

Player Profile: Jurd

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With the 2015 Call of Duty: Championships just a short three days away, and players from around the world are gathering in Los Angeles, California to compete for a lion's share of a million dollars. While all eyes are on squads like Optic Gaming, Denial eSports and FaZe.Red to be on the hunt for the title, we've also got overseas teams such as Epsilon eSports, TCM Gaming, and Plantronics.Mindfreak who look to snatch the title away from the North American dominated field.

Jordan 'Jurd' Crowley, slayer for TCM Gaming and widely regarded as one of the best slayers in the game, is no stranger to the world stage after amassing a multitude of placings and accolades in his Call of Duty Career.

Jurd made his way onto the Call of Duty competitive scene during Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3, bringing home a 3rd place finish with 4Kings at EGL 7 in 2012, but prior to then, played Quake, Unreal Tournament, and Gears of War.

The advent of Call of Duty: Black Ops II was where Jurd truly began to make his mark on the scene, later referring to it as the first game he remembers as being good at. At EGL 9, as part of Epsilon eSports with MadCat, ShAnE and Xanity, he helped the team bring home another 3rd place finish, and was a large part of their 6th place finish at 2013's Call of Duty: Championships.

Other notable highlights from the Call of Duty: Black Ops II season for Jurd and Epsilon would include 1st place finishes at SkyLAN, FCO (French Cup Organization) 2, and DreamHack Valencia, and a 2nd place finish at Gfinity 2, only being bested by compLexity. At the inaugural Call of Duty tournament at the Electronic Sports World Cup (ESWC) in 2013, he helped Epsilon eSports to another 3rd place finish behind compLexity and Millennium, who finished 1st and 2nd respectively.

Jurd would remain on Epsilon for the Call of Duty: Ghosts season, now joined by Swanny, Tommey, and Joshh, where the team would only find limited success after placing 9th at the 2013 MLG Fall Invitational. They would go on to win EGL 12 and EGL 13, and place 2nd at Gfinity 3, but placed outside of the money at 2014's Call of Duty: Championships, and placed 6th at ESWC 2014.

At the beginning of the season for Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare, Jurd sought free agency from Epsilon eSports to hopefully move to an American team, but instead moved to TCM Gaming with Moose, GunShy, and ShAnE. They would place 2nd at the Insomnia 53 LAN behind Millennium, but later have a difficult time at UMG Orlando where the squad placed 17th-20th.

At the 2015 European Regionals, TCM Gaming would easily punch their ticket to Los Angeles after only dropping one map until meeting Epsilon eSports in the Grand Finals where they were bested 3-1. Even with the loss, Jurd proved he was a double threat that weekend, putting up tournament topping numbers in both the slaying and objective departments.

After acquiring Aware Gaming's Pro League spot for Season Two, TCM Gaming relocated to the states. They've begun the season 2-4, but, even only six matches in, Jurd has proven to be the rock of TCM Gaming, posting numbers high enough to compete with OpTic Gaming's Formal, Denial eSports' Clayster, and OpTic Nation's Teepee.

As we head into the 2015 Call of Duty: Championships, you'd better believe he's ready for another crack for \$400,000. Look for Jurd and the rest of TCM Gaming to make a big splash this weekend, and make sure you follow OpTic Intel on Twitter for updates on the 2015 Call of Duty: Championships, Season Two of the Pro League, and more!