

### **CHEL Intel** – **May 10, 2022**

Carrlyn Bathe, NoSleeves and GrizGoal Headline NHL GWC's New 2022 Broadcast Team with Guests Commentators Also Making Live Stream Appearances

From all the fast-paced, come-from-behind, series-clinching NHL Playoff hockey happening on the ice, to the thrilling competition taking place off the ice, fans will have no shortage hockey 'MAYhem' to keep them entertained this weekend.

After months of grinding, the best **EA SPORTS™ NHL® 22** players in North America are set to enter the home stretch for **NHL® Gaming World Championship™** supremacy as the puck drops on the NHL GWC live stream schedule this Saturday.

On the virtual ice, the NHL Gaming World Championship welcomes in a <u>new broadcast team</u> this season. Calling all the action will be a familiar face in the gaming world in play-by-play expert Cameron 'NoSleeves' Halbert. GWC newcomer Anthony 'GrizGoal' Scibilia III will cover the analyst role while veteran gamer and Los Angeles Kings reporter Carrlyn Bathe will get to know the players and help engage fans on Twitch. The live stream schedule begins on Saturday May 14 at 12 p.m. ET with the 2022 NHL GWC North American Xbox Console Semifinals. Matches will be broadcast live on Twitch, co-streamed by the NHL and ELEAGUE TV channels.

#### Did you Know?

- \* Carrlyn Bathe became in the first female broadcast voice of the EA SPORTS™ NHL® franchise for the NHL '21 title.
- \*All remaining NHL GWC matches will be played on the **PS5 console**, since older model consoles, like the PS4 and Xbox One, are not forward compatible with next-generation consoles. PS5 game systems have been sent out to all players to allow remaining competitors to play against one another.
- \* HUT Draft fun fact:
  - Edmonton's Connor McDavid and Colorado's Nathan MacKinnon were selected with the No. 1 and No. 2 picks respectively in both the North American and European Draft.
  - North America (Top 5 picks): McDavid (EDM), MacKinnon (COL), Sidney Crosby (PIT), Auston Matthews (TOR) and Leon Draisaitl (EDM).
  - **Europe** (Top 5 picks): McDavid (EDM), MacKinnon (COL), Draisaitl (EDM), Crosby (PIT) and Matthews (TOR).



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#### 2022 NHL GWC BROADCAST TEAM REVEALED



#### Meet the Team:

Carrlyn Bathe – A TV reporter for the Los Angeles Kings on Bally Sports West, Bathe grew up an avid hockey fan. Her father, Frank, played 224 career games with the Detroit Red Wings and Philadelphia Flyers while her four brothers, along with herself, also played various levels of the sport. Bathe is a gaming enthusiast who enjoys competition off and on the ice. In 2020, she became the first female voice in the EA SPORTS™ NHL® franchise, joining the in-game broadcast team in NHL21. Bathe hosted the NHL's gaming event at Top Golf during the 2022 Honda NHL® All-Star Weekend in Las Vegas and has been actively involved with NHL esports initiatives for the past several years.

Cameron 'NoSleeves' Halbert – NoSleeves enters his first season as the GWC's full time play-by-play expert after appearing as a guest commentator in 2020 and 2021. He is a full-time content creator, Twitch partner and streamer covering the EA SPORTS™ NHL® video game title. He specializes in content creation to help newcomers improve their gameplay and have a greater understanding of all things Hockey Ultimate Team (HUT). He has hosted, broadcasted and called play-by-play for virtually every NHL team event as well an IIHF esports event. The Niagara Falls, ON native is a social media influencer, EA SPORTS Game Changer, content creator for the esports organization Lazarus and co-host of a gaming-specific podcast called *Coffee and Chel* along with GWC competitor **Keso Paghuni**.

Anthony 'GrizGoal' Scibilia III – The 26-year-old native of Niagara Falls, NY will be making his NHL Gaming World Championship broadcasting debut as a color analyst. Griz began his NHL esports broadcasting career in April 2021 as a color analyst for League Gaming, and while he only has a year of experience under his belt, he has taken part in almost every NHL Esports event over the last calendar year, including calling play-by-play for the 2022 Bolts Chel Challenge LAN event. In addition to this event, Griz was on the broadcast team for the 2021 Bolts Chel Challenge, Kings Coast Cup events, CBJ Gaming events, New York Islanders IGT Circuit, Florida Panthers 1v1 NHL 22 XRocker Tournament, Chevrolet Good Deeds Cup NHL '22 Shootout Showdown and the 2022 Sharks Pacific Cup. Scibilia also is the play-by-play commentator for the Isles Gaming Team, the first professional 6v6 NHL esports team.

# **WEEKEND RESULTS**



#### **European HUT Draft**

#### What is HUT?

Administered by EA, the live online 'serpentine' HUT Draft for GWC Europe took place over the weekend. The 16 remaining players drafted a 25-person HUT team from amongst the pool of NHL players available. Each player now has a new HUT team comprised of 12 forwards, 6 defensemen, 2 goaltenders, and 5 additional skaters.

Full rosters for each player are available <u>here</u>.





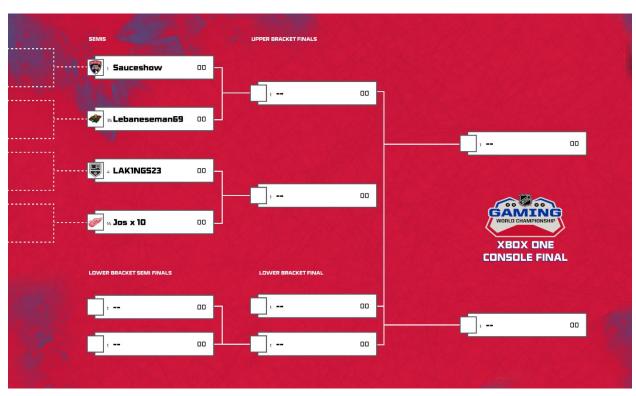
#### **TURN UP & TUNE IN: GWC BROADCAST RIGHTSHOLDERS**

This season, the NHL Gaming World Championship will reach more fans than ever before with expanded distribution in both North America and Europe. NHL broadcast rightsholders -- **Turner Sports** in the U.S., **Sportsnet** in Canada will carry GWC content, highlights and cutdown shows on their linear and digital channels.

Global distribution channels include **Nova** (Czech Republic), **Sky** (Germany), **Seven.One Entertainment Group** (Germany) and **MySport** (Switzerland).

With the Console Finals now set, players and fans are reminded that new this season, the Console Final will be <u>best-of-three</u>, <u>double-elimination</u>, to give players a second chance to advance to the Club Championship. First up is the NHL GWC North American <u>Xbox Console</u> Semifinals on **Saturday, May 14** beginning at **12 pm. ET**, streamed live on <u>NHL</u> and <u>ELEAGUE TV</u>.

The brackets for the road to the Xbox One and Xbox Series X Console Finals are below:





# **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

### Tournament format explainer video

Saturday, May 14: NHL GWC North American Xbox Console Semifinals (12 p.m. ET)

Saturday, May 21: NHL GWC North American PS Console Semifinals (12 p.m. ET)

Saturday, May 21: NHL GWC European Xbox One & Xbox Series X Semifinals

Sunday, May 22: NHL GWC European PS4 & PS5 Semifinals

Saturday, May 28: NHL GWC North American Xbox Series X Final (12 p.m. ET)

**Saturday, June 4**: NHL GWC European Championship (Time: TBC)

Saturday, June 11: NHL GWC North American PS4 Final (12 p.m. ET)

Saturday, June 18: NHL GWC North American Xbox One Final (12 p.m. ET)

Saturday, June 25: NHL GWC North American PS5 Final (12 p.m. ET)

Wednesday, July 6: NHL GWC North American Championship (Time: TBC)

# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



#### **ETHAN 'POLGZ' POLGAR**

Representing the Toronto Maple Leafs, **Polgz** will compete this weekend as the No. 1-ranked player for the Xbox Series X bracket. His road to the final four included wins against **Sitful**, **The Broche**, **I RISKTAKER I** and **Life Advisor**. If he wins the NHL GWC North American Championship, he plans to bring his mom, a <u>recent cancer survivor</u>, on stage with him.



### Ethan Polgar

# POLGZ

- 19-year-old Newmarket, ON resident
- Twitch Partner and YouTube Content Creator
- (6v6) Champion with @Prodigy for: CBJ Kroger, IGT Circuit & SJS Pacific Cup
- (1vs1) Champion for 2022 Bolts Chel Challenge, 2021 Caps Gaming Invitational
- (3v3) Champion with Caps Gaming
- 2021 NHL GWC LAK Rep (Top 16)
- 2022 NHL GWC TML Rep

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