

# RISING OF THE CHAMPION

*THE KID WHO DEFEATED  
POVERTY*



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# Fresh

In just a little under 2 years Fresh has accomplished the unimaginable. It wasn't that long ago he was mostly a nobody, but since then he's blown up and made a massive name for himself. His viewers came for the jaw-dropping moments and stayed for his loveable personality. Still what a lot of people don't know about the pickle loving Australian is just how difficult he had it growing up. His entire life countless obstacles stood in the way. The likes of which required non-stop hustling to overcome luckily.

Fresh is a natural born hustler. Mrfreshasian began his journey at a very young age. Around the time he was in kindergarden his older step-brother introduced him to the highly anticipated class-based shooter 'Team Fortress 2'. This was Fresh's first popular game and right away he became obsessed. For days on end all he wanted to do was play TF2 and part of that obsession was because of his older brother who you see just happened to be a pro player.



The high level gameplay Fresh witnessed blew him away, it inspired him. After seeing what could be accomplished there was nothing more he wanted to do then to be just as good as his brother. So he put in the time and rapidly improved. Not all the way to the pro level but to a point where he could join a server rack up kills and top the scoreboard without a problem. And considering his age at the time this feat was ridiculously impressive.

Fresh would eventually move on from TF2 to more competitive titles one of which was CS GO (Counterstrike Go). Now that he was older he could take gaming more seriously no matter what he'd sweat and try as hard as possible to become the best player he could.

He'd even travel to small local land tournaments armed with just a dingy old laptop. While everyone else was equipped with their best PC's it didn't matter to Fresh. He'd whooped them in a competition and win prizes and slowly worked his way to a better setup. Just before Fresh turned 16, he hopped on the band wagon like many other players were and joined in on the game that was taking the world by STORM 'Fortnite'.

Around this time Fresh took a massive gamble. He dropped out of School to pursue his dream of going pro which is a VERY Risky situation. But in Fresh's case it was even MORE risky. His parents had divorced and he ended up living with his Mom in one of the most poverty stricken suburbs in Australia. They didn't have much, money was tight. To take the leap at becoming a pro gamer was the riskiest thing he could do. But with Fresh's drive to be the greatest, to be the best that he could be nothing else mattered. He hopped into the grind and went pro. Fortnite was so new but it came so natural to Fresh.



Although he also committed to the grind so no matter the circumstances Fresh was guaranteed to make an enormous splash in the oceanic scene. Soon after Fresh teamed up with the Australian dynamic duo the 'X2 Twins' to form what was dubbed to be the 'TwinSanity' Squad and these guys were MILES ahead of the competition.

Fresh won Event after EVENT with his teammates and eventually 'TwinSanity' got noticed by none other than the 'Renegades'. A premiere Esports Organization looking to pick up the best Australia had to offer. And of course, because of 'TwinSanity's INSANE win record and overall devotion to be the finest, they signed Fresh and the rest of the team without hesitation.

Finally, on a portion Fresh's dream was starting to become a reality. But the grind NEVER ended and he was grinding even more not just to become a Esports Superstars but to become one of the biggest YouTube content creators as well. Fresh had always wanted to become a streamer, it was one of his lifelong dreams. But there was a problem in his way, the internet of where he lived was awful and if he wanted to broadcast his gameplay he's have to stream at 540P which was EXTREMELY pixelated and most people would not want to watch him. The quality was really bad. Still despite his internet and all the other obstacles Fresh was COMMITTED to streaming.

If his connection died he's boot back up again and just try and keep playing. Even though he'd lose viewers every single time there was nothing he could do about it, it didn't matter to him he needed to do it. He put in the hours and managed to build a small and loyal fanbase who kept returning to watch him even with the low quality an even with the bad connection.

At September of 2018, Fresh would get the break of a lifetime. One day it just business as usual sweating it out in some duos when out of nowhere he eliminated one of Fortnite's BIGGEST stars 'Lachlan'. I don't know exactly how they ended up getting in touch after that I think it was a twitch follow and then some DM's on twitter. But long story short Lachlan took Fresh under his wing. This led to Lachlan and Fresh Playing together a TON and not too long after through this amazing friendship Fresh also became great friends with a couple of other LEGENDS. LazarBeam and Muselk AKA Members of the CLICK Crew. And after appearing in so many of their videos, helping them get high kill dubs and Complete absurd challenges Fresh's own Popularity started accelerating at LIGHTNING Speed.



But it wasn't just a business relationship, you see many streamers pairing up without actually liking each other just trying to grow their network.....

But that wasn't the case these guys actually really liked Fresh, his personality was chill he didn't freak out or act weird meeting them unlike a lot of us that would. Instead he was just himself and meshed super well with the entire group so much so that they eventually said 'Hey Fresh no more living in your current situation in your 45 degrees in the summer house join our crew come live with us.

For Fresh that was a huge success because it meant he could finally show the world what he was made of. But now that Fresh was part of such an influential group he had a choice to make should he continue his path of becoming a pro Fortnite player or diverge and take the more lucrative content creation route.....

Well considering how tough it is to make it as an Esports player in Australia, a country often underrepresented the choice was obvious. Fresh stopped scrimming and limited his time practising, now he put growing his channels front and center however that didn't mean that he had to stop competing entirely. So when he was invited to the Australian open summer smash we got to see him perform in his highest prime. That dominating performance thrust fresh into first place which won him 50 grand for the charity of his choice and incredible honour amongst the community a couple months later though the Fortnite World Cup got announced and considering his recent move away from taking comp seriously Fresh's fans were all wondering if he'd compete and if he would who would be his duo partner.

Well the answer was Yes he did compete.. and out of all the players he could have chosen for his duo he picked his buddy his pal Lachlan. Instantly his fans questioned that decision but to Fresh seriously competing wasn't really at the forefront of his mind instead he'd rather just play and focus on having a good time making entertaining videos for his and Lachlan's channels along the way and OH MY GOD this duo despite being such a meme with Lachlan. Not being a competitive player and all they actually did incredibly well and in qualifying week no. 8 Fresh's back must have hurt A LOT because he was carrying especially hard. With one game remaining they were at 91 points almost at the top of the leader board time was running out and they ran out of time. It was unfortunate but even with that bit of luck They finished 7th. A stellar

performance all things considered hard. With one game remaining they were at 91 points almost at the top of the leader board time was running out and they ran out of time. It was unfortunate but even with that bit of luck They finished 7th. A stellar performance all things considered. But by the end of qualifiers Fresh had a new duo partner RAL, and this time he was the real deal so when the ridiculously large trios FNCS Prize pools were revealed no more meme teams.

They needed a Legit Pro third player and fast. After holding some tryouts they decided on Jinx , another one of OCC's top players and oh man did this trio show up. Week after week they'd finish near top 10, top 6 or top 3 poppin' off more than enough to qualify for the finals. And when the finals came their skill and team play together came out in SPADES. Their gameplay was insane often with Fresh doing a lot of the heavy lifting when it was all said and done finished third best in their region only 2 points shy from second and earned \$20,000 as a result! Then the chapter 2 FNCS came.

This time it was squads so our trio needed a fourth, they teamed up with none other than Link, the absolute nutter and again Fresh and his team cemented themselves as being their region's top competitors. Beyond solid teamwork and high individual skill which took them into the top ten nearly every week and easily qualified them for the season finals. But when finals day came and Fresh was warming up a bit of a curse struck. Only hours away from game time his mouse broke.

Luckily, he was able to get a friend to get him a new one so crisis averted. And with Link now at their side this god squad ABSOLUTELY killed it. It was a brilliant performance every one of them played their heart out and in the end with insanely consistent performance they finished second and took home \$25,000 split between them. Fresh always struggled to strike a balance between competitive play and content creation but at this point he'd found it.

He didn't have to endlessly scrim or take time away from his stream he could show up compete and still not engage his audience and despite not fully committing his performance in the last two events proved that he was one of the best players in the world. So, what's next for Fresh? He most recently got picked up as a content creator by eSports giant, Luminosity Gaming as he left Renegades a while ago and with that

signing he's going to have a rich career continuously focusing on streaming, branding and making hilarious videos for all of us to enjoy.



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