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For the Week of August 24th, 2025

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On This Episode...

- Did you get the joke for the episode title?!
- The LVT Halo Pro League LAN teams have been confirmed.
- The Last Chance Qualifier for Worlds officially returns!
- Teams continue to put in practice ahead of Charlotte.

News (Competitive)

- [A Little Peek Into Halo 5 Development](#) - by GH057ayame
 - There were Guardian and Narrows remakes completely finished ready to ship post-launch H5, maybe 2017, but they shelved them for Infinite. The original artist, ACM, worked tirelessly to recreate them, even down to the non-playable spaces like the wheel under Narrows. It was a true Halo fan level of detail that I will never forget. I am still genuinely bitter that no one ever got to see them let alone play them.
 - They were shelved because it didn't make sense to leadership to push out new maps 3 years after launch, so they instead wanted to save them for Infinite content. They were done, yes, but regardless, the QA process is one of the cheaper parts of AAA FPS level design.
- [LVT Halo Pro League LAN Information](#) - by LVT Halo
 - The LVT Halo Pro League in partnership with Shopify Rebellion LAN Finale:
 - September 12-14, 2025
 - LAN in Los Angeles, California
 - \$50,000 Prize Pool
 - 6 Pro Teams in person, on LAN
 - OpTic
 - FaZe

- Shopify
 - ENVY
 - SSG
 - Complexity
 - Cast on LVT Halo, by LVT Halo
 - This LAN is not open to the general public.
- [The Stage is Set for Worlds Qualification](#) - by HCS
 - The Charlotte 2025 4v4 tournament format will feature:
 - Open Bracket: 64 teams (Top 4 advance to Pool Play)
 - Pool Play: 16 teams (4th in Pools are eliminated)
 - Champ Bracket: 12 teams (Double-elimination Best-of-5, Grand Finals Best-of-7)
 - HaloWC Last Chance Qualifier: 8 teams (4 winners will qualify for HaloWC)
 - CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
 - The Championship Bracket is where the best of the best will clash for their share of \$250,000 and a paid trip to the \$1,000,000 Halo World Championship!
 - 12-Team Double Elimination
 - Top 8 teams will qualify for the Halo World Championship (Seeds 1-8)
 - HaloWC Qualification
 - The final 8 HaloWC seeds will be rewarded as follows:
 - Seeds 9-12: Top 4 highest HCS points following HCS Charlotte Major (global points)
 - Seeds 13-16: Last Chance Qualifier winners
 - HaloWC Last Chance Qualifier
 - 8 teams will vie in the Last Chance Qualifier for the final 4 HaloWC seeds live Saturday night in Charlotte. 4 matches - win and you're in!
 - The HaloWC LCQ will feature:
 - All Charlotte Pool Play teams that do not qualify for the HaloWC via top 8 placing or being top 4 in Global Points.
 - Remaining seeds will go to the highest placing Charlotte Open Bracket teams.
 - The HaloWC 13-16 seeds will be determined by:
 - Total Points if teams are from the same region, and Global Points if they're from different regions.

Roster Mania!

- OMiT
 - [Officially sign Sceptify.](#)

Upcoming Tournaments of the Week - Presented By NoobCombo

- Tuesday, August 26th
 - LVT Halo Pro League Match
 - ENVY vs Complexity
- Wednesday, August 27th
 - LVT Halo Pro League Match
 - Shopify vs FaZe
- Thursday, August 28th
 - LVT Halo Pro League Match

- OpTic vs TSM
- Saturday, August 30th
 - Obsidian Storm x Velyrian FFA Prep Tournament #1
- Saturday, August 30th & Sunday, August 31st
 - HCS Open Series - Road to Charlotte - Week 3 - NA
- Sunday, August 31st
 - HCS Open Series - Road to Charlotte - Week 3 - ANZ
 - HCS Open Series - Road to Charlotte - Week 3 - MX
 - HCS Open Series - Road to Charlotte - Week 3 - EU

Scrim/Tournament/League Recaps

- [Scrims Available For All Regions at HaloDataHive](#)
- LVT Pro League Match Results
 - FaZe 4-0 Complexity
 - [Stats](#)
 - [VOD](#)
 - Shopify 4-0 ENVY
 - [Stats](#)
 - [VOD](#)
 - SSG 4-1 TSM
 - [Stats](#)
 - [VOD](#)
 - With this result, TSM is officially eliminated from LAN qualification.
 - OpTic 4-0 Complexity
 - [Stats](#)
 - [VOD](#)
 - SSG 4-2 OMiT
 - [Stats](#)
 - VOD
 - Game 3 - Strongholds on Recharge
 - SSG 250-0 OMiT
 - FaZe 4-3 ENVY
 - [Stats](#)
 - VOD
 - Game 3 - Strongholds on Recharge
 - ENVY 250-1 FaZe
 - Game 5 - Slayer on Origin
 - ENVY 50-28 FaZe
- HCS Open Series - Road to Charlotte - Week 2 - Results
 - ANZ

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WINNERS QUARTERS

UPPER BRACKET

	MINDFREAK	-
	(BYE)	-
	CAUTION OFF WISH	3
	MOMOS MONKEYS	1
	THE B TEAM	3
	LEGIT GAMING R	0
	INFERNO	3
	LEGIT GAMING	0

WINNERS SEMIFINALS

	MINDFREAK	3
	CAUTION OFF WISH	0
	THE B TEAM	3
	INFERNO	0

WINNERS FINALS

	MINDFREAK	3
	THE B TEAM	0

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 AUSTRALIA.NZ

GRAND FINALS

	MINDFREAK	3
	THE B TEAM	0

LOWER BRACKET

ELIM. ROUND

	(BYE)	-
	MOMOS MONKEYS	-
	LEGIT GAMING R	0
	LEGIT GAMING	3

ELIM. QUARTERS

	INFERNO	0
	MOMOS MONKEYS	3
	CAUTION OFF WISH	3
	LEGIT GAMING	0

ELIM. SEMIFINALS

	MOMOS MONKEYS	3
	CAUTION OFF WISH	2

ELIMINATION FINALS

	THE B TEAM	3
	MOMOS MONKEYS	0

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 AUSTRALIA.NZ / WEEK 02

1		MINDFREAK Barcode / Scoobmeistr / Swayz / Wryce	\$750 8000 PTS
2		THE B TEAM Cheezen / Chef / Dxvinity / Plasma	\$250 4800 PTS
3		MOMOS MONKEYS Empathetc / Fauthom / Illuminatedz / Pxndorable	3520 PTS
4		CAUTION OFF WISH cR AI3jo / Lolleey / Shrekmin / Vaampt	2880 PTS
TOP 6		INFERNO Billzii / Chasings / Fleabus / Reaver	2560 PTS
		LEGIT GAMING Activebult / Chronic / Spartan02 / Yanderxe	2560 PTS
TOP 8		LEGIT GAMING R Computurtle / Gammalord / GoldyGuns / Joey	2240 PTS

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- [Bracket](#)
- MX

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WINNERS QUARTERS

UPPER BRACKET

	AKAVE ESPORTS	3
	KOMORI GAMING	0
	NEW RELIGION	3
	FOSILES	1
	ALPHA X LUMINON	3
	HELLBITE	0
	ITAMI O KANJIRO	3
	GHOST GAMING	0

WINNERS SEMIFINALS

	AKAVE ESPORTS	3
	NEW RELIGION	0
	ALPHA X LUMINON	3
	ITAMI O KANJIRO	0

WINNERS FINALS

	AKAVE ESPORTS	1
	ALPHA X LUMINON	3

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MEXICO

GRAND FINALS

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	ALPHA X LUMINON	2	1
	AKAVE ESPORTS	3	3

ELIM. ROUND

LOWER BRACKET

	GHOST GAMING	0
	ELMANUC2	3
	HELLBITE	-
	(BYE)	-
	FOSILES	3
	IMPACT ESPORTS	0
	KOMORI GAMING	-
	(BYE)	-

ELIM. ROUND

	ELMANUC2	0
	HELLBITE	3
	FOSILES	3
	KOMORI GAMING	0

ELIM. QUARTERS

	NEW RELIGION	3
	HELLBITE	2
	ITAMI O KANJIRO	3
	FOSILES	0

ELIM. SEMIFINALS

	NEW RELIGION	0
	ITAMI O KANJIRO	3

ELIMINATION FINALS

	AKAVE ESPORTS	3
	ITAMI O KANJIRO	0

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MEXICO / WEEK 02

1		AKAVE ESPORTS Acid / Drift / Magico / Noble	\$750 8000 PTS
2		ALPHA X LUMINON Leur / Rorzech / Strikey / Tapping Buttons	\$250 4800 PTS
3		ITAMI O KANJIRO Dolan / Goriloco / Lunatix / Tabvo	3520 PTS
4		NEW RELIGION Acendrado / H3roAztK / Kiten / MikuGhoul	2880 PTS
TOP 6		HELLBITE Bravo / Destroy1s / Sauskii / Varavs	2560 PTS
		FOSILES Blodreina / Hrymgel / Naamex / Regulvz	2560 PTS
TOP 8		ELMANUC2 Rysyck / Snxckys / Spartan100J / Venator	2240 PTS
		KOMORI GAMING AirborneVanessa / Eternitty / MGH DUCK / Revenant	2240 PTS

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WINNERS QUARTERS

UPPER BRACKET

	NEMESIS	2
	KUUSAMO	0
	GENESIUM	2
	CLUTCH ACADEMY	1
	MAJIN CLUB	2
	FINAL MOSS	0
	FRIES IN THE BAG	2
	PHARMACEUTICAL	0

WINNERS SEMIFINALS

	NEMESIS	3
	GENESIUM	0
	MAJIN CLUB	3
	FRIES IN THE BAG	0

WINNERS FINALS

	NEMESIS	3
	MAJIN CLUB	1

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EUROPE

GRAND FINALS

	NEMESIS	3
	MAJIN CLUB	0

ELIM. ROUND

LOWER BRACKET

	CLUTCH ACADEMY	3
	KRYPTONITE	1
	KUUSAMO	3
	TRIPPY BOX	0
	PHARMACEUTICAL	3
	GODLYS JETS	0
	FINAL MOSS	3
	TEAM IJAMZE	1

ELIM. ROUND

	CLUTCH ACADEMY	3
	KUUSAMO	1
	PHARMACEUTICAL	3
	FINAL MOSS	0

ELIM. QUARTERS

	FRIES IN THE BAG	3
	CLUTCH ACADEMY	0
	GENESIUM	1
	PHARMACEUTICAL	3

ELIM. SEMIFINALS

	FRIES IN THE BAG	0
	PHARMACEUTICAL	3

ELIMINATION FINALS

	MAJIN CLUB	3
	PHARMACEUTICAL	0

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1		NEMESIS Glory / SLG / Snipedrone / WuTum	\$1,125 8000 PTS
2		MAJIN CLUB Bastoss / Mighty / Septiq / Tchik	\$375 4800 PTS
3		PHARMACEUTICAL Bexter / Franklin / Hybrid / Ninj	3520 PTS
4		FRIES IN THE BAG DeZire / Mqse / Pantho / Respectful	2880 PTS
TOP 6		CLUTCH ACADEMY EU Finn / Niksenii / Outqast / Suspense	2560 PTS
		GENESIUM Cali / Geriko / New Brainiak / Voeti	2560 PTS
TOP 8		KUUSAMO CrossMan / Marvies / Tuckzy / Systematic	2240 PTS
		FINAL MOSS Assault / Jyon / Moss / Perkvshon	2240 PTS

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WINNERS QUARTERS

UPPER BRACKET

	OPTIC GAMING	3
	UNREAL NIGHTMARE	1
	ENVY	3
	CLOUD9	2
	SPACESTATION	3
	OMIT	0
	TSM	3
	COMPLEXITY	1

WINNERS SEMIFINALS

	OPTIC GAMING	3
	ENVY	1
	SPACESTATION	3
	TSM	2

WINNERS FINALS

	OPTIC GAMING	3
	SPACESTATION	1

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WEEK 02

NORTH AMERICA

GRAND FINALS

	OPTIC GAMING	3
	ENVY	1

ELIM. ROUND 1

LOWER BRACKET

	UNREAL NIGHTMARE	3
	LIES INSIDE	1
	CLOUD9	3
	UZEY TWINS	0
	OMIT	3
	MASTERMIND	1
	COMPLEXITY	3
	LUMINON GAMING	0

ELIM. ROUND 2

	UNREAL NIGHTMARE	0
	CLOUD9	3
	OMIT	0
	COMPLEXITY	3

ELIM. QUARTERS

	TSM	0
	CLOUD9	3
	ENVY	3
	COMPLEXITY	0

ELIM. SEMIFINALS

	CLOUD9	0
	ENVY	3

ELIMINATION FINALS

	SPACESTATION	2
	ENVY	3

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1		OPTIC GAMING Bound / Formal / Legend / SnakeBite (sub)	\$1,500 8000 PTS
2		ENVY Descendant / Piggy / Precision / Yakzn	\$500 4800 PTS
3		SPACESTATION Eco / Falcated / StelluR / Suppressed	3520 PTS
4		CLOUD9 Avuey / Bubu dubu / Kuhlect / Sab	2880 PTS
TOP 6		TSM Druk / Manny / Soul Snipe / Taulek	2560 PTS
		COMPLEXITY Cherished / King Nick / Mental / RyaNoob	2560 PTS
TOP 8		UNREAL NIGHTMARE BreakingShot / Cearion / Common / Envore	2240 PTS
		OMIT Huss / LethuL / Sceptify / Spartan	2240 PTS

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News - Regular

- [Halo Infinite Playlist Update](#) - by Halo Support
 - The Ranked Arena playlist was updated to increase the appearance of non-Slayer modes.
 - The map Lattice was updated to reduce instances of players leaving the intended playable area.

CoD (and other games) Watch

- [Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST – The Crossover You’ve Been Waiting for Arrives August 26](#) - by Joe Skrebels, Xbox Wire Editor-in-Chief
 - Helldivers 2 arrives on Xbox Series X|S next week, August 26 – and it’s dropping in with a magnificently Xbox-themed surprise. Introducing the Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Legendary Warbond, a collection of equipment you might just recognize.
 - In the world of Helldivers, ODST stands for “Obedient Democracy Support Troopers.” As every good soldier knows, nothing is more important than complete and total obedience in support of Democracy. This set of gear is inspired by storied heroes, and will allow you to join the ranks of the best-of-the-best. Of the best.
 - Comprising four weapons, two armor sets, and more, this Warbond will let you outfit yourself like those heroes. Let’s dive into what’s included:
 - Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Weapons
 - MA5C Assault Rifle – An iconic rifle; the definition of reliable and having taken down countless aliens bent on wiping out humanity, it is time to turn its sights on enemies of Managed Democracy. It comes equipped with the convenient ammo counter and a built-in compass – let it guide you to victory.
 - M7S SMG – Silent and deadly, with caseless ammo and a non-removable suppressor; this weapon is ready to spread Freedom to every corner of the galaxy.
 - M90A Shotgun – This powerful shotgun carries a kick and has a handy flashlight mounted on it so you can see the fear in your enemies’ eyes before you teach them a valuable lesson about Liberty.
 - M6C/SOCOM Pistol – They say keep your friends close and your sidearm closer. Well, we say that. The standard-issue ODST sidearm is your silent ally in the field – equipped with a built-in laser sight, flashlight, and, for the first time in Helldivers 2, a suppressor to support stealth gameplay. Because sometimes the best way to enforce Peace is quietly...
 - Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Armor
 - A-9 Helljumper – Debuted during the New Mombasa Armor Show, this sleek ensemble is sure to turn heads and blow minds.
 - A-35 Recon – Made famous by the Ministry of Intelligence’s hide-and-seek-and-destroy champion of ‘52, this armor has been improved by removing excess shoulder protection.
 - Feet First Armor Passive – Applied to both the above armor sets, this passive allows your Helldiver Helljumper to make less noise when moving, become immune to leg injuries, and increases the range of discovering points of interest by 30%.

- Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Capes and More
 - Honored Heirloom Cape – Should the wearer of this cape perish at the hands of Freedom’s enemies, it is customary to pass the cape on to their bravest child during the funeral, inspiring the next generation to take up arms.
 - Eye of the Clandestine Cape – Those who serve Liberty from the shadows often elect to stay anonymous, moving like traceless spectres through the night. May they watch over us always.
 - More! – The Warbond will also include ODST-themed player cards, a new player title, “Rookie”, and new vehicle pattern in a very familiar color known as Mean Green.
- Legendary Warbonds
 - For those who haven’t played Helldivers 2 before, Warbonds are optional collections of rewards that can be purchased through the in-game Acquisitions Center. The content inside is unlocked gradually by playing, but you never need to worry about missing your chance – Warbonds don’t expire, meaning you can take as long as you need to get all the goodies inside.
 - Legendary Warbonds are a brand new tier for the game. The Helldivers 2 x Halo: ODST Legendary Warbond can be unlocked for 1,500 Super Credits (which can be found in-game, or purchased separately). Be aware, Legendary Warbonds can’t be unlocked with the new Premium Warbond Tokens, also launching on August 26.
- Lqgend Potentially Eyeing Call of Duty - by many
 - In response to tweets related to SSG wanting a spot within the CDL and eyeing Lqgend for the roster, Tyler of SSG retweeted, stating “[Real btw](#)”.

Wills Adventures Within the Haloverse

- What games did Will play during the week?
 - It Takes Two
 - Halo Infinite
- Josh?
 - Sword of the Sea

Shoutouts

- Happy belated birthday to iSpiteful, RyaNoob, and Renegade!
- Congratulations to Shottzy on winning the Esports Controller Player of the Decade award!
- Shoutout to everyone who joined in the 8’s!
- Shoutout to everyone who followed/subbed during the live show!
- Shoutout to everyone who is a Patron at the Semi-Pro and higher tiers!
 - iRowBoats
 - Shio
 - Blackout
 - Dieode
 - dpancakes
 - Voodooman
 - Rasta Monkey Jr

- Snaggu
- Raidrater
- Peanutmut
- 1SwoleDaddy
- Danny OJ
- Rizznak
- Zarnierz
- HiTechRedneck
- Goalie Sniper
- Heavy Rainfall
- ElatedDartBoard

Community Creations

- [Halo memes every day!](#)
- [Weekly Coaching Videos](#) - by Piggy
 - Going to start posting a short weekly coaching video on my youtube called: "5 minutes with Piggy"
 - If you want to gain a deep understanding of the game and improve Halo IQ, subscribe to my youtube and be on the lookout for the first video announcement
 - <https://www.youtube.com/@piggyex>
- [Community Commendation Nomination Submissions are Now Live](#) - by Ranger_Cali
 - ITS TIME!! Community Commendations are NOW LIVE!!
 - You can officially submit your nominations for the best in the Halo community starting today. This is your chance to spotlight the people, groups, and creators who make Halo what it is here: <https://tinyurl.com/CommunityCommendations>
 - Get your submissions in by Sep 17th!!
 - This project is about celebrating the community, by the community. I can't wait to see who you all highlight and if you want to be a part of the process/a committee member for a certain category, please reach out to me so I go over those expectations (Twitter dm or discord).
 - I'll be working with Halo Respawn on housing all related updates/news! Follow them to stay up to date on all stages of this project! Coming soon with Committee Transparency, followed by Finalists Spotlights/Voting. <http://Halorespawn.com>

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