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DARTS

Fag in mouth and beer in hand, David Griffin goes for the bull's eye.

Listing 1.

```
1 REM Listing 1
2 REM BBC Darts - by David Griffin
3
10 MODE 7
20 PRINT TAB(9,4)""""CHR#255""m0 &t""CHR#255""k4?
k7oh7"m"
30 PRINT TAB(10,5)CHR#255" j5j:1"CHR#255" "CHR#255"
.v! j5 ""-,"t"
40 PRINT TAB(9,6)""CHR#255"p>:z0_ "CHR#255"p"CHR#25
5"0*su zu *tp?"
50 PRINT TAB(8,8)"written by David Griffin"
60 PRINT TAB(23,9)"(c) 1984"
70 PRINT TAB(17,10)"x"CHR#255" "B"
80 PRINT TAB(16)"h"CHR#255"ax5"
90 PRINT TAB(16)"j)y?"!
100 PRINT TAB(14)" x2"!!
110 PRINT TAB(12)" x"CHR#255"?"
120 PRINT TAB(11)"h"CHR#255CHR#255"7"
130 PRINT TAB(10)" "CHR#255"?"
140 PRINT TAB(9)" &!"
150 PRINT TAB(8)"B!"
160 FOR Y=3 TO 20:VDU 31,5,Y,132,157,31,35,Y,156:NEX
T
170 VDU 31,7,4,147,154,31,7,5,147,154,31,7,6,147,154
,31,7,8,135,31,7,9,135
180 FOR Y=10 TO 18:VDU 31,7,Y,145:NEXT
190 FOR Y=15 TO 18:VDU 31,15,Y,130:NEXT
200 VDU 28,16,18,34,16
210 *L."darts"900
220 PAGE=&D00:CHAIN"darts....."
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Listing 2.

```
1 REM Listing 2
2 REM BBC Darts - by David Griffin
3
10 VDU 23,128,&F7,&15,&15,&F5,&85,&85,&F7,0
20 VDU 23,129,8,&18,8,8,8,8,8,0
30 VDU 23,130,&2E,&6A,&2A,&2E,&2A,&2A,&2E,0
40 VDU 23,131,&20,&20,&20,&28,&3C,8,8,0
50 VDU 23,132,&2E,&62,&22,&2E,&22,&22,&2E,0
60 VDU 23,133,&3C,&20,&20,&3C,&24,&24,&3C,0
70 VDU 23,134,&2E,&6A,&2A,&2A,&2A,&2A,&2E,0
80 VDU 23,135,&2E,&68,&28,&2E,&22,&22,&2E,0
90 VDU 23,136,&3C,4,4,&3C,&20,&20,&3C,0
100 VDU 23,137,&2E,&62,&22,&22,&22,&24,&24,&24,0
110 VDU 23,138,&38,8,8,&38,8,8,&38,0
120 VDU 23,139,0,&2E,&6A,&2A,&2E,&22,&22,&2E,0
130 VDU 23,140,&3C,4,8,8,&10,&10,&10,0
140 VDU 23,141,&2E,&68,&28,&2E,&2A,&2A,&2E,0
150 VDU 23,142,&3C,&24,&24,&3C,&24,&24,&3C,0
160 VDU 23,143,&24,&6C,&24,&24,&24,&24,&24,0
170 VDU 23,144,&28,&6B,&28,&2A,&2F,&22,&22,0
180 VDU 23,145,&3C,&24,&24,&3C,4,4,&3C,0
190 VDU 23,146,&2E,&62,&22,&2E,&28,&28,&2E,0
200 VDU 23,147,&3C,&20,&20,&3C,4,4,&3C,0
210 VDU 23,148,&82,&44,&38,&38,&38,&44,&82,0
220 VDU 23,149,0,0,&F,&FF,&F,0,0,0
230 VDU 23,150,&C,&1E,&30,&FF,&30,&1E,&C,0
240 VDU 23,151,0,0,&2E,&22,&EE,&AA,&EE,0
250 VDU 23,152,0,0,&D3,&9A,&93,&91,&9B,0
260 VDU 23,153,0,&45,&45,&77,&51,&77,0,0
270 VDU 23,154,0,5,5,&1D,&15,&1D,0,0
280 VDU 23,155,0,&DC,&54,&DC,4,&1E,0,0
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DARTS IS A GAME for the BBC model B or 32K model A, and although not tested will probably work on an Electron.

The game of darts once only played in its traditional home of the pub and club is now an international sport frequently seen on television. It is one of the most popular participant sports in this country, and indeed the world, played by millions.

My computerised version is by no means a substitute for throwing arrows from the oche down at your local but an alternative to arcade-type games requiring manipulation of at least

11 of your fingers and very quickly, a feat not suitable for some of the more elderly BBC users!

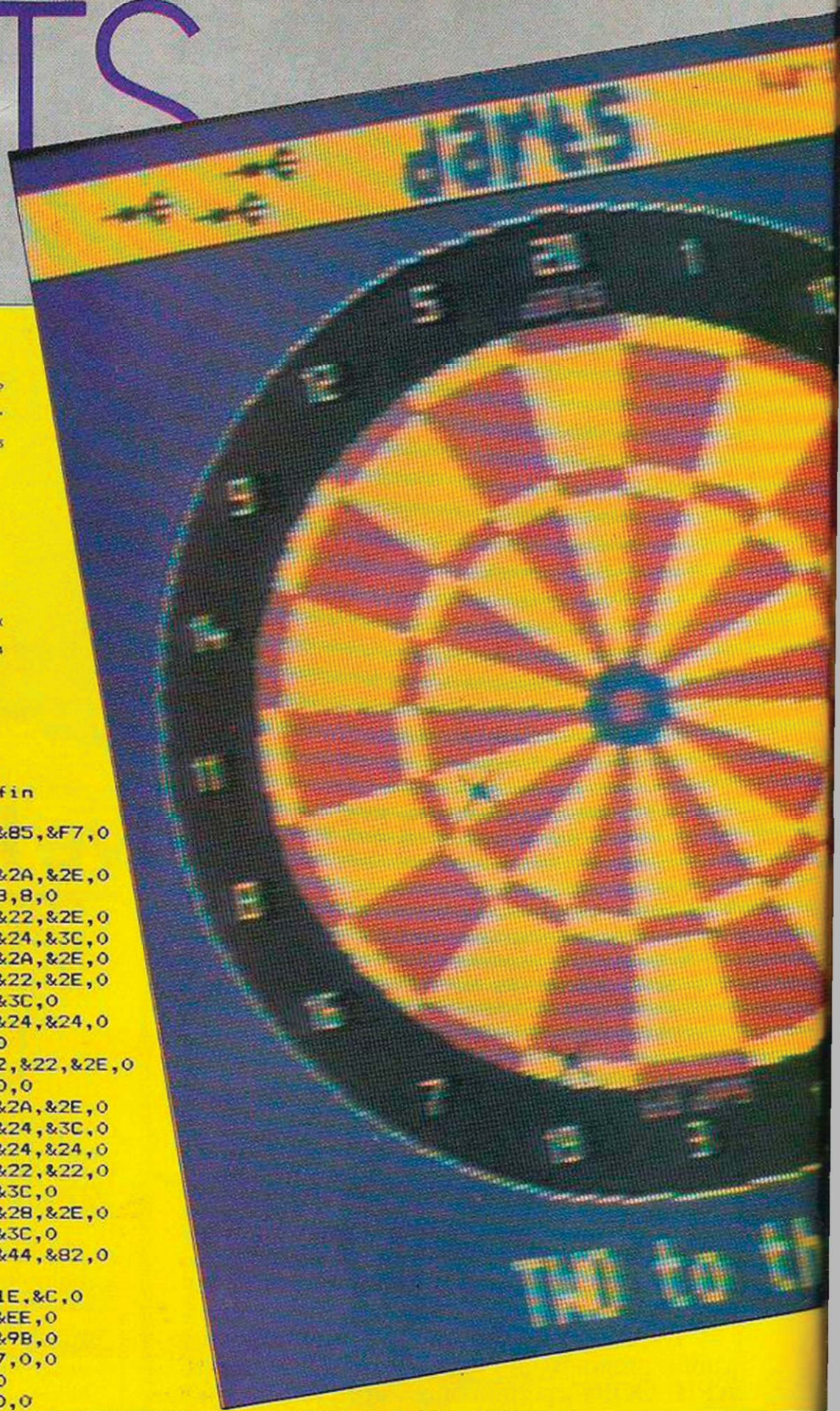
It is difficult to emulate the same skills of the darts game proper on a computer game and so the method of aiming and throwing darts I have employed is to manoeuvre a crosshair sight over the board, throwing a dart when it is over the place you want. A skill element is introduced with the sight drifting and so making it more difficult to hit the number you require. The game was written with joysticks in mind although I have provided for keyboard

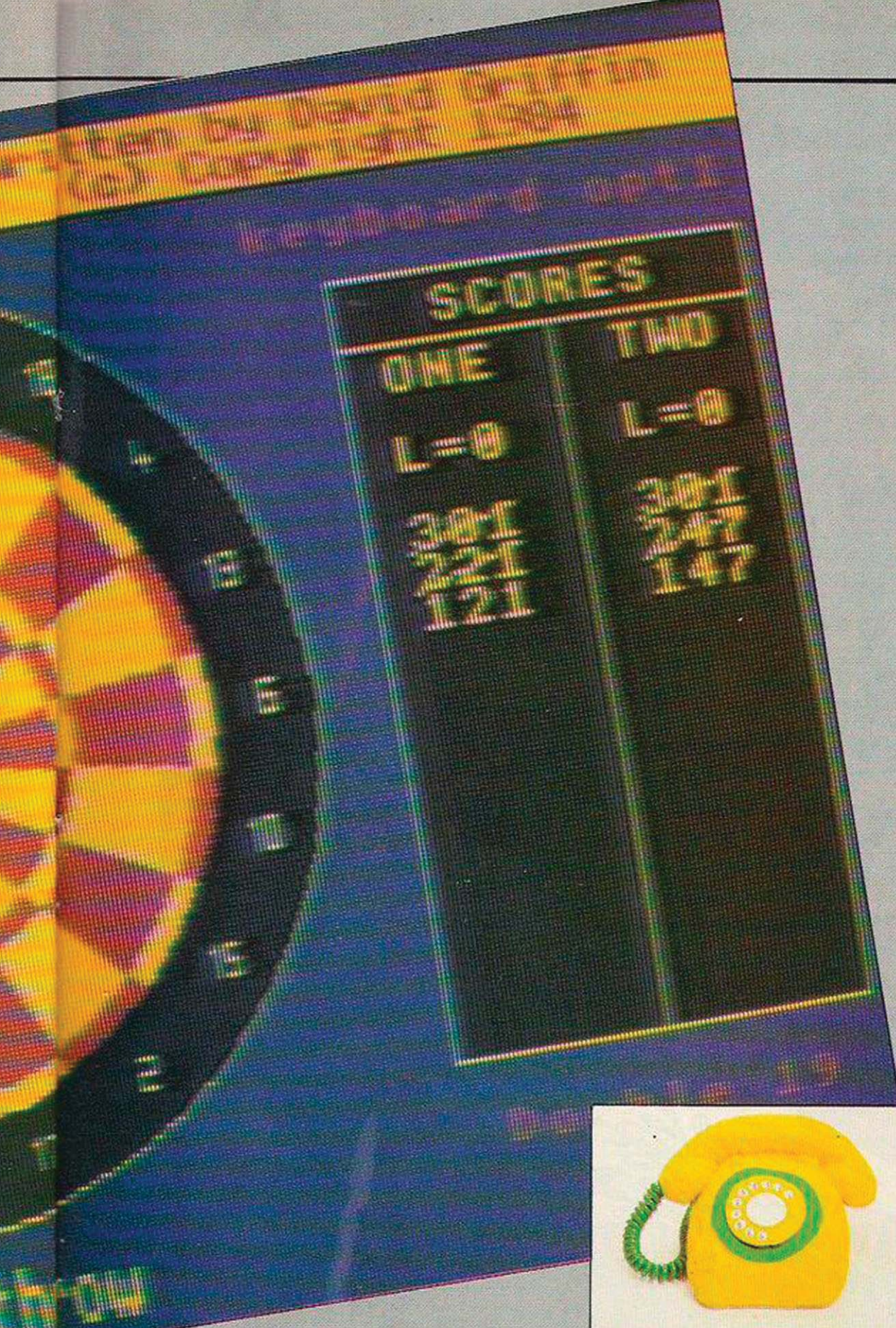
use.

There are three different games to play in my program, the standard game, around the clock and all fives. All are for two players.

The standard game — options 1 and 2 on the main menu: Option 1 provides a standard 301 game with double start and double to finish, played over five legs, i.e., the first to win three games wins the match. The difficulty level decides how much the sight drifts, level 1 is the easiest.

After the board has been drawn both players should enter their initials or three lettered





pseudonym. The scoreboard shows initials, how many legs each has won — shown by 'L=' — and the score required for this game.

As each dart has been thrown the display to the bottom right of the screen shows what it has scored.

Option 2 allows the parameters to be altered, giving games such as 801 straight off over 3 legs and 101 double start over 9 legs.

Around the clock — option 3: In this game each player goes around the board, throwing at 1 until hit and then at the 2 etc. and ending on the outer bull — 25 — and then the bull's eye — 50. It is possible to aim for singles, doubles or trebles depending on your initial choice. The score-board shows what each player must throw for next, with sgl, dbl or tbl printed under initials.

All fives — options 4 and 5: Option 4 gives the standard all fives game. Each player must score a multiple of five for his three dart total throw, for example: 55, 25 etc. If he misses the board with one of his darts the throw is not counted. Then the number of fives scored is calculated, that being his score for that throw — a score of 45 counts as 9, 10 as 2 etc. — and taken from his initial 51 points. A throw resulting in a score that is not a multiple of five is not allowed. The match is over five legs.

Option 5 allows parameters to be changed, so the game can become all threes or all eights etc.

An unusual feature in the programming of darts is the use of two Basic programs resident in the machine at the same time, the main game — listing 4 — and a routine to draw the dartboard — listing 3. The reason for this was to allow myself an extra three pages of programming space. The memory soon got full while developing the game although relocating Page to &D000. I couldn't start the Basic program below this because of the user-defined characters stored between &C00 and &CFF, so I chopped part of the main program off and stored it between &900 and &BFF, this area is free when files, RS-423 and function keys are not used. Then Page only needs to be changed to pass control from one program to the other. See line 60 of listing 3 and line 80 of listing 4.

To enter the program and store it on cassette in the correct order, the following procedure should be followed:

- type in listing 1
- save with 'SAVE "DARTS" (RETURN) (RETURN)'
- type in listing 2 and RUN it

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Table 1.

10 to 150	main control program 80 jumps to small program stored between &900 and &BFF to draw dartboard	1040 to 1060	open text window for player P's scoreboard	1580 to 1680	additional trimming for dartboard display
160 to 550	standard game and all fives routine 330 all fives missed a dart 360 all fives not a multiple of five 380 fanfare on 180 400 cross off old score	1070 to 1090	close above windows	1690 to 1770	set up variables and arrays 1720 to 1740 put SINs and COSs in arrays for fast circle drawing 1750 to 1760 order of numbers around dartboard
560 to 860	Around the clock routine 770 hit bull's eye 780 hit outer bull 810 cross off old score and print new score	1100 to 1240	throw three darts routine 1110 print marker darts 1190 check for individual game end of throw 1210 to 1230 rub out darts	1780 to 1880	draw sight
870 to 950	get players' names	1250 to 1480	throw a dart 1270 to 1350 move sights until fire pressed 1380 print dart 1390 work out distance and angle of dart from the centre of the board 1410 find which number dart has hit	1819 to 1910	print M\$ in double height at (X,Y) in colour C 1850 see User Guide p462
960 to 1030	get word at position (X,Y) of length L	1490 to 1510	see if space bar or fire pressed to throw a dart	1920 to 1940	wipe out n characters at (x,y)
		1520 to 1570	get movement of sight	1950 to 1970	delay for t seconds
				1980 to 2020	print 'press space bar'
				2030 to 2410	instructions and menus
				2420 to 2450	get key but only one of those characters supplied by K\$

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- type 'PAGE = &900 (RETURN)'
- type in listing 3
- save with '*SAVE "darts" 900 DOO (RETURN) (RETURN)'
- type 'PAGE = &D00 (RETURN)'
- type in listing 4
- save with 'SAVE "darts ..." (RETURN) (RETURN)'

Important — omit lines 1, 2 and 3 from each program.

I would advise saving listing 2 on a back up cassette. In case of deformed characters it will be possible to track them down and repair them.

It would be helpful to replace line 10 of listing 4 with
10MODE7:ON ERROR MODE7:REPORT:
PRINT "at line";ERL:END
while the game is developed to trap any typing errors.

For a complete working copy, without the effort and strain of a couple of hours at the keyboard, send £3.75 or £2.75 plus blank cassette plus S.A.E. to

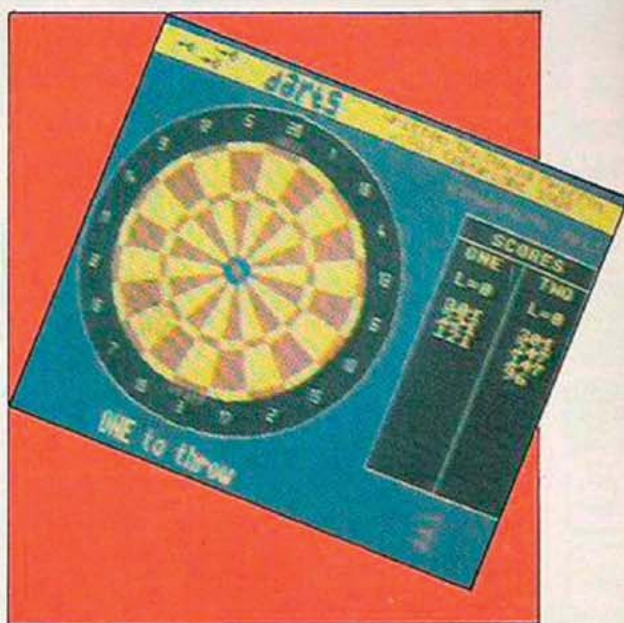
The game is also available on Prestel via the pages of Viewfax 258.

Listing 3.

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1 REM Listing 3
2 REM BBC Darts - by David Griffin
3
10COLOUR2:COLOUR131:VDU31,6,1,149,150,31,5,2,149,15
0,5:GC0L0,2:MOVE0,972:VDU149,150:GC0L0,1:82FE0="Writ
ten by David Griffin"FORIX=0TO23:MOVE624+IX*24,900:VD
UIX*2FE0:NEXT82FE0="(c) Copyright 1984"
20FORIX=0TO17:MOVE696+IX*24,956:VDUIX*2FE0:NEXT:CO
LOUR120:VDU29,440:G12:
30PROC(300,2,2):GC0L0,3:MOVE0,308(FORIX=0TO40:DRAM
308+G(IX),308+G(IX):NEXT:PROC(300,1,3):PROC(260,5,1)
:PROC(184,1,3):PROC(164,3,1):PROC(32,0,9):PROC(12,
1,1)
40GC0L0,3:FORIX=0TO35STEP2:MOVE348+G(IX),16,348+G(
IX)+16:VDUI28+IXDIV2:NEXT:GC0L0,1:MOVE-32,32:VDUI31,15
2:MOVE-44,-300:VDUI53,154,155,29,0:GC0L0,2:MOVE996,
200:DRAM1248,200:PL0T85,896,0:PL0T85,1248,0:32
50GC0L0,1:MOVE896,200:DRAM1248,200:DRAM1248,832:DR
AW896,832:DRAM896,200:MOVE776,816:PRINT"SCORES":VDUI4:MD
VE896,776:DRAM1248,776:MOVE1072,776:DRAM1072,200
60PAGE=5000:GOTO90
70DEFPROC(RX,CX,DX):DX=CX+DX:GC0L0,CX:MOVE0,RX:FORI
X=1TO40:IF(IX+1)MOD2CX=DX-CX:GC0L0,CX
80DRAW0,0:PL0T85,RX+5(IX),RX+G(IX):NEXT:ENDPROC

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Listing 4.

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1 REM Listing 4
2 REM BBC Darts - by David Griffin
3
10MODE7:ON ERROR RUN
20PFN=INSTR
30MODE 1
40VDU 23:B2V2:0:0:0:19,0,4,0,0,0,19,2,0,0,0,0,19,3,
3,0,0,0
50PROCboard
60PROCSET
70FX200 1
80PAGE=&400:GOTO10
90FX200 0
100IF q=1 PROCsgame(30,1,3,H)
110IF q=2 PROCsgame(5,0,5,H)
120IF q=3 PROCclock
130IF q=4 q=5:PROCsgame(51,0,5,H)
140IF q=5:q=4:q=5:PROCsgame(51,0,5,H)
150RUN
160DEFPROCgame(G,SO,L,H)
170PROCnames
180Pleg(0)=0:Pleg(1)=0:P1=RN(2)-1:LEG=0
190REPEAT
200LEG=LEG+1
210FOR R=0 TO 1
220PS(P)=G:START(P)=SO
230COLOUR130:PRINTTAB(29+P*6,10)"L=";Pleg(P);
240SV(P)=0:PROCendo(P):CLS:PRINT:PS(P);
250PROCwoff(P)
260NEXT
270P1=1:P1=P-1
280REPEAT

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290P1=P-1
300PROC(13,8,29)
310PROC(PNE(P)+" to throw",10,29,3)
320sc=FNDarts(H)
330IF q=4 sc=sc/g5:IF s=0 PROC("MISSED ONE",33,28,3)
:PROCdel(1):PROC(10,29,28):GOTO 440
340IF ((start(P)=1 AND db1=0)OR(PS(P)=sc=0 AND db1=0)
)AND q<4 PROC("NO DOUBLE",34,29,3):PROCdel(1):PROC(
10,29,28):GOTO 440
350IF (PS(P)=sc=1 AND q<4) OR PS(P)=sc=0 PROC("BON
E BUST",34,28,3):PROCdel(1):PROC(10,29,28):GOTO 440
360IF q=4 AND sc<INTsc PROC("NOT "+STR$(g5)+"",35
,28,3):PROCdel(1):PROC(10,29,28):GOTO 440
370IF sc=0 GOTO440
380IF sc=10 SOUND 1,1,50,50
390PROC("Score=";STR$(sc),34,29,3)
400GC0L0,3:MOVE(29+P*6)+32,(20-SV(P))+32:DRAM(29+LEN
(STR$(PS(P)))+P*6)+32-8,(21-SV(P))+32-4
410PS(P)=PS(P)-sc
420PROCendo(P):PRINT:PS(P):IF PS(P)<100 PRINT
430PROCwoff(P)
440UNTIL PS(0)=0 OR PS(1)=0
450PROC(13,8,29):PROC(10,29,28)
460IF LEG=1 ME="at" ELSE IF LEG=2 ME="nd" ELSE IF LE
G=3 ME="rd" ELSE ME="th"
470PROC(PNE(P)+" won the "+STR$(LEG)+ME+" leg",8,29
,3)
480Pleg(P)=Pleg(P)+1
490COLOUR130:PRINTTAB(29+P*6,10)"L=";Pleg(P);
500PROCdel(2):PROC(10,29,28)
510UNTIL Pleg(0)=0 OR Pleg(1)=0
520PROC(PNE(P)+" won the match",3,29,3)
530PROC("Play again (Y/N) ...",24,29,1)
540IF (FNGET("Y/N"))=1:DIV2=1:PROC(40,0,29):GOTO180

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550ENDPROC
560DEFPROCclock
570PROCnames
580FOR P=0 TO 1:PS(P)=1
590COLOUR130:COLOUR3:VDUI31,29+P*6,10:IF S=1 PRINT"ag
1":ELSE IF S=2 PRINT"db1":ELSE PRINT"tbl"
600PROCendo(P):CLS:PRINT:PS(P):PROCwoff(P)
610NEXT
620P=RN(2)-1
630REPEAT
640P=1-P
650PROC(13,8,29):PROC(PNE(P)+" to throw",10,29,3)
660sc=FNDarts(H)
670N=PS(P)
680FOR I=0 TO 2
690IF PS(P)/20 GOTO750
700IF PS(P)=0 GOTO800
710N=LEFT$(STR$(N),1)
720IF S=2 AND N<>"0" GOTO800
730IF S=3 AND N<>"T" GOTO800
740IF S=1 AND (N="D" OR N="T") GOTO800
750N=RIGHT$(STR$(N),2)
760IF VAL$(N)=PS(P):PS(P)=PS(P)+1
770IF N="VT" AND PS(P)=50 PS(P)=0
780IF N="LL" AND PS(P)=25 PS(P)=50
790IF PS(P)=21 PS(P)=25
800NEXT
810IF PS(P)=N OR PS(P)=0 GC0L0,3:MOVE(29+P*6)+32,(20
-SV(P))+32:DRAM(31+P*6)+32-8,(21-SV(P))+32-4:PROCendo(
P):PRINT:PS(P):PROCwoff(P)
820UNTIL PS(P)=0
830PROC(40,0,29):PROC(PNE(P)+" won the match",3,29
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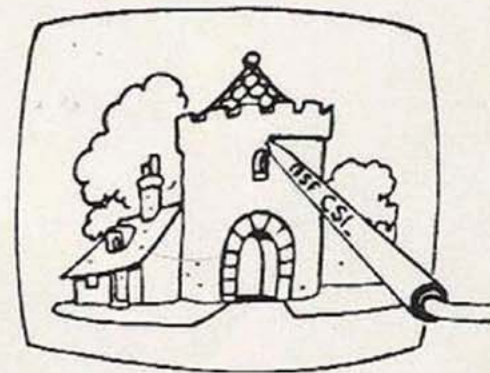
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