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Nintendo Releases New Trailer, Details About Mario Kart 8 Ahead of Highly-Anticipated Launch

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Nintendo today released a new [36-minute trailer](#) of Mario Kart 8 for the

Wii U system and announced new details, including about the game's new characters, items and online features as well as bundle deals and an offer for a free downloadable game.

The game, which is scheduled to be released May 30, will provide racers with two new items to slow down their competitors. The "Super Horn" will issue a sonic shock wave blasting away everything in the vicinity, including other drivers, Red Shells and blue Spiny Shells. And, the "Crazy Eight" will give players eight different items they can use one by one.

Two new female characters will join the game's existing field of 28 racers: Pink Gold Peach and Baby Rosalina.



The game's online multiplayer feature will let up to 12 players race together online in four different multiplayer modes, as long as each player has a broadband Internet connection. Players can chat with one another in the lobby area using the Wii U GamePad microphone or they can text phrases. Online play will also allow gamers to create public or private tournaments with customizable rules and time settings, and players can race against "ghost data" from friends of the top 10 ranked players in the world.

Mario Kart TV will allow players to watch highlight reels of their races that they can rewind, play in slow motion or upload to Miiverse or to YouTube, if

they have a Google account. Players can also watch and comment on other popular highlight reels from across the world.

Nintendo announced the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Set bundle, which includes a Wii U Deluxe Set System, the Mario Kart 8 game, a red Mario Wii Wheel accessory and a red Mario Wii Remote Plus controller, will sell for \$329.99.

And, those who buy Mario Kart 8 — with or without the system — and register the game with Club Nintendo before July 31 will get a free Nintendo eShop download code allowing them to get an additional Wii U game.

“The numerous new features of Mario Kart 8 make this the most ambitious version yet, and one that will have players of all skill levels racing for the checkered flag,” Scott Moffitt, Nintendo of America’s executive vice president of sales and marketing, said in a statement.

“Everyone loves Mario Kart,” he added. “It’s a franchise that brings people together for fun at a family gathering, a frenzied race against friends or just an afternoon break at the office.

To see more videos of Mario Kart 8, click [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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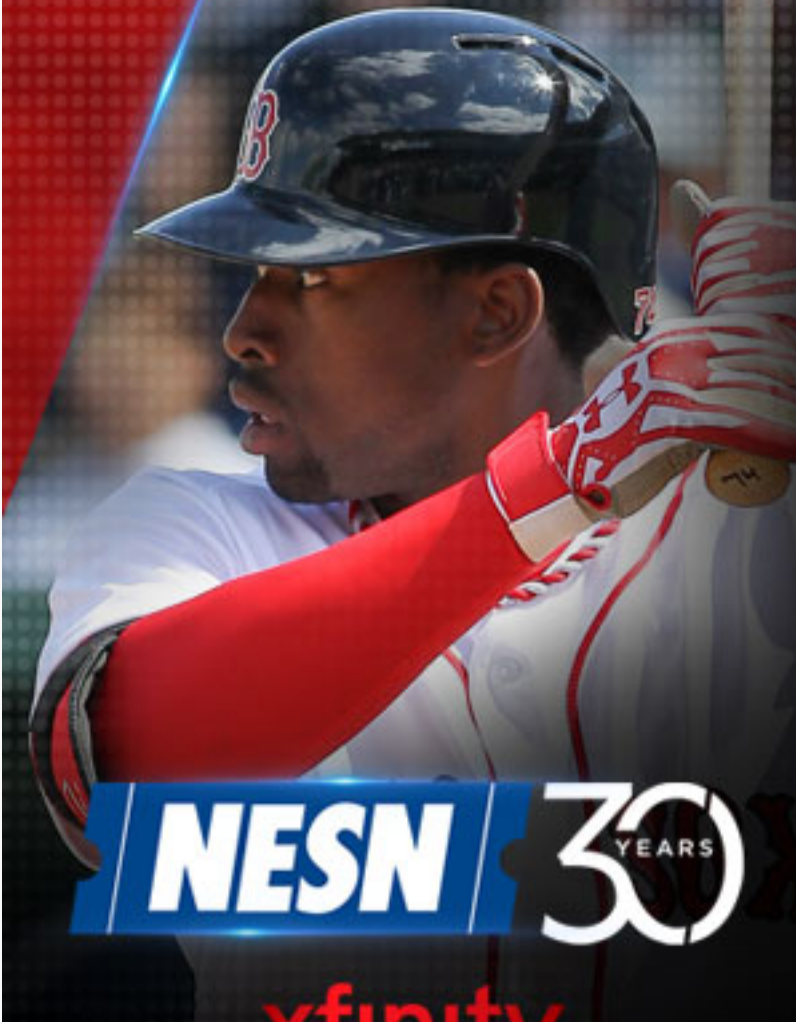


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