it.

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● **STOCK** up your sleep bank then get practising for *Insomnia Scotland*. Time is running out if you are entering some of the eSports tournaments taking place at the EICC in Edinburgh (April 29-May 2).

The prize pots have now been revealed and there is some serious cash on offer. Tournaments like Counter-

Strike: Global Offensive and League of Legends have £1,500 up for grabs.

You can win £200 on Dota 2 and, newcomer to the eSports scene, Rocket League can score you £150.

Fan faves Hearthstone and StarCraft II both have £100 prizes and are open to everyone with a Bring Your Own Computer ticket.

● **EXCITING** news from Sony. The PlayStation VR will set you back £349 when it is released in October. More than 230 developers and publishers are working hard on PS VR titles, from smaller indie teams to larger studios like 2K Games and Ubisoft. Be sure to pre-order because they are selling out fast.

REVOLUTION: 25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION
Pc, £29.99 (Pegi 16)

TO celebrate a quarter century of game makers Revolution, a box-set of their greatest hits has been released.

But, really, it's all about their main franchise — Broken Sword. Follow globe-trotting adventures as they turn riddle-solvers. Stunning.

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