



The Big 10

Stories everyone's talking about



4 Top Gun

Pro gamer Dennis Dozier reveals how to dominate in Call of Duty: Black Ops

Dennis' first taste of competitive gaming came in the 1990 Nintendo World Championship, but he only became a "pro gamer" in 2007 with the release of Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare. He established his credentials with tournament victories and extended stints as the No. 1 ranked PS3 player on GIGI global leaderboards. When he isn't competing or working his day job, he's a design consultant and lead tester for peripherals company SpliFish.

Battle Gear

The right accessories can make the difference between the win and defeat. Find out what pros Dennis, SpliFish,



Samsung SyncMaster P2450 gaming monitor
24.5" and Response Time: 1ms (gray to gray)

Gunner Optics glasses

These glasses are designed to reduce eye strain and fatigue due to glare, which allows longer gaming sessions.



Shure Koss SR800 Stereo Headset

I have both type of headset you can find. I like SR800 for my head and speak with that kind of stuff. But the conventional one, because it's not too big and the SR800s are very important as it allows me to hear everything in the game.



SpliFish FragFX Shark

The SpliFish FragFX Shark is a mouse over price, over \$1 million, a game-changer with an adapter. A lot of pro gamers don't use a mouse.

Advice for Noobs

"If you're new on the ball, including when in Black Ops, set up some of the best matches to simulate playing others online. Pick weapons and perks you like and keep playing until you're mastered them and learned characteristics like recoil speed. Do that for five without getting worked all the time or the mid-management of getting lost. Once you know the maps inside and out, then venture online."

Pro Ops

"The Dropshot (ring and somebody's disease is a prone position) is a high level that a lot of pro gamers use. The bottom rearming feature on the FragFX Shark allows me to fire and drop with just one click."

"One thing I do to get my accuracy up is to play or work matches with Headshots only. So I'll usually force myself to play that way for hours on end so that I can be ready to target and kill quickly."

Building Break Cred

Looking for the top gear? Dennis Dozier has you covered at gamestop.com and we're quick to answer your questions at ps3mag.com. PSN tag us @PS3Mag.

Weapons of Choice

"In Modern Warfare 2, my fallback weapons were the M16 with Red Dot or the M4A1. I found that the starting guns tended to be the better ones. I haven't played Black Ops as extensively, but here are some picks for the best weapons."

Assault Rifle: Commando with Red Dot

Rumors up: D11 with Iron Sights

Sub Machine Gun: A9X12 with Red Dot and Iron

Light Machine Gun: Stinger3 with Dual Mag

Secondary Weapon Slot: Strika 3 Launcher (There's no real need for pistols if you use the Slight of Hand perk.)

Lethal Slot: Semtex

Tactical Slot: Concussion

Equipment Slot: Claymore/Note (This slot is limited in competition)

Loadouts

"Loadouts should be map- and mode-based. When I see someone using the same loadout over and over, they're usually at the bottom of the leaderboards. I'll use other loadouts in public, but these are solid picks for competitive matches."

For Large Maps/ Domination and CTF Modes:

Perk 1: Ghost Pro
"The harder you are to detect, the harder you are to kill."
Perk 2: Sleight of Hand
"The only really useful perk for this slot."
Perk 3: Ninja Pro
"The most crucial perk—no pro gamer I know will play in competition without it."

For Small Maps/ All Other Modes:

Perk 1: Lightstep Pro
"I used to be out over areas and health on small maps where you're going to die quickly anyway."
Perk 2: Sleight of Hand
"Quick reload times are always good."
Perk 3: Ninja Pro
"Always the third."

