

TACTICAL 8 GAMING

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“Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Roster Announcement”

T8 has a new PUBG team!

Tactical 8 Gaming is proud to announce our inaugural PUBG Roster. Join us in welcoming our first PUBG players to the T-8 family. GrislyBB, BeamzBB, and the wisecracking crack shot, Weum00, form the core squad behind IGL, SteezyBB.

Grisly’s PUBG pro career began with a top 3 finish in the 2018 PUBG Global Invitational – North America as a member of Honey Badger Nation, formerly Vapor eSports. Over the next year he would put together a string of top ten finishes including two at 3rd place. BeaMz owns a 4th place finish in the GameStop Proving Grounds Duo as a part of the Smokin’ Aces.

Weum00 took part in the PUBG Global Series: Berlin and National PUBG League – Phase 3 as a part of the San Diego Rarity. In the latter, Weum00 finished 14th and faced NPLC Relegation, but bounced back with 1st place in the NPLC Phase 3 Relegation.

Steezy got started at DreamHack PUBG Showdown Austin 2018 as a part of team GodRez and followed that with an appearance in the PUBG Global Invitational 2018 – North America under the FlyQuest banner. As a part of ReinventT, Steezy pulled in 3rd place at NPLC - Phase 1.

We look forward to seeing what they can do as Tac 8.

“Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Roster Moves”

T8's PUBG team has a fresh new look!

We've had some changes in the PUBG roster over here at Tac 8. BeaMz and Grisly have officially retired from PUBG, and we wish them all the best in their futures, whatever they may hold and however they may take shape. Shoring up the roster and filling in those spots we are proud to welcome Lush and EnragedZealot to the T8 family.

Lush got started in 2018 as a member of Evil Geniuses with a 3rd place finish in the BEAT Invitational #2 by Soylent. Over the course of the next two years, Lush would be a part several more top ten finishes, including a 2nd place finish in NPLC phase 3 as a member of Halocline gaming.

EnragedZealot saw his first action as a member of Hot Droppers United in the PGS: Berlin North America Closed Qualifier earlier this year. We look forward to seeing these two in action as part of Tac 8. So far, the chemistry has been off the charts! Just take a look at their controlled chaos in action:

[embed link] <https://twitter.com/Weum00/status/1303059953662537730?s=20>

Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Finishes 3rd!

Tac 8's PUBG squad came in 3rd at 303 Gaming's Royale III – Contenders Final.

The first day's action saw T8 pull a bad situation into a win when, down two teammates in Game 2, Weum00 pushed up to third party YAH0 and OLT. A well yeeted grenade and some follow up shots, and YAH0 and OLT were no more, leaving only one team for Weum00 and EnragedZealot to deal with. Weum00 pulled off an amazing flank allowing him to reduce SDR to one player, turning the tables from the original 2v3. One quick snipe later, and Weum00 secured the chicken dinner.

[embed clip] <https://clips.twitch.tv/IgnorantSaltySwordBibleThump>

Of course, Weum00 wasn't done dominating yet. In Game 3, across a small ridge from the remaining 3 SDR players, he pulled a quick snipe, a spray down, and a cooked nade to eliminate SDR. With a full T8 team up, the boys waited for the last ECR player to go out before making their move 4v3 on YAH0. T8's Lush went absolutely ham to successively spray down YAH0 for the win.

Day 2's action began with Tac 8 at the top entering Game 7 on Miramar. The boys started slow with a 14th place finish. Tac 8 bounced back in Game 8, finishing 2nd on the back of 11 kills. Game 9 had a similar finish, with T8 going down in 2nd beneath YAH0's chicken dinner. The highlight of Game 9 had to be the fight with SDR and Elusive.

The announcers questioned Tac 8's patient decision to let SDR pass them in an open field where the shots seemed easy and the kills plentiful. SteezyBB had other plans for them, however, and set the trap. SDR walked across the field into the open arms of Elusive Gaming. Once the fight broke out, T8 rolled in and mopped up with a sick third party for the ages.

Game 10 saw a similar finish near the top, while the boys went out early in Game 11. Going into the final match, Tac 8 sat comfortably in 3rd place overall. Unfortunately, an early knock by Apollo onto Lush would prove too much. It would take another of those disgusting Day 1 displays by wildcard, Weum00, if T8 were to overcome the loss. Unfortunately, NE had taken the hill above T8, leaving the boys in a very Anakin on Mustafar position beneath the high ground.

SDR almost gifted T8 a chance to come back when they knocked tournament kill leader, NE's resident Obi-Wan: Sparkingg. Unfortunately, the rotation away from the high ground led T8 right into HIP's line of sight. HIP made quick work of T8, who would finish just 13th in the final match.

The totals were enough to secure Tactical 8 Gaming's PUBG team an overall 3rd place finish, just one spot shy of qualifying for the next round of 303 Gaming's series, but enough to qualify for \$300 in winnings. We're proud of the Tac 8 team's performance and look forward to their next frags.

Until then, you can rewatch all the epic action here:

Day 1:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/753011246>

Day 2:

<https://www.twitch.tv/videos/754014079>

Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Sits in 7th

Tac 8's PUBG squad sits in 7th place in the PCS3 NA Group Stage.

Last Friday the action began with Tac 8 seeming to play among the favorites as they secured a game one victory on the back of 12 kills. Nearly half of those were delivered by Lush who finished with 5 kills in the round. Things felt smooth as games 2 and 3 finished with Tac 8 in overall 3rd place with 7 and 8 kills respectively.

Tac 8's problems started in Game 4, though, when they dropped to 12th overall on a 7th place finish with only one kill. The next game was no better as they finished 14th with only 3 kills.

Things turned around on Sunday when the boys opened up with 3rd place in the day's first game. The 4 kills and 9 points were enough to pull the Tac 8 to 4th overall. A 15th place finish in Game 2 seemed to spell disaster with a lone kill and our overall placement dropping hard.

Another two finished at 10th or worse saw Tac 8 struggle to recover. All hope is not lost, as this weekend the next round begins, and our boys sit in 7th overall, poised to take things over with a few solid finishes.

<https://play.gll.gg/pubg/tournament/beaabfee-124f-4ff1-9a5e-4bf0df68ca66/leaderboard>

Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Sits in 13th

Tac 8's PUBG squad sits in 13th place in the PCS3 NA Group Stage after Week 2.

Last Friday got off to a slow start in the Group A vs. C bouts with Tac 8 securing only 1 kill in the first three games. The most points secured came from a 0 kill 8th place finish in game 3. The boys turned it around on the back of Weum's 8 kills to secure a 5th and 8th finish in games 4 and 5. Of the 10 kills, Weum held 8.

The Group A vs. B games fared somewhat better. Tactical 8 finished 14th in game 1, but stuck the landing at 10th on the leaderboard behind 2 kills. Game 2 saw Lush absolutely frag out to push the boys into overall 5th on the back of a 6th place finish with 4 kills. In Game 3 the boys put down 3 frags to finish the game 7th overall.

Game 4 went a bit south with only 1 kill and the boys sitting dead last on the round. EnragedZealot turned it around for Game 5, though, and threw down 4 frags en route to a 3rd place finish in the game. All told, that was good enough for 5th overall in the match.

At the end of both group stages in week 2, the Tac 8 boys secured a 13th place overall finish going into the final week of the tournament.

<https://play.gll.gg/pubg/tournament/beaabfee-124f-4ff1-9a5e-4bf0df68ca66/leaderboard>

Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Finishes 14th

Tac 8's PUBG squad finished in 14th place in the PCS3 NA Group Stage.

After securing a 14th place finish, the Tac 8 squad advances in the PCS. It wasn't all easy, though, and the boys came real close to missing the cutoff. In the A vs. C grouping's five games, Tac 8 pulled down two 4th place finishes with low kills along side some lower finishes with high kills.

Game 1 saw the boys finish 11th on 2 kills from EnragedZealot and 1 from Weum00. Game 2 had a similar low finish with a high kill chaser: 4 kills spread among the group, with SteeZybb getting 2 of them. The next two placements would be 4th, first with 0 kills in Game 3, then with 2 kills in Game 5.

The A vs. B grouping set of five games went much better with Tactical 8 securing all high placements, Game 1 aside. The boys finished 13th in Game 1 on the back of one kill from EnragedZealot. In Game 2, though, Tac 8 slotted a 2nd place finish on 3 kills from EnragedZealot and SteeZybb combined.

Game 3 saw the boys frag out the most with 6 kills on a 5th place finish. Weum00 went ham with half the squad's kills that game. A 3rd place finish with no kills in Game 4, followed by a 6th place finish in Game 5 with 1 kill was enough for Tac 8 to advance.

We look forward to seeing what the squad can do next! Check out the leaderboard and action here:

<https://play.gll.gg/pubg/tournament/beaabfee-124f-4ff1-9a5e-4bf0df68ca66/leaderboard>

Tactical 8 Signed TFT Pro Gloryda

Tactical 8 Gaming Welcomes a New Member to the Family.

Tac8's newest pro gamer, Gloryda, holds the distinction of being the fifth ranked Teamfight Tactics player in North America. A true gamer to his core, Gloryda looks at professional eSports as the endgame of a natural progression in gaming. Gloryda finds his motivation and inspiration by looking up toward the pros and champions who've come before him.

In fact, Gloryda's focus on gaming and the grind toward being the best and biggest, leaves him with, as he put it, "no life outside of eSports." With that sort of unrelenting dedication to winning, sometimes it can be taxing mentally. After a year away for military service, Gloryda has had more than maintaining focus on his opponents to contend with.

When asked what changed about the pro TFT scene while he was away, Gloryda noted, "the game itself, the Meta, the players, new champs, new system, new items," changed so much it, "felt like a whole new game." When someone has that level of commitment and drive, it can be tricky to deal with any break or interruption in that routine. The shock of all of it had Gloryda, "scared at first."

To prepare himself for his matches and competitions, Gloryda believes nothing works better than meditating with Korean raps, particularly his favorite artist Jay Park. He also chills with some Valorant when not on the grind. Of course, his all-time favorite game is still Hearthstone.

Finding that balance hasn't been a problem for Gloryda, though, as his tournament experience includes a 6th place finish in the finals. He credits his unique types of plays and his ability to predict his opponents for his success. His favorite clip highlighting that skillset and predictive ability can be seen here: <https://www.twitch.tv/videos/680744106>

We look forward to seeing Gloryda represent the Tac8 family as he escalates his game to the next level!

Ex_Sci_Guy finishes 5th in Tarkov's Army of Two!

Tac8's Ex_Sci_Guy and Duo WG_Ares Took 5th Place in EFT Army of Two Tourney

In the recent EFT duos tournament, Army of Two, Tactical 8 Gaming streamer, Ex_Sci_Guy, and his duo, WG_Ares, placed fifth in a field of 34 teams. Ex_Sci_Guy first learned of the Escape from Tarkov Army of Two tournament from a new viewer in his stream. Prior to that, the most streamer on streamer battling he'd done was trying to queue into same lobbies against groups of friends in order to fight each other.

Ex_Sci_Guy's introduction to Battlestate Games' Escape from Tarkov came when he searched Google for "best new shooters" one night. As best he could, he tried to understand the purpose, the goal, and the way of Tarkov, but no one video was giving him any consistent answer. Only the word "hardcore" continued to show up each time.

Though Ex_Sci_Guy had previously played R6 Siege on console and appreciated, even "loved the dynamic gunplay," but he didn't expect, "the depth at which this game [Tarkov] went, and how many different ways you could play." He notes that there's a viable playstyle for all types of players, which makes each raid turn into "its own [deep] story."

While the Army of Two tournament didn't reward the core concept of Tarkov, namely extracting from raids, with any point incentive, that might have only increased the pace of action. Teams were awarded 10 points for kills on Reserve scav boss Glukhar, 5 points for any kills on other players, 3 points for any raider kills (elite scavs and boss bodyguards), and a single point for each regular scav kill.

Since raiders can only spawn late raid or by chance spawn with extract activations, the pace of action was invariably connected to the speed at which a team could find and kill the big prize, Glukhar. Ex_Sci_Guy attested to that strategy saying their "plan was to push him." He and WG_Ares managed to wipe Glukhar and his bodyguards three times.

The comms during these fights were "aggressively wild . . . because we knew we needed to make it quick," acknowledging that other players would likely be running the same strategy. During his biggest point raid of the tourney, Ex_Sci_Guy wiped Glukhar, 3 scavs, and 2 players before killing a number of raiders. A clip of that action can be seen here: <https://clips.twitch.tv/RelatedTolerantNoodleTriHard>

When asked if he'd enter the tournament again in the future, Ex_Sci_Guy said "for sure. I had an amazing time, . . . many memories," and met a lot of other streamers and Tarkovians. If it brings in more action like the clip above, we can't wait to see it. Great job done Ex_Sci_Guy and WG_Ares! Way to represent for the Tac8 family. Can we get some PogChamps in his chat the next time he goes live on Twitch, gamers?

Tac8 Announces New PUBG Tournament

Tactical 8 Gaming is proud to bring the newest in PUBG tournaments.

The new tournament, dubbed “Tac 8 Pro Am,” begins this Nov. 23rd, with 16 teams fighting it out over who takes home the big bad chicken dinner. Registration is open until Nov. 16th, with 10 teams already committed.

Tac 8 Pro Am is the brain child of our own Bruiserton and part-owner Wookie. Wookie sees the Pro Am as not just a way to increase the org’s own notoriety, but also as a means to further develop and work with the PUBG community to give something back to the scene which is, as he put it, Tac8’s “bread and butter.”

In fact, Wookie’s extensive PUBG experience includes a stint in the, “Tier 2 / Tier 3 NA scene for a few months,” followed by “coaching a few teams for around a year.” Most of that time he spent coaching Tier 8 which would become the Tactical 8 Gaming we know and love today.

Bruiserton, himself, hopes to put on “a good show for the viewers,” who come to the Tac8 Twitch for the events. His PUBG experience began about the same time the game did, back in 2017, and it was actually his introduction to PC gaming and the primary reason he built his PC. He, too, joined during the Tier 8 period and was part of a team which fell merely 2 points shy of qualifying for NPLC. After a short stint coaching the San Diego Rarity, Bruiserton

Wookie also pointed out it would, “test the viability of running more tournaments in the future for PUBG and potentially other games,” in the future. In terms of games under consideration, Rogue Company and Valorant were at the top of list, in part due to Tac8 “looking to enter into [them].” Testing viability is an important part of any tournament life, with Wookie noting the “abysmal” settings under which the NPL took shape that led to its failure and the ultimate success of PCS.

The official schedule for the tournament is (all dates in mm/dd/yy format):

day 1: 11/23/20

Day 2: 11/30/20

Day 3: 12/7/20

Day 4: 12/14/20

Join the discord to sign up today: [Redacted for Privacy]

Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Sits 11th PCS3 NA Finals

Tac 8's PUBG squad is in 11th place in the PCS3 NA Finals.

The 11th place finish for our Tac 8 boys represents equal parts brilliance and frustration, but enough of the former to be in manageable position. Weum00 even posted over 2k damage for 10th overall in the competition.

Game 1 played out on Miramar with Weum00 finishing 4th in damage, with no kills to show for it. The squad finished 16th. Miramar's Game 2 saw Tac8 push far too early and pay for it with a 15th place finish. Game 3, on Erangel, played out much the same with a 16th place finish.

By Game 4, the Tac8 squad seemed to have things sorted. Lush popped off to the tune of 4 kills, good enough for the 6th highest total for the game. The boys had a nice breach on Soniqs early for a couple kills and to secure good positioning, followed up by a nice wipe of Fabled that saw SteeZybb and EnragedZealot get knocked and flushed. All told the performance secured a 5th place on 6 kills and 2 placement points with Lush alone to full send it into the circle.

Game 5 saw SteeZybb similarly hold out solo for higher placement. In the end, he secured a 5th place, which combined with the team's 7 kills that round proved enough to finish 3rd overall for the match. Tac8 dominated the round with 3 of the top 10 overall damage slots occupied by EnragedZealot, SteeZybb, and Lush. Weum00's 3 kills were 8th overall.

Miramar's Game 6 played out less in Tac8's favor, with 1 kill and a finish at 13th. For Game 7's Erangel, Weum00 finished 2nd overall in damage and 3rd overall in kills, tied for 4 with EnragedZealot in 4th. All told, Tac8 dropped 9 kills and 4 placement points to finish 2nd.

Game 8 was something wild, though, with Illusion having hot dropped Tac8 for prim all week in scrims, they weren't expected to back off after finding one player. The rest of their roster snaked and ratted their way to killing SteeZybb. As part-owner AmericanGrizz put it, "this unsuspected play lead to chaos for the team," noting they, "managed to salvage the game with an 8th place finish."

Check out the big play from Game 5 here: <https://clips.twitch.tv/BlightedBovineVanillaPRChase>

And check out the leaderboard so you're ready and primed when Day 3 of competition hits tomorrow:

[redacted due to broken link and now unsecure landing page]

Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Roster Changes

Tac8 is Excited to Announce New Changes to Our PUBG Roster

Coming off a 15th place finish in PCS3 NA Grand Final, Tac8 shook up the roster heading into Dreamhack. The change sees Lush departing while Decinator slots in for the Dreamhack competition.

Lush's time with Tac8 spanned two PCS seasons and included a 303 Contenders tournament and a couple quarantine leagues as well. His recent efforts in the PCS3 NA Grand Final included 2 headshots on 7 kills and 8 assists, with 3022 damage, and 15 knocks. While a necessary roster move for the future, part-owner Grizz attested we, "couldn't have asked for a nicer guy to be a part of T8." We wish Lush the best in his gaming future as well as in life, which he's stated he'd like a bit more time to focus on.

Decinator comes to Tac8 with a background including two stints in the PCS Group Stages as part of Orion in PCS2 and Elus1ve in PCS3. During that span he boasted a 16% headshot rate and a 40% accuracy average. We are excited to see what Decinator can bring to the Tac8 PUBG squad.

Fans can catch him in action with the rest of the Tac8 boys when Dreamhack Open Qualifiers begin Nov. 30 and continue through Dec. 3rd. For more information, please visit the Dreamhack PUBG Showdown Winter website at: <https://dreamhack.com/pubg/top-news/winter-2020/>

Tac8 PCS3 NA Finals Wrap-Up

Tac8 Finishes 15th in the PCS3 NA Finals

The boys put up a valiant effort in the final weeks of the PCS3 NA Finals but finished 15th overall. Week 1 saw some amazing plays and good point scores, but we just couldn't match the pace in Week 2 and 3. The Tactical 8 Gaming family is proud of their efforts and we look forward to what they can do in the next competitions with the adjusted roster.

Yet, be these whispers the only tales of dead men? Nar! According to the legends of the scrolling copy pasta, on Day 6 during Game 3, "Weum00 left T8 to become a pirate, started a new life on a small island, and now his redemption arc starts and he's rejoining the mainland." Now a Pirate King, keeper of his own island paradise, Weum00 took to the sails again as the storm closed in and the seas began to churn. He had to seek the safety of the storm's eye.

Arg! Alas, his ship torn asunder, his eyes burning from the seawater, Pirate King Weum00 swam toward the shore only to be met with a sheer cliff face. He could hear the shots ring out above, as the only other crews alive fought in the eye of the storm.

As all but two other crews fell to the briny deep, Pirate King Weum00 floated belly up, like so much flotsam, a song on his smiling lips. As the last two crews fought above the cliff face, they could each swear they heard the ocean singing, "Yo ho, yo ho, the Pirate King is Weum00."

Catch the replay here: [link redacted due to being dead]

Tac8 Gaming Announces New Rogue Company Team

Tactical 8 enters the Rogue Company arena.

After announcing a new Tft team, a new PUBG tournament, and updating its PUBG roster, Tac8 expands its eSports footprint with a new Rogue Company team. The team consists of Royal, Wyley, King, and team captain, JoKer.

JoKer's first competitive experience came when he joined a team back in the days of CoD Black Ops 1. Since then he's continued to compete in CoD along with Halo, Rocket League, and Splitgate: Arena Warfare. In fact, JoKer "can't wait to start . . . competing in Rogue [Company]," further stating, "the team we have made . . . people shouldn't underestimate."

These days JoKer still plays CoD, along with Five Nights at Freddy's, Brawlhalla, and the Binding of Isaac, but his favorites are Splitgate and, his mainstay, Rogue Company. His drive comes from his wife and children, the latter he hopes to show "you can be anything and anyone with gaming." It's a sentiment he carries over to competition, hoping to be a role model to future gamers and eSports athletes.

Join us in welcoming the squad to the Tac8 family. We look forward to watching the new team in action in their next Rogue Company competition.

A picture's worth a thousand words, but JoKer says he likes to "let the bullets do the talking." We'll let you decide with this clip of him getting down in Rogue Company:

<https://clips.twitch.tv/SullenCorrectHerdLitty>

Tactical 8 Tft Takes Top Ten Twice at Dreamhack

Tac8's Gloryda and newest Tft star, ShibaDoG, take 8th and 10th at Dreamhack!

Gloryda, the Tac8 Tft pro who lives, breathes, eats, sleeps, and drinks Tft eSports finished 10th in the Tft tournament at Dreamhack. He was proud to represent Tac8 at the event saying, "it feels good," to have a team to compete for. Gloryda cites the support of part-owner AmericanGrizz, including "setting [him] up with new goals and advice," as a major reason he felt ready to compete.

It wasn't just Gloryda's own goals and focus that brought meaning to him during the event. He said, "crushing opponents in different divisions and moving up towards finals" with Tac8's newest addition to the Tft team, ShibaDoG, "was fun to see." Outside of "one mistake which was really unusual," Gloryda felt he showcased his best at Dreamhack.

Tactical 8's newest Tft pro, ShibaDoG, similarly came from a pure LoL background before transitioning to Teamfight Tactics. His past experience includes playing "as a regional representative for the presidential boat in LoL," where he finished 3rd.

Competing for Tac8 and against American players for the first time at Dreamhack, ShibaDoG brought home an 8th place finish. Determination and confidence are major factors for ShibaDoG, to the point he views any finish less than 1st as a learning moment to improve upon for the future. He feels "competing with other players motivates [him]."

His daily routine involves getting up and having a cup of coffee to get focused for the matches. Outside of competition, ShibaDoG enjoys spending time with his family and streaming on Twitch, as well as playing Valorant, LoL, and Hearthstone among other games.

You can see ShibaDoG doing his thing here:

<http://vod.afreecatv.com/PLAYER/STATION/60718025>

Tac8 Has a Brand New Sponsor

Tactical 8 Gaming is now “gaming with style!” thanks to PureTrak,

Tac8 and PureTrak came to terms on a sponsorship deal. Why PureTrak and Tac8? Tac8 Gaming believes in the product and PureTrak believes in us. PureTrak makes high quality mouse pads and skates to help you achieve your best gameplay when you start clicking heads.

PureTrak offers mouse pads in the Talent and Black Series. All mouse pads come in two sizes: medium (12.6 x 10.6 in); and large (18.5 x 15 in). The flagship Talent series comes in three colors (black, white / blue, and pink) and rocks a 6mm thickness. The black series comes in pure black color with a white corner logo for the gamer who likes the comfort of a thinner 3mm surface.

Mouse skates for nearly every make and model of mouse from Cooler Master and Logitech to Razer and Steelseries and more. Got a Logitech MX518? No problem. PureTrak has you covered for both 1600 and 1800 DPI models. Razer Naga? Yep. PureTrak has skates for Endgame, Finalmouse, Glorious, G-Wolves, Microsoft, and Zowie as well.

Wanna play like the Tac8 pros? Game with Tac 8 using code “TAC8” at checkout with PureTrack and always, “game with style!”

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Tac8 Wins PUBG Quarantine League on the Back of Solid Roster Moves

Tactical 8 Gaming Dominates Quarantine League

The Tac8 PUBG boys triumphed in the Quarantine League's sixth iteration even amid roster changes which saw two different players in the role. The changes came after EnragedZealot parted ways under amicable terms. We certainly wish Zealot the best going forward in whatever he may do.

During the group stages, Tac8 tried out Maji as a replacement, but ultimately the team went with Knopp who joined the Tac8 boys for the finale. Knopp's contributions didn't go unnoticed as he proved to be "a monster and top fragged the entire finals," according to Tac8 co-owner AmericanGrizz. Knopp previously played for Flipside Tactics and Dodge before coming to Tactical 8 Gaming, bullets flying and chicken dinners frying.

For the tournament, Tac8 tied for the most chicken dinners, four, with No Kap, and finished first in the tournament over AGES, Fabled, and No Kap in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places respectively. It wasn't all domination, despite putting up the top performances in weeks 2 and 4. Week 1 saw the boys finish 3rd with 55 points, while AGES sat atop the boards with 85.

Week 2 saw Tac8 outshine AGES' week 1 performance as they finished with 87 points for the week. A 7th place finish, with 33 points, was the low point for the tournament, but taking the top place in week 4 guaranteed tournament victory.

Tac8 PUBG finished 1st with 238 total points while AGES, Fabled, and No Kap finished at 204, 200, and 199 points making second place a very tight competition.

Check out the Tac8 twitter for more PUBG news and action!

Tac8 Has Some PUBG Roster Announcements

Tactical 8 Gaming PUBG Has a Brand New Look!

While it's always sad to see a player move on from the eSport you've grown to love watching them in, we wish Kropp the best of luck as he focuses on his academics and goes back to college. We know he'll kill it in school just like he did in the circle. In his stead, Tac8 welcomes RichyB to the family.

RichyB previously played for Barely Not Legal in the ESL PUBG Community Challenge North America Phase 1. His love of video games started early, when he played, "Crash Bandicoot . . . on [his] brother's PS2," at age 6. It wasn't long before he was murdering robots in a Disney MMORPG, ToonTown, on the family PC, which led to his discovery of Minecraft and ultimately his gateway into competitive gaming. In Minecraft, RichyB started playing more PvP modes like Hunger Games and Bed Wars, which he claims is, "where [his] passion for gaming really grew."

By his early teens he was into mainstays of eSports like CS:GO and TF2. After a birthday which saw him receive a pre-built gaming PC, RichyB fully immersed in the competitive scene dabbling in Fortnite and PUBG. Currently, RichyB enjoys The Binding of Isaac, Escape from Tarkov, Rust, Insurgency, Terraria, and Factorio when he's not grinding PUBG, but his all-time favorites are Minecraft, PUBG, Alice Greenfingers, and Town of Salem.

RichyB says he's, "been focusing on self-improvement recently, such as . . . sleep schedule, going to the gym, and eating more responsibly," since he's on the precipice of adulthood, which he sees playing out as a skydiving instructor, "proficient in wing suiting as well as base jumping." He gets a lot of encouragement from his support network of family and friends to keep him motivated, but also uses his need to win to give him the extra edge.

Tournament preparations are fairly simple for RichyB, just good meal, plenty of water, and some hype music—typically hard rap or indie rock. His main PUBG goal is to qualify for an international LAN. The Tac8 family would love to see it! His unique style comes from a merging of rational thinking, and commitment and loyalty. Of course, "hitting random trees and rocks at least once every rotation," might add to that.

As regards the new PUBG scoring format changes, RichyB believes it "ruins PUBG's risk vs. reward decision making," while robbing teams in a bad position of their chance to maximize points with intelligent play. In fact, RichyB believes it was the "balancing factor" to circle proximity, which now more or less determines the victor, leaving the game to pure RNG vs. the balanced RNG we've loved.

You can catch RichyB between events at his youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCr4oPGvUC5e-80F4BTen57g>

Tac8 Has Reached the Apex

Tactical 8 Gaming Has a Brand New Apex Legends Squad!

Under the leadership of a familiar face, Tac8 has dipped its toes into a new arena: Apex Legends. Former Tac8 PUBG pro, DirtyZinn, returns to head up a squad which also includes SheffinB and ItsLoch. DirtyZinn's goals for the team reads like a Bond villain plot for global conquest: "to dominate in every way possible."

During his PUBG days, DirtyZinn boasted a respectable 36% headshot rate while playing for a few different teams, finishing as high as 2nd in a major tournament, Global Loot League's Wingman VII. Similarly, ItsLoch has spent the past three years competing in PUBG before coming over to Apex Legends. While SheffinB has only played as a fill-in for a few tournaments in Apex, he's determined to prove the Tac8 boys aren't just, "hardstuck 10k Masters players."

Get to know the boys better over the coming weeks as Tac8 releases a series of in-depth profiles to bring you even closer to the pros you know and love. Learn what motivates them, inspires them, and see their sick skill in action with curated highlights and clips.

We look forward to seeing what the Apex Legends team can do!

Tac8 Has Set Foot into the Smash Bros. Circuit

Tactical 8 Gaming Welcomes Super Smash Bros. Pro, Zie!

Hailing from Lafayette and holding the top spot in the Louisiana Power Rankings along with his regular duos partner, C.Falcon, Tac8 is absolutely stoked to announce our newest pro, Zie. A Palutena main, Zie has played tournaments in both Super Smash Bros. (SSB) for Wii U and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate (SSBU).

His credits for SSB include placements at DreamHack ATL '17, 25th at King of the Springs 3, and a 13th in 2v2s at MomoCon 2018 alongside C.Falcon. His SSBU experience is nearly triple that of SSB, with nearly a dozen top 10 placements and including a win at the Laffy Invitational this past May. Though his proudest moment came during his Super Smash Con 2019 singles bracket run. With the crowd and his friends within it cheering him on, he, "nearly [made] it into the top 64 of the second biggest Smash tournament," there is. At the same event, alongside C.Falcon, Zie would take 9th in the duos bracket.

This incredible talent wasn't developed overnight. Zie's first spark of competitive interest came at age 12, when he first, "saw Super Smash Bros. Melee tournaments on YouTube," and was in awe of, "how cool [the events] looked and how good people were." His decision to main Palutena drew inspiration from seeing Dabuz use the character in tournament play, "very shortly after the game's release," but cemented when Zie realized the true depth of potential within the character's skillset.

By age 14, Zie began going to tournaments as a spectator when one of his friends agreed to take the sport a little more serious than casual, agreeing to be his practice partner. After convincing a friend to help him on his journey, he had to tackle the biggest sales pitch target of them all: mom. There were bi-weekly tournaments in Lafayette proper, about 30 minutes' drive from Zie's suburb, but he was too young to drive. Once mom was on board, he's, "been going to tournaments pretty much every week of [his] life.

Zie has always looked up to players like Mew2King and Tweek, and their ability to "breakdown the game" into new and innovative ways. His motivation to strive toward similar success as his role models comes from a pure love for the game combined with his natural "will to win and improve," and overall, "never be satisfied or get complacent with how good I am at any given moment." He wants to continually push his limits to see just how far he can go on his route to becoming a full-time content creating gaming pro.

Don't let the drive toward perfection fool you, though. His favorite part of being in the circuit is making friends and meeting people along the way. As Zie put it: "Smash has allowed me to meet so many of my current best friends, one of which eventually became my boyfriend. I'll always be thankful to everyone I've met for this passion we all share." Even when asked what his unique skillset in Smash is, he revealed that ultimately, beyond his ability to retain knowledge and adapt to changes, it's his "genuine desire to help those around [him] grow and improve."

His warmup routine speaks to his success and includes delving through pages of notes before a few practice matches vs friends who then critique his play and help him suss out weaknesses. Outside of Smash, Zie enjoys hanging out with family and friends watching anime and playing other games including platformers, party games, JRPGs and RPGs, as well as visual novels. His all-time favorite games are Xenoblade Chronicles, the Mario Party and Pokémon franchises, and Chrono Trigger.

Catch some of Zie's favorite highlights here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FI8n3ViKbmw&t=136s>

And here: https://clips.twitch.tv/CourteousPoorCheesecakeAMPEnergyCherry-bY_9QMGXTnqEYHTS

Tac8 Shakes Things Up in PUBG

Tactical 8 Gaming has an adjusted PUBG Squad Making Waves!

After falling short of expectations during the PCS NA, Tac8 has made roster adjustments. First, we say goodbye to Psycho_Idiot whose decision to retire from the eSports scene comes from his personal desire and drive in IRL pursuits which require the majority of his time. Second, due to underperformance, Tactical 8 Gaming chose to part ways with Yeabull to explore other options in the position.

Psycho_Idiot retired at his peak, performing during the PCS NA with a personal form score of 110%. His career comes to a conclusion after 24 matches representing Tac8 after a stint with Wallbang eSports. The Tac8 family wishes both players all the best in their future endeavors.

Familiar faces, Palecks and Xennny remain to welcome two new teammates in Dillann and the Number1potato himself. Both players, big fraggers each, come to Tac8 in the wake of competing org, Orion's, recent roster shake up.

Catch the crew's new look at their next event in two months. Stay tuned to the Tac8 socials for more information!

Since the last time we sat down with Zie, he's been busy with quite a lot. From the numerous tournaments he entered, to the adaptations to game updates, to academic accolades, it's been quite a time to be Zie.

Tac8 would like to begin by congratulating Zie on graduating from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in December. The next phase of his life includes the excitement of "moving in with some good friends in August," and a part-time remote job he balances against his competitive Smash aspirations. The added free time of post-school life has given him the time to, "see the people I love," like family and friends.

The biggest challenge preparing for event play was adapting to the "second wave of DLC characters released, due to," most of the Fighters Pass 2 DLC characters being quite strong and very unique." Of course, Zie's "been working hard to learn how to fight each one of them," leading up to his event play run.

Zie's run included 5 tournament placements, starting with a 33rd place finish in a pool of 687 players at Let's Make Big Moves 2022 in New York this past January. A month later, he took down a 65th place finish out of 616 players at Glitch – Infinite in February. April was a busy month for Zie with two tournament entries.

At Pound 2022, he placed 49th out of 433, and, in his best performance of the year so far, he took down a 17th place finish out of 561 players at Low Tide City 2022. Zie followed this up with a devilishly good performance, placing 49th out of 666 players at Momocon 2022 in May. Low Tide City '22 was by far his favorite event, with a lot of fellow Louisiana players participating, including a number of first timers for "an event of this caliber, so it was nice getting to cheer for everyone and having everyone cheer for [him]."

Zie faced his most challenging opponent, "by far," at Low Tide City '22 as well. MuteAce is, "currently the best Peach player in the world and very easily top 20, and" as Zie put it, "with how good MuteAce is versus Palutena, he beat me quite confidently." On the flip side his Low Tide City '22 experience was his favorite moment from all the year's tournaments to date.

One of his friends, Chiki, recorded the moment where Zie won "the set that qualified [him] for top 32 at Low Tide City and includes all [his] friends, many of which were not sober, jumping around and cheering for [him]. The highlight link follows below the article.

While gaming outside of Smash, Zie's enjoyed playing "Chrono Cross, NieR Replicant, Fire Emblem: Awakening and Dragon Quest XI" by himself. "Alongside his best friend," Zie has been playing "Kirby and the Forgotten Land as well as The Great Ace Attorney Chronicles."

