

Episode 328

For the Week of February 25th, 2024

Swimming in the Arlington Pools

Timestamps

- 0:00:00 - Intro
- 0:01:50 - Competitive Halo News
- 0:15:51 - Rostermania
- 0:21:10 - Upcoming Tournaments of the Week
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- 0:22:50 - Topic - HCS Arlington Qualifier & Open Championship Results
- 1:59:38 - Halo News
- 2:03:45 - CoD and Other Games Watch
- 2:09:27 - Will's Adventures
- 2:22:05 - Shoutouts/Community Creations/Ending

On This Episode...

- A cheater has been caught.
- Reversal Perfy finds an org.
- The Qualifiers are complete and Arlington Pools are set.

News (Competitive)

- [SuperCC Still Waiting on FACEIT Payment](#) - by SuperCC
 - Also FACEITHalo STILL haven't been paid from the tournament I won almost 2 months ago already have been told you've been given my information to pay me but still nothing.
- The Brainstorm Situation
 - From [JKVii](#) (2/21/2024) - Clips of Brainstorm who appears to be cheating.
 - [Frosty](#) - now THIS is cheating
 - [Hoaxer](#) - Correct
 - From Brainstorm, continually denying any cheating



Jan @jk_vii · 18h



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Tristan @Brainstrm_ · 18h

Bro, I've been known in the community for quite sometime now. These clips are just me playing the game. I have no reason to cheat. I don't compete anymore and I play casually from time to time. Please stop accusing me of nonsense. You are so weird it's not even funny.

8 1 3 1.2K



Tristan @Brainstrm_ · 18h

Thank god I actually can function in society and not a weird gremlin like you. You sit here and clip stuff thats not even accurate.

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- From Brainstorm (2/23/2024), accepting and apologizing for cheating:
 - [1](#) - I just want everyone to know, I have no shame in accepting this reality. I deserve this. I deserve the hate, the tweets, the scrutiny. My farewell won't be accepted in many people's eyes but just know I will learn from this and grow as a human being.
 - [2](#) - We all make mistakes and some are more scrutinized than others. But just know, I appreciate all of my past teammates and online relationships that I built. I'm sorry if I haven't stayed in contact but I have been really busy with building my life.
 - [3](#) - Competing and going to events was a thing I did for several years, I met some really cool people and I appreciate all of you who came into my life. The memories I will never forget. I looked forward to hopping on and scrimming. Yelling and getting upset about results drove me.
- From [Heinz](#) (2/22/2024) - Hey, we've investigated and taken action on the accounts where we found violations.
- [Women of Halo Twitch Channel Announced](#) - by Jeneric
 - We are starting a twitch channel for all future lady events, tournaments or community events like 8s. It is still in the works but a follow would be greatly appreciated!!! We can't wait to have multiple platforms to highlight all of the ladies!
 - <https://www.twitch.tv/WomenofHalo>
- [Halo Infinite Top 10 Ranked Plays](#) - by HCS
 - Submit your best plays from Ranked playlists, pledge your clip to a Partnered Halo Team, and if you make the Top 3 you will win that team's HCS 2024 Launch Bundle!
- ["Road to Arlington" Regulators FFA Tournament Announced](#) - by Regulators
 - Date: 3/9/24
 - \$10 Entry Fee

- Top 4 Payout
 - 1st Place Receives Custom Regulators FFA Championship Belt from ProAmBelts
- [Titans Orlando LAN Announcement Coming Soon](#) - by 2050 Esports
 - March 1st, 2024 at 8PM EST.
 - \$12,500 prize pool.
- [Passion United Merch Available Now!](#) - by Passion United

Roster Mania!

- [Nemassist](#)
 - Looking like no qualifier for me tomorrow, sucks getting dropped night before. Will still be looking for a team for the event though.
- Bittersweet
 - [Signs former Reversal Perfy roster](#)
 - Piggy, Cherished, BreakingShot, Mortally, Sunzal (Coach)
 - [Signs nYDaYQuiLas Content Creator](#)
 - Halie will be joining us not only as a content creator but to also help build our community through events and our discord to gain a better connection with you. Come say hi to her at HCS Arlington and get some awesome 🍰 stickers!
- [Element](#)
 - Cratos, Hative, Swish, Avenue
 - [Well, not actually Avenue anymore...](#) - by Cratos
 - Looking for 1 cus ave is a baby back bitch
- [Fury](#)
 - Wryce, Plasma, Noble, Rated, Pipz (Coach)

Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Saturday, March 2nd
 - [CLUTCH ACADEMY 4V4 DRAFT SNIPE TOURNAMENT](#)
- Sunday, March 3rd
 - [PASSION UNITED 4V4 DRAFT TOURNAMENT](#)

Scrim/Tournament/League Recaps

- [Scrims Available For All Regions at HaloDataHive](#)

Topic - HCS Arlington Qualifier & Open Championship Results

- [HCS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - ANZ](#) Results
 - Notable Series
 - Grand Finals
 - First Series
 - [Mindfreak 3-2 T1](#)
 - Bracket Reset
 - [T1 3-0 Mindfreak](#)

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OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

	TEAM	PRIZE
▶ 1	 T1 <i>Nooblez / Plasma / Rated / Wryce</i>	HOTEL/TRAVEL 12000 PTS
2	 MINDFREAK <i>Benjy / Scoobmeistr / Slayz / Swayz</i>	7200 PTS
3	 LFSANZHALO <i>Lolley / Middoh / ManOfChicken/ Ninjestics</i>	5280 PTS
4	 BOOGIE DOWN <i>Bananasaur / Cheezen / Krispey / nChef</i>	4320 PTS
5	 DARK TRIAD <i>Acious / Fleabus / Jerqen / Tal3nt</i>	3840 PTS
5	 NUKE AND PAVE <i>Billzi / Boka / Enigma / Junior</i>	3840 PTS
7	 LEGIT GAMING <i>Cavanagh / Legit Joey / Pierreth / RocketBoy</i>	3360 PTS
7	 BNE <i>Aviate / Frazer / mikeYippy / Tempa</i>	3360 PTS

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[HALO.GG/OPTIC2024](https://halo.gg/optic2024)

- [Bracket](#)
- [VOD](#)
- [HCS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - MX](#) Results
 - Notable Information

- No Org lost only one game throughout the entire tournament.

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MEXICO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

	TEAM	PRIZE
▶ 1	NO ORG Acid / Drift / Nobic / Tapping Buttons	HOTEL/TRAVEL 12000 PTS
2	SWAT LATAM Guardian / Jehaan / Mqjico / PeluGod	7200 PTS
3	SWAT X ALPHA Goriloco / Leuor / Sepstars / Strikey	5280 PTS
4	SNOM Ateniuz / Dolan / PinkSakvra / Rorzch	4320 PTS
5	OFF Destroy / Guxity / Negvtyy / Snaikyy	3840 PTS
5	VIEJITOS TEAM Bullet / Ewpathy / Gambino / ZauronOne	3840 PTS
7	IMPACT ESPORTS Bluexide / Dualess / Lunatix / Tabvo	3360 PTS
7	CINTANEGRA MX AceRippin / Atzo / Hyxerum / WhozRichz	3360 PTS

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- From [SWAT LATAM](#)
 - WE ARE GOING TO TEXAS, USA!

- Our teams will travel to compete in the Open Qualifier #HCSArlington24 , we will give our best version to put LATAM's name HIGH!
 - SWAT LATAM & SWAT x Alpha
- [Bracket](#)
- [VOD](#)
- [HCS MAJOR QUALIFIER - EU](#) Results
 - Notable Series
 - Grand Finals
 - First Series
 - [Foe 3-1 Quadrant](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - Bracket Reset
 - [Foe 3-2 Quadrant](#)
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QUALIFIER RESULTS

	TEAM	PRIZE
▶ 1	 FOE <i>Jimbo / Mighty / Tchik / Wutum</i>	#7 SEED 12000 PTS
2	 QUADRANT <i>Glory / Sica / SLG / Snipedrone</i>	7200 PTS
3	 JUMPOUT GANG <i>Kimbo / Millsy / Sunriz / Zovay</i>	5280 PTS
4	 MAMA MIA <i>Mqse / Phlux / Septiq / Shad</i>	4320 PTS
5	 ANITA MAX WYNN <i>Dezire / Hollers / Nemains / Ninj</i>	3840 PTS
5	 DURAG ACTIVITY <i>Mqrine / Mysta / Respectful / Stickah</i>	3840 PTS
7	 PHARMACEUTICAL <i>Baxter / Deco / Ebby / Quad</i>	3360 PTS
7	 BENS ON TOAST <i>aX Bastoss / Looney / Squashy / Warlord</i>	3360 PTS

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- [Bracket](#)
- VODs
 - [European Halo League](#)
 - [Atlas](#)

- [HCS MAJOR QUALIFIER - NA](#) Results
 - Notable Series
 - Winners Round 5
 - [Shopify Rebellion 3-1 Sentinels](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - [FaZe 3-2 Reversal Perfy](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - [OpTic 3-2 Complexity](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - Winners Semi-Finals
 - [FaZe 3-2 OpTic](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - Winners Finals
 - [FaZe 3-2 SSG](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - Losers Round 8
 - [For G 3-2 Reversal Perfy](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - [Sentinels 3-0 Native Gaming](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - Losers Round 10
 - [Complexity 3-1 Shopify Rebellion](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - [Sentinels 3-2 OpTic](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - Losers Semi-Finals
 - [Sentinels 3-0 Complexity](#)
 - [Stats](#)
 - Losers Finals
 - [SSG 3-1 Sentinels](#)
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QUALIFIER RESULTS

	TEAM	PRIZE
▶ 1	 FAZE CLAN <i>Frosty / Renegade / Royal 2 / SnakeBite</i>	#1 SEED 12000 PTS
2	 SPACESTATION <i>Bound / Eco / Legend / Stellur</i>	#2 SEED 7200 PTS
3	 SENTINELS <i>Bubu dubu / Falcatid / LethuL / Spartan</i>	#3 SEED 5280 PTS
4	 COMPLEXITY <i>Descendant / Huss / Precision / Ryanoob</i>	#4 SEED 4320 PTS
5	 OPTIC GAMING <i>DeadZone / FormaL / Lucid / Trippy</i>	#5 SEED 3840 PTS
5	 REBELLION <i>Cykul / Mental / Soul Snipe / Suppressed</i>	#6 SEED 3840 PTS
7	 FOR G <i>Burton / HotShotGhost / Monstr / Squallaye</i>	#8 SEED 3360 PTS
7	 BUSINESS <i>Druk / Last Shot / Manny / Taulek</i>	#10 SEED 3360 PTS

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- [Bracket](#)
- VODs
 - Day 1
 - [A Stream](#)


- [B Stream](#)
- [C Stream](#)
- [D Stream](#)
- Day 2
 - [A Stream](#)
 - [B Stream](#)
 - [C Stream](#)
 - [D Stream](#)
- Highlights
 - [Day 1](#)
 - [Day 2](#)
- [2024 HCS Points Leaderboard](#)
- [Arlington Pools](#)

POOL PLAY
HCS MAJOR ARLINGTON 2024

POOL A

[1]  	[8]  
[9]  	[16] OPEN BRACKET LB #2


POOL B

[2]  	[7]  
[10]  	[15] OPEN BRACKET LB #1

POOL C

[3]  	[6]  
[11]  	[14] OPEN BRACKET WB #2

POOL D

[4]  	[5]  
[12]  	[13] OPEN BRACKET WB #1

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POOLS BREAKDOWN

POOL A

[1]

FAZE CLAN

Frosty
Renegade
Royal 2
SnakeBite



[8]

FOR G

Burton
HotShotGhost
Spytomic
Squallaye



[9]

QUADRANT

Glory
Sica
SLB
Snipedrone



[16]

OPEN BRACKET
LB #2

POOL B

[2]

SPACESTATION

Bound
Eco
Legend
StelluR



[7]

FOE

Jimbo
Mighty
Tchik
Wutum



[10]

BUSINESS

Druk
Last Shot
Manny
Taulek



[15]

OPEN BRACKET
LB #1

POOL C

[3]

SENTINELS

Bubu dubu
Falcated
LethuL
Spartan



[6]

REBELLION

Cykul
MentaL
Soul Snipe
Suppressed



[11]

STAINERS

Gilkey
King Nick
Sab
Suspector



[14]

OPEN BRACKET
WB #2

POOL D

[4]

COMPLEXITY

Descendant
Huss
Precision
RyaNoob



[5]

OPTIC GAMING

DeadZone
FormaL
Lucid
Trippy



[12]

BITTERSWEET

BreakingShot
Cherished
Mortally
Piggy



[13]

OPEN BRACKET
WB #1

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POOLS BREAKDOWN

POOL A

[1]	[8]	[9]	[16]
NA Major Qualifier 1st Place	NA Major Qualifier 7th Place	EU HCS Points #1 (After Qualifier)	Major Open Bracket LB #2

POOL B

[2]	[7]	[10]	[15]
NA Major Qualifier 2nd Place	EU Major Qualifier 1st Place	NA Major Qualifier 8th Place	Major Open Bracket LB #1

POOL C

[3]	[6]	[11]	[14]
NA Major Qualifier 3rd Place	NA Major Qualifier 6th Place	NA HCS Points #1 (After Qualifier)	Major Open Bracket WB #2

POOL D

[4]	[5]	[12]	[13]
NA Major Qualifier 4th Place	NA Major Qualifier 5th Place	NA HCS Points #2 (After Qualifier)	Major Open Bracket WB #1

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News - Regular

- [SILVER DEBRIEF: REACH](#) - by 343

- [OFFICIAL HALO BOOK GUIDE](#) - by 343
- [Halo Infinite Playlist Update](#) - by Halo Support
 - BTB rotational: Big Team Social has rotated into matchmaking.
 - Arena rotational: Team Snipers has rotated out as scheduled.
 - The development team resolved an issue affecting Stockpile on the community-made Forge map Fortitude. Due to this fix, Stockpile on Fortitude has been re-added to the Big Team Battle staple playlist.

CoD (and other games) Watch

- [Passion Pit | A Call of Duty Story](#) - by ClassicsGG
- [ESL Faceit Group lays off 15% of staff 2 years after \\$1.5B merger](#) - by Jordan Fragan of VentureBeat
 - ESL Faceit Group (EFG) is laying off 15% of its global workforce in an effort to reduce organizational complexity. This translates to the esports behemoth cutting hundreds of positions around the world, with some estimates as high as 250-300 roles.
 - “To ensure ESL Faceit Group continues to evolve in a fast-paced market, we are planning to reduce the size of our team by roughly fifteen-percent. This change is designed to support EFG’s sustainable growth ambitions and profitability,” said the company’s co-CEOs Craig Levine and Niccolo Maisto in a memo shared with GamesBeat.
 - Due to its global operations, EFG is making efforts to notify employees quickly across numerous time zones. ESL Faceit Group plans to hold town halls later today to clarify details with employees.
 - All impacted employees will have access their company email until Wednesday, February 28 at 6pm GMT (1pm ET/10am PT). Additionally, these laid off staffers will have the opportunity to keep both their laptop and phone after departing ESL Faceit Group.
 - “As co-CEOs, we did not make this decision lightly. We feel it’s important to take accountability for it, and provide clarity and transparency from the outset of the changes ahead,” the memo continued. “As we embark on the next phase of our company, this new organizational structure will enhance our ability to better serve and bring value to our fans, community, and partners. We are confident in our people to advance our strategic priorities in the midst of this transition period.”

Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
 - Halo Infinite
- Josh?
 - Final Fantasy 7
 - Final Fantasy 7 Rebirth Demo
 - Halo Infinite

Shoutouts

- Happy belated birthday to Heinz!
- Shoutout to everyone who joined in the 8’s!
 - Rizznak
 - Snaggu

- HaltHammerZiet
- GameCrazyJohn
- Stedson (with the goat setup at work)
- SearchEgos
- MouseTV
- Karnaaage
- Brooks
- Toolez
- Shoutout to everyone who joined in the community playdate put on by none other than the community!
 - AshleyBlair
 - Fox2Quick
 - GameCrazyJohn
 - HaltxHammer
 - HeadHoncho
 - LaughingSam
 - Rasta Monkey Jr
 - Rizznak
 - Snaggu
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Shoutout to everyone who is a Patron at the Semi-Pro and higher tiers!
 - Taylor Doty
 - Remedy Boots
 - HeadHoncho09
 - Wattzy
 - Dakota
 - Christian
 - dpancakes
 - Ashley
 - Voodooman
 - Rasta Monkey Jr
 - Rikkid3rr
 - Snaggu
 - Raidrater
 - Peanutmut
 - 1SwoleDaddy
 - Danny OJ
 - Rizznak
 - Zarnorz
 - AubyDamned
 - Mr.Smyliey
 - HiTechRedneck
 - Goalie Sniper
 - TheOnlyN33b
 - Heavy Rainfall
 - ElatedDartBoard

Community Creations

- [Halo memes every day!](#)
- [The Narrative](#) - by Onset and Brav
- [UNSC Weapon Tattoo Merch](#) - by RangerCali
- [Inquisitor \(Midship Remake\)](#) - by Uneeq
- [EXOCLYSM](#) - by Frenchys
- [HALO INFINITE - FORBIDDEN - MAP CALLOUTS](#) - by Onset
- [How it sounds to ELIMINATE Optic Gaming](#) - by Paradise Halo
- [Is This THE BEST MNK Player in Halo!?](#) - by Eli the Ninja
- [TacMaps Updates](#) - by TacMaps
 - Added Argyle, Empyrean, Forbidden, Solitude
 - Added callouts for all missing maps
 - Updated KOTH locations for Recharge and Live Fire
- [Ladies Night ep 4 ft SELLEXIE](#) - by Sin
- [Podgasted - EP3 - Sica - EU Halo Pro](#) - by Outgasted
- [Podgasted - EP4 - Wonderboy - Pro EU Halo Coach](#) - by Outgasted

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