

# Round 118 - So Ordered, So Delivered

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**Multimedia:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUh2BHD08AU>

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## MrBond

### Music

- [Chimpazilla - Timeshift - Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [EAR, Bandit the Raccoon - The Simulation - Yu-Gi-Oh! World Championship Tournament 2004 \(OC ReMix\)](#)
- [Eino Keskitalo - Bitter Sweets - Castle of Illusion \(OC ReMix\)](#)

### Topics

- 13-year-old, BlueScuti, is first to reach NES *Tetris* kill-screen at level 157; receives congratulations from Henk Rogers, Alexey Pajitnov - <https://arstechnica.com/gaming/2024/01/someone-has-finally-beaten-nes-tetris/>
- Ubisoft accidentally leaves text-to-voice for minor character in new *Prince of Persia* - <https://www.engadget.com/ubisoft-accidentally-used-text-to-speech-to-voice-a-character-in-the-new-prince-of-persia-game-193448687.html>
- Square-Enix announces plans for “aggressive” use of “AI” to generate new content - <https://www.engadget.com/square-enix-plans-aggressive-use-of-ai-to-create-new-forms-of-content-141602313.html>
- Hardware briefs (CES just happened):
  - nVidia announces RTX 40 “Super” line - modest spec bumps, slight price reductions
  - AMD slots in a 7000-series mid-range with the RX 7600 XT - large VRAM, but not much else; (and also 4 new AM4 CPU entries)
  - Intel’s second/next-gen “Battlemage” GPUs rumored to be hardware-complete, now working on the software/drivers
  - Ayaneo announces its “NEXT LITE”, mobile-ish value-focused Steam Deck-like, purported to use (by default) a very SteamOS-like custom fork of HoloISO, itself a very SteamOS-like OS - <https://www.gamingonlinux.com/2024/01/ayaneo-next-lite-handheld-announced-with-steam-os-linux/>

### Personal gaming

- En Garde! (complete)
- The Talos Principle II (in progress)
- Trigon (SBC Jan)
- Karous (SBC Dec-Feb)
- Blue Wish Resurrection Plus (SBC Jan-Mar)
- Sun longplay: Spelunky 2 randomizer

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## Music

- [Frozen Echoes](#) by Gaspode, featuring Niki Yahhmaee from *Metroid Prime*, *Super Metroid*, and *Metroid* ([OC ReMix](#))
- [Experienite Tinderbox](#) by J Damashii from *RuneScape* ([OC ReMix](#))
- [Binary Stars](#) by Emunator, Gamer of the Winds, Lucas Guimaraes, and Shea's Violin from *Super Metroid* and *Secret of Mana* ([OC ReMix](#))

## Topics

- AMD announces four new AM4(!) processors launching on 31 January:
  - 5700X3D: 8C/16T, 100MB cache, 105W TDP, no cooler, \$249
  - 5700: 8C/16T, 20MB cache, 65W TDP, Wraith Spire cooler; \$175
  - 5600GT: 6C/12T, 19MB cache, 65W TDP, Wraith Spire cooler, Radeon graphics; \$140
  - 5500GT: 4C/8T, 19MB cache, 65W TDP, Wraith Spire cooler, Radeon graphics; \$125
- Discord laying off 17% of its employees; Twitch doing the same with 35%; Unity following suit with 25%
- Recently released game *Minecraft Legends*' newest update also its last
- *Tetris* kill screen victory replicated by two more players: fractal161 and P1xelAndy
- Bobby Kotick retires from Activision Blizzard as of 2023-12-29, hopefully never to be seen or heard from again

## Personal gaming

- None

2024 future-look-thing