

ELEAGUE | TEKKEN® Team Takedown to Make TBS Debut Friday, March 16, Following Live NCAA March Madness Coverage

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Turner & IMG's **ELEAGUE** will introduce television viewers to **TEKKEN**® 7's fast-paced world of one-on-one fighting game action when the first-ever **ELEAGUE | TEKKEN Team Takedown** premieres Friday, March 16, following live *NCAA March Madness* coverage on the network.

A preview of the four-part series' debut episode - *Captain's Challenge* - is available [here](#).

In *Captain's Challenge*, viewers will meet **Ricky "Pokchop" Walker Jr.**, who lead one of four five-player teams in the *TEKKEN Team Takedown*, as 20 of the game's best American players competed for a **\$100,000** purse. The show will spotlight Pokchop's life outside *TEKKEN*® 7, including as a father. Additionally, it will recap the best moments from the ELEAGUE stage as each of the four captains - including Pokchop, his Virtual Storm teammate **Shaun "NYCFAB" Swain**, **Jeannail "Cuddle_Core" Carter** and **Hoa "Anakin" Luu** - play a miniature tournament to determine seeding for the *Takedown*.

Richard Lewis will host the show, with casting, match analysis and player interviews provided by a team of Fighting Game Community experts including **Reepal "Rip" Parbhoo** - currently ranked in the top 20 on the *TEKKEN World Tour* - **Steve "Tasty Steve" Scott**, **Stephen "Sajam" Lyon**, **Mark "MarkMan" Julio** and **Michele Morrow**.

The *TEKKEN Team Takedown* series will then return to TBS with an all-new episode on **Friday, March 23**, also following the network's live *NCAA March Madness* coverage.

About ELEAGUE

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