Episode 334

For the Week of April 7th, 2024

Spacestation Domination

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On This Episode...

- 343 are still trying to figure out the rampant cheater situation...
- Information regarding Quadrant Major ticket sales including spectator and team passes.
- Our topic of the Cloud9 \$5K Showdown results.

News (Competitive)

- <u>Women of Halo 2v2 Announced!</u> by LVT
 - Host: alyekly
 - Casters: Jolly & Sin
 - Observers: STAROCiTY & Izzy
 - TO: itsBiiTTERSWEET & The DSA Group
 - Prize: \$500 USD
 - Register here: <u>http://bit.ly/lvtxwoh2v2</u>
- HaloHQ Tournament Announcement by HaloHQ
 - Organized by the Event Staff Ranger Cali and LegendaryC4 with stream production being assisted with in partnership by European Halo League and ATLAS.
 - This will occur on May 4th at 12pm EST with team check ins at 11am EST.
 - It will be normal 4v4 Husky Raid on custom maps.
 - Open to all regions with a 16 team cap.
 - \$200 Prizepool along with giveaways.
 - The stream will happen on http://twitch.tv/eurohaloleague
- An Update to Ranked Access by Halo Support
 - Access to Ranked playlists will now require completing 50 matches in non-Ranked playlists. This change is retroactive, meaning players who have already completed 50

matches prior to this update will be unaffected. Players with under 50 matches will need to play additional non-Ranked matches before jumping into Ranked.

- The Unnecessary Banning Debacle by many
 - <u>Snickerdoodle</u> (in reply to Ultras regarding reporting cheaters)
 - I can confirm that reporting via in-game tooling correctly reports the bad actor in the match even if the name doesn't match and not an innocent bystander. I would encourage you, and others, to continue using the in-game report feature whenever you feel the need to.
 - I can't necessarily comment on the safety team's process but I know they prefer in-game reports to Waypoint reports whenever possible because they tend to be more accurate!
 - The Bela Situation
 - <u>Beliary</u> (4/2/2024)
 - They're changing gt as mine and cheating in game OMG. Unyshek please do something!!!
 - <u>Unyshek</u>
 - Confirming we're aware and you have nothing to worry about on our end in this case
 - <u>Beliary</u> (4/3/2024)
 - @Unyshek, @HaloSupport, YOU NEED TO FIX THIS. what are you doing with your GAME.
 - Unyshek, so I have nothing to worry about?
 - <u>Unyshek</u>
 - Hey! As a heads up, you can always file an appeal here and the team can give your case a closer look: aka.ms/HaloSafety
 - Hope this helps!
 - Beliary
 - Idk man, the fact that I have to file an appeal after everything that's been said by not only the community but by YOU makes me pretty upset. All the proof you'd ever need is on twitter for the last 2 days, but ye, let me file an appeal for an issue that has nothing to do with me.
 - <u>Beliary</u> (4/4/2024)
 - I can play now. I hope this doesn't happen anymore to anyone!
 - Thanks for the support today everyone!
- Regarding Quadrant Major Spectator Tickets by many
 - <u>Tom Acreon</u>
 - Yo Cam! Have measures been taken to prevent botting by scalpers this time around? (read: are they being released on Eventbrite again?).
 - <u>Cam</u>
 - I've seen a lot of comments about this, and although it's very hard for us to know, our analysis of initial holders indicates a vast majority of authenticity.
 - Quadrant has a fanbase that is accustomed to limited drops, fast purchasing requirements and hype. Selling out is normal.
 - o <u>Tashi</u>

- About the HCS Quadrant London event...We have around 3 dozen spectator passes left and at this point have already surpassed the most recent HCS OpTic Arlington event by a few hundred. Team passes are also flying off the shelf with just 9 remaining. If all sells out I think we will be roughly 1500 people in the room.
- Some historians should correct me but I think this is the biggest standalone EU Halo event of all time, or at least in the HCS era (9.5 years).
- Pretty amazing to see. This event is going to be wild.
- Regarding Quadrant Major Team Passes by Quadrant
 - LONDON MAJOR TEAM PASSES OUT NOW
 - https://www.start.gg/tournament/hcs-major-london-2024/details
 - "In order to complete your transaction, you must signup with your full team. Each member must own a start.gg account in order to add these players to a roster.
 - From <u>Div</u>
 - 48 Team Open Bracket but we'll monitor the demand and make adjustments to the cap as needed. Would love to see more teams sign up.
- Another Update from Spartan by Spartan
 - Another update before I'm back to going dark:
 - More extensive blood panel results came back today and we finally pinpointed the issue and as I said; I was correct. It wasn't "anxiety, panic, dehydration, adderall" etc like people were trying to say.
 - Treatment is simple and doesn't last too long before everything gets back to normal.
 - Much love. Going dark.

Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Wednesday, April 10th
 - EUROPEAN HALO LEAGUE SPRING FFA SERIES #1
- Saturday, April 13th
 - SWAT NATION EVO HEAD HUNT 4V4
 - LVT X WOMEN OF HALO 2V2

Scrim/Tournament/League Recaps

- Scrims Available For All Regions at HaloDataHive
- SWAT NATION SNIPE-MANIA 3V3 Results
 - **3rd**
 - Covid
 - Minds, i7, and Luiney
 - **2nd**
 - Senors de Raijin
 - LSPAR, Ambiti0n 2, and Acid MX
 - **1st**
 - Goodfellas
 - ObnoxiuzZ, Dog7, and Gunplexion
 - Bracket
 - <u>VOD</u>
- <u>COLLEGE HALO PLAYOFFS</u> Results
 - Division 2

- 3rd
 - RIT Black
 - Szverity, Phcenyx, Pickl, Kaiirros
- 2nd
 - DePaul Blue
 - Benji, Lexing Bond, MrJQWERTY, MOONMan
- ∎ 1st
 - Oklahoma Academy A
 - AssassinPhalanx, Dbird, Colliii, Crisco
- Division 1
 - ∎ 3rd
 - Utah State University Blue
 - Zylon, CodyRooBoy, Adjasoncy, ThoughtfulFace
 - 2nd
 - University of North Georgia Esports
 - Killjoy, LCDR Spartan, ItzTheLastShot, Zoom
 - ∎ 1st
 - Fisher Falcons
 - Maceskii, Ret, Spartan, DaayLyt
- o <u>Bracket</u>
- VODs
 - Division 2
 - College Halo
 - o Part 1
 - <u>Part 2</u>
 - Division 1
 - <u>LVT</u>
 - College Halo
 - Part 1
 - Part 2
 - Part 3
- HCS PRO TALK TOUR DE WALSH Results
 - o 9th
 - LaSinityy
 - o 8th
 - HaltxHammer
 - 7th
 - Sarvanahh
 - o 6th

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- Rayven
- o 5th
 - All in Juan
- 4th
 - HeavyRainfall
- **3rd**
 - Rizznak
 - 2nd
 - The Amazing C4
- **1st**

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Topic - Cloud9 \$5K Showdown Results

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- Notable Series
 - Winners Round 3
 - <u>Sentinels 2-0 Spacestation</u>
 - Game 1 Oddball on Recharge
 - <u>The back to back grapple play for the Sentinels Round 2</u> win.
 - The Round 3 masterclass from Sentinels to win the game 2-1.
 - Game 2 Slayer on Streets
 - <u>The last few moments of the game, with Spartan</u> somehow staying alive and Sentinels closing the game out to win 50-48.
 - Winners Semi-Finals
 - <u>Complexity 2-0 Sentinels</u>
 - Game 1 Strongholds on Recharge
 - Complexity making the comeback from being down 89-215 to win the game 250-238.
 - Game 2 Slayer on Live Fire
 - Sentinels ahead 44-43, Ryanoob staying alive to allow time for his teammates to complete the collapse onto the Sentinels players, earning Complexity the lead (their second time since the 17 kill mark), and eventually the win 50-45.
 - FaZe 2-1 OpTic

- Game 1 Strongholds on Recharge
 - The great final collapse by OpTic onto the FaZe members, leaving Renegade the last member alive trying to capture the "B" Stronghold to keep his team in the game, but it wasn't enough. OpTic win 250-242.
- Game 2 Slayer on Live Fire
 - Frosty with the Camo, trying to make a flank, but OpTic do their signature 4-man rotation around the map towards "C", rendering the Camo pointless. But Frosty is still able to somehow get a stick on Formal to win FaZe the game 50-47.
- Game 3 CTF on Empyrean
 - The Sudden Death end of the game.
- Losers Quarterfinals
 - Spacestation 2-1 OpTic

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- Game 1 Strongholds on Recharge
 - OpTic with the unbelievable comeback, down 32-194, to eventually win the game 250-211.
- Game 3 Oddball on Live Fire
 - Even after a massive attempt to get back into the second round (going from being down 30-97 to being down 84-97), OpTic were just not able to close things out, as SSG wins the round 100-97 and the series 2-1.
- Grand Finals

<u>Spacestation 3-0 FaZe</u>

- Game 2 Slayer on Solitude
 - FaZe making their comeback to tie the game 48-48 with a fresh Shock Rifle and Camo spawned up, but it is Spacestation who execute the perfect play to secure Camo and put FaZe on the back foot. Spacestation close the game out to win 50-49.
- Grand Finals Bracket Reset
 - <u>Spacestation 3-2 FaZe</u>
 - Game 1 King of the Hill on Solitude
 - With only 20 seconds left of in-game time, Spacestation need to capture the new hill to tie the game and hopefully send things into overtime. And while everything appeared to be going the way of Spacestation, FaZe are able to force Lqgend out of the hill at the very last literal second to win the game 3-2.
 - Game 2 Slayer on Live Fire
 - FaZe coming back from being down 41-48 to nearly win the game, but Spacestation ice up to win 50-49.
 - Game 3 CTF on Forbidden
 - Seemingly learning from Arlington, FaZe dominate and win 3-1.
 - Game 4 Strongholds on Recharge
 - Not to be outdone, Spacestation put on a clinic of their own, winning 250-107.

- Game 5 Slayer on Streets
 - FaZe attempt to make a miracle comeback from Game 2 but Spacestation have learned from their previous mistakes, winning the game 50-46, the bracket reset series 3-2, and become your Cloud9 \$5,000 Champs.
- Notable Information
 - Spacestation sent to Losers via a 2-0 by Sentinels to then make the Losers Bracket run and win the entire tournament after a bracket reset, 3-2 series against FaZe.
 - OpTic sent to Losers via a 2-1 series by FaZe, to then be eliminated from the tournament with a Top 6 placing via a 2-1 series by Spacestation.
 - Sentinels being eliminated from the tournament via a 2-0 series by Proton.
- Results
 - ∎ 4th
 - Proton
 - Suspector, Gilkey, Sab, King Nick
 - 3rd
 - Complexity
 - Ryanoob, Descendant, Huss, Precision
 - 2nd
 - FaZe
 - Snakebite, Royal 2, Frosty, Renegade
 - ∎ 1st
 - Spacestation
 - Eco, Stellur, Bound, Lqgend
- Bracket
- VODs
 - Cloud9
 - <u>LVT</u>

News - Regular

- Halo Data Hive Update by Halo Data Hive
 - Gruntpocalypse has arrived to Halo Infinite and with that new PvE stats are now available on Halo Data Hive.
 - PvE kill breakdown by enemies stats are available on Service Record pages & Firefight match pages.
 - Marine
 - Grunt
 - Jackal
 - Elite
 - Brute
 - Hunter
 - Skimmer
 - Sentinel
 - Boss

Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
 - Valorant
 - Helldivers 2
 - Halo Infinite
- Josh?
 - Forza Motorsport
 - Halo Infinite

Shoutouts

- Shoutout to everyone who participated in our Gamers For Giving Tour De Walsh!
 - All in Juan
 - The Amazing C4
 - HaltxHammer
 - HeavyRainfall
 - LaSinityy
 - Rayven
 - Rizznak
 - o Sarvanahh
 - Snaggu
- Congratulations to Gamers Outreach on raising over \$1,250,000 for the kids!
 - Shoutout to the HCS Pro Talk community for raising over \$1,200 for the kids!
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Shoutout to everyone who is a Patron at the Semi-Pro and higher tiers!
 - Blackout
 - BarnabyJones
 - Remedy Boots
 - HeadHoncho09
 - Wattzzy
 - o Dakota
 - Christian
 - dpancakes
 - Ashley
 - Voodooman
 - Rasta Monkey Jr
 - Rikkid3rr
 - Snaggu
 - Raidrhater
 - Peanutmut
 - 1SwoleDaddy
 - Danny OJ
 - Rizznak
 - Zarnerz
 - AubyDamned
 - Mr.Smyliey
 - HiTechRedneck
 - Goalie Sniper

- TheOnlyN33b
- Heavy Rainfall
- ElatedDartBoard

Community Creations

- Halo memes every day!
- Women of Halo Oddball Shirt by Jeneric
- Story Of EU Halos FIRST Superstar by Looney
- Making History: Our Halo Debut at the Arlington Optic Major by Lore Gaming
- Lucid | Halo History by HCS

Plugs

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