

Episode 254

For the Week of September 25th, 2022

The LAN Curse is Broken - The Green Wall Stands Tall - HCS Orlando Post-Show

Timestamps

- 0:00:00 - Intro
- 0:06:33 - Topic - HCS Orlando Post-Show
- 1:44:30 - Competitive Halo News
- 2:37:42 - Upcoming Tournaments of the Week
- 2:44:30 - Rostermania
- 2:54:58 - Halo News
- 2:55:14 - CoD and Other Games Watch
- 2:58:26 - Will's Adventures
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On This Episode...

- Kicking the show off with our HCS Orlando Post-Show.
- Too much merch, too little money.
- The Europa Halo Fall Series returns!
- It's time to get serious.
- Naded eyes return to competitive Halo.
- The Call of Duty League Season is in clear view.

Topic - HCS Orlando Post-Show

- Roster Recap
 - FaZe
 - Towey moves to the GM role.
 - Tusk enters as coach.
 - G2
 - Officially signs Barcode.
 - Oxygen Esports
 - Triton, Boam, Nemassist, Kuhlect
 - From [Kuhlect](#) - Happy to Announce I'll be finishing the rest of the HCS 2022 split with OXG_Esports on loan from Native Gaming. Appreciate the smooth transition in such a short time.
- Tournament Results
 - Throwback Throwdown
 - Triggers Down 2-0 Instinct
 - Last Spartan Standing
 - I Crush All
 - FFA
 - 8th - Bepics
 - 7th - Reverbed
 - 6th - Despitiful3462
 - 5th - Dakota NY
 - 4th - Glowzii
 - 3rd - Porky J
 - 2nd - Gunplexion

■ 1st - GoldStarBr

○ Pool Play



POOL PLAY

HCS ORLANDO MAJOR

POOL A			POOL B		
	OPTIC GAMING	4-0		G1	4-0
	FAZE CLAN	3-1		OXYGEN ESPORTS	2-2
	ACEND	2-2		NATIVE RED	2-2
	FNATIC	1-3		QUADRANT	2-2
	CHIEFS	0-4		CINTANEGRA	0-4

POOL C			POOL D		
	SENTINELS	4-0		EUNITED	4-0
	G2 ESPORTS	3-1		CLOUD9	3-1
	NAVI	2-2		JLINGZ ESPORTS	2-2
	TSS ESPORTS	1-3		SPACESTATION	1-3
	CRUELTY	0-4		FALLING ESPORTS	0-4

○ Bracket Play



CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

HCS ORLANDO MAJOR

WINNERS BRACKET

QUARTERFINAL

	OPTIC GAMING	3
	OXYGEN ESPORTS	0

	G2 ESPORTS	0
	EUNITED	3

	SENTINELS	1
	CLOUD9	3

	FAZE CLAN	3
	G1	1

SEMIFINAL

	OPTIC GAMING	3
	EUNITED	1

	CLOUD9	1
	FAZE CLAN	3

FINAL

	OPTIC GAMING	3
	FAZE CLAN	0

GRAND FINAL

	OPTIC GAMING	4
	CLOUD9	1

ELIM BRACKET

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ELIM BRACKET

WINNERS BRACKET

ELIM ROUND 1	ELIM ROUND 2	ELIM ROUND 3	ELIM ROUND 4	ELIM ROUND 5	ELIM QUARTERFINALS	ELIM SEMIFINAL	ELIM FINAL
<div>THE CHIEFS 2</div> <div>PROTON GAMING 3</div>	<div>SPACESTATION 3</div> <div>PROTON GAMING 2</div>	<div>NAVI 3</div> <div>SPACESTATION 0</div>	<div>OXYGEN ESPORTS 3</div> <div>NAVI 2</div>	<div>OXYGEN ESPORTS 2</div> <div>G2 ESPORTS 3</div>	<div>G2 ESPORTS 0</div> <div>CLOUD9 3</div>	<div>CLOUD9 3</div> <div>SENTINELS 0</div>	<div>FAZE CLAN 1</div> <div>CLOUD9 3</div>
<div>FALLING ESPORTS 0</div> <div>TEAM WAR 3</div>	<div>QUADRANT 2</div> <div>TEAM WAR 3</div>	<div>ACEND 1</div> <div>TEAM WAR 3</div>	<div>G2 ESPORTS 3</div> <div>TEAM WAR 0</div>				
<div>CRUELTY 0</div> <div>COMPLEXITY 3</div>	<div>FNATIC 3</div> <div>COMPLEXITY 1</div>	<div>NATIVE RED 3</div> <div>FNATIC 0</div>	<div>SENTINELS 3</div> <div>NATIVE RED 0</div>	<div>G1 2</div> <div>SENTINELS 3</div>	<div>SENTINELS 3</div> <div>EUNITED 2</div>		
<div>CINTANEGRA 0</div> <div>ANIME DEMONS 3</div>	<div>TSS 3</div> <div>ANIME DEMONS 0</div>	<div>JLINGZ ESPORTS 0</div> <div>TSS 3</div>	<div>G1 3</div> <div>ITSS 0</div>				



RESULTS

HCS ORLANDO MAJOR

PLACE	TEAM	PRIZE	HCS POINTS
1	 OPTIC GAMING	\$140,000	25,000
2	 CLOUD9	\$84,000	15,000
3	 FAZE CLAN	\$42,000	11,000
4	 SENTINELS	\$21,000	9,000
5/6	 G2 ESPORTS	\$11,200	8,000
5/6	 EUNITED	\$11,200	8,000
7/8	 OXYGEN ESPORTS	\$7,000	7,000
7/8	 G1	\$7,000	7,000
9-12	 TSS	\$3,150	5,500
9-12	 NAVI	\$3,150	5,500

- Qualified Teams for Worlds Pool Play
 - Top 12 from Orlando, regardless of region, qualify for Worlds Pool Play.
- [Brackets](#)
- [VODs](#)
- Predictions Results

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Placing	Prediction	Actual Result	Correct?
7th/8th	eUnited	Oxygen Esports	No
7th/8th	Acend	G1	No
5th/6th	Native Red	eUnited	No
5th/6th	G1	G2	No
4th	Cloud9	Sentinels	No
3rd	FaZe/Optic	FaZe	Yes
2nd	FaZe/Optic	Cloud9	No
1st	Sentinels	Optic	No

Josh			
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7th/8th	Native Red	Oxygen Esports	No
7th/8th	Acend	G1	No
5th/6th	eUnited	eUnited	Yes
5th/6th	G1	G2	No
4th	Cloud9	Sentinels	No
3rd	FaZe	FaZe	Yes
2nd	Sentinels	Cloud9	No
1st	Optic	Optic	Yes

- Thoughts on the Tournament
 - Lovesac Partnership for VIP
 - [HCS Point Allocation](#) - by Wonderboy
 - Realistically, there should be a multiplier on HCS points depending on the strength of the region
 - NA x1.00
 - EU x0.80
 - LATAM x0.60
 - ANZ x0.40
 - Tweak it depending on the region's best placing from the last major. Would fix open bracket seeds & Acend being hard locked at 9th seed.
 - [Throwback Throwdown and Matches on Mainstage](#) - by Ogre 1
 - So 8 teams left for Championship Sunday and the first two matches are on the side stations before the Pre-Show begins? Am I seeing this right?
 - One of the two teams that got 1st (Sen) at KC and 2nd (G1) at the NA Super will be eliminated in silence?
 - [LVT VOD](#)
 - Throwback Throwdown and the "World Premiere" of The Pit
 - Memorable Series
 - Pool Play
 - Optic 3-2 FaZe

- Quadrant 3-2 Native Red
- G1 3-2 Native Red
- Native Red 3-2 Oxygen Esports
- Oxygen Esports 3-1 - Quadrant
- eUnited 3-1 Cloud9
- Bracket Play
 - Winners Round 1 - Cloud9 3-1 Sentinels
 - Winners Round 2 - FaZe 3-1 Cloud9
 - Winners Round 3 - Optic 3-0 FaZe
 - Losers Round 2 - Team WaR 3-2 Quadrant
 - Losers Round 3 - Team WaR 3-1 Acend
 - Losers Round 4 - Oxygen Esports 3-2 NAVI
 - Losers Round 5 - G2 3-2 Oxygen Esports
 - Losers Round 5 - Sentinels 3-2 G1
 - Losers Round 6 - Sentinels 3-2 eUnited
 - Losers Round 7 - Cloud9 3-0 Sentinels
 - Losers Finals - Cloud9 3-1 FaZe
 - Grand Finals - Optic 4-1 Cloud9

News (Competitive)

- [HCS Partnered Organization Merch Collaboration Announced](#) - by HCS
 - Take a sneak peek at our upcoming #HaloInfinite Partnered Team collabs - dropping soon! 🧐🔥
 - Release Dates:
 - eUnited - Oct 6
 - Spacestation - Oct 10
 - FaZeClan - Oct 13
 - Sentinels - Oct 17
 - Available on each team's online shop, and onsite at the #HaloWC 2022!
- [The Pit Remake Coming to Infinite](#) - by HCS
 - Will be coming, once complete, and after Forge releases in November with the Winter Update.
- [Europa Halo Fall Series Announced](#) - by Europa Halo
 - We are back!
 - The Fall Series starts THIS WEEKEND
 - Top 8 teams across 3 opens will qualify for the Finals in November with arrangements to follow later.
 - Open 2 will be split over 2 days with Top 6 to be played on the second day.



The poster features a topographical map background. The title 'FALL SERIES' is prominently displayed in orange and black text, with a small 'EUROPA HALO' logo to its right. Below the title, the tournament schedule is listed: 'OPEN #1 - 1ST OCT', 'OPEN #2 - 5TH/6TH OCT', 'OPEN #3 - 8TH OCT', and 'FINALS - TBA NOVEMBER'. At the bottom left, there are three logos: 'EUROPA HALO', 'GRASSROOTS', and 'CHAMPIONSHIP'. On the right side, there is a vertical image of a Halo Infinite Spartan character in blue and white armor, holding a weapon.

- The ShyWay Situation - by many
 - [Tashi](#) - As with our code of conduct for pro players, we also hold our broadcast talent to a high standard of conduct, professionalism, and character. We are committed to ensuring a safe community aligned with these values. This has nothing to do with being critical about the game. Again, it's about ensuring we are maintaining a safe community.
 - [Shyway](#) - There's been a lot of drama this week and I've got some explaining to do.
 - I'd like to start by apologizing for misleading my community with the tweet I posted about "not being selected" for Orlando. This was unfair to HCS, 343 and my fellow casters, and brought on a lot of unnecessary flak that I didn't intend. Truth is, 343 and I have been on rocky ground for some time now. In May, all my direct ties to 343 were severed. I'm no longer an HCS caster, no longer part of HCS Grassroots, Forerunners, everything.
 - As you can probably tell, I'm pretty passionate about Halo and this community. I took this news pretty hard and for months I've had difficulty understanding and accepting that (for now at least) it's time for me to move in a different direction. I've only ever wanted to learn from and bring value to all these teams, and I'm grateful I had the opportunity to work with them. But, it's clear in some ways I've failed to do this and needed to learn some lessons.
 - As far as Tashi's tweets implying I'm a "safety risk", this was very misleading. But, I can understand and respect that Tashi was just doing what he felt he needed to do to clap back for my (also) insincere twitter post, and there's some valuable lessons I needed to learn here as well. In May, 343 informed me that there had been complaints about me from women in the community, but they've made no attempt to request for my comments on any claims against me, nor did they give me any information whatsoever on these claims.
 - This news was of course shocking and devastating to me. I'm confident that anyone who truly knows me would know that I would never cause harm to anyone. After months of silent anxiety (playing an embarrassing game of detective) I believe I've discovered that the source of this drama is unfortunately due to a messy breakup I had with someone I began seeing last October. Without sharing too many details of my private life, I was looking for a relationship and she wasn't and this led to a misunderstanding at HCS Raleigh, where she felt disrespected. I sincerely apologized, but tried too hard to salvage a friendship, when I should have just moved on. I've done everything I could to make peace with this situation. We stopped interacting in February.
 - Unfortunately she has been sharing our private, out-of-context dm's to other women in the community, and eventually escalated things to 343. Considering my relationship with 343 was already rocky at the time, they decided the best course of action would be to cut ties instead of requesting for my side of the story. As far as I'm aware, I am not banned from events, I just no longer work for HCS.
 - Regarding ANY other rumors about me - I have NO idea what this is in reference to. If I've ever somehow made anyone uncomfortable I sincerely apologize. At this point I've shared way more than I'd like to, beyond this I hope you can respect my privacy.
 - While it's been a tough time for me, I love Halo and this community way too much to give up on being a part of it. In many ways I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had and lessons I've learned, this taught me things about myself I needed to know to become the best person I can be.
 - Time to pivot. Going to be shifting my focus more to live streaming and content creation and I'm honestly pretty excited about this. I don't plan to stop casting completely, I'm just no longer working with HCS. Honestly they have an incredible team as it is, Orlando has been SO hype.
 - If you enjoy my work and want to continue supporting me, I sincerely appreciate you. If not, I understand and wish you the best.
 - Now let's FINALLY have a watch party. I plan to go live later today :)
 - [Jenn \(Echidna\)](#) - Righting the narrative
 - In the past I have remained silent, but I feel almost obligated to touch upon current events as a woman within the Halo community. I don't want to use my platform to enable/promote negativity or drama therefore I will not entertain anymore conversation, nor will I speak of this on stream.
 - Let me begin by saying that my family, as well as anyone that knows me IRL can attest to my character; I try to see the best in everyone and give them the benefit of the doubt, many times to a fault. Despite this, I pride myself in being a good judge of character and being able to read people well.
 - As for online - I am confident to say I am a trustworthy and credible figure in the community. I hope that the fact I have both stayed out of any drama myself as well as avoided speaking publicly on anyone else's drama shows I am not in this for interaction farming (if I wanted that, I would just post another meme...I'm

hilarious). I have nothing to gain. This post is to *right* the narrative that has been twisted and manipulated (just like many community members) by one person.

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- A few months ago at an event on the way back from breakfast with a few people... I was walking with him when he asked me out of the blue, “what do you think of me going for an egirl?”. He then went on to ask me what the women of the community think of him. Innocent inquiries, one can argue. At the time, I thought it was a bit of an odd question but I simply pocketed that feeling in my gut. I answered the question and tickled his ego a bit. After all, he was a respected caster and content creator for Halo.
- Looking back, I realized it was a phish for details... seeing what I and the women of the Halo community heard about him. Why ask that, on different occasions to other women, if you weren’t anxious about something coming out?
- And come out it did, to some degree. It’s not my story (nor 343s) to tell, and it was kept well under wraps - that of which he ultimately benefited from. This wasn’t a sudden thing, this was over and dealt with months and months ago. His ego drove him to tweet out that he wasn’t CHOSEN as a caster, making it seem that big bad 343 suddenly screwed him over. In reality, 343/HCS cut ties with him and was very clear as to why - but the public didn’t know that, and that tweet ended up opening a window for people to find out what truly happened.
- I wasn’t trying to cancel him. I do not believe in cancel culture, but I do believe in consequences. Seeing as HCS had already cut ties with him, I chose not to notify a tournament I was co-streaming (where he was signed on to cast) of his very real, very valid ‘allegations’. I figured his extraditions from Grassroots and HCS were consequence enough. They weren’t. The victim blaming, narrative-twisting TwitLonger that lacked any sort of personal responsibility and owning up to one’s actions (that was posted conveniently during championship Sunday) sparked such anger in me that I wish I could go back in time and deny him of that opportunity.
- This isn’t a case of women vs men, nor is this a case of an “ex-lover’s quarrel”, nor is it another “victim” of an “SJW #metoo movement”. This is the case of a man that can’t accept personal responsibility for his actions. One that can’t take no for an answer — despite how many times it is said — no matter how she says it. One that continues to try and take what he wants, one that will whine and cry, use excessive self-deprecation to manipulate someone until they sleep with him. The fact that he’s trying to make it about anything other than that, continuing to twist the narrative as well as the community into taking HIS side is absolutely scary. The closest he came to owning up was the vague tweet of taking a step back to re-evaluate things.
- No one should be flown out and paid to work events to then be predatory and attempt to strong arm women into sleeping with him. I don’t care how good his content is, I don’t care how respected he was as a caster. Respected ≠ respectful. You should not be paid to then sexually harass women. You should not be endorsed to then manipulate women into sleeping with you.
- No means no. If you have to convince someone to sleep with you, that is not consent. Even if you are involved or have been involved in the past, you are not automatically given consent. If you constantly ask “why don’t you want to sleep with me?”, that is sexual harassment.
- Again, I hope you all see me as a credible figure in the community and trust I wouldn’t steer you wrong. I am not a malicious person. I love everyone until I’m given a valid reason not to, and even then I am extremely empathetic and willing to try and see things from all angles. I wish for everyone to succeed, I wish for everyone to be happy. He wasn’t falsely accused of anything. He isn’t a victim. I was a fan, a subscriber, an acquaintance. This isn’t a crusade against someone I disliked — it was quite the opposite — but now I see him for what he is: manipulative, and unwilling to be held accountable. I truly hope he takes a step back to re-evaluate things as he said.
- No plugs here. Be kind to one another. Be respectful.

Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Daily
 - [Z LEAGUE DAILY TOURNAMENTS](#)
 - [FIRSTBLOOD DAILY TOURNAMENTS](#)
- Monday, September 26th
 - [ESPORTS ARENA SERIES E](#)
- Saturday, October 1st
 - [Europa Halo Fall Series Open #1](#)

Roster Mania!

- [Naded](#)
 - Officially announcing I'll be a Free Agent for HCS Season 2. Any organizations or players interested in working with me let me know! I've been playing a lot of Halo Infinite lately & enjoying getting better! (Couldn't play in Season 1 cause I play tested the game before release)

Scrim Recaps

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

News - Regular

- [COMMUNITY CORNER: WexyLex](#) - by Alex Wakeford

CoD (and other games) Watch

- [Boston Breach](#)
 - NeroPoison, Vivid, Methodz, Owakening
- [Announcements on the 2023 Call of Duty League Season](#) - by Call of Duty League
 - December Start Date for the 2023 Call of Duty League Season
 - We heard the feedback loud and clear from the Call of Duty esports community.
 - The 2023 season will start on Friday, Dec. 2 –just 35 days after the release of the game with two weeks of online qualifiers before we hit LAN on Dec. 15.
 - The start date rides and amplifies the excitement of the new game, bringing competitive Call of Duty action sooner to the fans.
 - Majors I–IV Events
 - Our 2023 Major I will be like nothing we've done before.
 - This event will be hosted by the Call of Duty League live on LAN in Raleigh, NC from Dec. 15-18, so get ready, fans. In addition to the professional League matches, Major I will also feature several other Call of Duty events occurring on site at the venue.
 - Major I will follow a Pro-Am format with qualified Challengers teams battling pros with CDL Points and \$500,000 of prizing on the line.
 - And it doesn't stop there!
 - The first Challengers Open of the 2023 season is scheduled to take place on site from Dec. 16-18. Teams that don't qualify for the Pro-Am will still be able to battle in the Open and make a name for themselves.
 - The 2022 Call of Duty: Mobile Championship will touch down in Raleigh for their first LAN championship in history. Mobile teams will battle live throughout the weekend for \$1.7 million in prizing.
 - Finally, to top it all off, the Call of Duty Endowment (C.O.D.E) Bowl will also go down live at the event. Watch as US and UK military esports teams compete to be the 2022 C.O.D.E. Bowl champion.
 - Major II Team Hosted: Boston Breach
 - After running a successful Challengers tournament in 2022, the Boston Breach will be hosting their first Call of Duty League Major tournament. Last year they were able to clinch the 6th seed for the playoffs in their first year in the league. But only time will tell if the Boston faithful will give them a bump come Major II.
 - Major III Team Hosted: OpTic Texas
 - Talking about team alliance, the fans down in Texas need no introduction. The GreenWall will be coming out loud as OpTic Texas hosts Major III, its second hosted major in as many years! OpTic Texas plans to run it back with a similar roster to 2022 and will be looking to repeat their performance from the last time they hosted when they took home the Major I title last year at home.
 - Major IV Team Hosted: Hosted by New York Subliners
 - Who can forget the pandemonium in Brooklyn, NY during Major IV of the 2022 season? This late season Major will for sure have the same energy we saw in New York last year as teams jockey for positioning in the CDL Standings. NYSL went from having only a slight chance at Playoffs qualification to finishing runner-up in front of their home crowd as they clinched the final spot for the 2022 Championship Weekend.
 - Major V & Championship Weekend

- There are five majors this year and details surrounding Major V are coming soon!

Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
 - Halo Infinite
- Josh?
 - Steam Deck Games
 - Xbox Cloud Gaming
 - Halo Infinite
 - Cyberpunk
 - Witcher 3

Shoutouts

- Shoutout to everyone who joined the HCS Orlando Watch-Along!
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Happy belated 13th birthday to Halo 3: ODST and 15th birthday to Halo 3!
- Happy belated birthday to King Jay and Nemassist!

Community Creations

- [Halo memes every day!](#)
- [NAVI Halo Vlog: Road to Major. Wonderboy edition](#) - by NAVI
- [Sentinels Playoff Bundle Promo](#) - by Sentinels
- [Capture the Mic - Episode Three - TBanged](#) - by Europa Halo

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