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**MINNESOTA RØKKR HEAD TO ATLANTA FOR TEAM'S FIRST  
GROUP PLAY TOURNAMENT OF THE 2020 SEASON**

*Minnesota RøkkR will join Paris Legion, Chicago Huntsmen and Toronto Ultra in Group B for tournament play on Saturday, February 22, and Sunday, February 23*

*Team to host Watch Party for local fans at Billy's on Grand in St. Paul, Saturday, February 22 at 8:45a.m. for first match against Paris Legion*

**Eagan, Minn. (Feb. 21, 2020)** – This weekend, February 22-23, Minnesota RøkkR will head to Atlanta for their first group play tournament action of the 2020 season. Hosted by Atlanta FaZe at Gateway Arena, the Home Series Weekend features a total of eight teams with Minnesota scheduled to compete with the Paris Legion, Chicago Huntsmen and Toronto Ultra in Group B.

"We're ready to hit the stage and show our fans how hard we've been working since launch weekend," said RøkkR team captain, Justin "SiLLY" Fargo-Palmer. "We've been preparing for our first tournament and feel confident going into the weekend as one of the three undefeated teams."

RøkkR kicks off the tournament against Paris Legion at 9 a.m. CT on Saturday, February 22, and will play again on Saturday at 3:30 or 5 p.m., depending on the results of the morning matchup.

The first-round matchups for each group were determined ahead of the event by the Call of Duty League. Over the course of each Home Series Weekend, the four teams that win two matches in their respective groups will advance to compete in a single-elimination bracket to determine the Home Series Weekend event winner.

The four-team elimination bracket begins on Sunday, February 23, after group play matches conclude that morning. Semi-finals are slated for 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. with the championship match scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

The tournament will be broadcast live on YouTube Gaming via the Call of Duty League's YouTube channel [here](#).

For fan's unable to travel to Atlanta, Minnesota RøkkR will be hosting an official Watch Party at Billy's on Grand in St. Paul on Saturday, February 22, beginning at 8:45 a.m. CT. There will be team-organized programming for the first match and fans can watch all RøkkR matches throughout the weekend.

RøkkR held the League's Launch Weekend in January and will host a Home Series Weekend at the Armory in Minneapolis on May 9-10. To be added to RøkkR's weekend distribution list for b-roll and updates from the event, or to request interviews please contact [media@wiseesports.com](mailto:media@wiseesports.com).

Please see below for additional information RøkkR team statistics and details on the weekend's matchups.

**RØKKR NOTES:**

- RøkkR (2-0) was one of four teams idle for the London Home Series (Feb. 8-9), and is one of three undefeated teams along with Chicago Huntsmen and Atlanta FaZe. The Chicago Huntsmen won the London tournament. Atlanta FaZe was idle.
- Call of Duty League standings are determined by points. Teams are awarded 10 points for each match win plus a bonus of 10 points for winning a tournament. Despite being idle for the London

tournament, Røkkkr still sits at sixth in the league standings with 20 points. At the conclusion of the regular season, the top eight teams in points will advance to the playoff tournament.

- For full league standings, visit <https://callofdutyleague.com/en-us/standings>.
- The latest ESPN power rankings are available [here](#).
- The latest ESPN Coaches Poll places Røkkkr at No. 6. The full rankings are available [here](#).
- Røkkkr could face two rivals in Atlanta as undefeated Chicago and northern opponent Toronto are both in Group B to start the tournament.
- Røkkkr starter Obaid “Asim” Asim played with FaZe Clan, the Call of Duty esports predecessor to Atlanta FaZe, before joining Minnesota as a restricted free agent prior to this season.
- Minnesota is the only North American team (and one of two teams in the Call of Duty League) to host two home events in 2020.

#### **GROUP B OPPONENT NOTES:**

- Paris Legion (4-2) has opened the season strong, exceeding preseason expectations. After going 2-0 in Minneapolis for Launch Weekend, Paris went 2-2 in London, advancing to the semi-finals of that tournament.
- Chicago Huntsmen (6-0) sit at the top of the Call of Duty League standings after going 2-0 in Minneapolis and winning the London tournament. Minnesota’s natural regional rival is led by co-CEO Hector “H3CZ” Rodriguez, an iconic figure in the Call of Duty esports scene.
- Toronto Ultra (1-3) was defeated in both matches during the London tournament. Minnesota is 1-0 against Toronto, having faced them in Minneapolis to close Launch Weekend in the first “Battle for the North.”

For more details about Atlanta FaZe’s Home Series, visit [CallofDutyLeague.com](https://CallofDutyLeague.com).

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