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Subject: CrossFire Challenge

Hi Chris,

'BCC-ed' on this message is a group of 6 hardcore overclockers who seriously rate their skills

They are on 'BCC' for now until we have established the ground rules and they have confirmed that they are happy with this

i.e. if you want to back out gracefully – then now is the time J

I have checked, and each of them claim to have:-

- Overclocking skills
- Some time available for the challenge
- Confidence that the the other guys on the list are gonna get smoked !

I think that it is important that we set some ground rules first

These are my 'first draft' suggestions

If all of you on the 'BCC' – then you are the experts – so please email me back and let me know your feelings regarding:-

1. No mater how the kit is supplied – you can change any of the cooling - anywhere
2. ATI will supply the mainboard and graphic card
3. We get AMD to supply CPUs and memory (I would suggest FX57 with 2GB of 'something quick')
4. You should supply your own chassis and power supply
5. Hard drives etc are down to you
6. You can have liquid cooling – but I'd suggest that we all agree on 'no liquid nitrogen or other hazchem' substances

7. Ambient temperature in the room cannot be lower than a normal (Nordic !) working environment – so let's try and keep it at 16 degrees or above
8. Can we also agree a budget for components used ?
Maybe the whole system (excluding monitor) must cost less than €3,000 excluding tax
9. We will provide you all with the very latest driver for the mainboard
10. The benchmark result we are going for is the highest possible score in 3DMark05 (default)
If you think we should 'have a laugh' with other benches like Half Life 2 and Doom 3 – then please suggest this !
11. The result needs to happen without a crash or artefacts
12. Scores should be uploaded to the 3DMark05 WEB site
13. If you seems that you are likely to win this inter-publication challenge – then we will 'come and visit' with a video recorder and 'see the numbers live'
14. Only guys who regularly create editorial copy for your publication should be involved – no 'borrowing Macci' for a few days !
15. We want to keep it 'fun' – so everyone will get some kind of prize for trying
16. We are pretty certain that the prize we give the winner will be something they will never forget J

Thoughts ?

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"Crossfire defeats SLI in Doom 3"

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