Red Hot Chili Poppers | Tantrew

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jj: You made a big trade for BALLDON'TLIE late in the season. Were you anxious to make an upgrade to your team, or did this opportunity fall in your lap once Someballian Pirates began to fade? Can you walk us through your thinking on the trade? What does BALLDON'TLIE bring to your team that NEU and Megatron did not?

Tantrew: BALLDON'TLIE came to me begging before the draft to pick him up. I told him no. Then weeks later, he begged me to trade for him. I told him yes. I made the trade because BALLDON'TLIE is really good. Megatron and NEUhusky are both good, but not really good. BALLDON'TLIE is a playmaker. Megatron and NEUhusky just play. We would've won the super with either of the offense combinations, considering toasty and Misaki are the best defense in MLTP history.

jj: What did you rate your chances of winning the Super Ball before the trade? And what do you rate your chances of winning the Super Ball after the trade?

Tantrew: We were going to win the Super Ball regardless. I rarely lose playoff games.

jj: toasty. has performed extremely well on defense this season. Realistically, how do you rank him against other defenders this season? Would you have moved toasty. to offense if you could have traded for a defender in a BALLDON'TLIE-like trade?

Tantrew: Toasty is the best player in the game. Several times, he told me to try him on offense, but I told him no. I kept him on D so he could put up stats. Regular season wins didn't matter to us that much, considering how weak the rest of the league is.

jj: How important is Misaki to toasty.'s performance? What makes them a good pairing?

Tantrew: Misaki is really good. Unfortunate that the rest of the league doesn't recognize his skill. People have and will continue to doubt him. Luckily, people's opinions don't impact our chances at the championship.

jj: Based on Frozen's FRO stat, your team is the second worst team in the playoffs. The stat ranks you as the fourth worst playoff offense and the second worst playoff defense. Not that you react only to this stat, but were your pairings' rankings amongst the playoff pairing hierarchy part of the reason you were looking to upgrade your team?

Tantrew: Frozen specifically made that stat to underrate us. He was mad that I didn't draft him for majors this season after we won the Muper together. I would've traded for him too if I cared about looking good in his statistical model.

jj: You played guts. the last two weeks. Tell us a little bit about him. How has he fared so far this season, and is he locked in as the fourth starter throughout the playoffs?

Tantrew: guts is good. Fuck Mr. Hat for drafting him last season. He's good too. Misaki and guts are going to be likened to Mr. Glass and doke, which is a completely gross and inaccurate comparison. Misaki and guts are actually good. Also toasty is better than Grief, and BALLDON'TLIE = LEBRON.

jj: If you were to lose a starter due to lag, how comfortable are you with your depth? Who would come in? Would your team's playstyle change given the sub?

Tantrew: If toasty cries about sphere, I'll put in oz god and put guts on D. Tears and COA would still lose.

jj: Which player/pairing in the league has surprised you the most?

Tantrew: Surprised that Vials+jjpoole was a good enough offense for 5th seed in the highest league of tagpro. We need a push ASAP.

jj: Which player on your team has surprised you the most? Who on your team do you think was undervalued in the draft and what made you value them?

Tantrew: NEUhusky, Megatron, Misaki, and guts were all underrated in the draft. I valued them because they were good. I remember horse was begging me to draft him instead of Misaki. Didn't fall for that one again.

jj: Excluding your team, which team do you think has the best chance at winning the Super Ball? Why? Do you have a dark horse team that you think could come out of nowhere and win?

Tantrew: Probably Tears. I coached Spjork in his first season so he's not as bad as the rest of the players in the league, as long as he remembers everything I taught him.

jj: You play Ghostboosters in the first round. How do you think you match up with them? Which player (or pair) could cause your team the most trouble?

Tantrew: Ghostboosters bad. Syniikal isn't a winner. A-Aron not good enough for majors. Sherra is ok, but can't carry. Same with ProTag. We'll sweep.

jj: What is a team/map combo that you would not want to play against? What is a team/map combo that you'd love to play against?

Tantrew: Nobody in this league is worrisome. Pay me in TagCoins and I won't ban whichever map you want to play on. This league is too easy, and I doubt anyone can beat a team that I build up.

jj: Anything else you would like to add?

Tantrew: Consecutive champion sweep. When I pull it off, I'm a ball of famer, even if the rest of the league doesn't want to acknowledge it.