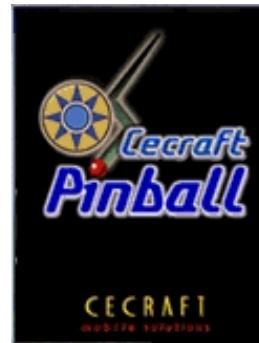


::: **CECRAFT Pinball: Young Paladin** :::

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Once in a while, a program like Cecraft's Pinball, [Young Paladin](#) comes along. While there are a few excellent pinballs for the PPC, this elegant one-table, twin-flipper program stands heads and shoulders above them all.

Each time you start the program, the game takes a few seconds to load, indicating that this is a pretty hefty software. The nicely animated screens appears shortly, followed by heart-pumping music to match. The no-nonsense menu is brief and to the point - start, high score, about and exit. I get the feeling that the programmers want to urge me to jump into the game at once.



Hitting the start option on the menu, the excitement begins. On first looks, this little gem reminds me very much of LittleWing's pinball, Crystal Caliburn. The table, obstacles and even colors bear a certain air of similiarity. Getting into the game with its smooth gameplay, nice tractional feel gives me a sense of playing my favorite pinball game all over again. Only this time, on a different device and different table/theme.

As far as I can tell, this is a full-featured pinball game with all the multi-balls, bonuses, etc that plays like the real arcade stuff. On the iPAQ, the speed is wonderful and it is easy to keep those balls of steel in play for quite a while. There are no gimmicks to distract the hustler, as skill, not luck is the object of this program.



In summary, I would like to see more tables available for this very mean machine. Also an option for 3 or 5 balls games, with definable buttons and a tilt factor built-in. It would not hurt to simulate a free play, like arcade machines if the score matches the random last two digits.

I would like to add that the more I play this game, the more I liked it. It has something old, many things new. Every feature of a well crafted pinball is present - great for a quick blast; lovely to waste the time away. It's a program that I like to show off to people who do not own PDAs and see the look on their faces when they see how amazingly good it looks and plays.

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