### eSports



# Global Strategy

### **Attracting Mass**

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Audience

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# Gaming is an exciting Skill Sport

# We Are Entertainment

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# But Remain Comparatively Niche



# Different Paths to Mass











# Strategic Relationships











### Grassroots Events

### Programming has been the Key

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### Game Broadcasting in Korea

#### Cable TV

#### OnGamenet

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- Korea No.1 cable game channel which broadcasts with various contents of game including game league. (24 hour broadcasting)

#### MBC Game

- E-sports oriented cable game channel which is owned by Korean major broadcasting station, MBC. (24 hour broadcasting)

- ✓ Game League (Live & Rebroadcast) : Broadcast pro & amateur competition
- Game preview : News / game introduction

Game Strategy & Tip : Offering play tips from the professional game players

People : Documentary-type for professional game player

#### Public Broadcasting

#### SBS Game

Weekly basis program of Korean major broadcasting station,
 SBS (Every Thursday, 00:40)

Game preview : News / game introduction



#### <Cable Channel M/S>

	Channel	Share%
1	MBC Drama Net	11.18
2	Tooniverse	5.91
3	KBS Drama	5.37
4	SBS Drama Plus	5.26
5	OCN	4.41
6	t∨N	3.84
7	Champ	3.62
8	Comedy TV	3.62
9	Mnet	3.39
10	e-channel	3.38
11	Cannel CGV	2.94
12	SUPER ACTION	2.6
13	XTM	2.45
14	Ongamenet	2.31
15	MBC MOVIES	2.25
16	MBC ESPN	2.17
17	MBC Game	2.09
18	Dramax	1.9
19	OnStyle	1.82
20	O'live	1.63

Data period : July.16 - 22

Target : Age 10 - 34

Range : Nationwide

### Content

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Category	Broadcasting Type	Description	Program
Game League (Professional gamers)	Cable	<ul> <li>Live &amp; re-broadcasting of game league (Round basis)</li> <li>Program which presents highlight scenes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WCG2007 (OnGamenet)</li> <li>DAUM Starcraft League (OnGamenet)</li> <li>GomTV MLS league (MBC Game)</li> <li>Shinhan Bank Cup proleague (OnGamenet)</li> </ul>
Game Competition (Pro+Amateur)	Cable 2	• Live & re-broadcasting of game league (Round basis)	<ul> <li>GomTV Kart Rider league (OnGamenet)</li> <li>Hyundai Motor Cup FIFA Online eague (OnGamenet)</li> <li>Club Audition League (Ongamenet)</li> </ul>
News	Cable / Public	<ul> <li>News of game industry</li> <li>Introduction of new released titles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New game spark(MBC Game)</li> <li>Game Express (OnGamenet)</li> <li>GameShow (SBS game)</li> </ul>
Education	Cable	Introduce strategy and tips for game playing	<ul> <li>Game Tip (OnGamenet)</li> <li>Star unlimited challenge (MBC Game)</li> </ul>
Documentary	Cable	Introduce pro-gamers and their everyday life	Real Story Pro Gamer (OnGamenet)

### Is It All About Starcraft?

# Zerg Rush

Zerg Egg

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### Not Just Starcraft

Zerg Egg



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### Case Study – EA SPORTS™ FIFA Online

#### League Structure

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Stage

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Higher Rank 64 teams from online preliminary League. (Total 30K participants)

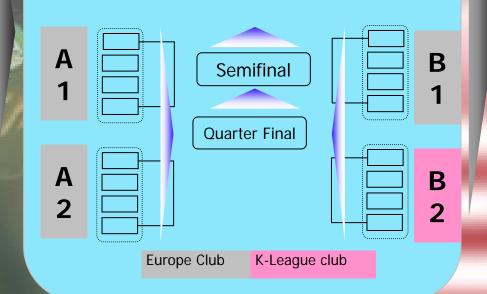


**16 teams** via off-line Matches.



2<sup>nd</sup> Stage

- 3 groups for 'Europe Club', 1group for K-League club
- Match process : Full league in 16 groups → Quarter final → Semifinal



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage



- Off-line field Final hook up Broadcast
- Opening event match between Pro-gamers (Detail later on)
- Prize : About 30M KRW, Include Hyundai motor car 'AVANTE' for winner





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### Case Study – EA SPORTS™ FIFA Online

#### EA SPORTS <sup>™</sup> FIFA Online 2006 Hyundai Motor Cup World Championship

STRUP:

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Sponsor	Hyundai Motors SPURIS	
Broadcasting	MBC GAME EA	
Schedule	<ul> <li>Off-Preliminary match : Sep.30(Saturday)- IPARK mall 4<sup>th</sup>floor Event mall</li> <li>Main league : Oct.13(Friday) ~ Dec.15(Friday).2006</li> <li>Finals : Dec.21(Thursday).2006</li> </ul>	
Games	EA SPORTS TM FIFA Online 2 vs 2 Club-Match	
Place	<ul> <li>Main league : COEX Mall MBC Game Hero Center</li> <li>Finals : Lotte World 'Garden Stage'</li> </ul>	
Prizes	<ul> <li>Prizes : Approx 30M KRW (approximately 30K USD)</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> prize : Include Hyundai motor's brand new car 'AVANTE'</li> </ul>	
Air time	<ul> <li>Everyweek Friday 18:00 / 90min. live broadcasting for main league</li> <li>Dec. 22 (18:00 – 19:30). Recorded broadcasting for final match</li> </ul>	

#### **Electronic Arts Korea**

### Case Study – EA SPORTS™ FIFA Online

#### **Broadcasting Schedule**

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#### **Electronic Arts Korea**

### 2007 Hyundai Motor World Cup

- Championship 1007 Hyundai Motor Cup World Championship
  - Official game league sponsored by Hyundai Motor
  - Broadcasted every Thursday on Ongamenet from May 31 to Aug 2
  - Final match to be held on Aug 11





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# Some Assumptions

- Establish eSports as a true sport of skill and integrity
- Make it accessible to a mass audience (e.g., casual gamers), but don't expect it to be universal
- A relatively consistent set of rules and mechanics can be developed
- Much will be shot "live" but editing will play a large role
- Assumes support from and dialogue with programmers, leagues, developers and publishers, constantly enhancing and advancing possibilities







### Madden Nation





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### BATTLEFIELD

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### **NBA** Live





### NBA Live: Bring It Home

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# Keys To Success

### 1. Create Celebrity Personas



# Put Gamers on a Pedestal

Make Them Interesting Individuals
Highlight and Celebrate Their Skills

•Validate Gamers and Gaming Culture

> Tell Their Stories

# **Tell Their Stories**

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### Creating Celebrity

- Tell their stories
- Feature the most charismatic players



# Feature The Charisma

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## Create Interesting Personas

- Tell their stories
- Feature the most charismatic players
- Elevate the best players



### Elevate the best

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#### Highlight and Celebrate Their Skill

- Explain strategic and physical skills
- Highlight their training regimens



## **Explain Strengths**

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### Highlight and Celebrate Their Skill

- Explain strategic and physical skills
- Highlight their training regimens
- Have players share tips and insights



## Player Tips

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## Keys To Success

#### 1. Create celebrity

## 2. Make the programming recognizable and easy to understand



### Recognizable and Easy to Understand

Give the audience a "god's eye view"
 Build it from the familiar



## God's Eye View

- Put viewers inside the players head
  - Insert pre-game, mid-game and post-game interviews with the players DURING the game



#### Pre, Mid and Post Interviews



# God's Eye View

- Put them inside the players head
  - Insert pre-game, mid-game and post-game interviews with the players DURING the game
- Editing is the key: don't rely on going "live"

• Give the announcers time to announce and the color guys time to color



#### Give the announcers time



## God's Eye View

- Put them inside the players head
  - Insert pre-game, mid-game and post-game interviews with the players DURING the game
- Leverage editing: don't rely on going "live"
  - Give the announcers time to announce and the color guys time to color
  - Utilize instant replays, freeze maps
  - Create a great graphics package
  - Collect as many camera angles as possible



#### Use The Medium

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## Keys To Success

- 1. Put the players on a pedestal
- 2. Make the programming recognizable and easy to understand
- 3. Find and nurture the drama



#### Drama 101: Conflict

- Highlight historical rivalries between players
- Establish "favorites" and "underdogs"
  - Relative strengths and weaknesses of players (stats, records and styles)
- Emphasize Conflict
  - Allow trash talk (within reason) and player interaction



## Bring out conflict

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#### Get the Crowd Involved

•Enhance and/or exaggerate the role of the crowd.

Validation



#### Crowd Involvement



### Edit for Excitement

- Edit through slow points, hit highlights
- Build/allow for anticipation of big moments and the "final kill"



## Edit to High Points



## Edit and Pace Smartly

- Edit through slow points, hit highlights
- Build/allow for anticipation of big moments and the "final kill"
- Finish big with strong highlights.



# Play Up Highlights



# Parting Thoughts

- Validate Gamers and Gaming
- Many things need to be done to "go mass", but programming can elevate them all
- Thank You!



#### QUESTIONS?

