

The kids love Star Blazers, but mum's driven crazy

Dear Deirdre,

I like Star Blazers because I like stories about things living on planets that don't really have things living on them. Some of the names are good like Leader Desslock and Wave Motion Gun. I didn't hardly like Flash Gordon and didn't ever watch it much. The radiation bombs look like asteroids and earth looks like a far bigger bomb. Derrick Wildstar looks like Mark the commander of G Force.

When Star Blazers first came on I heard them say radiation bombs on earth so I turned it over to Channel 9 but I turned it back because I like cartoons. In Flash Gordon, Means Dauter's animals look like emus that have blue feathers. I like Star Blazers best.

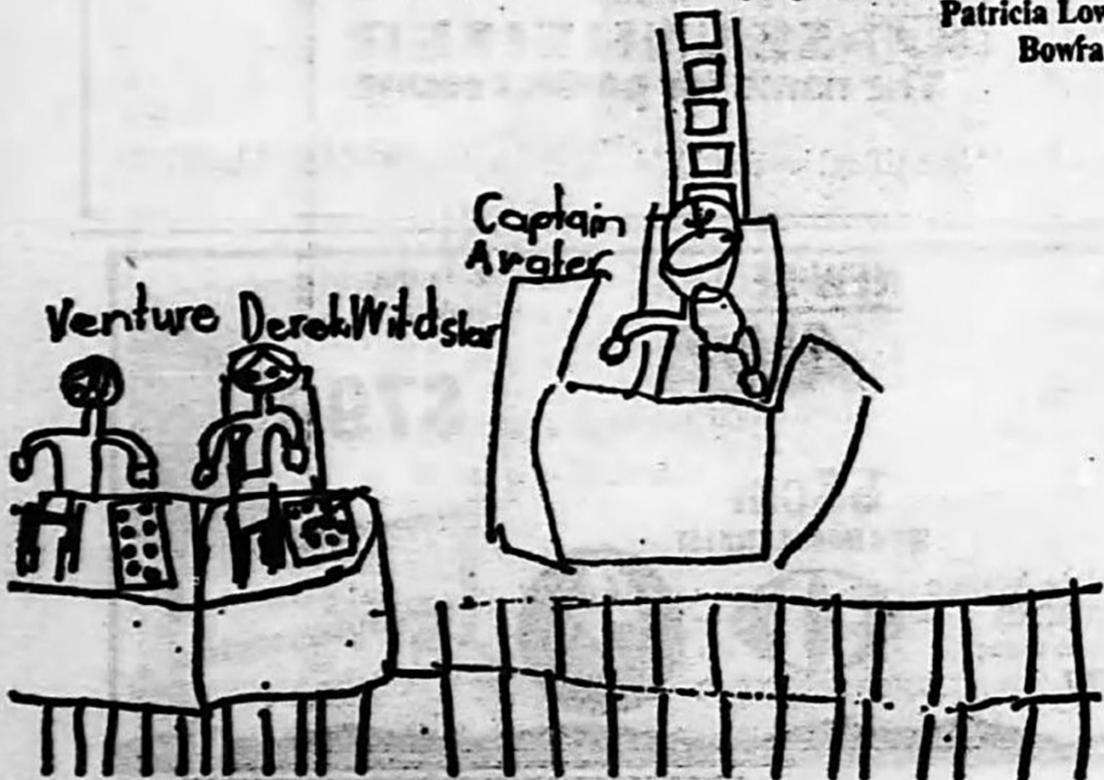
Ben Carbery (7),
Camden.

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Dear Deirdre,

I think Star Blazers is tops.

Tom Lane (6)
Birchgrove.



FEEDBACK

Dear Deirdre,

I think that Star Blazers is much better than Battle of the Planets because Spectre has a lot of men and technology but they always lose.

On Battle of the Planets it is very dumb. Star Blazers is more realistic. I like the grown-up words they use.

The show drives my mother, Julie crazy.

Campbell Kim Lee (7),
East Ryde.

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Dear Deirdre,

I am not a child, but I thought it would be worth recording on paper my four-year-old's reaction to the three S-F series you mention. He liked Battle of the Planets, suffered Flash Gordon, but dislikes Star Blazers so much he refuses to watch it.

Personally, I don't much care for any of them - they seem to me to be a dreadful lapse in the otherwise excellent standard of late-afternoon children's programs on the ABC.

Patricia Low,
Bowfal.

Dear Deirdre,

I like Star Blazers because it is nasty. And at the end I like the music. Also I like those battleships. I liked Battle of the Planets and Flash Gordon best, but I like Star Blazers very much too. They are all nasty.

Tim Elsom (4½),
Clifton Gardens.

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Dear Deirdre,

I like Star Blazers best because the ship in it is better than the Phoenix or the spaceship in Flash Gordon.

The Argo is very big and looks like an oil tanker.

Kenneth Breen (6),
Burwood.

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Dear Deirdre,

You ask for feedback on the Channel 2 Sci-Fi cartoons at 5.30 pm. My 5¼-year-old son - an avid follower, offers the following opinions:

"Battle of the Planets is the best because the goodies always win. Also the TV never gets dark and is always clear. I like the spaceship because they let you see inside. The G-Force team is the best team of all these programs.

"Star Blazers is my next best because when the water dried up the ship got stuck in it, they cracked it all up then flew away. The TV gets too dark sometimes.

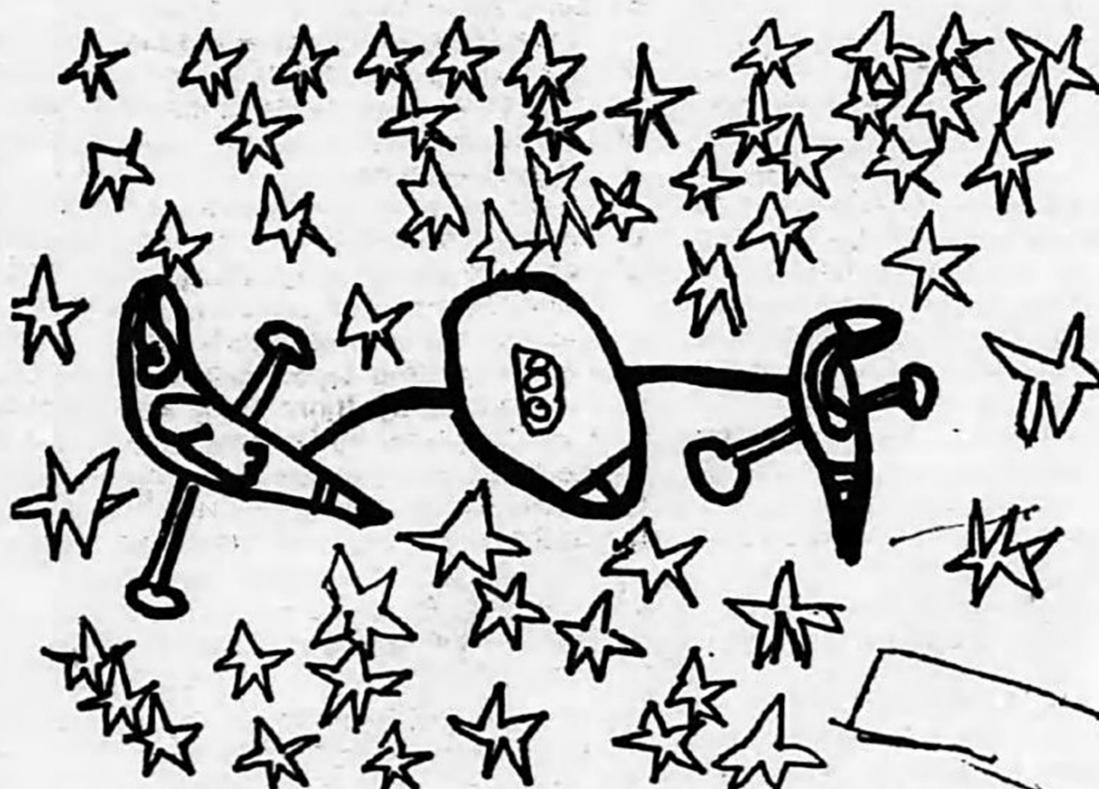
"Flash Gordon was my last one because they didn't use their spaceship much and the goodies didn't always win."

Andrew Hudson,
Wahroonga.

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Dear Deirdre,

Well, you asked about my opinion about Star Blazers which I'm watching right now. I was watching Flash Gordon before Star Blazers went on. Star Blazers is a great show with Tin-Wit, the Robot, and Derek Wildstar.



Drawings by Sholto Macpherson (7)

I have watched Star Blazers since the first episodes where they found the battleship. I am 10 years old with a great liking for cartoons. I have watched Battle of the Planets but on a different channel.

At the end of Star Blazers it has the number of days of which the Star Force has left to complete their eventful journey. I was wondering whether when they return and save the earth from the radioactive seepage will the cartoon finish? Anyway, I think it's a great cartoon with loads of action.

Steven Harris,
Blacktown.

PS: 358 days to go.

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Dear Deirdre,

Star Blazers is better than Flash Gordon and not as good as Battle of The Planets.

I watch it because I like space. It gives me ideas of things to build with my space Lego and then I play them.

I watch because I want to see what happens. It stops on cliffhangers and then you need to see the next bit.

I like to do that kind of artwork - they make it look like 3D and my drawings keep coming out flat. I don't really like the people - I like looking at the background and the machines and the way they do their colours. I liked Battle of the Planets for the same reasons but Flash Gordon was too soppy.

I'm only allowed to watch one more bit of TV so I pick Dr Who - it's the best. It's more dangerous, daring, exciting and scary. Some good people even die. That is sad. Normally everything works out all right just in time - which isn't exciting or real: you know what's coming.

I wish the end music used a horn and not a trumpet. A trumpet is too shrill and bossy and drowns out the other instruments.

Richard Fryberg (9)
Paddington.