

MCSA Ranked

Playoffs

ZINE EDITION

Out Now!

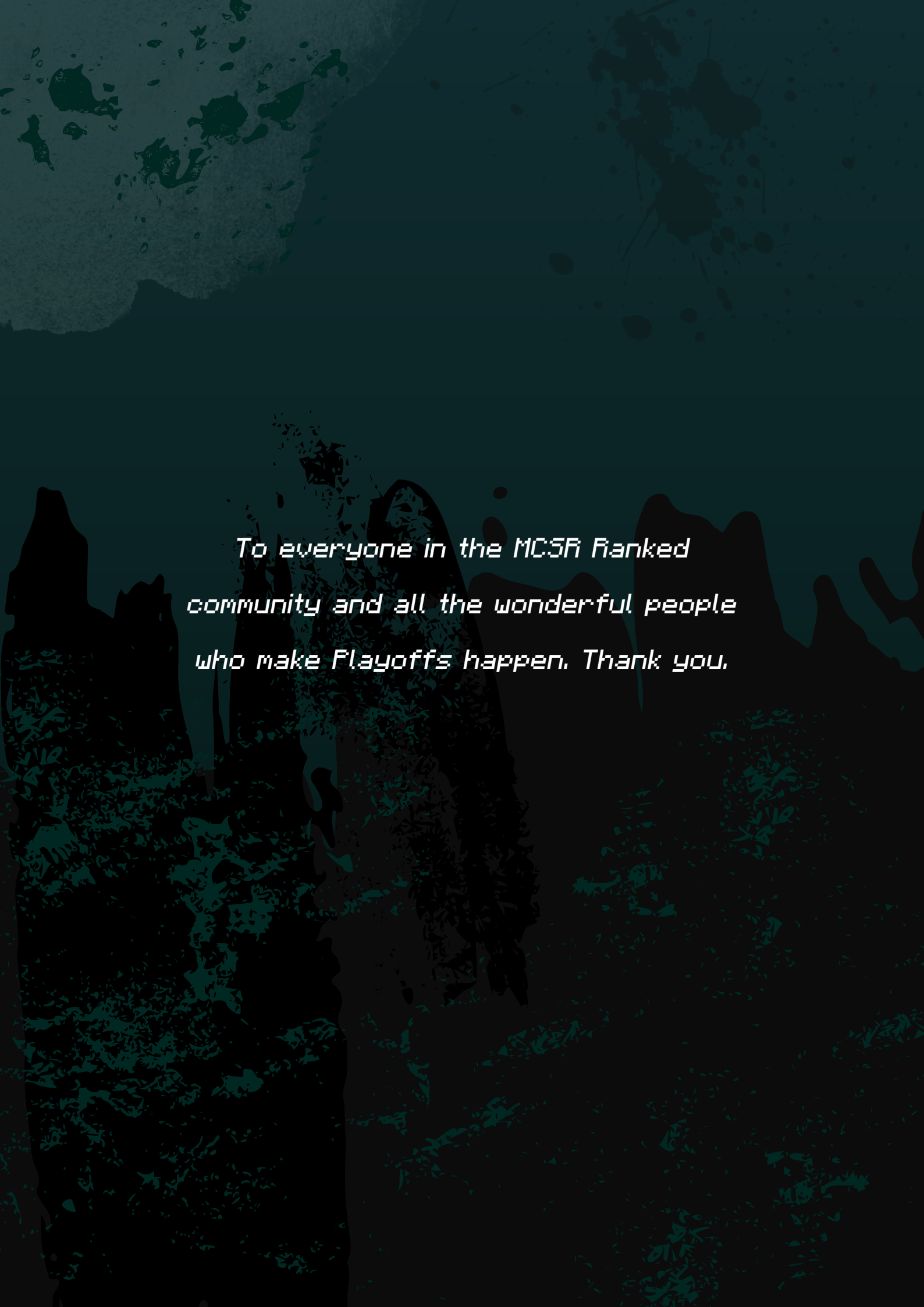


Seasons 1-7

Admin Appreciation

Zine Contributors





*To everyone in the MCSR Ranked
community and all the wonderful people
who make Playoffs happen. Thank you.*





Zine Contents



Season 1	_____	page 6
Season 2	_____	page 25
Season 3	_____	page 37
Season 4	_____	page 57
Season 5	_____	page 71
Season 6	_____	page 90
Season 7	_____	page 108
Admin Appreciation	_____	page 132
Contributors	_____	page 140

Season 1

"It's just this one early mistake that is cascading in a *horrific* way."

— Feinberg



Season 1

Qualifiers : Round of 16

Ave

The best of the best
Going head to head
As the timer ticks impatiently,

Tick.

Tock.

Tick.

Tock.

The seconds not counting down
But rather up
And every second wasted
Is a second someone else gets ahead.

Tick.

Tock.

Tick.

Tock.

The thump of your heart could shake the Earth.
The sweat on your palms could fill oceans.
The fire in your chest could melt glaciers.

Tick.

Tock.

Tick.

Tock.



Season 1

Qualifiers : Round of 16

Fighting for a spot on the bracket.

Fighting to be number one.

Fighting for a place on the stage.

Fighting to show the world that you can.

16 runners

For the very first time

Race in the

Universe that seems

to be fighting against them.

Tick.

Tock.

Tick.

Tock.

Who will prevail against all odds?

Who will find a common rhythm

And dare to tango with the dragon

As it spins circles above?

Who will fly towards the stars

And who will remain grounded?

Tick.

Tock.

Tick.

Tock.



Season 1

Qualifiers : Round of 16

16 runners
Fighting for a spot
Only 8 can make it

Tick.

Tock.

Tick.

Tock.

Who will reach the top?



Season 1

Qualifiers : Round of 16

Moe Deemoe





Season 1

Qualifiers : Round of 16

nicey

.technical difficulties
the small hiccups laughed at us back then. now
they can't help but.

.smile for a different reason
how far we have come is a checkmark.

.of the starting point
it is like walking along the beach and when you look
back, your own footsteps unconsciously trace
your eyes.

footsteps had washed away the waves, but moments
of laughter and tears marked the remaining.

.moment of
two years ago, the song of the ocean woke up to
our.

.smile!
the opening firework show began Season 1
Qualifiers.

the next two spectacular years toast to how we will
become.

you will think of Season 1 Qualifiers when there
happens.



Season 1

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Anonymous

Seeds of a Start

I didn't get the pleasure to watch season 1 live, I returned to MCSR right as it was finishing and frankly had no idea this whole Ranked Playoffs thing even existed until Couriway did his (scuffed) Season 2 quals. But when I sat down and watched the earliest stage of playoffs, when it was rough and wrinkled, fumbling to find its footing, its own voice and character, I found beauty in it. Sure, it's nowhere near the polished product we've seen in the past year—almost flawless gameplay from competitors, wonderfully edited between-match segments, and countless volunteers who keep the show going, but while I watched season 1 bored out of my mind in the summer between Playoffs, it was beautiful in its own right. It was a passion project that didn't know how to *be* quite yet, with its post-match interviews that faded out and back in, the previous rounds' analysis before someone else played that never came back.

Part of its beauty was in its unpolished aspect and how much of a passion project it was, and how those things showed. I think especially of watching Ancoboy vs Doogile during my historical journey: laughing as the commentators smoothly talked about Anco's forfeit in the previous round, the breath-stealing neck-and-neck first seed, and all



Season 1

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

all the tragedy and joy of a reverse sweep that I already knew the outcome for. The past was doomed to be as it was and no cheering or hoping or praying could change it and it was tragic and heartbreaking and soulsinking.

But looking back to the very start, to the roots, to what Playoffs was *built* on before it knew what it would grow into was as looking back at a seed of a tree you knew well. It was as seeing the drops of water that satiated its thirst and let it grow, and feeling the same sunshine that let it grow. Looking at the foundations of Playoffs and its beginnings will always be learning one's history and knowing that what is loved now was also *built* on love.



Season 1

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

lem





Season 1

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

siphon-04

Four Remain

The round of sixteen was over.
On the horizon, a new challenge began.
Nothing was more serious than this.
Then now.
And it would only get harder from here.

The first wave began.
A ruined portal.
A village.
A desert temple.

Two opponents.
A struggle that continues and continues.
Three wins.
One remains.

The second wave began.
A shipwreck.
Buried treasure.
A ruined portal.
Another shipwreck.
A village.

Two opponents.
Things are more interesting now.
One win to one player.
Another win to another.
Another.



Season 1

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

And so forth.
Until the end.
One player.
One remains.

The third wave began.
A shipwreck.
Buried treasure.
A ruined portal.
More buried treasure.

Two opponents.
Two friends.
Racing together.
Racing each other.
Racing against each other.
One remains.

The fourth wave began.
A ruined portal.
A shipwreck.
A village.
Another ruined portal.
Another village.

Two opponents.
The last of the round.
A fight for the finish.
From the beginning.
To the end.
One remains.



Season 1

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

One remains.

Two remain.

Three remain.

Four remain.

Four remain.

Until one remains.

The quarterfinals were over.

On the horizon, a new challenge began.

Nothing was more serious than this.

Then now.

And it would only get harder from here.



Season 1

Grand Finals : 3rd place

Quill

Wind whispers through tall grass, bees bumble along a scattering of flowers on the outskirts of a quaint village in the middle of the plains. Suddenly, in two different, yet identical universes, a player appears.

They get to work without a second thought, locating the village's blacksmith and taking what they need, wood, cobblestone, iron and obsidian, hands flying across crafting tables and through inventories to create the necessary tools and items to advance. Further, faster, the gap between the two becomes obvious as Silverr enters the Nether, spotting the bastion instantly. Doogile knows. He sees Silverr's effort begin to pay off as he sprints to catch up, having to light his portal with wood instead of flint, the fire catching his pant legs from a misstep.

The two speedrunners grit their teeth, each surging forward at breakneck pace to complete the milestones, get what they need, finish the game. Doogile enters the bastion with Silverr trading already. The heat of the Nether stings his eyes as he mines gold blocks, cringing away from a stray crossbow arrow fired by an angry Piglin. Within minutes, Silverr is out as Doogile struggles, Silverr's white hair a stark contrast against dark soul sand and nether brick. Blaze after blaze falls to his axe, blade slicing with efficiency as he racks up five blaze rods, builds a portal, and blinds to the Overworld.



Season 1

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Cool air at last. Silverr doesn't have time to relish in it, crafting Eyes of Ender and throwing one, calculating where the stronghold will be. Doogile is far behind, just now entering the fortress, scrambling for any timesave possible as his opponent crawls further and further ahead. Silverr stumbles for a moment, progressing the wrong direction towards incorrect portal coordinates at first, allowing Doogile a few seconds to catch up. His brow furrows. He can't lose his grip now. Doogile blinds early, seeing how far off the stronghold is and falters for just a moment in surprise. Silverr makes it to the coordinates he needs, creating and lighting a portal in seconds and teleporting into a cave above the stronghold, digging down through the ceiling and earning the Eye Spy achievement as Doogile struggles to collect his blaze rods.

"It's all eyes on Silverr, now," Feinberg comments as he and Nerdi watch. The commentators see everything, they already know where this is going.

The stronghold isn't very consistent, breaks and holes everywhere as it intersects with a mineshaft, causing Silverr to struggle slightly making his way around water and non-stronghold passages until he eventually follows a spike to the portal room. Without hesitation, he fills in the eyes



Season 1

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

and a boom rings out across his world as the End Portal opens. Silverr, already standing in the middle, dissolves into void and is transported into the third and final dimension that Minecraft has to offer. Silverr pearls to one of the back towers in an attempt to zero cycle but falls, flinging out a water bucket to catch himself as he hits the ground. Doogile is in the stronghold as Silverr loads up his crossbow, beginning to shoot the crystals off the rest of the towers. The commentators cry that the end is zeroable, Doogile has a chance to clutch and win this, but that chance never comes.

Doogile is out of blocks. He is unable to tower and create a structure to perch explosives on and is forced to settle for a one-cycle, setting up on the ground, kicking up end stone dust with every tired footstep as both speedrunners impatiently wait for their dragon to perch.

Silverr's, true to form, perches first and his well-timed explosions finish it off before it even has a chance to settle on the end fountain.

<Doogile> ggs



Season 1

Grand Finals : 3rd place

Nonneeeeeee_





Season 1

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

siphon-04

This Player Did Not Give Up

The player starts on an island
And so does the other
In a race against each other
The player is far behind
But then there's a slip
A chance
The player takes his chance
The player wins the round
This player did not give up

The player starts on an island
And so does the other
In a race against each other
The player is ahead now
He finds his target
But then he slips
The player is far behind now
His opponent wins the round
This player did not give up

The player starts in a desert village
And so does the other
In a race against each other
The player has one pearl
An endless ocean
A gnawing hunger
The other player reaches the target first
His opponent wins the round
This player did not give up



Season 1

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

The player starts on an island
And so does the other
In a race against each other
He is greeted by the ocean once again
But this time he has more than one pearl
This time he is more prepared
This time he finds the target first
The player wins the round
This player did not give up

The player starts at a beach
And so does the other
In a race against each other
A rush of nerves
A pace too slow
Too far behind
His opponent is ahead
His opponent wins the round
This player did not give up

The player starts in a village
And so does the other
In a race against each other
The player could lose it all
But not this time
The player runs like never before
He completes his goal
The player wins the round
This player did not give up



Season 1

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

The player starts in a village
And so does the other
In a race against each other
The player reaches the end
The player slays the dragon
The player wins the round
This player did not give up
This player did not give up
This player did not give up

Season 2

"Feinberg of course
now advocating for
murder on this stream"

– Nerdi



Season 2 Round of 16

— nicey —

Playoffs Season 2 – Round of 16 was the first time I’ve ever paid my full attention to Oxi. She has made her own name in the MCSR sphere, and it is always a delight to see a woman absolutely killing it in minecraft speedrunning, but it was actually my first time thinking ‘Ah, maybe I will sit down and watch Oxidiot’. You can say it’s like signing a mental commitment contract, and it is one that I never regret.

To Oxi,

It is okay to feel sad and disappointed after a loss. I want you to know that I cry, too. Maybe it is just a one-way connection between me – the person sitting in front of a screen – and you, you with your fingers clenched on the mouse and your heart pounding in that match, but this match means so much more to me than a win or a loss. You put up a wonderful show and people will remember you not for the loss but for who you are and how far you have come. It was sad to see you go so early into playoffs, but I know for fact it is not the last time I will see you on such a large stage. I want you to know that we see all the effort you put into this game, we see your love for this game, we see *you*.



Season 2 Round of 16

Nonneeeeeee_





Season 2

Round of 16

Anonymous

September 2023. Season 2 was the first MCSR Ranked Playoffs I watched live. I was still very new to speedrunning; I hadn't recognized most of the names on the roster, or understood the technical terms on the main broadcast.

But what I did understand was this: Ranked is, in its entirety, a *race*. A race of speedrunners against the clock, against themselves and each other; a race of production to be bigger, better, brighter every season. This tournament, which on paper is contained to insular 1-v-1s, Best of 3s and 5s and 7s – is made up of so much more.

Season 1 left in its wake both a reigning champion in Silverrruns, as well as a new standard to live up to. MCSR Ranked Season 2 was forged in the fire of eager expectations. How would the story continue?

While Silverrr prepared to defend his title on the running front, the Ranked team geared up to outdo their own work. Hours of dedication sunk into debugging and seed finding and graphic designing, spent in parallel to practice sessions in bastion maps and zero cycle drills that stretched long into days and nights, all leading up to a breath-held, heart-in-throat, stand-up-and-pace kind of anticipation.

Welcome to MCSR Ranked Season 2 Playoffs.



Season 2

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

nicey

For someone who isn't a technical viewer, I focus more on the player's story and vibe, and I think Ancoboy is a player with chaotic nature. He can either perform spectacularly or forfeit on the zero tower, and it wouldn't affect my amusement towards his character. The Ancoboy experience is always a roller coaster of emotions. I can not tell you where my excitement comes from - it's just a Ranked-specific thing that you catch from talking to other Ranked enjoyers.

Maybe I was seeking for contrast, for a new runner with a different vibe, and that was when I stumbled upon Ancoboy in his match in Season 2 Quarterfinals against Automatt. I was rooting for him with the mindset of a gambler because I mainly watched Feinberg back then, and watching Feinberg feels really safe when you know he almost always wins. From Ancoboy, I found this spark of excitement with just the right amount of nervousness that made me anticipate and once again brave enough to invest my emotion in a match - something notoriously unpredictable. In the end, I was not disappointed. Ancoboy won with a beautiful 3-0.

Before writing this, I came to check the VOD for this match and found it to be the only Season 2 match that I have rewatched some time ago. Maybe this is the universe' signal for me to rewatch all of Ancoboy's matches.



Season 2

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Nonneeeeeee_





Season 2

Quarterfinals : Semifinals





Season 2

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Karensdrips1

"It means a hell of a lot to both of these players," is the first thing viewers hear on the final match of the Minecraft Speedrunning Ranked Season 2 Playoffs.

Lowkey, his second playoffs appearance, making it further than ever. Down 3-2 going into seed 6 and winning, now he just needs to win twice in a row. As pointed out by Nerd1, Lowkey is visibly nervous. "Doesn't look quite to what we were seeing earlier." Despite this, Lowkey still takes a lead throughout the match, making it to the end first but bails out of the zero cycle.

Then there's Silver, the winner of the last playoffs who has been in this same position before. Consistently taking a lead throughout every seed, only losing to very minor endgame mistakes. While Lowkey is pulling ahead, the casters are losing hope for Silver. "It might be too little too late," says Feinberg. As all hope is being lost, Silver knows he must hit a zero cycle to win. He enters the end and instantly starts pearling, going to the back towers. Then he sees the tower, with a height of 100. Silver must hit this to win. He's done it hundreds of times in practice, so why couldn't he now?

He throws a great pearl and instantly makes it



Season 2

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

to the top of the tower. As he builds up, the dragon comes closer and hits Silver off. He was too slow. Silver opens his inventory for a boat clutch, but fails. "The World if I hit that," he types. Loukey knows at this point that all he has to do is finish off the dragon, and with that, wins the second season of Minecraft Speedrunning Ranked Playoffs.



Season 2

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

chor

GRAND FINALS



SILVER

LOWKEY

SHOWMATCH





Season 2

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Anonymous

Ancoboy vs Kuist

Seed One

Five, four, three, two, one, break that chest
Break those logs, you've done this before
You're more than able to win this
seed, it's your pride you can restore.
Never before has your heart pumped
so fast, in the nether before
your opponent. You can look
you can see, you can run straight for
the bastion. Breathe in, Anco, breathe.
You're ahead, you're ahead just pour
yourself out and put yourself first.
You're a minute ahead, you swore
you would win and out of the trades
you run to pearl first to the fort.
Into the end you're still well swift,
above! the beast you face towards.
Arrows fire fast as you reach her,
But you attack her nevermore.
"Karşılaşma bittii!" You lost.



Season 2

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Seed Five

Rinse and repeat, rinse and repeat,
All Anco needed was to run
better than he had the first time,
better than earlier, seed one.
Loot chest, get wood, kill food, get through
into the nether, be in front,
Be fast, be better than the last
time. No tilting, you must outrun
Kuist, the foe, the one you must beat.
Two to two points, just beat him once.
First to the fort, first to the grass,
first to measure under the sun.
The time is good, one of the best
And you can't help but grin just from
excitement, the thrill of the game,
The fulfilment of the tale spun
In which you brought the bronze prize home.
In the portal, you pray enough,
To build up, up, to kill her and-
"Karşılaşma bitti!" You won.

Season 3

"The Undefeated
Playoffs Player versus
our Qualifiers Warrior"

– Feinberg



Season 3

Round of 16

Anonymous

This season felt sandy- not just the hot sand under runner's feet whenever they spawned into a shipwreck, buried treasure, or a desert temple, but also how the season stuck in your skin, between the cracks of your memories. How its participants stayed around for many seasons after, the way the first matches had felt soft and smooth: quick 2-0's from the higher seed, one after another knocking out each new participant.

Nevertheless, despite the quick-forming pattern, it couldn't stop the bloodshed and the pain of Beefsalad vs. Anco. A playoffs veteran vs. the new kid. "I think this is one of the... closer matchups" Nerdi's words rang in my head. He was right, he was right: Beefsalad and Anco were a closer matchup than anyone else had seen this day, and as much as I was cheering for the underdog and was hoping his skill from the qualifiers would shine through into this match, there was another part of me that wanted the home player to win. Anco had a short fuse and was quick to tilt, but something about his volatility was captivating to me. "Beefsalad only killed the dragon on three of those seeds, the other ten were forfeits from Anco." There it was, the reason to both believe in the name everyone knew, but also to grit your teeth and hold your breath. What if he tilts, what if he tilts, what if he ti-



Season 3 Round of 16

Seed one. Spawn on the sand. Run quicker than ever before. He's ahead. He died. He died again. Seed Lost.

Seed two. Into the Ruined Portal, don't tilt. Beefs salad hasn't entered the fort, they must've died. Beefs salad never entered the fort. Seed Won.

Seed three. It's the first seed 3 this season. The two are neck and neck. Beefs salad is ahead. Anco is now behind. Beefs salad is in the End. Anco isn't.

Beefs salad has made the advancement [Free the End]



Season 3
Round of 16

Anonymous

PLAYOFFS

P9



AUTOMATTPL

P10



BEEFSALAD

P11



V_STRID

P12



PAPLERR

QUALI



Season 3
Round of 16

SEASON 3



FIER'S



Season 3

Round of 16

fork

New Blood

I settled down into my seat on a cold January morning. I shivered, partly from the winter breeze, but mostly from excitement.

The third season of MCSR Ranked Playoffs was about to begin.

The names of competitors rang through the morning air, each one confidently stepping up to the stage as their seed was called. Familiar faces took their places: Oxidiot, Doogile, Priffie; fierce runners who've been here since the beginning. They knew how to play the game, knew this competition inside and out.

But when seed six was announced, I felt a shift in the air.

An unknown figure stepped into the morning light: a snowman in a striped scarf, eyes full of youth and hunger.

His name was Hackingnoises. A name that doesn't quite roll off the tongue—yet.

And that was the sign:

New blood had entered the scene.



Season 3

Round of 16

Unfamiliar names echoed one by one through the stadium. Some stepped out with nerves, others with excitement, but their eyes burned with passion and ambition.

Crimson eyes and tie. Seafoam onesie. Pale pink toque. Blue ninja suit. Figlin with a theatre mask. High-tech visor. Blue and pink dog.

BeefSalad. Ustrid. Paplenn. Anjouu. Waluyoshi. Loodlow. Bloonskiller.

Seven more fresh challengers, who clawed through LCO to stand here, side by side with seasoned veterans.

And when the sixteen runners stood together, it only took one glance to see the shift: half of them were new.

I've seen newcomers rise and fall in an instant. But this wasn't that. This wasn't just a few lucky outliers joining Playoffs for a brief moment.

This was a wave of new blood, here to stay.

They weren't just here to compete. They were here to challenge. To claim the crown. To topple the monopoly that veterans have built over two dominant seasons.

But the crown doesn't fall easily.



Season 3

Round of 16

As the round of 16 started, the newcomers fell, one by one. Their raw talent wasn't enough against three seasons of experience- just yet. Their blood was still learning to warm up to the cold, to the brutal conditions that defined Playoffs.

And just like that, the wave of new blood fizzled into nothing.

But two drops remained:

Hackingnoises. Eliminated fellow newcomer Vstrid in two matches. The only new autoqualifier in a sea of veterans.

BeefSalad. Knocked out last season's third place winner Ancoboy in a tense back and forth. It wasn't a perfect battle, but he won. The only one from LCO to make it to the second round.

They were the lifeline, the last hope of new blood in Playoffs. The only ones who could prove that newcomers could not only survive, but thrive.

Season 3 brought the most new competitors to Ranked Playoffs.

For me, this marked the start of something bigger- a shift in the players and how the game was played. The beginning of a new era.

And as the game grows, **new blood will continue to flow.**



Season 3

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Quill

Priffin vs Rowl

Run. Run through the village that Rowl picked for the first match. Towards the blacksmith, grab what you need, get out as soon as you can.

Attention. To be paid to what you're doing, timesaves, timelosses, where your opponent is and what they're doing, even if you can't see them or hear what they're saying.

Navigate. Find your way across the Overworld, through Nether terrain, bastion, fortress, stronghold to portal room.

Keep pace. With yourself, with your opponent, pace is everything, whether you live or die, whether you win or lose. Rowl falls behind and will stay behind the rest of the match, entering the End after Priffin.

Escape. Escape your structures alive and with enough materials to keep you going. Escape the Nether back to the clean, fresh air of the overworld. Escape the stronghold's twisting tunnels into the final frontier, the End.

Defeat. Defeat the golem, the blazes, a skeleton in the stronghold and finally the Dragon itself. Defeat your opponent as Priffin did, perch versus perch ultimately coming down in his favor.



Season 3

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Ranked. Adrenaline ending with a “good game” and a handshake and a quiet “I’ll win next time we meet”, excitement and despair mingling over a win, a loss, a draw.



Season 3

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Aether





Season 3

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Ave

Doogile

vs.

Priffin

He has everything he needs.
He's missing a key to the End.

Every step is a step closer to winning.
Every step is a step further away.

Every mistake has him falling behind.

[Eye Spy]

He's already there.

He searches.

He still needs a key.

And he searches.

Please give him what he needs.

Please let him find what he's looking for.

And then,
there it is.

But it's not fast enough

He might be fast enough.

Because he's catching up.

He might be catching up.

He takes too long

[Eye Spy]

And now,

The room is there.

He wishes he'd been faster.



Season 3

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

[The End?]

It's anyone's game.

He pushes to the top.

He sprints to the fountain.

He towers to the stars.

Iron bars encase him.

He is free in the sky.

He sits and waits.

There is nothing holding him back.

This can't be it.

This is it.

Priffin has made the advancement [Free the End]



Season 3

Grandfinals : 3rd Place

— [karensdrips1](#) —

Priffin, the 2 time weeklies winner, being no stranger to the tournament setting. Versus Hackingnoises, the undefeated new arrival to playoffs, winning every seed to make it to Grand finals. Both runners want to take the crown, but only one will prevail.

On the first seed the viewers' hearts are already pumping. Did Priffin really leave the bastion with only 14 ender pearls? As Hackingnoises inches towards Priffin's massive lead, it's very apparent that the new arrival will lose his first seed of his playoffs career, and the 14 pearl play pays off for Priffin.

As seed two is underway, Hackingnoises, desperately running from pigs, digs into "a single naturally generating lava block," as Fulham states in his analysis. This instantly ends all hope, as viewers can only watch in pity as Priffin easily pulls ahead in dominating fashion to take his lead 2-0.

Despite the frustrating death, Hackingnoises does not let this go to his head. This is the Hackingnoises we have seen all tournament. But then, he does the unthinkable. Without realizing, he leaves the fortress with only eleven eyes of ender. What if the portal is a zero eye? We can



Season 3

Grandfinals : 3rd Place

only watch, anxiously, as hackingnoises builds his second portal. If this is a zero eye, this can very well be the end of his tourney run. His portal puts him directly into the portal room, and we see the portal has one eye. He ends the seed with a sub 8 minute time and begins a comeback.

Right as we have seen the best of Hackingnoises, he dies again on his way to the bastion, losing everything, including all hope he gained from the previous seed. Priffin uses this to his advantage and easily wins this seed, and only needs one more to be the playoffs season 3 champion.

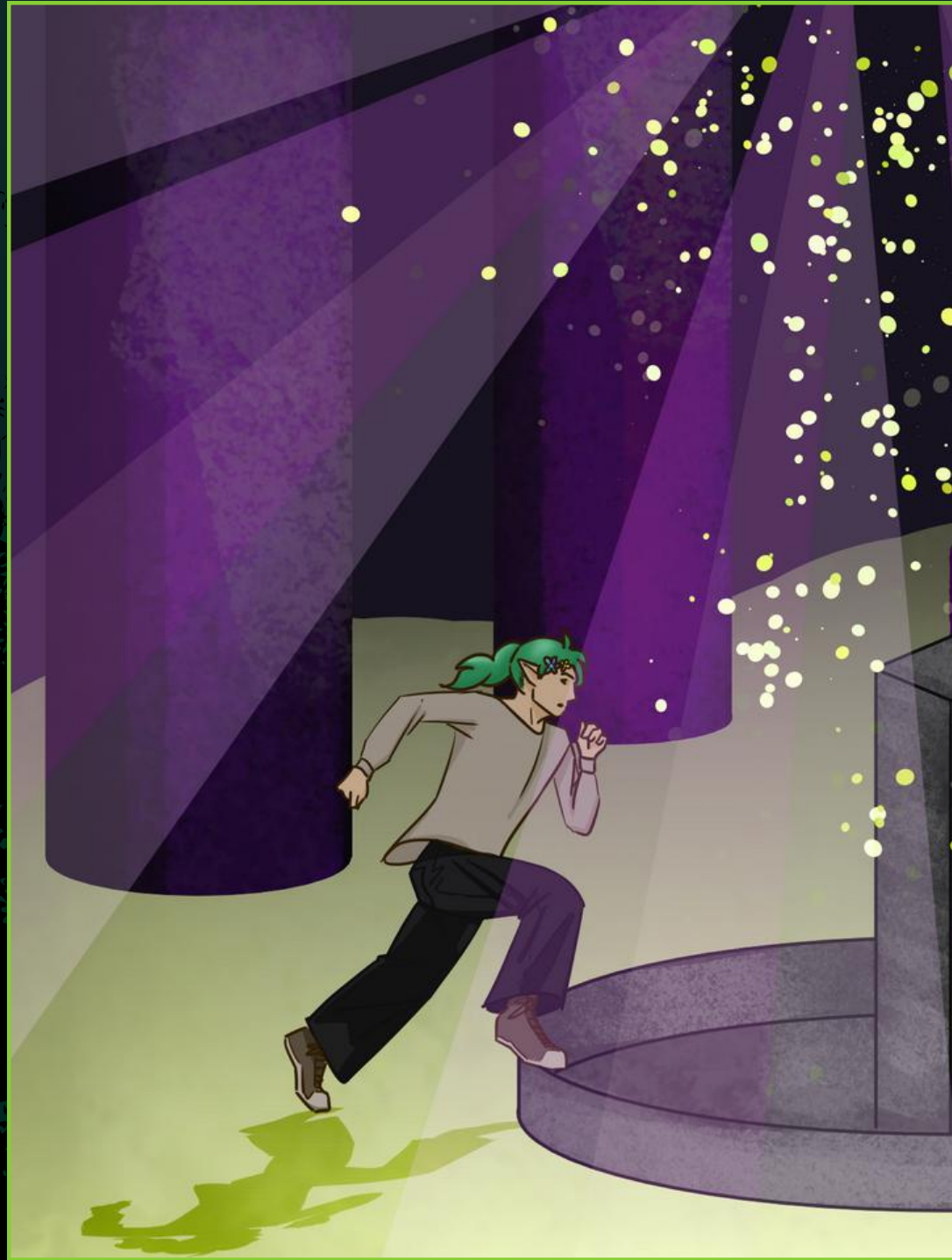
Watching this final seed was incredibly depressing for everyone. We know that a 3-1 lead is almost impossible to return from. Hackingnoises plays visibly sloppy all seed and Priffin keeps the same pace he has all game. Hackingnoises and viewers can only watch as hope leaves everyone for more seeds, as Priffin wins the final seed and becomes the Minecraft Speedrunning Ranked Season 3 Champion.



Season 3

Grandfinals : 3rd Place

Quill





Season 3

Grandfinals : 3rd Place





Season 3

Grandfinals : 3rd Place

ectdial

BeefSalad vs Rowl

Third Place Matches always makes me nervous.

The stress I get from watching runners vying for first place doesn't even compare to a FRACTION of the nervousness that stems from watching runners fight tooth and nail for third place. At the end of the day, one runner goes home with prize money. And the other? After Round of 16, Semifinals, Quarterfinals, match after match, giving everything that you got, and now has the taste of the reward - just for it to barely slip through your fingers at the last hurdle. (In my very professional opinion you get money for first or second anyways soooo...)

The stakes are high, tension bubbles and broils beneath the surface. Bursting into fast-paced action and mechanics as the Matches begin.

Some notable "interesting" (<- I jumped out of my chair) moments from the 4 Matches:

- Seed 1: Rowl routes the Stronghold much neater, but dies in the end while Beefs salad has spent the entire time wandering through the hallways of the Stronghold (Rowl 0-1 Beef)



Season 3

Grandfinals : 3rd Place

- Seed 2: Rowl dies a horrendous death at fort (fall damage via knockback from a blaze), and frantically searches for obby from the items sprayed all over the floor. Just to find it at the edge of a glowstone vein hanging over a gigantic lava lake. (Rowl 1-1 Beef)
- Seed 3: Surprise! Your treasure bastion hole has a lava column flowing straight through it- (Rowl 1-2 Beef)
- Seed 4: Very, VERY close endfight. Rowl zero'd while Beef's dragon perched at the SAME TIME. (Rowl 1-3 Beef)

My poor heart can't handle this, man.

During Seed 1, as Rowl built the portal to the Stronghold, the effects of it swayed and reverberated through my nerves, lighting them on fire as now Rowl is strongly back in contention while Beef is stumbling blindly through the same winding corridors, all advantages and any lead he has instantly vaporised. I stared at my screen like a hawk, watching as minutes tick by... Neither runner getting remotely close to - Rowl finds portal room. oh. NOO-

At that moment I remember my neck disconnecting from my body like a puppet's snipped string, my head falls into my hands and despair creeps in:



Season 3

Grandfinals : 3rd Place

Rowl is in the end - and Beef is still wandering, 5 minutes and counting compared to Rowl's 3...

This roller coaster of emotions lasted through the almost 1 hour 30 minutes of the Match, and at the end, I was thoroughly exhausted as if I was the one actually playing (I wish). Sometimes, I wonder what it's like to watch these matches without being invested in one runner, so that it's fully laid-back and popcorn time and my poor heart can take a break from skipping a beat every minute.

But at the end of the day, I would never, ever trade this feeling away. This Match was absolutely exhilarating, from the first seed to the last, every split to every micro. I wouldn't miss it for the world. (Except maybe boba. Just maybe).

Season 4

"Yeah, Nerd! was on the
phone with Obama
during break time"

- Feinberg



Season 4

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

Anonymous

Doogile vs bing_pigs

The day was finally winding down after the 7 longest matches of your life, but your heart couldn't stop racing- the time had come for the match you'd been anticipating all day and you'd decided to bet on a losing dog. This strategy hadn't been particularly working for you, most of the people you'd been cheering for had lost their respective matches, each one falling while other runners moved on. But this match was different, you had nothing but unwavering hope, nothing but sheer confidence when the odds were in your favour. The timer ticked down from three to two, one, zero- the screen flashed and Feinberg and Nerdi were back on, but your eyes locked on the two names at the top: DOOGILE VS BIG BIG MONGEY.

You held your breath through the first seed and after that blur of events all you could think was holy shit he did it. Even if Mongey didn't win this match he'd won the first seed, something that hadn't even been conceivable a few months ago, but was nothing but reality now. It wasn't even your win but you yourself winning wouldn't have even brought the same satisfaction. Mongey could do this. You had faith. Another round passed and the two runners were at match point. Your hands shook. You bit your tongue. Your breath hitched at



Season 4

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

every jolt and surprise. The group chat had a blanket of silence laid over it as the third seed began and both runners ran towards the ruined portal- two undeniably skilled runners neck and neck, into the nether, into the bastion. Mongey stumbled behind. You kept up a strong façade of faith in him but it was faltering. 20 seconds ahead, 40 seconds ahead, and Doogile was in the End. Was it over? It was over. There was no way of bringing it back-

But he did. Mongey did it, not once, but twice. He'd done it but this time he'd actually done it: from the start when all he was was a victor of quals, then he'd been pitted against the scariest of runners, the top dog: and against all odds he'd come out on top and in that moment, you couldn't have be more proud, more thrilled, more ready for the rest of this season. And Mongey couldn't have been more bing.



Season 4

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

darya





Season 4

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16





Season 4

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

Anonymous

March 2024. Season 4's Midseason Showdown was the first of its kind. As the one year anniversary of Playoffs peeked over the horizon, Midseason kept the hype up. With the introduction of the new phase points system for end-of-season placements, consistency became more important than ever.

April 2024. Last Chance Qualifiers rounded out the bracket, and Season 4 Playoffs were scheduled to start the following week with Hinart and Cube1337x as the only first-time players, who entered the bracket via regular season placement and LCO respectively. The Season 4 lineup set the record for the lowest number of new player debuts in Playoffs history at just two, with 87.5% of the bracket already having at least one prior appearance.

Ranked Playoffs had seen Silverrruns, Loukey, and Priffin each in the top spot so far – three winners in three seasons. There was no telling who would claim the fourth title.

May 2024. The Round of 16 brought much-anticipated matchups. Hackingnoises beat Silverr out 2-1 and moved on to face the defending champion Priffin. Bigbigmongey bested Doogile in a nail-biting 2-1 bracket upset – another unfortunate start for the player who ended the season ranked first in elo.

Welcome to MCSR Ranked Season 4 Playoffs.



Season 4

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Ave

Dragon's Dance

To dance with a dragon is a risky move.
She has her own rhythm and soars
To a tango heard by no one else.
As Lowkey entered her domain he knew
He would have to waltz with the beast.
He leaped through the portal
And the music began to play.

He followed her beat but soon
The music was hoarded, only to be
Heard by the queen.

Lowkey towered up to reach her
And try to dance beside her.
Once the top had been reached,
The first explosive was set off
It's bang shifting the pace of the dance.

Each explosive brought more and more
Chaos to the routine he had practiced.
The dance was changed from a
Pas de deux to a
Salsa to a
Waltz to a
Tango until
The music and rhythm slipped out
Of grasp and the dragon had
Gained control.



Season 4

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

A chase down ensued as
The queen of the dance flew about
Choosing her own beat to follow
And Loukey ran to catch her
And take back control.

He shot down her crystals that kept her alive
One by one until finally,
He caught her and her chaotic sound.
Loukey pulled the music out of the queen
And took control of the dance
The two had been doing since
The very first day.



Season 4

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

lem





Season 4

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

fynn

Winner

in the beginning
you saw glory;
in that moment
victory and
light

painted the world,
it was only the start
and you had faith.
there will always be
a price to pay.

as you left the match
you knew you had paid
it.

you won.

Loser

you already knew.
you would reach for it but
all you saw was
the void,
opening up beneath you.
you could have
snatched the crown,
but you failed to do it.
and you lost it.
crying silence,
soundlessly your lungs
burnt raw.

you watched hope slip
through your fingertips.

you lost.



Season 4

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Blue

The game isn't over until the dragon is dead. Sometimes even after that, until you dive into the fountain. It's not over until someone's won. It's never hopeless, it's never worth giving up. However, sometimes you have to hold your breath. Oftentimes belief that you can do it isn't enough to push you across the finish line before your opponent.

And as Ancoboy stumbles into the end after an atrocious nav that Lowkey had blitzed through, the world seemed to have already paused in anticipation of Lowkey's victory. It doesn't matter that he'd been ahead at the fortress. It doesn't matter if he'd been in the stronghold 36 seconds quicker. Lowkey was in the end first. Lowkey was at his zero first.

Ancoboy had been ahead at every split until the one that matters.

Lowkey doesn't falter as he kills the dragon. Six beds and one anchor and he's won the match. Ancoboy has time to finish off his own dragon, but it doesn't matter. By the time he steps into the fountain the game is over.

It was close. But a close match isn't enough to push them to a seed 5.

With the first ever clean sweep in the grand finale, Lowkey is crowned the first two time ranked playoffs champion.



Season 4

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Awez





Season 4

Grand Finals : 3rd Place





Season 4

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Anonymous

It was infatuating how smoothly
these runners would play
on a day
that was different from this one.

Yet with it all on the line,
their hand easily slipped
and they fumbled profusely.

Not a single player, I tell you, none
Could outrun nor outshine
The kid who wrote the script:
That runner whose skills were divine.

The soda has long fizzled out, the popcorn and chips are just crumbs at the bottom of the bowl, and my voice is now reduced to a rasp from the cheers of joy and howls of pain from the past matches. My physics notes lay out on my desk, and the streaks of tears that had run down my cheeks feel sticky- every high, every low, every mixed emotion from the day had accumulated into this one last to match. Lowkey VS Ancoboy. I take one deep breath in, one deep breath out. As high as steaks are for both of them, and even though exhaustion had whittled both of them down, Lowkey is still leagues above Anco. With every passing seed it looks like Lowkey will win, once again- nothing short of an impressive feat and a great addition to the resume. One player with two wins was exciting and new, and a telltale sign of new things to look forward to.

Season 5

"Surely Doogile knows
that this is a toolsmith...
surely these runners
know..."

— Feinberg



Season 5

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

fynn

So it's midnight and you're curled up in your bed staring eagerly at your phone screen, floating restlessly in the darkness surrounding you as voices blast half-unintelligible words into your ears. You have to blink multiple times in order to adjust yourself to the glaring pixels spelling out the scene before you - you've woken up for this event, woken up *early*, and you already know you won't regret it. It's the MCSR Ranked Season 5 Midseason Showdown, after all. It's *Playoffs*.

It's Playoffs, and in the silence of the late night tucked away in your own little corner of the universe, you have never been more ready to watch in your *life*.

Notifications pop up on your screen one by one. The runners' names are familiar - you flit from stream to stream as they pass through your vision, allowing the reality of the moment to properly settle in. Your hands tremble slightly as you type out the occasional *gl* and *LOCKIN* - you're hopeful that everyone will do well, despite the fact that Ranked is always full of fierce competition. A smile breaks out on your face inadvertently when you realize that your favourite has gone live. *Finally!* You were getting worried.



Season 5

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

And if you're lucky, if you were lucky enough, your favourite was hackingnoisess, and so you settled - you settle - down into your covers and rest your head back against the wall ready to watch him *run*.

You watch as he wins. You watch as he wins time after time after time - you watch as he absolutely dominates the event and you watch as the hours pile up alongside his point count. You watch him shatter the Midseason point record, seed after seed, dragon after dragon - in the end you're struck breathless by the sheer greatness of the number. 171. It's surreal. It's *unreal*. *Insane*. *Amazing*. *Eyes wide open*.

It can't be real, but here you are, watching him celebrate, watching Midseason play out before you as you type out frantic messages to your friends - here you are watching *Ranked*, MCSR Ranked, the whole competition on display right before your very eyes as you sit cozy in the darkness. Here you are - your eyes glaze over when you realize that it's over at last, your mind unwilling to let go of the occasion just yet. For a few hours you were completely starstruck. For a few hours, you felt *alive*. *Eyes wide open*. *Eyes wide open*, *eyes wide open* -

To the rest of the world, it was just a few hours. But in that moment, to you it was -

your world.



Season 5

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

Nemo





Season 5

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2





Season 5

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

Anonymous

July 2024. Season 5's Midseason Showdown saw an incredibly dominant showing from Hackingnoises. Already a familiar face around the Top 12 in regular season, as well as the Top 3 in Playoffs, Hax put on a spectacular performance and ended the day in first place with 171 out of the 200 total possible points. The gap between him and runner-up Doogile was 35 points - over two times the difference between 2nd and 4th place.

August 2024. Season 5 Playoffs saw a slight deviation from the typical Round of 16 routine, with the top 8 qualifying players receiving bye rounds while the lowest seeds started the tournament as usual. In keeping with previous format changes like the introduction of phase points in Season 4, these preliminary rounds were increased from Best of 3 to Best of 5, in an effort to reduce the impacts of RNG and to reward consistency early on in the bracket.

Seeds 9-12 faced off against the four LCO winners for Round 1, with the victors heading to Round 2 against Seeds 5-8. Oxidiot and Dandannyboy had their second early Playoffs throwdown in a row, this time with Oxi coming out on



Season 5

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

top with a 3-0. Silverrruns was the only player to emerge from Rounds 1 and 2 with a perfect record, winning 3-0 against both Pulsar32 and Bigbigmongey.

Welcome to MCSR Ranked Season 5 Playoffs.



Season 5

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

ectdial

Quarterfinals

Making it past Round 1 & 2, these 8 runners proved why they deserve a spot in Playoffs - but that's still too many people for a podium.

When people ask about my favourite runners, I would say: Hax and Beef. Which is as Match 1 started I was already dreading this match - one of them would not be trying for a podium at the end of this. That being said, both runners were incredibly fast, their completion times much shorter than during S3 (which I did another piece on), the improvements in raw pace and mechanics slowly pulls the top runners away from people who play Minecraft casually or semi-regularly. To illustrate this better, while watching S3 I sometimes think "Oh I can do that" (my ego...) but definitely not now.

The other thing I do want to mention is the interval videos by speedrunners, from Doog and Automatt's Guess Who? (with, quite frankly, the best introduction screen of the whole playoffs event) or Silverr and Hax's word game. For the people who don't quite understand how playoffs work, it's a nice and relaxing break, and they can join in on the fun. This entertaining section isn't only for one part of the audience though, many of us in the audience get to see how runners think and act on information, and gives the viewers a fun way of learning about who the runners are without them having to talk to the audience.



Season 5

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Semifinals

Semis are actually kinda chill.

You know, even if you lose the match you're on, you still have a chance for a podium finish, even if it means having to ultra lock in for that third place. But if the runner you're supporting makes it to Semis, you can sit back and relax, truly enjoy the gameplay instead of being nervous about losing. At least, that's how I see it. The true stress only sets in after the runner you're supporting has to play the third place match and you realise, "oh *vulgar word* my runner might end up being the only 1 out of the 4 to not get on the podium"...

That being said, these 2 Semifinal matches are nothing short of breathtaking. The roster is incredibly highly skilled and the proven cream-of-the-crop (la crème de la crème if you're fancy). In the Hax vs Anco match, both of them were very close to each other, trading splits like it's the stock market on seed 2, 3, and 4. And in the second Semifinals match, Doog and Rowl, Rowl, who has a R50 PB 30 seconds slower than Doog's, still managed to outpace Doog in seed 1. (Though the relevance and usefulness of the R50 PB time in relation to ranked is not very solid and can be debated. Might also be why they removed it in later seasons).



Season 5

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Circling back to the stress of third place matches, we now move on to that dreaded match with Anco vs Rowl, and Doog vs Hax for Grand finals.

Man I really hope Hax wins grand finals and Anco wins third place.

Oh-



Season 5

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

willow





Season 5

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Jess

The competitive atmosphere was electric, and I was all for it.

Every second that passed, every block that was placed, every pearl throw that landed frame perfect, drilled the excitement further and further inside me.

It was honestly magical that a Minecraft event could make me feel like this. Making me feel emotions that I had never felt before.

Ones where I was overridden with joy as I watched the runners I had watched for as long as I had been in the community move on from match to match, from the very first seed, all the way to the quarter finals.

I screamed as loud as I possibly could, as the final zero cycle ended the matchup 3-2. A close call, I sighed in relief, calming my racing heartrate. I was simply left in awe, just by how flawlessly they all performed. Every decision was made in the span of a second, each and every movement matching the pace they played at.

But I knew the excitement wouldn't stop there. There was still the semifinals, before the grand finale, where I was truly in for an exciting time. I could barely wait.



Season 5

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

In a way, Playoffs felt different to me. At its core, it had all the excitement surrounding it like any other event.

But Playoffs didn't feel like just an event. It was an experience. An experience that was one-of-a-kind.



Season 5

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

fynn

The world that you spawn into is an endless sea.

The countdown is brief and yet tantalizingly slow. You watch the numbers tick *down* and *down* and *down*, ever-attentive, ever-ready to begin – you know that your opponent must be as alert as you are in the moment, so you refuse to let your guard down in the slightest. You are nervous – of course you are a little nervous. One can *only* be nervous under such high pressure, on display before the rest of the universe about to play a match for *victory*, so you let it drive you to be the sole thing you're allowed to be –

Faster.

The summer breeze brushes against your skin not unkindly as you drag your feet out of the warm sand in a bid to begin performing the mapless required. In a way, right then and there, you become one with your opponent – the two of you spin, pie charts flashing, searching, searching, *searching*, both unwilling to allow the other to take the lead in any way. So you just *know* that when you've dived all the way down into the ocean and forced aside the gravel in the way of the buried treasure that he's done the same thing. He's right on your tail, he's maybe even ahead, he's *fast* so you must be *faster* –



Season 5

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

You don't cover your ears when the TNT you place down explodes to hand you your logs. You haven't done that in a long time. You are a *runner* now, and that would be a timeloss.

You don't even know who you are anymore. You just know that you must *win*.

So one of you stumbles and the other plays *on*.

You experience death after death after death. You reset time after time after time. You make it to the fortress before he wins. You learn afterwards that there was a toolsmith.

The two of you have made history in an instant.

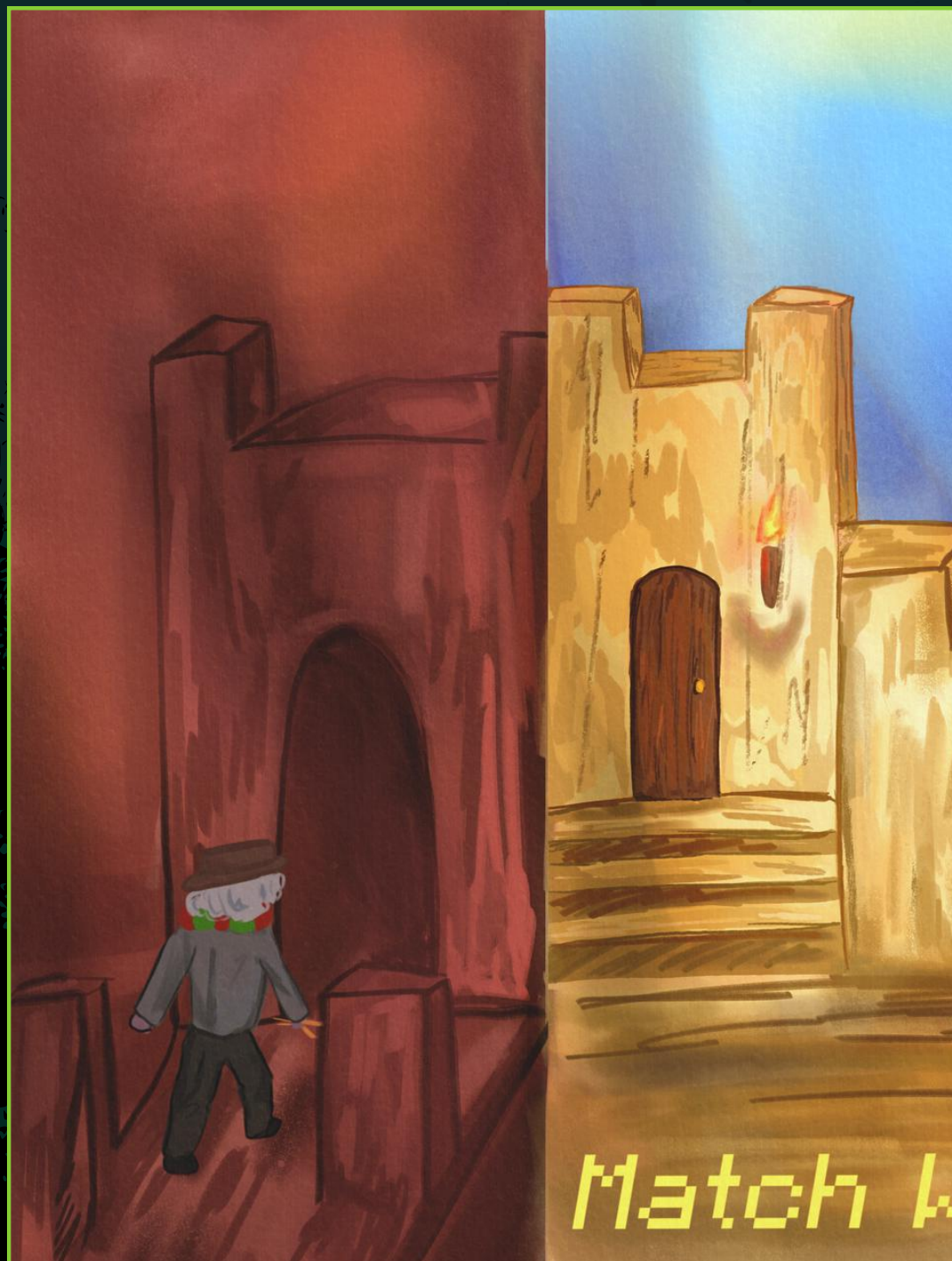
Eventually, around the world, everyone hears the words - *to end our Season 5 Playoffs, Nerdj, Doogile takes it home.*



Season 5

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Awez





Season 5

Grand Finals : 3rd Place





Season 5

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Jess

Words could not describe how I felt during the finals of season 5.

I had spent a week waiting in suspense, ready to experience another wave of emotions again.

As soon as the final match began, I was already glued to my seat. It didn't matter if I had plans for the next day, there was no way that I wouldn't miss a single second of this.

It didn't feel long at all. Maybe that was the beauty of speedrunning. Seeds started and ended quicker than I could fully comprehend, as they moved from round to round, only broken up by the occasional mid-match analysis.

The entire playoffs had some fierce competition, but the grand finals had a matchup that made me tremble with excitement.

Doogile vs Hax. Two of the best runners going head to head for victory. It was a matchup designed to keep me on the edge of my seat.

The more and more I watched, the more I became mesmerised by what I was witnessing. It had been my first time seeing Playoffs live, and immediately I fully understood why it was so special.



Season 5

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

The energy was unmatched to any other event I had seen at the time. It was like I was in the centre of a packed stadium. If I listened close enough, I could hear similar cheers of excitement from across the world, as the runners came closer and closer to the end, pulling off feats that I could only dream of doing.

It was when I realised that this was what I was missing. Playoffs was truly something magical, where every decision kept me on the edge of my seat, where every victory made me cheer with the shared enthusiasm of the hundreds of viewers, where every second made me feel like I was witnessing greatness.

And there was no doubt that I was.

Season 6

"Bad news for the
plumbers"

— Rikrap



Season 6

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

— nicey —

I study far away from home, and I prepare for long flights home by downloading Ranked VODs to watch on the plane. Do I mind if people around me find it funny that I'm watching Minecraft? Not really. Honestly I think I would be happy if someone comes up to me and asks what I'm watching, because then I can yap about Ranked to them.

I was re-watching Season 6 Midseason Showdown during a flight. The perfect scenario of someone taking interest in Ranked through my laptop screen unfortunately didn't happen, and I think my reactions at one point had unnerved the person sitting next to me. If only they knew I am always like that whenever I'm watching a Ranked match.

It was not my fault that a smile made it onto my face when Hax finished second in the first seed. It was also not my fault that I was gripping the plane's fragile desk when he died at seed 2. I remember back when I watched it live, I really had thought he flew too close to the sun. It was surprising how much emotion I felt on a second watch of something you would think is only exciting live. If I was on the tip of exploding all the time when watching the livestream, I am no better when watching the VOD. I was biting my nails, my heart



Season 6

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

was beating too loud in my chest, I had to hide my little yells behind my face mask because everyone around me was sleeping and I don't want to disturb anyone when I am a few thousands kilometres in the air.

In conclusion, Ranked VODs are excellent entertainments for long flights, but you might want to make sure that you don't scare others by screaming when Hax wins a match.



Season 6

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

oliver





Season 6

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

fynn

Round 1. Around the world, a thousand frantic messages are typed out simultaneously. The tournament is about to begin - viewers spill into streams eagerly, awaiting the inevitable *success* or *downfall* of Ranked Playoffs. Friends ping each other hastily in a bid to wake each other up. *It's happening. Playoffs is happening.*

Mainstream start. People pour in rapidly without hesitation. They learn that there will be two new commentators, this time round, and watch in anticipation as the familiar ritual that Playoffs tends to be nowadays splays out before them. Runners sit soundlessly in their private room, ready to do what they must. *Run.* It's so simple but it's so *much*.

Countdown. It's about to commence. The world goes silent; chats become faster than ever before, overrun with frantic *gls*. It's life and death and it's right *here*. When it begins, it begins. The desert temple that flashes up on both Automatt and Erik's screens flares up worldwide. *Playoffs. Playoffs. This is Playoffs -*

This is *Playoffs*, and it's *real*, and as the watch parties start to storm up with their usual hysterics everything in turn falls right - into - *place*.



Season 6

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

There are the results of the first two matches - *Erik wins, Tudorule wins* - and then there is the return of Couriway and Rekrap to commentate the third. There is the familiar, wonderful username - *ELO_FLUMBER444* - and then there is the interview that takes place just before it all begins. There is the shipwreck to the side, useless and half-buried, and then there is the resounding undefeatable *plumbing* that occurs. It's Playoffs. It's beautiful.

It's spectacular, and it brings smiles to people's faces all around the world.



Season 6

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2

— myriadleaves —





Season 6

Midseason : LCO : Rounds 1 & 2





Season 6

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Smol

I hadn't been there for Season 6. I had only been exposed to MCSR at the cusp of Season 6 Playoffs ending, so when I finally joined the community, the dust had settled. I learned the nooks and crannies of what this niche had to offer, and I stumbled upon Playoffs.

It had been an entirely random pick. Blindfolded, finger-dart thrown on the array of videos at my disposal that was the board, Feinberg vs. Mongey. That's where fate left me.

I had always had a soft spot for silliness. Maybe that was why I enjoyed it so much, why it stuck to me like a performance I could not forget and why I kept coming back.

Playoffs is a highly competitive and tense event, yes. It's also filled with so, so much joy and whimsy. You hold your breath as the runners blaze their way through the worlds, then you will huff out in incredulousness at the hijinks that ensue on the way to brilliance. It cradles these two vastly different aspects, rests it in your hands and clasps it shut with a smile, saying, "Did you have fun?" And I did. The moment the silly media segment started I had to pause every second or so to laugh. Then the match started, a seamless shift from something so light to a masterpiece so



Season 6

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

obvious in its weight. A thrill thrummed at the edge of my fingertips.

Minecraft speedrunning is a sort of dance to me. Between the player, the game, the mechanics honed over years and years. In Playoffs, it is a spectacle, blaring trumpets as these two runners weave between the movements, with the commentators singing along to the orchestra of the match made to tug at my heartstrings. I sat at the edge of my seat when all it came down to was a single golden pickaxe in a buried End spawn. I giggled at Feinberg forgetting thirty obsidian and Mongey not splashing fire res or forgetting to turn off hard mode. These people know their dance well, but they stumble. There is a reason we enjoy compilations of top level speedrunners fail basic routines. They are brilliance bundled in one, they are skill at its utmost, but more than that, they are people. Who misclick and forget. Seriousness and silliness all in one. It's okay to forget how to blazebed.

My lungs were buzzing as I cheered for Mongey's win. I breathed the air; tingling, electric static, wonder. I click on the next video.



Season 6

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Ambi





Season 6

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

— nicey —

There is something about this little guy named Hax Hackingnoisess that is contagious. The reason that I watch this guy on a streamly basis (I wish he can stream on a daily basis) isn't his strong performance, but how happy he always sounds. I can always count on his stream to make my day better no matter how horrible it was, because Hax's positive energy can surely reach me through the screen. I have already forgotten how many bad days have been brightened up by a solid 30 minutes of his stream, but maybe that's the story for another day.

His match with Oxi during Quarterfinals was, in his words, "absolute cinema", and I don't think I can disagree on that. Honestly, I don't remember how he played any seeds, or what the final score was, but the aftertaste has stayed fresh in my memory since. I can immediately recall how my veins were ringing against my ears because I was also nervous, or how I smiled for so long that my cheeks hurt when that guy yelled "You can beat me on perch race but it does not matter!" with pure joy in his voice. I've never watched actual sports. Maybe that was how it feels when your favourite team wins. Hax is definitely one of my favourite



Season 6

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

speedrunners and it is mostly because of his energy alone.

It is always a delight to tab into a Hackingnoisess stream. Go watch him sometimes if you haven't checked him out.



Season 6

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Atlas





Season 6

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Smol

3rd Place Match

Perhaps it was because of the fact that I knew they were so close.

One of the most well-known trios in MCSR, small part of me mumbled in the back of my head, as I stepped into the match. Who wouldn't be intrigued? Two friends facing off each other on the grand stage. The clock doesn't get to tick long before the commentators themselves point this out. The tip-tap lightheartedness of knowing that you're comrades, or utter focus at the competition at hand? Perhaps it is both. Perhaps it is the same.

(Ten percent, my mind echoed. More than ten percent of all of Hax's games.)

Faint buzz of my screen hummed in the dead of the night as the world itself held its breath. Two speedrunners matching in pace, difference made sometimes in the minute things only. Hax's gameplay that of precise movements carved through the years. Magic Mongey! the commentators shouted in glee. I looked upon the screen and thought: yes, of course, because these acts were nothing short of a miracle.

My whole body wrestled to tamp down the barely



Season 6

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

contained thrill, watching them enter the strongholds at the same time. The little whisper at the end that always comes, the one that whispers but what if? as the dragon dies for Hax while Mongey is left still filling in the eyes. But it doesn't. The game ends, and the world shudders its exhale.

(Five hours of private rooms, my mind echoed. Five hours. Does anything change between those five hours and those fifty-two minutes?

Perhaps not. Perhaps it is the same.)



Season 6

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

zeroistiox





Season 6

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

— [karensdrips1](#) —

"And we have one seed left. For the gold. For the trophy. For 3000 dollars."

After battling through the entire bracket, and six matches in the grand finals, both Lowkey and Doogile make it to the final seed of the Season Six MCSR Ranked Playoffs. "The chance for Doogile to cement 2 in a row. The chance for Lowkey to cement 3 Playoffs victories."

Through the beginning of the seed, Doogile's nerves show as he makes poor decisions in bastion routing, and ends up in the fortress way after Lowkey, although Doogile has 20 obsidian.

Then we see Lowkey leave with 6 rods, but not enough obsidian. After locating the stronghold, his eye breaks. But he doesn't get another blaze rod. "He's putting his entire playoffs line on a 78%"

Viewers hearts start pumping waiting to see the portal room. If there are no eyes in the portal Lowkey will lose. As Lowkey almost takes a death, we see the portal room. Then the moment. Two eyes of ender in the end portal save Lowkey's Playoffs life. Doogile is going to the stronghold but it isn't enough. Lowkey goes for the zero and succeeds at being the first ever runner to win 3 Playoffs.

Season 7

"OHHHHH my god, Hax, he
gave *you* a heart
attack..."

— Couriway, to Rekrap



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

rhayne

Round of 16

One of the most exciting parts of the Season 7 Ranked Playoffs was the Round of 16. The Round of 16 was exciting because it is made of players who have relentlessly fought for the top spots, whether throughout the season or through the Last Chance Qualifier, allowing for many unique matches.

The first match to take place was Ancoboyy vs. Oxidiot. With both runners having competed in multiple previous Playoffs, it could easily go either way. However, Ancoboyy was able to pull ahead and beat Oxidiot 3-0.

The second match was also between two returning players: 7rowl and Silverrrruns. Despite each player participating in all or all but one Playoffs respectively, the two had never played each other. In an exciting four seeds, Silverrrruns took the win, beating 7rowl 3-1.

Introducing the first new runner, the third match was between Beefsalad and BadGamer (Jay12310). As both are highly skilled runners, the difference in their Ranked vs RSG playing styles was the main focus. After some very close rounds, BadGamer won 3-1, creating the first upset of the Playoffs.



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

In perhaps the most anticipated match, Infume faced Retropog next. Both new to the bracket, Infume had finished the Season seven with the highest elo, causing Retropog to become the underdog. Shocking everyone, Retropog was able to pull off a 3-2 win.

The fifth and following match took place between Doogile and Priffe. Having previously played each other in Season 3, this match showed how much each of the runners had improved both personally and against one another. After three very fast runs, Doogile claimed the victory 3-0 without Priffe getting to the End once.

The sixth match was Lowk3y_ vs. Aquaacorde. Despite Lowk3y_ being a three times winner of Ranked Playoffs, Aquaacorde was a formidable opponent. After five exciting games, the sixth round ended 3-2 in Lowk3y_'s favor.

The second to last match was between bing_pigs (bigbigmongey) and 55crimson. Having both a returning and new player, the match showed off the creativity and excellent mechanics of the runners. In the end, 55crimson beat bing_pigs 3-2, creating the third upset of the Playoffs.



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

For the final match, Feinberg faced Hackingnoises. With both players having recently come back from breaks from Ranked, the match was a thrilling end to the Round of 16. After the well played matches, Hackingnoises won 3-1 by two seconds.



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

siphon-04





Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

fynn

Match 1. The world is a kaleidoscope of colour, lime-dark-bright green and monochrome graphics painting across your vision with light as you watch the Playoffs stream jolt to life on Feinberg's channel. You sit back in your chair, comfortable yet alert as you prepare to witness the seventh season's matches begin - you end up on the edge of it when you've finished watching Anco sweep Oxi 3-0. It's a rapid start, and it throws you into the Playoffs spirit without hesitation. You settle down satisfiedly as Doogile's stronghold tutorial begins to play.

Match 2. 7rowl vs silverrruns. It's *close*. You can't help biting the corner of your mouth as they build their second portals almost *precisely* simultaneously - one seed runs into the next, and the next into a third, and by the fourth it's still heartwrenchingly tantalizing all the way to the stronghold where Silverr finds the portal room first and hits the zero cycle successfully. 3-1, *silverrruns*. Hax gives his sleepy fortress tutorial and you can't help but giggle.

Match 3. Jay is a newcomer, Beefsalad has played multiple seasons before. Everyone's predicting that the latter will win - the first seed goes that way, certainly, and after a quick fix of Beefsalad's OBS playing up and the second seed



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

being replayed you start to realize - *the tables are turning*. Jay claims his first seed cleanly and safely ahead, *barely* takes the second one as the two of them both kill the dragon - he wins the match just like that in an instant, making for a spectacular end to the first day as you blink in amazed shock. *Wow*.

Match 4. It is a new day now, and you are ready and rearing to watch Infume play Retro. You've barely sat down when you're out of your seat again, heart pounding, veins thrumming with energy. *Retro takes the first seed*. You can't believe your *eyes* as Feinberg exclaims into your ears about Infume dying in the second - Retro wins *that*, too, and as the third seed starts distantly you *swear* you can hear a snowman yelling as the two of them run. Infume pulls it 2-2. You're stunned into silence when Retro claims the whole match. *Playoffs is incredible*.

Match 5. You're excited. There have been so many upsets - you wonder if there will be another as Doogile and Priffie load into a beach beside the summer sea. The two of them are at the blaze spawner when it happens - Priffie dies to a blaze, and you're absolutely *sure* you can hear the snowman screaming as it happens. She dies in lava during the next seed, and falls during the third, and you watch as Doogile takes the sweep. It's walright. Oxi gives her Nether portals tutorial, and Playoffs goes on.



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

Match 6. Loukey and Aquacorde. You aren't exactly surprised when Loukey takes the first seed. He's won Playoffs *thrice* now, and that seems to prove it - though, when he misplaces obby during his second portal and lengthens Aquacorde's lead during the second seed, they draw even again as *1-1*. From there it becomes *2-1* - then *2-2* when Loukey dies to wither skeletons in the fortress. Eventually, though, he takes the final seed to win the match and progress onwards. It's not *unexpected*, but you're in awe at how Aquacorde put up a pretty awesome fight. Automatt gives his End fight tutorial. *Spectacular.*

Match 7. Watching has become a ritual to you by now. Crimson wins the first seed, Mongey the second and third - Crimson pulls it to *2-2* by winning a perch race, and then when Mongey dies having just entered the bastion he has the opportunity to take the match for once and for all. It's another surprise, and it amazes you like any other.

Match 8. Feinberg vs hackingnoises. Hax is *just* ahead on the first seed, jamming to NewJeans' Cookie as he finishes it in satisfaction - he has a comfortable lead on the second, and as he sits in the End fountain waiting for it to open that's when it *happens*. You're prepared to see the familiar lettering on your screen spelling out his victory and he -

Places down a respawn anchor and blows



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

himself up.

You don't think you've ever jolted out of your chair so fast in your life. You and Rekrap both experience something akin to a heart attack. You barely even register the whole experience but sigh in relief when Hax still wins. He loses the next seed to nav, but during the fourth seed he's waiting for perch and Feinberg's hitting the zero and they're neck-on-neck and waiting waiting waiting -

Hax steals the match by hardly *any* time at all. Your jaw drops as the Season 7 Round of 16 comes to an end, unable to believe what you've just witnessed. Through the fog of seven hours of streamwatching, you just about manage to think -

Playoffs is here, and it's everything.



Season 7

Midseason : LCO : Round of 16

Ivor





Season 7

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

rhayne

Lowk3y_ and Hackingnoises. Two of the quickest and most skilled runners, known for their good decision making and incredible movement. Both players have competed in multiple previous Ranked Playoffs, Lowk3y_ winning Seasons 2, 4, and 6, and Hackingnoises placing in second or third in the four he played in. There's no question that both players deserve to be in the Season 7 Semifinals competing for the remaining spot in the Grand Finals.

Throughout the pre-match introductions, all their statistics are incredibly impressive and very close in range. From the moment the first seed begins, it is a constant comparison of the smallest details, from taking an extra tick of damage to choosing to return to the first spawner to kill two extra blazes. Multiple times through the first seed the commentators say that watching the two play side by side is like looking at the same screen. In a very close match, the first seed ends with Hackingnoises failing the Zero Cycle, which Lowk3y_ completes seconds later.

The second seed follows a similar pattern, with the two runners being so evenly paced that the differences in the smallest decisions stand out. Most notably, Lowk3y_ ate his Enchanted Golden apple in the bastion, allowing Hackingnoises to have



Season 7

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

a slight food advantage. In the end, Hackingnoises takes the second seed by doing a tiny bit more damage to the dragon and killing it slightly quicker than Lowk3y_, reminiscent of his match against Feinberg.

In the third seed, Lowk3y_ gained around sixteen second lead due to Hackingnoises messing up his portal, which he was able to maintain and grow through the entire match. Despite beginning on two hearts, Lowk3y_ successfully completed the Zero Cycle before Hackingnoises could begin his.

Just like the third seed, the fourth beings with Lowk3y_ gains a lead when Hackingnoises decides to check the blacksmith's house in the village, which he is able to keep until the End. In an unusual situation, the dragon flies for both runners, and Hackingnoises wins by getting a faster perch.

The fifth and final seed Hackingnoises begins the seed with a slight lead gained from Lowk3y_ spending a few extra seconds looking around. However, Lowk3y_ quickly takes it back during the portal build. He is able to keep the lead due to Hackingnoises missing a blaze cycle and struggling to get the last two rods. However, the End yet again proved to be a challenge, the dragon flying for Lowk3y_ and Hackingnoises getting knocked off. The match ends with both players killing the dragon seconds from each other. In five incredible matches, Lowk3y_ takes the win 3-2.

clerc





Season 7

Quarterfinals : Semifinals





Season 7

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

Anonymous

Season 7 took place during my final exams of high school, one of the most stressful times of anyone's life. The quarters, semis and final matches especially were on the weekend right between two of my most stressful exams, but still, those moments in which I was tucked away in my room, away from the world, were some of the most special moments of my life.

Ultimately, what made those moments so special were the people I got to share them with: the watchparty's chat, where we all rose and fell together, cheering for that *one* runner who we were sure would win it all. My father, who listened to me talk about all the intricacies and details in every run, who told me Beefs salad (his favourite, he likes their name) and Fulham looked like very polite young men. My Tumblr community as we all shouted in our group chats and posts and reblogs over each heartstopping moment, filling the void of social media with a cacophony of laughter and joy and despair as we all *felt* together. And finally my two best friends, who we talked through the whole of each and every match, through every victory and falter, consoling each other through loss and cheering with the others through victory, even if it was not a victory of our own.

It's because of these snippets and moments of memories and people that a small part of me will



Season 7

Quarterfinals : Semifinals

live with Season 7, through the rest of my life, and a small piece of my heart will always reside within MCSR. The community that comes with Ranked is truly amazing, and hopefully will continue to be as long as it lives.



Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

fork

Why We Play

3rd Place: Hax

Climbing up the podium steps felt heavier this time, more exhausting than past seasons

He accepted his third place trophy... again, and he took a moment to reflect:

Three bronzes. Two silvers.

The desire for gold still lingered like a familiar dream he'd been chasing for five seasons.

For the first time this Playoffs, he closed his eyes, and exhaled.

The adrenaline was wearing off. Fatigue seeped into his limbs.

Playoffs messes with your body and mind like that

And then he heard it. The sound of his name, echoing across the stadium. Steady. Like a heartbeat.

It brought him back to the moment, to everything beyond the match



Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

He adjusted his scarf, repositioned his hat, raised
a hand and waved to the crowd

There, he spotted familiar faces: a flower crown, a
pink monkey

Friends.

And those who cheered his name each and every
day

Fans.

They reminded him why he played the game.

A bittersweet feeling rose in his chest as memories
from past seasons flooded in: the thrilling moments,
the tight games, the two a.m. watchparties.

It would be a while until he returned to Ranked,
maybe forever.

Time to explore life beyond the leaderboard,
beyond Eloes.

But maybe, just maybe, he'll return one day.
Stronger. Ready to take the crown.



Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

4th place: Crimson

His hands still shook as the match was declared over

The bastion dissolved around him, bringing him back to the stadium, back to reality

The taste of victory so close, yet just out of reach

His mind spiralled back to the silly mistakes. All the what-ifs.

What if he'd hit the boat clutch? What if he hadn't thrown three eyes?

What if he had just taken a seed?

One simple change and maybe, just maybe, he could have been on the podium too

As these thoughts ran through his head, a fellow runner passed by, dropping a message:

"You impressed me. Keep up the hard work."

They reminded him why he played the game.

Thirty-fifth on the phase point leaderboard, when barely anyone knew his name, he was thrown into



Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

ice cold water that was LCO.

And he made it. Made it into his first Playoffs.

Against all odds.

He shook the bracket. Taught people his name. Went places nobody expected.

Fourth place. Just shy of the podium. But so much farther than he ever dreamed.

He may have lost Playoffs, but he's grown.

A new perspective, a new respect for the game, a new fanbase.

He will continue to practice. Work hard. Grow into a better runner.

His blood's warmed up for Ranked. For another Playoffs.

And he will return. Stronger. Ready to take the crown.



Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

kat





Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

tsukino





Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

fynn

Grand Finals

You're barely able to sit still in your seat. You feel like you should be up and pacing - you watch agitatedly as the two runners start to scan an ordinary endless summer beach for the shipwreck, paying the beautiful seaside scenery no attention as you straighten your back in an attempt to calm the pulse threatening to beat its way out of your chest. Feinberg and Nerd's commentary drift in and out of your attention, your nervousness blurring their words as you try to listen to no avail - you're distracted by the match itself, distracted by the tension choking up your chest as you watch Doogile and Loukey compete once more. *Wow. Wow. This* is the end of the end, the *grand final*, the match to complete *all* the matches of the season. You almost can't believe it. You think you might *explode*.

Your head swims as Doogile dives, anticipation clawing away at your insides white-hot and terrified as you watch the match progress. Your hands are sweating - your eyes remain glued to your screen, your mind unaware that hours have passed since the matches of the day began. You watch Doogile keep his lead. You think you might combust.



Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Because this is what Playoffs *does* to you. It sweeps you up, body and soul, head-first into the thrill of the *run*. When the seed is over and Doogile wins it, you smile at the sight of Beefs salad and Fulham sat together in Tubbo's studio - when coupled with the knowledge that there's now a *sponsor*, the novelty of it all gives you hope. Ranked. Ranked. *This is* Ranked.

What is Ranked? you ask yourself quietly, sat in front of your laptop in the late evening watching the match of all the matches. *What is Ranked?* You don't know the answer, and yet you *do*. You let it settle in the atmosphere around you as you patiently await the next seed. *Ranked is here. Ranked is everything.*

Ranked is joy and heartbreak. Ranked is passion and dedication - Ranked is this and then that, all wrapped up into a single game. Ranked is the upsets and comebacks, the racing chats, the flood of cat emotes - Ranked is each player's unique storyline, stretched and pushed to the limit in the ultimate and inevitable *Playoffs*. Ranked is the resounding, glorious finality of Doogile's win. Ranked is watch parties, inside jokes, beautiful fanart, unwavering support. Ranked is *here*. Ranked is *alive*.

Ranked is racing to be better, braver, stronger, *faster*. Ranked is more than just a game.



Season 7

Grand Finals : 3rd Place

Ranked is a beautiful, more-filled, diverse and wonderful *community*, and that in itself makes it a whole *universe*.

Here's to another brilliant season of Playoffs.

Admin Team

ModLove! ModLove!!
ModLove!!!



Admin Appreciation

— crowinthecorner —





Admin Appreciation

ectdial

I joined the community at around the start of 2025, and I found out about Ranked Playoffs not long after. At first watch I immediately got the feeling that this tournament was professional. Eg. mid-match analysis - highlighting minuscule fumbles that might've ruined the whole run, coupled with Fulham's enthusiasm, is a really fun and educational way for people (especially new people) to learn the intricacies of this game.

That, with a really polished and smooth presentation interface, really makes Ranked one of the most impressive tournaments I've ever seen, especially after knowing it was organised by a handful of people with a small budget and genuine passion for the game.

All this could not be possible without the lead developer of the Ranked client - Redlime - who worked day and night to bring the client from the ground up to what it is today, and has since then kept on improving the client and maintaining it.

From watching events and tournaments such as MCC, Blockwars, and Ranked Playoffs, you'd assume the norm for big online tourneys to be at a similar level - enter: Dedsafio Speedrun. *«gasp»*

To the uninitiated - Dedsafio is a 1.21 AA



Admin Appreciation

tournament, spanning 11 weeks, and is - it doesn't even deserve to be put in better terms - an "utter embarrassment of an event" - Feinberg. From delays of starts due to the host too busy playing another game, to lag so horrible the game receives no input at all, to seeds that are literally unplayable.

Watching multiple speedrunners suffer through this event week in, week out really opened my eyes to the level of professionalism and how well organised Ranked Playoffs is compared to the budget and resources behind Dedsafio. And made me appreciate it even more every time I see Ranked Tournaments, even dating back to Season 1, where even though not everything is as perfect as Season 7, the passion for the game made it just as good, if not better from the authenticity of passion you can feel the players have for the game. The effort put in by the admins to develop the event to what it is today, truly needs more recognition and support from everyone who plays or watches Playoffs.

Recently, Ranked has gotten a lot more popular. First reaching Rekrap (he brought more attention to the client) and Tubbo, who offered to partly host the Season 7 Playoffs and (finally) a sponsor! Who helped fund the prize pool, alleviating



Admin Appreciation

the burden on Feinberg's bank account. Then Mid-offs happened, which added even more fuel to the fire by recruiting a bunch of large content creators and teaching them how to speedrun. The Minecraft Speedrunning Ranked (MCSR) name has blazed across the whole Minecraft space, and I believe this is only the start, and we have just begun to scratch the surface of the true potential of MCSR.

So on behalf of the MCSR community -

Dear admins and developers - the constructors and cornerstones of Playoffs and this Community:

Thank you.



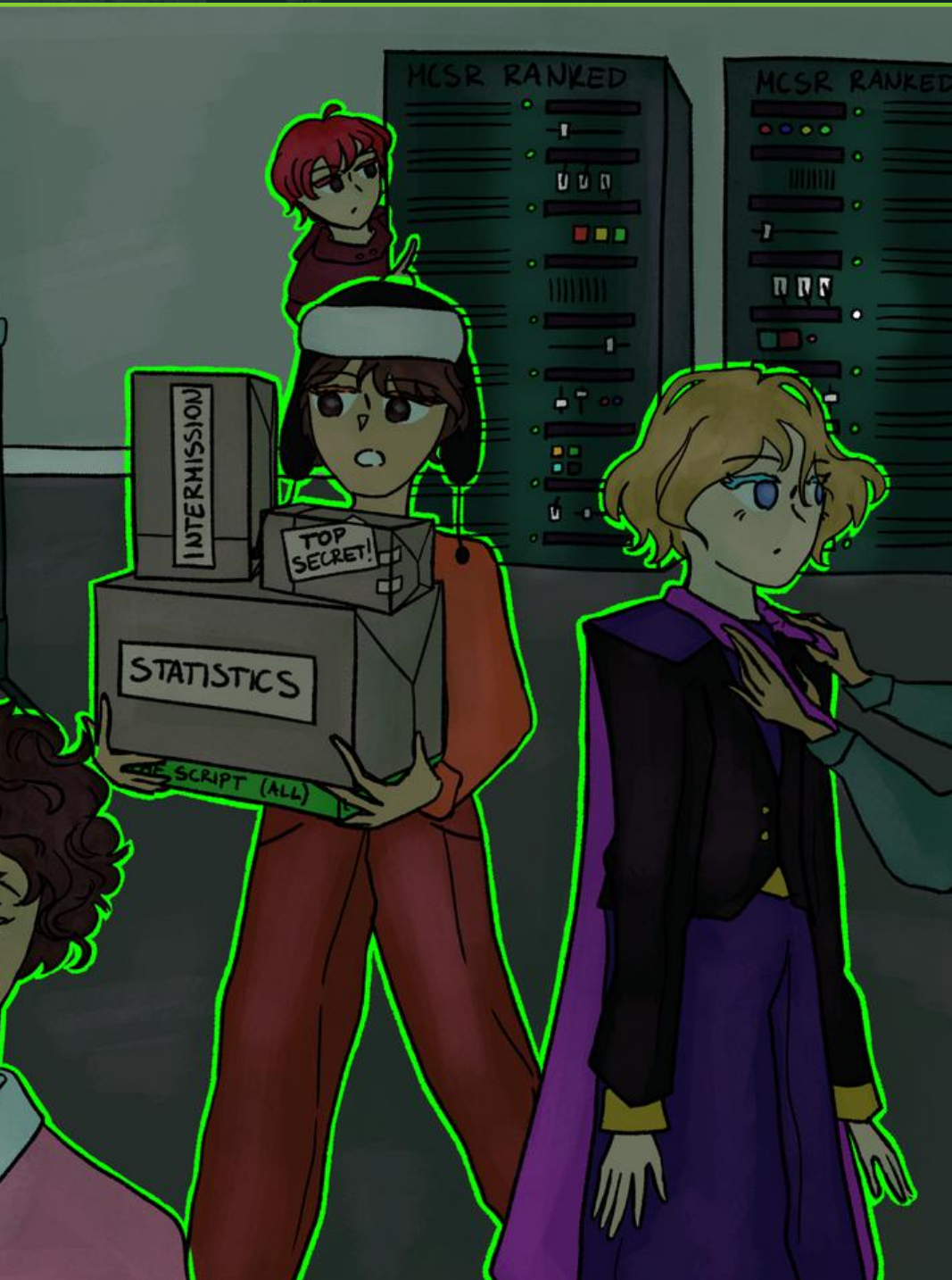
Admin Appreciation

dwa





Admin Appreciation





Admin Appreciation

Blue

We would not have the community we have today without the efforts of Redline & OliverMCSR. The Ranked gamemode has done so much for us as a community of runners and as a community of fans. We are all here because we love the game, and we love the people who play it. And we would not be here in the same way without the Ranked gamemode. We would still be running seeds, and we'd still be watching the top runners on twitch. But we wouldn't be here. Cheering on players as they compete at the very highest skill level at Playoffs.

I think this tournament is what it's all about. Bringing people together, to see who's better, and to watch and learn speedrunning. Exploring Minecraft and its infinite worlds, and getting a good time.

The Playoffs are a magical moment, and the 57 Tournament was when so many new people got to experience it for the first time. MCSR Ranked is picking up momentum right now. This is the best time to be a speedrunner, and we have Ranked to thank for it.

Never before has MCSR had a growth spurt like this, and I know that we can capitalise on it. We have more eyes on the game than ever, and I know that the MCSR Ranked Playoffs Production Team can make something more amazing than ever.

Credits

We wouldn't be here
without our contributors!

– The Mod Team

Zine Contributor Credits

Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!



Moe Deemoe any
Artist
51 Qualifiers : R016

"Ty for the opportunity <3"

she/they myriadleaves

Artist
56 Midseason : LCQ : Round 1 and 2



Blubfishblue he/they
Writer

Playoffs Admins Appreciation, Season 4 Grand Finals
: 3rd Place match

"Thank you all for being a part of this community!
We've come so far and theres only greater heights
to go!"

any Willow

Artist
55 Quarters : Semis



Zine Contributor Credits

Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!

any Ave
Writer

51 Qualifiers : R016, 53 Quarters : Semis, 54
Quarters : Semis



Quill it/he
Artist & Writer

53 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match, 51 Grand Finals :
3rd Place match, 53 Quarters : Semis

"This project was a joy to work on, I'm happy that
Ranked is getting so much attention. Blessed be <3"



he/him crowinthecorner

Artist

Playoffs Admins Appreciation



darya she/her

Artist

54 Midseason : LCO : R016

"does fridgeberg dream of bell peppers?"

Zine Contributor Credits

Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!



Jess she/they

Writer

55 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match, Season 5 Quarters
: Semis

"Don't be afraid to reach out to people in the community, I've met amazing people because of it."

Anonymous

Writer

"Much love to the mods and contributors of the zine!
Fanwork has always been and will continue to be an
integral part of MCSR <3"



chor name only

Artist

52 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

"I loved the showmatch on Brentilda seed from the
second season of playoffs, it was so cinema."

he/him Ivor

Artist

57 Midseason : LCO : R016



Zine Contributor Credits

Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!

she/her fork

Writer

53 R016, 57 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

"shoutout mcsr writers and artists
i appreciate you all so much <3"



Tsukino she/her

Artist

57 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

"Ty all of the awesome people in this community <3
hope u like my art :3"

they/he/ey/sun Ambivalent

Artist

56 Quarters : Semis

"I love MCSR Ranked."



ectdial any

Writer

53 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match, 55 Quarters :
Semis, Playoffs Admins Appreciation

"yo"

Zine Contributor Credits

Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!



atlasthebanan he/they
Artist
S6 Quarters | Semis

any Awez
Artist

Season 5 Grand Finals | 3rd Place match, Season 4
Grand Finals | 3rd Place match

"I hope you guys enjoy the MCSR Zine! Everyone
put a lot of work into this and shoutout the
organizers! We wouldn't be here without you!!"



oliver they/any
Artist
S6 Midseason | LCO | Round 1 and 2
"meow"

any zeroisticx
Artist

S6 Grand Finals | 3rd Place match

"mongeyPls"



Zine Contributor Credits

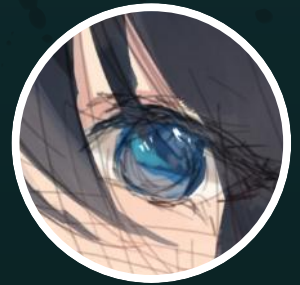
Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!

she/her Nonneeeeeee_

Artist

51 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match, 52 R016, 52 Quarters : Semis

"; yo"



Smol he/they/xen/corvus

Writer

56 Quarters : Semis, 56 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

"i hope you all enjoy our little thank you to those running mosr ranked and playoffs <3"



she/her rhayne

Writer

57 Midseason : LCO : R016, Season 7 Quarters : Semis



Karensdrips1 they/them

Writer

52 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match, 56 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

"I like raccoons. I'm TalkingMime I'm TalkingMime"



Zine Contributor Credits

Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!



kat stormflight any
Artist

57 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

"kat is super excited to be participating in their first zine! hope you enjoy :D"

they/she Nemo
Artist

Season 5 Midseason : LCQ : Round 1 and 2



Aether
Artist

Season 3 Quarters : Semis

":3"



any siphon-04
Artist & Writer

57 Midseason : LCQ : R016, 51 Quarters : Semis, 51
Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

"Hope you enjoy the zine!"



Zine Contributor Credits

Learn about and hear from the wonderful artists and writers who made this zine possible!

she/her lem

Artist

54 Quarters : Semis, 51 Quarters : Semis

"Live, laugh, love, lemons and mosr :3"



@clrc_draw they/any

Artist

57 Quarters : Semis

"gurt"

Anonymous

Artist



she/her dua

Artist

Playoffs Admins Appreciation

"i'm talkingmime"

Zine Contributor Credits

Messages from the mods!



fynn he/they

Writer & Moderator

54 Quarters : Semis, 55 Midseason : LCQ : Round 1 and 2, 55 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match, 56 Midseason : LCQ : Round 1 and 2, 57 Midseason : LCQ : R016, 57 Grand Finals : 3rd Place match

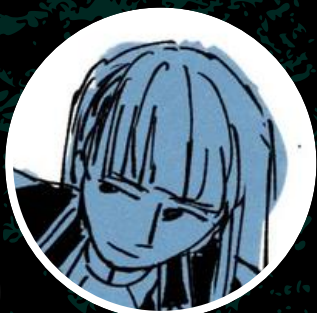
"happy season 8 playoffs!!! long live ranked and shoutout to the playoffs organizers, the other zine mods, and my favourite noodle pillow!!"

he/it/any Ezra Bioluminescentfrog

Writer & Moderator

Anonymous pieces

"As a farewell gift to a beautiful home. Thank you everyone for making this project possible, I couldn't be more proud of everyone!"



nicey they/he/she

Writer & Moderator

51 Qualifiers : R016, 52 R016, Season 2 Quarters : Semis, Season 6 Midseason : LCQ : Round 1 and 2, Season 6 Quarters : Semis

"It isn't the one at the top, but those who pursue the light that shine the brightest."



MCSA RANKED PLAYOFFS ZINE

and the universe said you are not alone

*and the universe said you are not separate
from every other thing*

and the universe said you are the universe
tasting itself, talking to itself, reading its own code

*and the universe said I love you because you
are love.*

And the game was over and the player woke up
from the dream. And the player began a new
dream. And the player dreamed again, dreamed
better. And the player was the universe. And the
player was love.

You are the player.

Wake up.