

# ELEAGUE Clash for Cash: The Rematch to Renew Rivalry Between Virtus.pro & Astralis Live on TBS, Friday, June 16, at 10 p.m. ET

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## ELEAGUE Major Finalists to Face Off in Winner-Takes-All \$250,000 Prize Match

**ELEAGUE**, the premium esports tournament brand from Turner and IMG, will present *Clash for Cash: The Rematch*, featuring *ELEAGUE Major* finalists **Astralis** and **Virtus.pro** on **TBS**, this **Friday**, **June 16**, at **10 p.m. ET**. Digital coverage of the **\$250,000 winner-takes-all showdown** will also be available across <u>Twitch</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and <u>ELEAGUE Live Game Command</u>.

#### **Preview Videos**

- Preview Video 1: Hear the players speak on the ELEAGUE Major Grand Final and what will make *The Rematch* important to them.
- <u>Preview Video 2: Go behind-the-scenes in a 'Mic'd Up' video featuring player communications during the epic ELEAGUE Major Grand Final.</u>

### About Clash for Cash: The Rematch

Clash for Cash: The Rematch will offer Virtus.pro a best-of-three chance at revenge after their runner up finish in January's ELEAGUE Major Grand Final. The Grand Final was an instant classic, culminating with a late-game comeback by Astralis to defeat Virtus.pro. The exciting finale drove ELEAGUE's Twitch channel to a record peak of more than **one million concurrent streams**, in addition to a reach of **3.6 million total viewers** on TBS.

Popular ELEAGUE host **Richard Lewis**, shoutcasters **Anders Blume** and **Jason "moses" O'Toole** and analysts **Chad "SPUNJ" Burchill** and esports pioneer **Scott "SirScoots" Smith** will provide commentary and analysis for the TBS telecast.

#### **Featured Player Quotes**

**Astralis' Nicolai 'dev1ce' Reedtz:** "I think it's reasonable to say we could win two [maps to] zero. I see us as a better team than Virtus.pro. I feel like if we play to our potential...they have no chance."

**Virtus.pro's Jaroslaw 'pashaBiceps' Jarząbkowski:** "Losing to Astralis in the Major final in Atlanta was very painful... I will show Astralis that we are the better team and win this game. We have to win this money; I have two daughters and diapers are not cheap."

**Astralis' Peter 'Dupreeh' Rasmussen:** "When we get our game going, we hit our shots and get good communication and we are almost impossible to beat. The Major final was the toughest match we have ever played... for us, there is some pride to defend, and for them, revenge to get."

**Virtus.pro's Wiktor 'TaZ' Wojtas:** "Astralis is a great team, ELEAGUE makes great events, and we thrive in those scenarios. [Over] the past few months we have been grinding, working on elevating our game – we had to destroy all that we had to [rebuild]. We might be rusty on LAN, but make no mistake, the Plow is coming with a vengeance."



**Astralis' Andreas "Xyp9x" Højsleth:** "It's going to be a really exciting match. We are looking forward to it. It's one game with [so much] on the line, [you must] win or you're gone."

**Virtus.pro's Filip "NEO" Kubski:** "It feels great to have the opportunity to play the rematch of the ELEAGUE Major final. It was one of the most intense games in the history of CS:GO and even though times are different now, this is definitely a very interesting matchup. The history between us and Astralis goes way back, and it has always been a very close game [when we play each other]."

# **Media Coverage Opportunities**

**Player Conference Call:** ELEAGUE will host a special Clash for Cash: The Rematch media conference call with access to Astralis superstar **Lukas 'gla1ve' Rossander** and Virtus.pro captain **TaZ** on **Thursday, June 15, at Noon ET**. Limited conference lines are available; to reserve a spot, please RSVP to <u>jake.moskowitz@turner.com</u>.

**On-Site Media Access:** Media members interested in on-site access to cover Clash for Cash: The Rematch on Friday, June 16, can contact Jake Moskowitz at <u>jake.moskowitz@turner.com</u>.