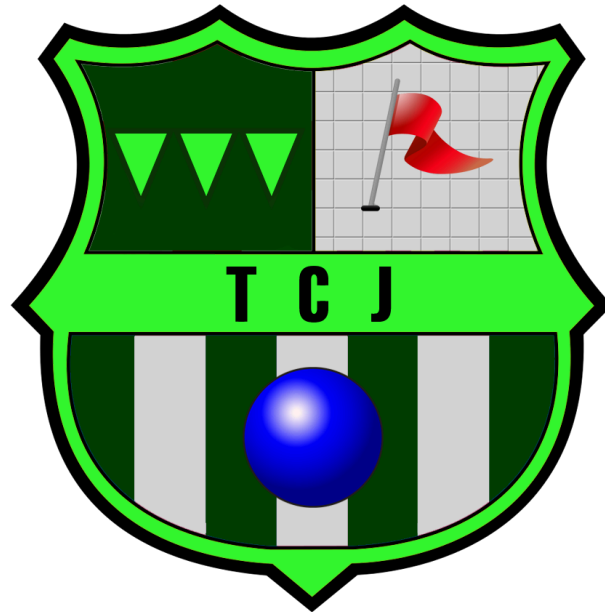


TC Jukes | Ron Hextball

Southeast Division | Radius



jj: How do you rate your chances of winning the Super Ball?

Ron Hextball: Getting past CoA is no small task. However, if we can get past them, I think we make the finals. There's not a Radius team that we can't beat so Tears is probably the only other team in our way.

jj: Ty and Gasol are both top eight in caps, one of only three pairs to achieve this. Did you expect this going into the season? How good of a pairing are these two?

Ron Hextball: I definitely expected our offense to be one of the higher scoring pairs. Ty was easily the single most underrated player coming into S14. Gasol has had some bumps along the way, but overall transitioned extremely well to the MLTP level. After 9 weeks, he does not look like a rookie out there at all. Ty is very support heavy and fairly conservative. Gasol finished 3rd in grabs, so quite a different play style than Ty. The combination of their two very different styles allowed them both to focus on their strengths during games.

jj: According to Frozen's FRO stat, your defense is second best in the league. How has the pair of side and boogie meshed as the season went on?

Ron Hextball: side and boogie have been amazing together. They both are incredibly balanced players and don't have any major weaknesses. boogie jumped right into Majors

without missing a beat and absolutely destroyed. Their chemistry is insane which allows them to really trust each other and go for big plays when they have the chance.

jj: You picked up boogie in FA. Was the plan after acquiring him to put him directly into majors? What was the reasoning in switching from ROFL to boogie?

Ron Hextball: Originally no, the plan was to keep ROFL in majors and have boogie play minors with Prjct. Right around that time though, ROFL had some IRL stuff come up which left his Sunday availability up in the air. I value consistency and chemistry above pretty much anything else, so it was really important to me to have someone there who did not have any availability issues. Luckily, after some scrims and talking with my team, we agreed that boogie was more than capable of making the jump. It worked out incredibly well. boogie has been absolutely dominating (in large part thanks to side helping him adjust at first) and ROFL also has no Monday issues, which has in turn also boosted our minors team big time.

jj: Your team was lowly ranked in most power rankings before the season and not many would have picked your team to be a playoff team. Did you and your team have a similar outlook before the season? What did everyone have wrong about your team?

Ron Hextball: TC Jukes are never shown any respect. Consistently I draft teams without any "big names" and get shit on by people who think they know what they're talking about because they can lookup stats. We were thrilled with our lineup prior to the season beginning and frankly a first round exit would be a disappointment. I think what everyone got wrong about our team was that they figured side would just be trying to carry us all season (which he probably could have done). People for some reason think that in order for others to be successful in majors they have to have 20 people jerking them off the whole time saying so, and they are unable to recognize potential on their own.

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?

Ron Hextball: I'm incredibly comfortable with our depth. Any single player on my team I'd feel comfortable putting in Majors if the situation arose. Except Tim (because he's restricted). We'd obviously get a bit more conservative at first to ease them in, but overall no, both Majors and Minors have similar play styles so it wouldn't be an issue.

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

Ron Hextball: Iblis and Genesis have been fairly underwhelming. I think they had pretty high expectations as they're both great players and have experience together as partners, but have definitely put together a fairly lackluster season.

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?

Ron Hextball: boogie has definitely surprised me the most. Like I said earlier, I was confident he'd be able to make the switch to Majors when it happened, but definitely still had my reservations. I in no way expected him to excel this season as much as he has. Ty was easily the most undervalued player coming into the season. I know he wasn't in the draft but I was given 15 extra TagCoins because I had him as my prelim pick. What a joke.

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?

Ron Hextball: Tears and CoA have the most balanced teams and will be the hardest to get past. I do not have a dark horse team.

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

Ron Hextball: We actually match up very well with them in my opinion. Our biggest issue when we played them was simply execution. Frozen and badger gave our team the most trouble.

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?

Ron Hextball: I would not want to play RHCP on EMERALD, but I'd love to play whatever teams BALLDON'TLIE sunk on literally any maps.

jj: How do you think the competitive meta is evolving, and are you happy with the direction that it is headed?

Ron Hextball: Whether people want to admit it or not, mechanical ability that is good enough to carry is getting harder and harder to find. Teams are becoming way more balanced in their play style. It's no longer really possible for a team to get carried by 1 player.

jj: Anything else you would like to add?

Ron Hextball: Go Birds!

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