Ahead of the Game
The Unlikely Rise of a Detroit Kid Who Forever Changed the Esports Industry

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Delane (left) and DaeLon, circa 1997. 
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Delane, Terri, and DaeLon.  
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Delane with a four-monitor setup in the early PlayVS days. *Photograph by Sean Yalda*
Laz Alberto and Delane in Scottsdale the morning after securing their deal with the NFHS. *Photograph by Laz Alberto*
Laz Alberto, Delane, Sean Yalda, and D’Andre Ealy in Austin for SXSW 2019. Photograph by Marcus Carey

(ABOVE) Kyle Magoffin instructs a student on Mahar Regional High School’s esports team. (RIGHT) Delane posts up against Peter Pham in Austin. Courtesy of PlayVS/Marcus Carey
Cherry Creek (Colorado) High School students compete in a League of Legends match. Courtesy of PlayVS

The early PlayVS team. Clockwise from top left: Delane Parnell, James Kozachuk, Adrian Risley, Zachary Carter, Alinn Louv, Heather Shelton, Will Smidlein, Laz Alberto, Spencer Thurston, Charlene Hamm, and Sean Yalda. Courtesy of Laz Alberto