

Episode 281

For the Week of April 2nd, 2023

Don't Call it a Dynasty... Yet

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- 0:00:00 - Intro
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On This Episode...

- Europa Halo joins up with NAVI.
- Command Station provides some insight.
- Our topic of the HCS 4K Open Series results.

News (Competitive)

- [NAVI and Europa Halo to hold a series of tournaments](#) - by NAVI and Europa Halo
 - The Halo Infinite esports scene is growing for both professional and amateur players! Now it's NAVI's time to support Halo's competitive community!
 - As one of Europe's leading Halo Infinite clubs, NAVI has a vested interest in developing the regional scene. Today we are pleased to announce a partnership with Europa Halo, a Tournament Organizer who is a dedicated team of experienced specialists who love esports.
 - The spring series of NAVI x Europa Halo tournaments with a prize pool of \$5,000 will take place in May!
 - NAVI x Europa Halo Spring Series
 - May 6th – Open 1
 - May 14th – Open 2
 - May 20th – Open 3
 - May 27th – Season Finals
 - NAVI x Europa Halo Summer Series
 - July 8th – Open 1
 - July 15th – Open 2
 - July 22nd – Open 3
 - July 29th – Season Finals
 - Format:
 - 3 Open Cups leading to Season Finals
 - All cups are Double Elimination events with HCS rulebook
 - Open 1, 2 and 3 will be open to all players in the European Halo region
 - Open events only provide seeding points
 - Teams are awarded points based on placement for the opens, the top 8 teams, based on those points will be invited to the finals. If a team wins an open (one of three) then they automatically qualify for the finals. Other participants are determined by EuropaHalo points

- Season Finals Top 8 – double elimination event
- Season Finals Prize Pool (\$5,000):
 - 1st – \$3,000 + 350 HCS points
 - 2nd – \$1,000 + 200 HCS points
 - 3rd – \$600 + 120 HCS points
 - 4th – \$400 + 80 HCS points
 - 5-6th – 50 HCS points each
 - 7-8th – 30 HCS points each

Roster Mania!

- [An Update](#) - by CommandStation
 - Just FYI I didn't get dropped from my old team - I'm F/A because of outside issues other than the game. We all wanted to stay together for the long run. Still looking for a team, I'm very good with macro gameplay & IGLing. I play to win. I'm extremely dedicated & live in film.
- [Status Quo](#)
 - KingJay, Cherished, Piggy, Str8Sick, Lavid (Coach)

Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Tuesday, April 4th
 - [HALO REC LEAGUE FFA SERIES](#)
- Saturday, April 8th
 - [COMPETITIVE HALO HUB 4V4 DRAFT TOURNAMENT](#)
 - [LADY SPARTANS SATURDAY SERIES QUALIFIER #3](#)
- Saturday, April 8th & Sunday, April 9th
 - [GAMERS ASSEMBLY LAN](#)

Scrim/Tournament/League Recaps

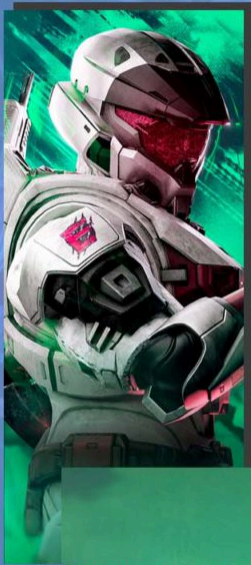
- [Scrims Available For All Regions at HaloDataHive](#)
- [VUELTA x Exyl Team European FFA Spring Series Open #2](#) Results



EUROPEAN FFA SPRING SERIES OPEN #2

29TH MAR 2023 

	PLAYER	PLACING	POINTS
	BASTOSS	1ST	98
	GLORY GGZ	2ND	90
	KALZONY	3RD	90
	STJOPR	4TH	80
	CRUCIAL	5TH	80
	TCALPIN	6TH	72
	MOSS FPS	7TH	70
	HOPX	8TH	66



EUROPEAN FFA
SPRING SERIES

Topic - HCS 4k Open Series Results

- [ANZ](#)

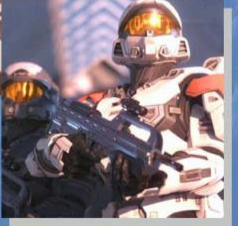


HCS 4K OPEN SERIES - ANZ

2ND APR 2023



	TEAM NAME	PLACING	MEMBERS
	MINDFREAK	1ST	PLASMA - BENJY BEASTN - PIPZ
	VERTEX ESPORTS	2ND	DXUINITY - MANOFCHICKEN RYU - SCOOBMEISTR
	DIGITAL NATION	3RD	WRYCE - FLEXRAINZ NOOBLES - MIDDOH
	DIVINE MIND	4TH	RATED - SLAYZ SWAYZ - BZIIRK
	5K	5TH/6TH	UAMPT - LITH JORDON - LOLLEY
	AH FENCING	5TH/6TH	MADSY - NINJESTICS JIMBOB - DANTE
	30FPS	7TH/8TH	KRISPY - PANDORA NCHEF - GRANDLASTSHADOW
	BANDITS	7TH/8TH	TAL3NT - RENIAL TARNSKY - TEKORAI



- [VOD](#)

- [MX](#)

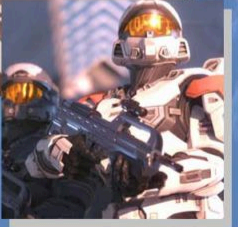


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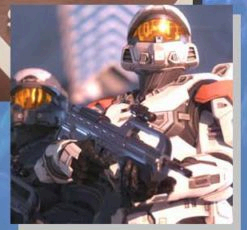
	TEAM NAME	PLACING	MEMBERS
	LUMINOSITY GAMING	1ST	BULLET - MAGICO DRIFT - NOBLE
	SIX KARMA	2ND	LEUOR - STRIKEYY ACID - SEPSTY
	CNX	3RD	RORZCH - ATZO HRYMGEL - GAMBINO
	CINTANEGRA TJ	4TH	RICHZ - TYLENSY AZIRUM - ACENDRADO
	ALPHA ESPORTS	5TH/6TH	DRAAXZE - KIRYAT TECKZILLA - WACKI
	LAST CHANCE V2	5TH/6TH	DYSTINCT - SPAIDEY DESTROY - LUNATIX
	CN AFFLICTION	7TH/8TH	ALVAROO - DAHYRO IBLUE SNIP3Z - ESTRICK
	LAST HOPE	7TH/8TH	ATENIUZ - DOLAN SZN GRIMSTY - GORILOCO



- [VOD](#)

- [EU](#)

	TEAM NAME	PLACING	MEMBERS
	QUADRANT	1ST	SLG - SICA LEGEND - TCHIK
	NAVI	2ND	SNAKEY - ZMIGHTYS SNIPEDRONE - JIMBO
	DOPAMINE	3RD	CLONELY - RESPECTFUL KIMBO - LUNNY
	AWOBABOBS	4TH	GLORY 6GZ - PHLUX LUMIZUR - MOSE
	JLINGZ ESPORTS	5TH/6TH	SEPTIQ - QUAD TUFOXY - MILLSY
	W-KEY	5TH/6TH	BASTOSS - SUNRIZ YUMEI - BRAINIAK
	LEFTOVERS	7TH/8TH	KAYA - HYBRID GOAZ - ZHUH
	EXYL CSG	7TH/8TH	CRUCIAL - MORINE WARLORD - MZRKUS



- Notable Series
 - Winners Final
 - Quadrant 3-0 NAVI
 - Grand Final
 - NAVI 4-2 Quadrant
 - Quadrant 4-0 NAVI
- VOD's
 - [Part 1](#)
 - [Part 2](#)

- [NA](#)

	TEAM NAME	PLACING	MEMBERS
	OPTIC GAMING	1ST	LUCID - APG TRIPPY - FORMAL
	FAZE CLAN	2ND	FROSTY - SNAKEBITE RENEGADE - ROYAL2
	SPACESTATION	3RD	PENGUIN - BOUND ECO - STELLUR
	NATIVE GAMING RED	4TH	MANNY - SOUL SNIPE TAULEK - DRUK
	NATIVE GAMING WHITE	5TH/6TH	MIKWEN - BARCODE TAPPING BUTTONS - GILKEY
	THE AVENGERS	5TH/6TH	NEURONICAL - SWISH HUSS - PRECISION
	PROTON GAMING	7TH/8TH	BREAKINGSHOT - POSEY COMMON - MONSTER
	SHOPIFY REBELLION	7TH/8TH	MENTAL - RYAN00B RAYNE - KARMEA



○ Notable Series

■ [Pool Play](#)

- The Avengers 3-0 Sentinels
- Proton Gaming 3-2 SSG
- Cloud9 3-2 G1
- Native White 3-0 G1

■ Bracket Play

- Losers Round 1
 - Avengers 3-2 G1
 - Avengers eliminate G1 with a Top 12 finish.
 - Native White 3-1 Sentinels
 - Native White eliminate Sentinels with a Top 12 finish.
- Winners Semi-Finals
 - FaZe 3-2 SSG
 - Game 1 - CTF on Argyle - 1-0 FaZe
 - Game 2 - Slayer on Recharge - 50-49 FaZe
 - Game 3 - King of the Hill on Streets - 4-2 SSG
 - Game 4 - Oddball on Streets - 2-1 SSG
 - Game 5 - Slayer on Empyrean - 50-46 FaZe
- Winners Final
 - OpTic 3-0 FaZe
 - Game 3 - CTF on Empyrean - 1-0 (OT) OpTic
 - Game is tied 2-2 heading into the OT round.
 - OT ends in a 0-0 tie. We are heading into a first cap to win, full reset.
 - And what a monumental start to the reset OT round it is. OpTic got a start that would rival the Seahawks/Broncos Super Bowl, being able to not only lock down rockets with three members of FaZe dead, but also obtain both snipers, and Overshield, getting the winning flag capture in record time (40 seconds).
- Losers Final
 - FaZe 3-0 SSG
 - Game 1 - Oddball on Live Fire - 2-1 FaZe

- Round 2 ends in a literal last second ball grab by SSG, taking the lead by one second, and dropping the ball to take the round win.
- Game 2 - Slayer on Aquarius - 50-45 FaZe
- Game 3 - King of the Hill on Streets 3-2 FaZe
- Grand Final
 - FaZe 4-1 OpTic
 - Game 1 - Oddball on Recharge - 2-0 FaZe
 - Game 2 - Slayer on Streets - 50-45 FaZe
 - Game 3 - Strongholds on Live Fire - 250-173 FaZe
 - Game 4 - CTF on Aquarius - 2-1 OpTic
 - Game 5 - Slayer on Recharge - 50-36 FaZe
 - OpTic 4-3 FaZe
 - Game 1 - CTF on Argyle - 2-1 FaZe
 - Game 2 - Slayer on Empyrean - 50-28 FaZe
 - Game 3 - King of the Hill on Live Fire - 4-3 OpTic
 - With OpTic being down 0-2 in the second Bo7, they needed a momentum swing in their favor, and they seemed to have gotten it at the perfect time. Even being up 2 hill captures to 1, FaZe were a mere couple seconds away from tying the game with the OS hill. OpTic were able to take advantage of an over-extending Renegade from top-Tower, leading to an all-OpTic assault on the OS hill, taking out the remaining FaZe players, grabbing the fresh Overshield, and holding down the spawns to take a hill lead 3-1.
 - FaZe answer back immediately though, with back to back hill captures to tie the game 3-3. OpTic, their mental locked in, are able to take the final hill convincingly, winning the game 4-3.
 - Game 4 - Strongholds on Recharge - 250-168 OpTic
 - OpTic finally get a convincing map win, never looking back after the 150 point threshold.
 - Game 5 - Slayer on Aquarius - 50-44 FaZe
 - While nearly coming down to the wire, FaZe continue to clutch it up in the Slayers, winning 50-44 when the game was 46-44 at one point. FaZe are now only one map win away from winning the tournament.
 - Game 6 - Oddball on Streets - 2-1 OpTic
 - Rounds 1 and 2 were very close, with opportunities to go either way for both teams, but the third round was decisive, with OpTic winning 100-62, and the game 2-1.
 - And of course, we have a Game 7 to decide the winners of the tournament.
 - Game 7 - Slayer on Recharge - 50-33 OpTic
 - Now, I don't know if you have been paying close attention, but pop quiz time! How many Slayers have OpTic won in this Grand Finals leading up to this point? Answer? Zero.
 - Well? OpTic decided to re-write the narrative and completely obliterate FaZe from the start. And holy shit, you want a sure fire way to win if your OpTic? Give the Shock Rifle to Lucid. You will instantly win it seems.- Notable Information
 - OpTic not losing a single game in bracket play leading into the Grand Final.
 - OpTic coming out sluggish in the first Grand Final Bo7.
 - From [Lottie](#) - The disrespect I see from chat to Pro Players at every level especially the highest is sickening. I rarely ever watch w/ chat, but if I do, it's vile. I love the majority of Halo fans but if you are one of those awful individuals, I'd like to see your rank & clips, I bet you suck.
- Personal Thoughts
 - Online vs LAN (points having more weight).
 - From [Spartan](#) - There shouldn't be invitational LANs that you qual for with basically only online tournaments. It just isn't fair. The fact only 16 teams are going to be at the global is a joke too. Why not 24 teams? Why only top 10 NA and not like top 12-16? So many teams and players.

- Online events with major inconsistencies in how the game plays per person/setup/connection/etc.
 - From [Spartan](#) (quote tweeting Lethul) - I didn't play to my personal standards today and I'm frustrated with myself. But there is still this and he has like 80 more clips from the rest of the series. Just isn't fair but I'm done complaining about it. Just accepting depression instead.
- VOD's
 - [Pool Play](#)
 - [Championship Bracket](#)

News - Regular

- [EDUCATIONAL ECHOES](#) - by 343
 - FRACTURE: FIREWALL
 - The first week of the new Fracture: FIREWALL event concluded earlier this week, but it will return three more times over the course of the next couple of months.
 - FIREWALL features a free 20-tier Event Pass for all players that contains themed, limited-time customization rewards for the CHIMERA Armor Core that you can earn by completing (playlist-agnostic) Event Challenges.
 - FIREWALL event weeks are scheduled for the following dates:
 - Week 2: April 11-18
 - Week 3: May 23-30
 - Week 4: June 13-20
 - HALO GEAR REWARDS: HALO INFINITE PINS
 - When the time comes on the week commencing May 2, complete the Site Unseen Event Pass to earn access to the Bandit Pin. Make your purchase by June 17th to secure this reward.

CoD (and other games) Watch

- Nothing to discuss at this time.

Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
 - Halo Infinite
 - HRL
 - Game 5 madness
 - Aquarius slayer
- Josh?
 - Halo Infinite
 - Forza Horizon 4 - Rally Expansion

Shoutouts

- Shoutout to everyone who joined in the community playdate!
 - Rizznak
 - All in Juan
 - Fox2Quick
 - ElatedD4rt
 - Overkill
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Shoutout to everyone who is a Patron at the Semi-Pro and higher tiers!
- Happy birthday to OathxX!

Community Creations

- [Halo memes every day!](#)
- [FORMAL BUILDS 2 DYNASTY TEAMS | THE PROCESS](#)
- [FORGE FEATURES: MARCH 31, 2023](#) - by 343

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