



# DAILY BRIEFING

Bellular News

## Friday, 9th October

### **xCloud is could be headed to iOS after all**

According to the usual "sources familiar" to Microsoft, the company will bring xCloud streaming to iOS in early 2021 with Phil Spencer reportedly telling staff that "we will absolutely end up on iOS."

- Apple had previously blocked xCloud launching on iOS unless Microsoft were willing to list each game individually in the App Store - Microsoft will reportedly get around this restriction by offering a "direct browser-based solution."

### **Marvel's Avengers dips below 1,000 concurrent players on PC**

The player count dipping for the second consecutive day has further exacerbated existing matchmaking problems with the superhero game.

- Devs Crystal Dynamics are nonetheless "confident players will return" thanks to a wealth of updating content - including new mission types, a new Outpost, fixes/improvements, and new characters in Clint Barton and Kate Bishop.

### **Final Fantasy XVI is progressing nicely**

A new recruitment page for the game has confirmed that its "basic development and scenario production" are now complete - the game's "next big information reveal" is scheduled for next year.

- The (mostly) remotely working team are moving on to large-scale resources, boss battles, and expanding development tools. The job posting is for additional staff to flesh out the world with environments, character actions, and cutscenes.

### **GameSpot hit by layoffs**

The news comes amid the pending acquisition of CNET Media Group (which includes GameSpot, GiantBomb, CNET, and Metacritic) by Red Ventures - the \$500m deal was agreed with ViacomCBS last month.

- Senior Social Producer Ashley Oh and Branded Content Editor Will Fulton tweeted about the layoffs earlier this week. CBS originally paid \$1.8bn when it acquired the websites in 2008.

### **New Cyberpunk 2077 livestream coming next week**

The newest episode of Night City Wire will focus on the "looks, sounds, and specs" of the game's many vehicles - and also promises "new gameplay footage, announcements, and more." It airs October 15th at 9am PT/12pm ET/5pm UK 6pm CEST.

- Night City Wire has been a regular fixture of Cyberpunk 2077 hype since the first episode aired back in June, and with release right around the corner CD Projekt Red have done a good job at keeping us intrigued.

Have a good weekend, and try to get some games in.