So, me and Sykotic sat down after he got back from MLG's biggest event to date and I drilled him with a few about his time there.



Gex: First off, let me thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to do this interview.

Sykotic: Sure, no problem.

Gex: What would you summarize as being the high-point of MLG

Chicago?

Sykotic: Definitely the Pro 4v4. Ya, Final Boss and Storm Venture,

Great Game. But, man, Ogre 1, he looked like he was gonna throw up. He did not look good. He really didn't. He looked like he was about to puke.

Gex: I know that the pro's schedule is a bit different from everyone else's schedule. Like they don't have to compete in the FFA, so was FB there from day 1 or not?

Sykotic: Ya, everyone has to register on Friday. The Tournament goes Friday, Saturday, Sunday. So [pros] register Friday, and then they can do whatever until they actually have to compete, which the Ogres just sat in the skybox and practiced in their hotel room.

Gex: That's gotta be nice. I know you just got off the phone talking to one of several people that you're trying to get sponsored from. What is that kind of process like, and how did MLG Chicago help in terms of negotiating some kind of deal?

Sykotic: Well, just the face that I'm the only kid from Springfield, Illinois that actually competed there, and did semi-good, I get a lot of credit for that. Like just going into EB Games and was wearing an MLG shirt, and all these people were like, "Oh you play MLG!?!" And I'm like, "Ya,"

"Oh, did you go to this last one in Chicago?"
"Yep."

"Oh that's so cool! What was it like?" And then I had to explain everything.

Gex: Which you've probably been having to do for lots of people. So tell me a little bit about your experience competing.

Sykotic: In short? I competed in the amateur FFA, and lost first round.

[<u>First heat scores</u>, provided by <u>MLGpro.com</u>]

g0dS_ExiLe :: 50 LegendJRG :: 49 The deFeCt :: 43 LethalReFleX :: 37 I DarK0n3 I :: 36

-> SyKoTiC721 :: 24 <-PMS Atomica :: 20



- MLG Chicago achieved record attendance for the event -

We played on Midship, and since it was the first round (and nobody had been eliminated yet) we had to use two people to an X-box [split-screen]. But since there was an odd number of people (seven), gods got a TV all to himself.

Gex: Ya, but it was LegendJRG that went all the way to place 31st in the Championship FFA Round Robin.

Sykotic: But he cheated. I could of won too. He unplugged my controller as soon as I started beating him. He said it was an accident... that's bullshit, but we didn't have a judge watching it at the time. Even his own teammates were yelling that he was cheating. And I almost hit that legendjrg, but PMS Atomica plugged it in for me and called him a fucker.

Gex: That's why I like chicks. What was the tempo like? Fast?

Sykotic: No, not really. It was just annoying, took almost 15 minutes. I did get a good run going. Running riot, 1 away from a rampage. So then it was to the losers bracket, which is kind of gay. You just get a lot of noobs and then some of the people that should have made it in there, but didn't. I mean there were some flat out noobs who are like

shooting behind you and at the ground, instead of in the body and trying to get head-shots. Stupid crap like that. And its double elimination, and only the top... uhh, either top four or top two move on. So if you don't place better than that in the [losers] bracket, then you're done. But some people would leave before the match even started, which was ok for me, but still kind of stupid. 'Cause even if you loose a game, you still get another chance to keep playing.

Gex: And that's where a lot of the teams that end up facing FB in the 4v4 actually get their chance, is through the losers bracket. So, speaking of how you placed... what was the final result?

Sykotic: Well, out of 975 people that signed up, what I was told was that I got 31st. and that's saying something, 'cause this is the biggest turnout that MLG has ever had. But there were kids there that were saying things like, "Man, this MLG sucks! Dallas was a lot better." Chicago was in a smaller building, with twice as many people. Plus, Dallas has a lot more people than Chicago... I'm pretty sure. I figure they said that because they lost. Or just suck at life.



- That's my controller! -

Gex: Who did you meet there that would be considered famous?

Sykotic: Oh I meet, like, shook on3, Karma, StrongSide, Walshy, Fragtality, Sticktality, I can't remember most of them. But real quick, a funny thing about Karma, you know I don't know if everyone knows this, but he's black...

Gex: That's something funny? Dude, his biceps are like the size of my head.

Sykotic: Ya and hes got these big ol' dreads, but man, he can pack away food like no other! Like, seriously, that hotdog-eating-championship-dude has nothing on Karma. 'Cause he's sitting there, and you know there's a pro lounge, and they get free Red Bull, free food. Man, Karma's got three double-decker sandwiches, he's just chompin' down on them, a soda, a bag of chips and he is snacking. He's not even fat either, that's the scary part.

Gex: So, what was the layout of the whole tournament there? How were you able to watch some of the pros compete?

Sykotic: Oh ya. Shook on3 competed in the amateur FFA and everyone went there. And he was on the very first stage... the one they have all the pictures of on the MLG site. The one that they have the big screens in back of you? And it would go, he would BXR someone, and the crowd would go, "OOOOOO!!!" and the same guy comes back and stuck him and the crowd goes, "OOOOO!!!" And you know, its like that when a pro is playing, everyone is like screaming.



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Gex: Its gotta be great to have fans that can get behind you like that and support you and just really get you pumped up when your doing good. Who would you say you're a fan of? Someone who you look at their game play footage and go, "Man, I wish I could pull off that move, or have a clear enough head to make that kind of play."

Sykotic: Karma, definitely Karma. The guy can double shot, double double shot, triple double shot, I mean, he is the king.

Gex: So I know from talking to you earlier that you won \$100 competing in a side even hosted by Boost Mobile where you get \$2 a win. What else can you say about that?

Sykotic: Well, not much. Like you said, it was just a 1 vs. 1 side event with a two-dollar entrance fee, single elimination, and you can rejoin as many times as you want (if you lose). I won 50 games in a row. It was pretty easy compared to the FFA stuff I was doing earlier. But that hundred bucks went really quick on MLG shirts and stuff. The shirt was 20, the hoodie is 40, its nasty.

Gex: Ok, other than that... uhhhh I think that's all I got for ya. Mil gracias por todo de su auida.

Sykotic: What the crap. Is that like Italian or something?

Gex: No, that's Mexican. Thanx for your time man.

Sykotic: Sure, take it easy.

Gex: Peace ∼



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