

Novice League Tagpro: Pre-season Edition

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Introduction

Hi everyone, welcome to this test-rerun of Newsroom! This week will largely be a test run for our week 0 draft of both A-team and B-team. Throughout the season we hope to give all

teams some coverage every week, and we'll have a staff of writers covering different games. We appreciate any feedback about formatting or even just ideas you'd want included in future weeks—we have some ideas working already (incoming top plays?). With all that out of the way, enjoy these early power rankings!

A-team Rosters



A-team Power Rankings (Note: teams are listed and then ranked by each individual)

1. WCYDinos: (clairo, 360broscope, spacetiger, clew3)



- a. **Bert (#2)**: I can't wait to see how ASAP tries to mold this team in the way of the dino. 360 broscope is the defensive partner I know Gleg wanted, and from what I've seen in scrims he's justified his 80+ TC evaluation. Clairo hasn't seemed like a prelim-pick-worthy player to me yet, but he's certainly good and will do very well next to spacetiger who I still have faith in despite his poor showing last season. The biggest question mark on this team is clew3. I love clew, won a buper with him. So I have faith that he can shake the rust and make the jump to A-team and be a solid defensive partner next to broscope. If clew shows up, this team has no evident weaknesses.
- b. **Button** (#2): 360broscope was obviously the number one available defender with Homie captaining, and his hefty 82 TC price shows that. Considering that, I find it extremely interesting how Homie ended up being given 55 TC to bid within this auction, but I digress. Grabbing spacetiger and clew are two very solid pieces to go around him, and I'm excited to see how ASAP plans on ~~ruining~~ coaching clairo, aka sluffandruff, who does have an axe from pubs. I think having broscope alone puts this team in the top tier and ASAP did a great job of using his remaining TCs to fill out the team around sluff and broscope.
- c. **Ducky (#1):** This team has it all, a strong knowledgeable defense (360broscope and clew3) and an unpredictable talented offense (clairo and spacetiger). Clairo has not been in the competitive scene for a long time and a lot of things have changed, making him the most unpredictable player of this team. All of these players have the experience to make their season great, but will they be able to pull all together to make a cohesive team? Only time will be able to tell that.

2. The Last Flairbenders: (BertAndBort, Victor messi, Killjoy, ByrdReynolds)

- a. **Bert(#1):** You think I'm not putting us first? I didn't know who Killjoy was at the start of the season, but he's proven to be a very promising offender. Vic has developed some weird champ beef with Jarvis and now they have a bet going. I guess I have faith in Vic improving alongside him. Vic's proven to be very solid mechanically, and his game sense will get better with no name and Gleg to help ease him through this first season. I was quite happy to get Byrd as a partner. He's proven to be incredibly consistent on B and this jump to A should be very natural. Like with the Dinos, no clear weaknesses.
- b. **Button(#3):** The number one thing that stands out to me here is a possible clash of personalities. Bert, Vic, and Killjoy, all on one team, might be an interesting mix.

 Week 6 might end up making or breaking this team, as if Vic loses to Jarvis I'm afraid he might end up tilted for the season. Killjoy is going to have to shake off some rust, and I'm not sure how well Vic will be able to make the transition to A-team. As I feel player to player my team matches up really well with Flairbenders, and I like the stars of WCYDinos more. I feel this team will be a very solid third. Unfortunately, the editor of this Newsroom is on this team so they've been placing in these rankings higher than our next team...
- c. **Ducky (#5):** Mechanically, all of these players are good A-team level players, but I can see this team clashing a lot in games and communication. I do not know much about Killjoy except he has played competitively before, but I do not appreciate him making misogynistic comments in the competitive tagpro server (whether it was

meant to be sarcastic or not) and therefore am not rooting for him in any manner this season. Knowing Victor, I don't believe that Vic will stand for such comments and combat them too. On the defensive side, since I have been a defensive partner of Bert and knowing Byrd, they will clash in communication styles. But if they can get past the yelling, they can be a solid defense.

3. Legends of the Splittin' Temple: (Button, KahnMan, i am zeus, Scrappero8)

- a. **Bert (#5):** No one tell Button I said this, but I actually think he can be good.

 Dependent on zeus' skill and chemistry level when they play this could be the best offense in the league. Unfortunately, the defense doesn't quite hold up for me.

 Kahnman is a big prevent, low return kinda guy. Respectable, but you need someone to get those returns, and I don't have faith in a raw B-teamer coming up and doing that. Maybe Scrapper will prove me wrong, nothing but love for the guy.
- b. **Button** (#1): To quote someone who got nominated in the B-Team Auction, "You think I'm not putting us first?" Coming into the draft KahnMan was a player high on our board, and scrapper was in almost every plan we had. Getting zeus is a reunion of boomer zoomers, and I don't think there are any defenses that can stop us from grabbing. He carried me through high school French, surely he can carry me through A-team.
- c. **Ducky (#3)**: There is one player on this team that I feel a great deal of uncertainty about and it's Zeus. Zeus is known for ghosting or getting banned which has made the want for him be cut (notice only going for 10 TCs). Kahn and Scrapper are a pretty solid defense, and I have great hope that they can lead this team to some

solid wins. Offensively, playing with Button last season I know he's insane in capping... when he wants to. I believe that the struggle of the team will be offensively where the two working cohesively together will be a problem. Button had T-Swift and N0ice supporting him last season, so what will happen when Button no longer has that support?

4. Weed the People: (Homie, flaccid trip, Grommit, RedKillTiger)

- a. **Bert (#9):** Definition of a top-heavy team. This would work better on a team like Jarvis has in majors where okthen has the potential to just call up all the hot minors picks to replace any subpar players on his team. That's much harder to do in A-team, and RKT is the weakness here. Next to Homie I'm sure he'll look fine, but I don't think he's up to par coming off of what was at best a mediocre B-team season. Like with scrapper, I love RKT, so I hope he blows my expectations away. Flaccid and Grommit are both solid offensive picks and will probably be an average to above average offense to round out the team.
- b. **Button (#4):** Homie. Period. I would like to again use this opportunity to note my dislike of his TC allocation, but in fairness he probably would have been able to build this team or one pretty similar to it with a bit less. Looking to defend his Nuper crown, we'll see how he fares without his brother.
- c. **Ducky (#4):** Homie showed up last season, but will he be able to show up for two seasons in a row? We shall have to see. I see a hunger in Flaccid Trip coming into this season, and I am excited to see what he brings to the table. I have not seen Grommit play that much so I am decisive about him. Redkill is a dear friend that I

support dearly, and I hope this season he can step up to A-team defense after a rough season last season. I just don't know how well this defense will cohesively work together being that Homie has so much experience while RedKill is only into his second season of competitive tagpro. Everything aside, I can assure you that Homie is going to be high for every single game.

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5. Miami Ballphins: (JARVISLANDRY, drewfa, depptonic, GospelOfJuke)

- a. **Bert (#6):** As with Button, no one tell Jarvis I think he can be good either. He's definitely the first ball on this team, and with Gospel he should prove to be an alright defense. Although, I don't know much about Gospel so I can't put them much higher than that. Drewfa has consistently been an average to slightly above average A-team offender, so I think the variance on this team is going to come from depptonic. Personally, I think he'll do about average. He's improved steadily over the seasons, so if he continues that trend, he'll probably be an above average A-teamer and will lead this team into playoffs. Although, I really can't see them being the best in the league.
- b. **Button (#5):** I already memed on Jarvis once in this writeup, but he did make both championships last season. I don't think that Gospel will be able to do as much as Catalyst did as Jarvis' partner, and while I think depptonic and drewfa will hold for a very long time, I have a suspicion that the other team will be matching their hold. I won't count Jarvis out as he has an annoying habit of being proven right about his teams, but I see this team as being able to beat every team below them while losing to every team above.

c. **Ducky (#6)**: I'm very uncertain about this team, and I can't pinpoint why exactly. I have heard Jarvis ramble about how he thinks that Gospel is one of the most underrated people in the game and hope that Gospel can show up this season to show the rest of the community that, too. Drew and Depp on offense can be either very good or very bad, and only them playing can show that. One thing that this team has is communication like no other team has.

6. Bohemian Cap City: (Rick G, Activ, Ralph Wiggum, UNIT-02)

- a. Bert (#8): I always have trouble judging position switches. Generally, I'm not a fan, simply because of the opportunity cost of them. Rick also only spent 33 of his hundred tagcoins, a big red flag for me. Rick is a good two-way ball and will probably have to function as the lead ball on this team. Activ will probably be the second, being the head offender, but the other half of the team that Rick picked up for 0 doesn't impress me. Ralph is a high-B-team/low-A-team defender that has been consistent over the seasons. Leaving UNIT, who is switching positions from D to O. I don't like it. Especially when you have coins to spare. That said, I did the same with Squeeb on minors this season, so maybe I'm the idiot.
- b. **Button** (#8): One of two teams that spent only 33 TC. I was a big fan of UNIT even with the position switch, and Ralph is coming off a Buper win. Adarssh is also here I guess, but I don't think this team has enough star power to really be a major threat. I would have liked to see Rick be more aggressive with his bidding, but he seems to have gotten the players he wants. By the end of the season he'll probably be in the playoffs with the minors player he picked up after dropping the first few weeks.

c. **Ducky (#2):** I rated these guys so high because half of the team already has a chemistry that I don't think a lot of other teams have. Activ. and Rick have played on teams together, which is amazing considering that they already have the chemistry coming into the season. I know Ralph is a strong defender, but I do not have a lot of knowledge over the way UNIT plays. I do know that he doesn't mic a lot which can cause problems.

7. OD Future: (GratefulDead, beast mode, Irony, laserpig)



- a. **Bert (#3):** Reassembling the Capaliers offense from last season, Irony and beast mode are going to be kinda lethal. We had very serious chances at taking out nuper champions WTP, despite the series sweep (two OTs and a one cap loss). I know much less about this defense. D8 was minors a while ago, and laserpig has been a solid defender if I can remember correctly? I trust players to shake off rust, so that makes this an above average defense with an above average offense. Solid team through and through.
- b. **Button** (#7): I'm a very big laserpig fan, but him and beast mode is an offense with perhaps questionable motivation and practice level. I see AD and beast mode as kind of similar in that regard, but I like the team around beast mode more. I think I still have faith in Irony with a position swap, and there's a chance GratefulDead emerges and shatters my expectations. I just don't trust this team to be as consistent as the ones above them.

c. **Ducky (#10):** Irony is a strong player who everybody loves. Other than that I do not know a lot about the other players. I do know that I don't see any one player standing out in this team, so it will be interesting to see how this team plays.

8. The Land Before Timers: (Tinderfella, AnthonyDavis, chucky, bergieberg)

- a. **Bert (#6):** Kind of a mediocre team all around. AD switching on O for 0 TC is probably a good deal, but this offense doesn't really scare me. Tinder has shown that he can be fine on A-team but nothing more than that. Chucky is probably the best player on this team, but even with that this defense seems to be average to peaking at slightly above average. A classic LBT team, kind of feels meh in all ways to me.
- b. **Button (#9):** I'm also a big fan of Tinder, and he picked up a good west coast defense. I don't know what to think of AnthonyDavis on O, but after spending so long on defense I'm not sure how well he'll transition to O? I don't know how well this O will be able to get out, but their defense especially on the west coast should be strong.
- c. **Ducky (#5):** I was so surprised that the captains let AnthonyDavis go for only 0 TC's. That was a definite steal for Tinderfella even if AD is going offense this season. In my opinion some of the best offenders need to have defending experience because you have to know how defenders think and work, and the only way you know that is to be one.

9. Puparazzi: (astor, Vader, WRIG, J24Gordon)



- a. **Bert (#4):** Unlike my uneducated compatriots, I think the cast surrounding Vader this season is quite strong. WRIG is an experienced ball who has breakout games, and astor can be lethal on the tiles. That makes J24 the critical member of this team, and based on what I saw from a few seasons ago he'll do just fine. Making this team solid and probably slightly above average.
- b. **Button** (#10): I really liked the start of the draft for Bold in picking up IPlannedThat, but turning to Porps and J24Gordon was an... interesting choice to me. I think they were bidding J24 for 10 in an attempt to get Jarvis to bid 11, but when Jarvis didn't that left Puparazzi in an awkward position with who to pair on defense with Porps. In my opinion, Bold then doubled down on this by picking Omnivore and WRIG (who I heard was O-restricted) leaving no option to call up from b-team to play defense if J24 turns out to not be able to make it work. To me this team might want to take a picture while they're technically tied for first in the standings. Based off comments Porps has made, he'll be playing B-team and WRIG on A-team, which makes me like this team even less, as I feel it would be more logical to have J24 at least start the season playing B-team defense if you're able to have WRIG on A-team, and once he's gotten more of the hang of things, you can throw him into D. I may end up being proven wrong about this team, but I'm not very confident in them.
- c. **Ducky (#9):** I don't see anyone standing out except Vader who has been known in the game for a long time. I hope they have a good season.

10. Misaki Bombs: (Wario, Poeticalto, Hibana, 2trnipsnheat)

- a. **Bert (#10):** This team is ranked low only because of my unfamiliarity with its top players. I don't know anything about Wario or 2trnips, and I don't have faith in a Poet/Hibana defense. Although both have the potential to be solid A-team, they also both make too many mistakes for me to be comfortable-primarily Hibanawho excels at prevent and then swipes into oblivion if he's getting tilted in-game. Maybe this team is top-3 with a lethal offense, and maybe it's last place if the offense sucks. We'll see.
- b. **Button (#6):** I'll admit to not being that familiar with any of these players. Spending only 33 TC is very interesting to me, but Poet has spent so much time around this game that surely he's picked up a thing or two. I like Hibana coming off of a strong season in B-team, and I trust Agency to know what he's doing. I think if Beef Jukie and Dobis perform, which I expect them to be able to, then this team will end up doing decently enough. Edit: After scrimming this team, I think Beef Jukie might end up being the steal of the draft.
- c. **Ducky (#8):** Hibana did not want to come up to A-team and did not want to play without his iconic sidekick Ray-Ray. Will Hibana stay or will he go? (This is the biggest question that I have). I don't know a lot about any of the other players either, but I hope they have a fun season.

A-team TLDR

Rank	Bert	Button	Ducky
1	Flairbenders	LST	WCYDinos
2	WCYDinos	WCYDinos	BCC
3	OD Future	Flairbenders	LST
4	Puparazzi	Weed The People	Weed The People
5	LST	Miami Ballphins	Flairbenders
6	Land Before Timers	Misaki Bombs	Miami Ballphins
7	Miami Ballphins	OD Future	Land Before Timers
8	BCC	ВСС	Misaki Bombs
9	Weed The People	Land Before Timers	Puparazzi
10	Misaki Bombs	Puparazzi	OD Future

B-team Rosters



B-team Power Rankings (Note: teams are listed and then ranked by each individual)

1. Legends of the Splittin' Temple (Borgus, IcePlatypus, PASSTHEFLAG, Jarek, smoji, ErectChris)

- a. **Bert (#2):** Borgus and IcePlat is an incredible core for a B-team. With Jarek returning to LST for a try at another Buper, and PASSTHEFLAG (who supposedly has a hammer, according to Button), this core four should take them far. I know very little about smoji, and ErectChris has some serious room for improvement, but if there's someone to turn them into Buper champions, it'll be Sadness.
- b. **Button (#1):** Borgus and IcePlatypus are the strongest top 2 of any B-team. IcePlat just had a breakout season topped off with a Buper win, and Borgus is becoming an LST staple. Plus, they're both pretty dang nice guys from what I've seen of them. I think PASSTHEFLAG and Jarek were good value choices who were underrated by a season break, and PTF has a hammer so he's got to be good, right? Smoji and ErectChris are solid rotational pieces with the opportunity to step up under Sadness' coaching. For the LST B-team, it looks to be no Vic/Scrapper, no problem.
- c. **Ducky (#2):** This offensive team is going to be pretty powerful with the flag this season. Both PASSTHEFLAG and Jarek are coming back into the competitive scene after taking last season off, making them pretty unpredictable in terms of how they will play. Borgus, smoji, and ErectChris will probably be the defense if Chris is up for it this season. I know that IcePlatypus (coming off a Buper win), PASSTHEFLAG, and

Jarek is a solid offensive trio that is going to hold for the entirety of the season if they can. The defense is going to be the weakness of this team, being that Borgus is a two way ball and the smoji is the only one who has a solid playing history on defense. Jarek and Borgus have won a Buper together, but can they do it again? Will IcePlat be able to pull off another Buper win for a streak? Only time will tell.

2. Land Before Timers (llamatron, black magic, (frodo), APthatsME, fanseman, Conj)

- a. **Bert (#1):** Similar to LST, LBT has assembled a very strong core with their top duo lamatron and garet (black magic). It still blows my mind that llamatron is on B-team, so I really hope he isn't getting progressively worse. I don't think he is, and he should be ready to rip up B-team with his experience and mechanics. Garet has been a B-team staple for a while and is always a solid offensive pick. Frodo has had a couple good seasons, and AP has some hype according to my GMs, so if every player has something serious going for them, I'm ranking them highly. Also they have fanseman and Conj, who I know nothing about.
- b. **Button (#3):** I rather like llamatron, and in general all of these players seem fairly solid. I think it's another case of a very strong top 2 with solid pieces around them, although I don't know enough about all of their players to say too much.
- c. **Ducky (#4)**: I foresee llamatron and black magic (garet) becoming the stars of this team. With llamatron and APthatsME on defense, llamatron will be the strong ball and hopefully not rage. With black magic and (frodo) on offense, it will be a moderate offense. I do not have a lot of knowledge over fanseman and Conj. This team isn't the strongest on paper, but I definitely would not underestimate them.



3. Miami Ballphins (Farva, Ducky, Trapsin, Penis Wings, adam1, phlasid 4.9)

- a. **Bert (#8):** I don't like the lead ball being a massive wildcard. Farva's been pubbing a lot, and was a solid B-teamer last season so he should be fine, but I can't support 'fine' being the lead ball of the team. Ducky is steadily improving on defense, so she should be solid alongside Trapsin, another B-team staple. I don't know much about these other three, so that doesn't bode well when one of them is guaranteed to be playing every half. If Farva lives up to the hype, this will be a playoff B-team, otherwise they'll crash and burn in 10th.
- b. **Button (#2):** Ducky and Trapsin already played together on 80 Degrees last season, and Farva seems to be a pretty good prospect. Penis Wings was a good fourth choice, and I'll reluctantly give Jarvis the benefit of the doubt in knowing how to make a good B-team.
- c. **Ducky (#1):** I am lucky enough to be on Jarvis' B-team this season, but other than that we have a pretty strong team. Jarvis has been hyping up Farva as an amazing offender and, with Penis Wings (who's insane on offense) and phlasid 4.9 as partners, this offense should be able to get out easily and should be solid. With me (Ducky), Trapsin, and Adam1 on defense, I may be a little biased but I can see us being a strong cohesive unit. Trapsin and I played together last season (so we know each other's playing style) and who doesn't get along with adam1? But this season is the time to step up and be the defensive unit I know we all can be. I have high hopes for

this team and I believe that we have the tools to be one of the best B-Teams this season, we just have to learn how to use these tools.

4. Weed The People (STINK, SilentOne, FragrantFowl, wallsquirrel, MC Ride1, sour)



- a. **Bert (#3):** Very little to say about this draft since I only know a little about the **Weed the People** players. Fragrant is very good on B-team, STINK is a majors Euro who will bring game sense and therefore be very good on B-team, and wallsquirrel is solid on B-team. That's all you need for a top 3 ranking: one player with great game sense and some other players with hype.
- b. **Button** (#4): The first 3 picks of this team could be a reference to a fart. Nice. Homie did more than pick funny names here however. FragrantFowl is an old ball who I've admittedly got a soft spot for as a teammate 5 some years ago, and SilentOne is in a good spot to learn as a rookie. I'm not very familiar with wallsquirrel, but I heard from a reliable source that I destroyed STINK in a Season 20 regular season B-team matchup so badly that I shattered his team's confidence in him and essentially resulted in forcing him off the team for the rest of the season. Humble brag over, I am a bit concerned about having a Euro as your lead defender, which is why I think WTP is in a tier below the top 3.
- c. **Ducky (#7):** This team's strength is their offense, and they need to capitalize on that. I have played alongside SilentOne in pubs and also in the rookie tournament, and while being a rookie is hard, I believe that with his offensive ability he'll quickly make a name for himself. I know he was debating whether to play offense or defense but I believe he's better on offense. FragrantFowl and SilentOne on offense would be an

unpredictable offense that could stomp on a lot of defenses. With STINK and wallsquirrel being the frontrunners on defense, STINK (the European) is going to have to step up and be the lead defender. I'm not sure which side of the field MC Ride1 and sour will play on, but I also have high hopes for these rookies, too. This team has a special place in my heart because of the rookies, who I love dearly, and I hope they can make their first competitive season a great one.

5. Bohemian Cap City (Cel, im a goat, iM RADICAL, Kooler, GnasStrafDel, TWICEnayeon)

- a. **Bert (#4):** This team is better as a sum of its parts. Cel, who I thought was a defender, but is apparently a really jukey offender, will be above average wherever she plays. Ditto for goat. Kooler and gnas are one tier below them, placing them at around average to above average on a good day. That makes this whole team right above the middling line. Sorry radical and twice, idk who you are.
- b. **Button (#7):** Cel and RADICAL have been reunited under Rick, but with Cel on offense I'm not sure just how well the transition will go. While I'm not that familiar with all of these players, the main knock I have on them is that this team seems extremely quiet to me. Cel and Gnas are both no mics, so when they're out on the field together they're basically like a pub offense against defenders who can actually talk to coordinate. I don't know if they'll have the mechanical talent to actually make up for that or not. The defense is going to have to talk a lot to make up for that, and Kooler also switching to offense means that this offense is just too much of a question mark to put this team any higher.

c. **Ducky (#6):** Wait, did Rick G. just draft his last season team? Pretty much. The girls Cel and iM RADICAL are back on the same team, but with a switch: Cel is playing offense. I've played against Cel multiple times, and I can guarantee that you will be cussing out her jukiness. Cel, Kooler, and GnasStrafDel can be a strong offense, but it certainly will be a quiet one. Im a goat and iM RADICAL should be a strong defense. I don't know much about TWICEnayeon.

6. Puparazzi (Omnivore, Porps, snakes, kwib, kolmogorov, AV | SAVAGE)

- a. **Bert (#5):** Omni and Porps have some weight to pull this season, and I have faith in them to take it part of the way there. Omnivore has slowly been improving as an offender, and having scrimmed with him on A last season, he can definitely be dangerous. Meanwhile Porps has the mechanics and some A-team experience to bring to the table, so defensively he'll be pulling more than his weight. The rest of these players are question marks for me, which is generally negative, but with Omni and Porps, that averages out to about average.
- b. **Button (#10):** No hard feelings putting this team last in both leagues, Bold. I played with Omnivore in S20, and while I had a good opinion of him then, this defense seems extremely suspect to me. Porps being on B-team instead of A-team is a big help to this B-team, but I'm not sure I trust Omni and Porps as a top 2 as much as any of the other B-teams. Kolmogorov or AV | Savage is going to have to step up big time to make this team into a contender. Maybe that'll happen and I'll look like a fool, but I think having a weak defense will almost always ruin your team, and that's what I see in both the A and B teams for Puparazzi.

c. **Ducky (#5):** I don't know a lot about some of the players on this team, but I know after last season Omnivore is itching to have a better season. WRIG might be one of the longest consecutive players in the league, but that can also be one of the faults of this player. We all love WRIG and he was one of the people that first taught me competitive tagpro, but he is restricted to offense which will have the defense of this team suffer. Without a strong defense and a strong offense this team is going to be easy to have a capture on.

7. OD Future (gh0st, Homer Jay, Spheroid, SmallyBigs, Zoomie, Red Coat)

- a. **Bert (#9)**: Past gh0st, who will be above average on defense (having played with him, I think he'll be consistently solid), and Spheroid (who is streaky, but averages out to above the regular B-teamer), I don't know how this team is going to hold up. Homer Jay has been meh, Smally tries but has trouble adapting to gameplay quick enough, Red Coat is a Euro, and I don't know anything about Zoomie. With two secondary slots to fill with 3 between-bad-and-meh players, and one who I don't know, I have low hopes for this team.
- b. **Button** (#8): gh0st and Homer is a pretty decently solid pairing, I think, but I know Spheroid and Smally for reasons that aren't gameplay much more than anything else. Only two offenders, Homer and Spheroid, is an interesting choice to me, and I'm generally not a fan of European defenders, as I've always found it very easy to juke them. This team could definitely surprise me as I don't know all that much about the players, but I don't think I can trust Homer and Spheroid enough to get it done on O all by themselves.

c. **Ducky (#3):** I see this team as a defensively strong team, but it's lacking in offensive material. Gh0st is a strong defender that SmallyBigs and Zoomie should be able to play well with. I know Red Coat is European, so I don't know if he will be playing all that much this season.

8. The Last Flairbenders (JH13, LogisticMap, Jer32, sorry i suck, Ray-Ray, jimballer, Choko)



- a. **Bert (#6):** You think I'm not putting us....sixth? JH13 is going to need to have a season that'll make him go A-team next season to make up for this team's lack of offense. Jer's partner is up in the air, as SIS and Ray are defenders, I've never heard of pure rookie jimballer, and Choko is in a state of perpetually learning the same principles again and again. Another top-heavy team, JH13 and Logi are going to need to do very well very often to get this team through playoff rounds.
- b. **Button (#6):** I like JH13 and Logi as a top 2. Jer and sorry i suck I think might be underrated. One thing that drags this team down for me is that they're the only one that has 7 players, and while Choko seems to be a great guy, he is perhaps not the greatest at pressing his keys on the tiles, as the last time I had the chance to play against him I think I had the most caps in a week of any offender for the season. This team could surprise some people in the playoffs when they aren't playing any rotation, however.
- c. **Ducky (#10):** JH13 is a strong defender and LogisticMap is a solid offender, but will they be able to pull this team together? Jer32 has had Rick G. be his captain for the last 2 seasons, and I know this captain change up with Gleg/no name will be good

for him. This is completely off topic, but no name (when he was time) is one of the best coaches in the league. Last season, even with a new job, he still managed to effectively coach me and others (along with AlphaChurro) to make me a better defender and understand the game more. I'm excited for this team to have him to help coach them, because I know that they will be given the information to help better themselves.

9. WCYDinos (Noice!!, OD God, denna, RobScorch, RealJukester, Tea)

- a. **Bert (#7):** Another very top-heavy team, this time missing its defense. But between having two defenders and two offenders that can't play OD, and having two offenders who know things and two defenders who run into each other more often than the enemy FC, I'll take the latter. Like with Flairbenders, this team's stars, Noice!! and OD God are going to need to have breakout seasons to see this team through playoff rounds.
- b. **Button (#9):** Noice bad. Denna as far as I understand is a very questionable availability player, and I don't know any of the last 3 players on this team. That dooms them pretty low in my rankings.
- c. **Ducky (#8):** The only people I know on this team are Noice!! and Tea. Noice!! is an A-team level playing offender and I know he will have a good season. Tea is a returning competitive player that I hope stays to play.

10. Misaki Bombs (praoprao, thanos ball, xyzes, Hadouken, sweatypete, Capniss)

- a. **Bert (#10)**: To be clear, I am extremely uncomfortable ranking this team this low. The main issues I have with it are its consistency and its fourth ball. Praoprao impressed me in SOCL, where he played with Warriors and held his own against other players ranging from A-team to majors level. Thanos has an extremely high ceiling when he's on, with mechanics that can carry him to minors, and then sometimes combines that with decision making that could send him to E-team. This team shoots up two spots if Thanos builds his gamesense. Korra is similar but more raw, being slightly worse than Thanos in each aspect of the game due to his newness. And then there's the issue of the fourth ball. I don't see any fourth ball who I like, and so if one of the three left manages to evolve into that role or further, this team could do well.
- b. **Button (#6)**: Here I am ranking the collaborative last place team Misaki Bombs #6 again. I think that the SOCL 503 MVP is being underestimated, and Thanos seems to be on the rise. I think xyzes, Hadouken, sweaty pete, and Capniss will have good support for those two between them, and this team will end up surprising some opponents.
- c. **Ducky (#9):** We all know that praoprao can talk his way into and out of everything, but is it enough to be able to lead this team to victory? Thanos is usually a no mic but he has been micing here recently, so it might be able to help his game play.

 There's also some exciting young players on this team that are still trying to find their way into the competitive scene (xyzes, sweaty pete, and Capniss) and I have hope that they will navigate into this season very nicely.

B-team TLDR

Rank	Bert	Button	Ducky
1	Land Before Timers	LST	Miami Ballphins
2	LST	Miami Ballphins	LST
3	Weed The People	Land Before Timers	OD Future
4	ВСС	Weed The People	Land Before Timers
5	Puparazzi	Misaki Bombs	Puparazzi
6	Flairbenders	Flairbenders	BCC
7	WCYDinos	BCC	Weed The People
8	Miami Ballphins	OD Future	WCYDinos
9	OD Future	WCYDinos	Misaki Bombs
10	Misaki Bombs	Puparazzi	Flairbenders

In Summary

Bert: I'm already scared of watching film.

Button: Sadness is going to get the S/M/N/B uper sweep this year.

Ducky: This should be fun.