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INTRODUCING THE HOUSTON OUTLAWS, THE OFFICIAL OVERWATCH LEAGUE™ TEAM FROM OPTIC GAMING

Premier Esports Organization OpTic Gaming Reveals the Logo, Team Name, and Roster for Houston's Overwatch League Team

HOUSTON (October 31, 2017) -- Premier esports organization OpTic Gaming has revealed the name of its professional Overwatch League team, the **Houston Outlaws**. The Texas-based team is made up of 10 incredibly talented players, hailing from five different countries, all united by their drive to become a truly formidable Overwatch League team.

The full team roster includes:

Players:

- Austin "Muma" Wilmot
- Matt "Coolmatt" Iorio
- Shane "Rawkus" Flaherty
- Lucas "Mendokusaii" Håkansson
- Jiri "LiNkzr" Masalin
- Daniel "Boink" Pence
- Chris "Bani" Bennell
- Jacob "JAKE" Lyon

- Matt "Clockwork" Dias
- Alexandre "SPREE" Vanhomwegen

Coaches:

- Tae-Yeong "TaiRong" Kim
- Adam "MESR" De La Torre
- Hyeon-Woo "HyeonWoo" Kim

GM:

Matt "Flame" Rodriguez

"I'm incredibly excited to finally be able to reveal this roster, and I could not be prouder of the final result," said Outlaws General Manager Matt Rodriguez. "Every player has such a distinct personality, and all of them are pumped to be able to call each other teammates. The mindset and the attitude of the team have been inspiring thus far, and we will continue developing and promoting a winning mentality throughout the inaugural season of the Overwatch League and beyond for the city of Houston."

The OpTic Gaming team, including CEO Hector "H3CZ" Rodriguez and President Ryan Musselman, chose the name to honor the region's rebellious and fearless nature in the face of all challenges, channeling its history and fight for independence to create a name and identity that is as large-and-in-charge as its hometown.

To honor the community that has supported Houston Outlaws parent organization OpTic Gaming so passionately, the logo features the iconic green and black tones, embodying the Green Wall and the familial bonds that the organization has built in the esports space. The star represents the team's pride in being a part of the Lone Star State, and the combination of two revolvers forming a longhorn skull round out a logo that symbolizes the strength of the team and the city it represents.

"We're excited for the Houston Outlaws to join the Green Wall family," said Hector Rodriguez, who was born in El Paso, Texas. "All of our fans live to compete—to be louder than everyone else and to deafen the competition with our skilled play and enthusiasm. The Houston Outlaws will continue our historical dominance in esports and introduce a new meaning of 'community' to our fans in Texas."

The Overwatch League from Blizzard Entertainment is the first major esports league to feature a city-based franchise structure. Twelve franchises from around the world, including the Houston Outlaws, will make up the teams for the inaugural season. Built from the ground-up for online and team competition, Overwatch® is Blizzard's fastest game to reach 35 million players. The Overwatch League will kick off preseason play with exhibition matches featuring all 12 teams starting December 6. The inaugural season will begin January 10, 2018 and run through the first half of the year, with playoffs in July.

For more information on the Overwatch League, visit www.overwatchleague.com.

For more information on the Houston Outlaws, follow the team's official accounts for the latest news and updates:

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Twitch: https://go.twitch.tv/OutlawsOW

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/outlaws

About Houston Outlaws

The Houston Outlaws is OpTic Gaming's Overwatch League franchise and one of 12 teams competing in the inaugural season of the League. Founded in 2007 by CEO Hector Rodriguez, OpTic Gaming is an industry-defining esports, media and entertainment organization that is widely known for its passionate global community and perennial success across multiple esports titles. The Houston Outlaws is a significant milestone in OpTic's history and an opportunity for the organization to continue to shape the future of esports. Learn more @OutlawsOW.

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