Subject: Re: Building A Vintage STEREO System (recommendation)
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I don't think separates are inherently better than integrated amps or even receivers. I've seen some really good integrated amps, especially when considering tube gear. I've also seen some rally good separates, dedicated preamps and monoblocks or stereo amps. But the opposite is true too, there are some stinkers out there of each type. Just pay attention to detail, listen to them and examine them for build quality. I tend to listen for hum and for how they sound when they get near their limits as well as how they play at low levels.

Same thing with speakers. I'd do some studying here on the various loudspeaker forums to learn a little about each loudspeaker technology and what to listen for.

Your Dual turntable is probably really nice, if it was good to start with and you've kept it in good condition, I'd probably start out with it. You can also browse the turntable forum for information about some of the other turntables out there.