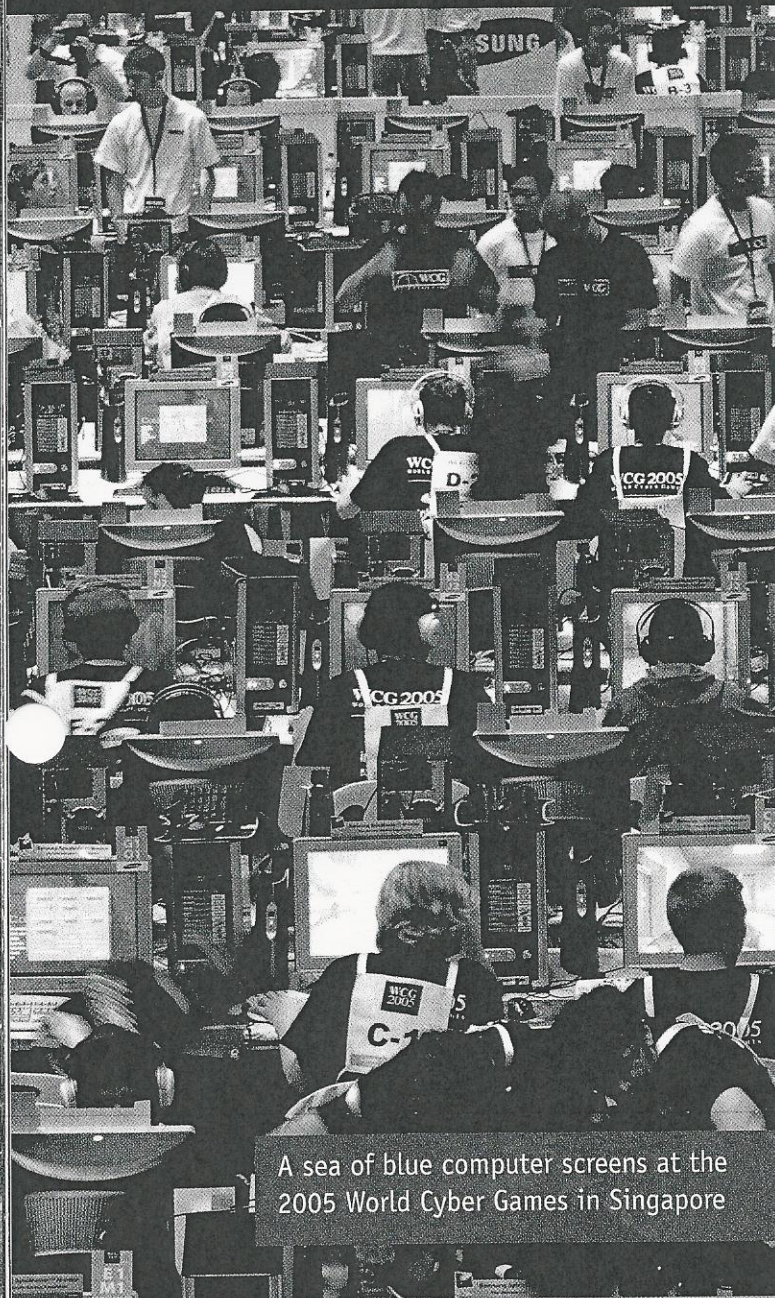


# GAmiNG NiGHT in CANADA

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A sea of blue computer screens at the 2005 World Cyber Games in Singapore

## Get Ready

- Make connections. What skills does it take to be a top video gamer?
- Set a purpose. As you read, think about how video game tournaments are like competitions in physical sports.

In 2000, video gamers from around the globe gathered in South Korea for the first World Cyber Games. Every year, the games attract the top players from 74 different countries.

**E**-sport athletes” are pro gamers, battling against one another for money and medals.

Canada’s e-sport superstars are led by team captain Robert Tyndale. A **dynamic** and talented gamer, Robert believes that “e-sports are just going to get bigger and bigger as they get televised and become more mainstream.” He’s right—the sport has grown quickly. Less than a decade after the first World Cyber Games were held, China announced that a digital games event would be included in the welcome activities for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

## The Gaming Life

So, how does a pro gamer get started? Robert Tyndale discovered his favourite game when he was in junior high school in Edmonton. He entered his first major tournament when he was 16 years old. Now in his twenties, he has devoted years of training to become one of the best players in the world.