

Interview with Hallvar Dehli at the National Gaming Association's  
Electronic Sports World Cup 2004

Please State your name and the team you play for.

HD: I'm Hallvar "Knoxville" Dehli and I'm the Team Captain of NoA.

What did you think about the country of France and the people there? Do they really hate Americans as much as everyone says they do?

HD: I don't like it that much, just not for me. I think they really hate Americans and us other people a bit too.

How was the food over there? I hear it's pretty awful.

HD: It wasn't gourmet food, I can tell you that. But then again you can probably find the best restaurants in the world there.

Where would you like to see the ESWC event be held next year? What do you think the benefits of this would be?

HD: Of course they should hold another ESWC, but they have to change a lot. The computers were not up to date, the setup at the tournament area was very bad and this affected the randomness - which we obviously don't need more of in the first place. The scene was fun though, but you need to set up the tournament to suit the players, not everyone else.

What did you guys think of ESWC this year in terms of service, organization, and fun?

HD: The organization was good and bad. The qualifiers makes most of the best teams from many countries participate, which is good. As for fun, it's never fun to loose - but we had some fun partying down there too. The service was up and down.

What were some of the ups and downs of your trip? Any funny stories or highlights?

HD: Definitely some funny stories, people climbing trees, hitting walls, having a good time. Lots of downs too, the tournament itself for starters. You need a different system with either more rounds per half or best out of three maps - which is probably my favorite. Bo3 will make the best teams win matches and that's what I want at least.

Ok let's get straight to business. Who was on your premier line up for the ESWC?

HD: Element, Knoxville, Method, Naikon and ShaGuar.

Which member of the team did you expect the most from during this International event?  
Any high expectations for your superstars?

HD: No, we are all pretty equal. I expect a lot from everybody.

What team did you guys expect to give you the most trouble? Did they?

HD: We didn't even get to play those teams.

Do you think the US Counter-strike teams this year was the strongest line up we've ever had? Did you feel it was good enough to compete head on with the European teams?

HD: Yeah, probably. Anyone can take down anyone these days.

When was the most crucial moment for you guys during competition?

HD: When we were placed between two very loud teams the 2nd day. This resulted in us not being able to hear sounds in the game nor communicate with each other.

How did you guys expect to place this year at ESWC? Looking back at all the heavy competition this year, are you happy with what you guys actually placed?

HD: We expected a whole lot more - top 3 at least. And we're of course not happy at all with the result.

What is going on with Destructo? He's been on the NOA lineup for quite some time now, but we rarely see him play? Is he going to stick with the team or are their going to be changes made?

HD: He has school at the moment and is inactive. If we'll see him play for us in the future --I don't know.

Lastly, what would you like to say to the sponsors, Benwin and Orion Force, which flew you out here?

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