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Although the four playoff teams were already set for the North American Esports Championship Series, all that was left to decide was the final seedings for the last two teams. OpTic Gaming had a chance to move into third, but Team Liquid held firm to hold onto that spot. Here's how the final week played out.

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The week opened up with OpTic Gaming taking on NRG Esports on Tuesday. The action started off on Cobblestone with a hotly contested first half as NRG stormed out of the gate with an early 8-2 lead before the Green Wall took five straight to bring it to a close 8-7 deficit at the half. The second half saw more domination from OpTic, with Oscar "mixwell" Canellas leading the way with a 25/16 KD (kills/deaths) and 104.1 ADR (average damage per round) to wrap up OpTic's 16-10 win. OpTic's big run in the later portion of that game seemed to have broken the spirit of NRG, as OpTic enjoyed a breezy 16-4 victory on Mirage.

Team Liquid was the only other playoff team to load into the game this week, taking on Luminosity Gaming. The series started off with Game 1 on Cobblestone, and it was a sight to behold. Liquid showed why it deserves a playoff spot with a blistering 16-1 win in that first game. Its rotations and overall strategies were incredibly on point and left Luminosity without a way into the game. Game 2 on Train was a bit closer, at least at first. The Brazilians got out to a quick 3-0 lead before Liquid stopped playing with its food and got back into a groove. Jonathan "EliGE" Jablonowski, following up from an impressive showing during the ESL Pro League Finals over the weekend, put up a 28/14 KD to help his team close out the 2-0 sweep.

While it had already been eliminated from playoff contention by the time the week got underway, Counter Logic Gaming shrugged off the rust that had plagued it over the last five weeks. The last time that CLG had won a series was over a month ago on May 3 when the team took down Team Liquid. Since then, CLG had lost six straight games. Needing some sort of confidence booster, the team found just that in the final two days of the season. Taking down Renegades in back-to-back 16-13 victories before dusting up Ghost Gaming 16-6 and 16-8, CLG ended the series on a high note and will look ahead to future competitions with a positive outlook.

After eight weeks of competition, the teams that will represent the North American region at the ECS Season 3 Finals are set. Cloud9 (39 points) took the top seed by virtue of overall round differential, with SK Gaming (39 points) coming in as a close second. Team Liquid (36 points) held off OpTic Gaming (33 points) to round out the top four of North America. The teams will now have a couple weeks off before the Finals get underway in London starting June 24.



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