

PROFILES:

Name: 107

Character For The Tourney: Mecha Ridley

Why They Get A Shoutout: Street Fight Censor

- For the silly back and forth with Galindo renaming the channel from #street-fighter to #wifi-hub.
- His active involvement in modding SSBFC and notifying people about the site's revival.
- Helping seed for the SSBFC Revival Tourney (even if he gave me flack for it).
- Playing friendlies in Smash or a few games of Mario Party Superstars.

Name: 1GlobalJC

Character For The Tourney: Flower Jigglypuff

Why They Get A Shoutout: Scouts Out The Competition Seriously

- For having the confidence to ask me for information about the Informal Invitational II attendees.
- Recruiting me to the Superstars Stadium crew.
- Supporting the Thunderbirds Gaming Tourneypalooza II and other brackets.

Name: 2Can

Character For The Tourney: Default Ice Climbers

Why They Get A Shoutout: Playing The Sega Saturn In 2023

- Bringing a Sega Saturn setup with him to hangouts in the year 2023. It's not a common console, but it looks like there are some fun games on it.
- Always being down for Smash Ultimate friendlies. It's good practice since I feel we're evenly skilled at Ultimate.
- Not subjecting me to getting wobbled in Melee.

Name: 2Percent

Character For The Tourney: Black Dr. Mario

Why They Get A Shoutout?: Knows Where His Boss Lives

- I'm concerned that 2Percent has his boss' location on Google Earth, but I guess it shows how attentive he is with those he's surrounded by.
- Inviting me over to his and his fiance's apartment.
- Grabbing dinner, going bowling, and just spending time hanging out with me.
- Making me extremely confident in the Dr. Mario match-up, despite how niche it may be at times.
- Just being a wholesome person.

Name: 6AM

Character For The Tourney: Green Incineroar

Why They Get A Shoutout: GREAT Pacland Doubles Partner

- Playing a doubles set with me in the redemption bracket on Pacland. I don't care what anyone else says, that set was peak Ultimate.
- Teaching me the potential of how silly a ROB and Incineroar team in doubles can be.
- Being approachable to practically everyone in the CT Smash scene, being familiar with anyone (even those you don't know) is an admirable trait.
- Great!

Name: AkatsukiYoshi

Character For The Tourney: Red Yoshi

Why They Get A Shoutout: Literal Blast From The Past

- Giving me a huge nostalgia blast when I saw him in a stream chat.
- Playing some Worldwides with me. These worldwides helped with unrusting for some Mario Kart tournaments.
- Actually sticking with an inward drift bike in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe and keeping up with the competition in a stacked Worldwide nonetheless.

Name: Anachromy

Character For The Tourney: Teal Toon Link

Why They Get A Shoutout: Clutch Last Minute Streamer

- Streaming the SSBFC Revival Tourney Top 8 with how much time it took.
- Also for streaming the tournament over going to a BBQ, regardless of if you were looking to go or not I do appreciate the effort for streaming the event.
- Making a new Twitch account just for streaming the tournament.
- Posting his revival tournament set scores in one of the Question Of The Day threads was pretty funny.

Name: AurumAtom

Character For The Tourney: Pink Pit

Why They Get A Shoutout: Can Only Hear Lead Pipes

- *redeems lead pipe channel point reward*
- Inviting me to collabs even if I'm always busy during them. I'll get to one in the future I swear.
- Being the best handsome blonde and purple mutual.
- Playing Smash and Mario Kart with me those times.

Name: Believe

Character For The Tourney: Red Ridley

Why They Get A Shoutout: Still Playing Fall Guys Custom Levels

-Keeping up with all the custom levels in Fall Guys is exhausting with how many they feature, but Believe still keeping up with it when most of the community seems burnt out is great.

-Being a good duos partner in Fall Guys who can carry his own weight.

-Joining me in watching the MCU and Super Mario Bros movies.

-Commentating some of the REBOOTS when they didn't have any casters.

Name: Big Tea

Character For The Tourney: Red Girl Wii Fit Trainer

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Likely To Switch Characters Every 11 Minutes

-I will never get tired of posting the one Spongebob GIF when BigTea decides he should enter a new era of Smash mains only with it becoming a fever dream in 11 minutes.

-Accepting the invitation for the Informal Invitational II and his eagerness for it.

-Giving me VIP on his stream.

-Overall just being a chill streamer I can watch after a long day of work.

Name: Blank

Character For The Tourney: Black Pyra/Mythra

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Likely To Get Down Smashed In Neutral

-Getting hit by ROB down-smash in neutral when I was too lazy to enter my controls. It taught me a valuable mixup and helped with not auto-piloting as hard.

-Being down for playing some Smash Ultimate friendlies.

-Still hitting the Connecticut Smash Ultimate PR all these years.

Name: Blessed

Character For The Tourney: Mii Swordfighter (whoever that is)

Why They Get A Shoutout: Reminding Me Trackmania Exists

-I haven't played Trackmania in years, but I had fond memories with it and designing custom tracks long ago when I did iD Tech Camps. So I'm thankful Blessed reminded me how fun the game was.

-His efforts for organizing a mod game night, I'm not sure if one will happen, but I appreciate the optimism.

-Being ranked 6900th (nice) at some point in this year on ScoreSaber.

Name: BlitzLuigy

Character For The Tourney: Green Megaman

Why They Get A Shoutout: NESI's Lone CT Representation

-After all the invited Connecticut players declined an invite to the New England Smash Invitational or got outvoted in the voting stage, Blitz ended up qualifying from the Last Chance Qualifier, giving us some representation at the event.

- Whenever someone mashes and air-dodges down out of my down-throw I dub it the "BlitzLuigy airdodge"
- Exposing me to how bust... I mean viable Megaman can be in Ultimate.
- Being an entertaining streamer I can watch from time to time.

Name: Bradplease

Character For The Tourney: Default King Dedede

Why They Get A Shoutout: The True Epitome Of Anything Goes

- Picking some interesting games in Anything Goes from Super Mario Galaxy speedrun races, Ultimate Chicken Horse, and Monopoly naming a few.
- During the Dokapon Kingdom tournament he really embodied the kill everything as fast as you can attitude.
- Him making/commissioning his own artwork for the results graphic (which I promise I'll get to soon) is awesome.
- He gave me a great idea for a future Tourneypalooza event if logistics work out.

Name: Broshinendo

Character For The Tourney: Pink Yoshi

Why They Get A Shoutout: Nostalgic Memories Reviver

- Making me feel old by posting some old screenshots from the cursed AllisBrawl.
- Jiggling.
- Streaming Baldi's Basics recently (even if I missed the stream).
- Still joining in some of my relevant tournaments from time to time.

Name: Cachinnation

Character For The Tourney: Cyan Falco

Why They Get A Shoutout: Lord Of The Ladders

- Creating the SSBFC Ladder, it might not get the most activity, but it's great seeing some additional activity.
- Being a formidable opponent in Smash, wifi being wifi aside.
- Keeping up with most of the Question Of The Days.

Name: Castillo

Character For The Tourney: Black Palutena

Why They Get A Shoutout: Doesn't See The Love Of Bone Dry Dunes

- His dedication towards not seeing the light of Bone Dry Dunes being an amazing track.
- Always greeting his friends whether it be in Twitch chat or at a local.
- Motivating me towards figuring out the Palutena matchup so I never lose that bad again.
- Hopefully one day he will play Mario Kart 8 Deluxe with the Big Tea community again.

Name: Clockdini

Character For The Tourney: Hero Erdrich

Why They Get A Shoutout: “Would Gamble Their Savings Away At A Casino”

-Winning a Normal Mode game in Dokapon Kingdom only gambling at the casino. It seemed silly at first but getting triple bar and multiplying the money by 30 made denying him his win impossible.

-Also trying the strategy again in story mode to no avail this time.

-”Surely he wouldn’t dare counter?”

-It’s cool seeing him still playing Nick Allstar Brawl 2, I’m glad the game is popping off more than the first one it seems.

-Hairless Ape. No further context.

Name: CodyMKW

Character For The Tourney: Shirtless Shulk

Why They Get A Shoutout?: Would Destroy Your Inbox

-Cody has sent me 40+ messages in one day. I don’t encourage this much a day, but I guess he’s dedicated to his cause.

-Helping out tremendously with getting missing recipes for Believe.

-Joining some Thunderbirds Gaming game nights.

Name: Da_Duck

Character For The Tourney: Yellow Kirby

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Likely To Send A Game Invite On Steam

-It was quite funny getting random game invites from Da_Duck for PlateUp or other games I don’t own.

-I enjoyed tuning into his streams earlier on in the year. It’s cool how most of his content he streamed focused on viewer requests as well.

-Inviting me on some attempts to win in Fall Guys, maybe one day you’ll entertain the idea again.

Name: DeepSpaceGoddess

Character For The Tourney: Default Dark Samus

Why They Get A Shoutout: Mother Of The Year

-Being the best mother that she can be for her daughter. I can’t even imagine raising kids at this point in time so I give her kudos for going forward with it.

-Being down for voice chatting and Fall Guys some nights when her schedule allows it.

-Inviting me over to her place when I was visiting her state even when it was abrupt.

-Her customer stories are cathartic especially after having some of my own customer stories.

Name: Deniair

Character For The Tourney: White Dark Pit

Why They Get A Shoutout: Challenging Me To Remember My Tourney Rules

-As an organizer the goal is having as many contingency plans as possible for rules; however, sometimes you get surprised. Deniair did this when he tied with SpringFlame in Tourneypalooza II's Mario Party Superstar event and forced us into remembering our ruling for ties.

-Deniair's patience regarding his prize pool was a welcome one.

-Deniair's interest in Thunderbirds Gaming tourneys this year.

-Being a fierce competitor in Mario Party.

Name: Denik

Character For The Tourney: Advent Cloud

Why They Get A Shoutout: Fellow Mario Kart LAN Competitor

-Sharing a setup with me for Semi-Finals and Finals of the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe FFA event at SHUTDOWN. My first offline Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament.

-Playing some Mario Kart Wii with me at a few of the REBOOTS. It felt good playing some offline Mario Kart Wii.

-Joining the FxD Survivor Simulator even if Denik got voted off the island first.

-The Denik and Jake The Snake adventure for finding a new Mario Kart Wii disc for sale after the current one at REBOOT stopped working.

Name: Dom1nat1on

Character For The Tourney: Default Ryu

Why They Get A Shoutout: Made Me Google Bushwhacking

-Taught me some new lexicon by coercing me into investigating with the corporate internet search engine for scouring the worldwide web for the peculiar diction "bushwhacking".

-Reaching out for some laptop suggestions, I don't mind IT off the clock for friends (as much as I jest about it).

-Being down for some more mod game nights.

Name: DuckDuck

Character For The Tourney: Dalmatian Duck Hunt Dog

Why They Get A Shoutout: Could Payroll A Single Streamer

-DuckDuck's generous contributions towards her favorite streamers never fails to impress. I admire her generosity.

-Raising 2 kids is not the easiest task so more power to her.

-It's always nice chatting with DuckDuck in Twitch chat.

-Trying her hand at the FxD Survivor Simulator even if it didn't go well.

Name: Dyspro

Character For The Tourney: Red Sora

Why They Get A Shoutout: Informal Rotational Dokapon Kingdom Streamer

-It's great having a fellow knowledgeable Dokapon Kingdom player in our story mode group even if he plays the game fast-paced.

-”Can I hop in rotation?”

-It's always nice playing you in a bracket.

-Keeping composure after Piggy ran in front of your monitor during our streamed set.

Name: Eli555

Character For The Tourney: White Donkey Kong

Why They Get A Shoutout: Will One Day Find His Smash Controller

-I believe one day Eli will find his controller so that way when I beat him he doesn't say it's the controller.

-He showed improvement in the past few months I have played with him which is progress.

-He did a great job in that one crew battle, especially with the 3 stock against the Lucina.

Name: ELKO

Character For The Tourney: Blue Zero Suit Samus

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Likely To Dair

-Life is fairly unpredictable which is why I'm glad I know that if ELKO is ever above me on stage she'll try stepping on me with down aerial. The first step towards beating your opponent is knowing their habits.

-I appreciate her/Superstar Stadium's interest in Thunderbirds Gaming tourney events (I can't wait until ELKO competes in one of the tournaments though).

-I'm glad I tried a ranked Mario Party Superstars set at her encouragement, it was fun and I got 2nd in a game.

-She has some of the best Discord emoji usage I have seen.

Name: EmilyBlargg

Character For The Tourney: White Pit

Why They Get A Shoutout: Slowpoke Stan

-Not sure if Slowpoke is Emily's favorite Pokemon, but Slowpoke is a cool Pokemon and feels like a fitting mascot for her streams with it always being on her lap.

-It's nice how Emily always opens up Mario Kart 8 Deluxe portions of her streams to her viewers opposed to keeping it restricted to specific people.

-Emily is pretty solid at Mario Kart 8 Deluxe which makes sense with how well practiced she is at Mario Kart.

-Overall Emily is a chill streamer and I find her very like-minded.

Name: Fart

Character For The Tourney: Default Ganondorf

Why They Get A Shoutout: Gave Falcon One Of His Favorite Nicknames

-If I had a \$1 for every nickname I was ever given I could be content. Most of these nicknames are duds, but Fart probably came up with one of my favorite ones with Mr. FalconXD Gale of Darkness.

-Gentlemanning to Pac-Land in our redemption bracket sets was fun, I'm glad I could share the tradition with you that Votega despises... I mean also founded.

-Organizing the SUGOI Pop Con Tournament which was a fun day.

-Regardless of where you go the legacy of GIANT | Level 01 | Fart shall live on.

Name: Flareneos43

Character For The Tourney: White Robin

Why They Get A Shoutout: Question Of The Day Apprentice

-I have enjoyed posting Questions Of The Day for the SSBFC site, but it can get tiring, which is why I'm glad Flareneos43 posted a few of his own QOTDs. I hope I see more from Flare in the future.

-It was a fun Poke BFC rivalry until the other site members started catching up.

-Has the amusing nickname, "Mustard".

Name: GaleMcCloud

Character For The Tourney: Orange Fox

Why They Get A Shoutout: Fellow Boo Enjoyer

-Being a fellow Boo enjoyer in Mario Party. Even if we had a massive debate on who could pick Boo in Mario Party 6 I respect the fine taste.

-I appreciate him streaming the Thunderbirds Gaming Tourneypalooza II's Smash Ultimate tournament.

-It's been fun playing Mario Party against him whether it be in Superstars or Mario Party 6 (although his win streak has gone on too long before Lil Timmy plot armor kicked in).

-Outlasting BigTea and JuniorHawk in the Look Away minigame for 1 round.

Name: Galindo

Character For The Tourney: Purple Yoshi

Why They Get A Shoutout: Wifi-Hub Censor

-For the silly back and forth with 107 renaming the channel from #wifi-hub to #street-fighter.

- That one Mario Party Superstars game we played a while back was comical.
- Helping keep the SSBFC community active through moderating the Discord and site activity.
- Voting in the seeding poll even if he voted after I made the final decision.

Name: Geepster

Character For The Tourney: White School Outfit Joker

Why They Get A Shoutout: Ridiculous Reversal Capability

- Despite being down 3 stocks to 1 he pulled a reversal on me in bracket forcing a Game 3. I knew the second I got down to 1 stock I was in trouble and then when my back aerial whiffed I knew it was curtains (it's okay I got payback with the 0 to death in the same set).
- Using Rebel's Guard for punishing grounded gyro was clever. I never saw Arsene so much in a single set.
- Geepster's goal of dealing with Japanese business sounds dope and I hope it works out for him.

Name: G I G A

Character For The Tourney: Grey Bowser

Why They Get A Shoutout: Best Back At The Barnyard Streamer

- If I had a nickel for each stream I saw of this game in 2023 I would have 2 nickels which isn't a lot, but it's odd it happened twice. I do give G I G A kudos for streaming this game and making me feel older than I already am.
- Always being down for friendlies whenever I stop by REBOOT.
- Being the 1 remaining connection I have to my collegiate Smash scene.
- The G I G A Pikmin streams were also hype.

Name: Glace

Character For The Tourney: Cyan ROB

Why They Get A Shoutout: Will Never Bet On The Carolina Panthers Again

- Poor Glace decided he would bet on the Carolina Panthers beating the Atlanta Falcons against StarZ in an Anything Goes tourney set. Unfortunately the 2023 Panthers let him down tremendously.
- Blaze Bombardment getting an SCS Crew win in the year 2023 which is at least the same amount of wins the Carolina Panthers have got before firing their head coach.
- Playing in the Informal Invitational and helping organize Thunderbirds Gaming events, I wonder if Glace could organize a better OL around Bryce Young.

Name: GlitchyBoot

Character For The Tourney: Default Mewtwo

Why They Get A Shoutout: Hunger Games Menace

-Guaranteed to blow up at least one person in any Hunger Games simulator you put him in.

-His help in co-commentating the 100% Orange Juice event. This was one of our stronger events of the Tourneypalooza II and his knowledge on the mic was impeccable.

-Always being down or doing collabs like a Dokapon Kingdom run or Randomcord (I promise one of these ventures will take off).

Name: GRIT

Character For The Tourney: Wendy O Koopa

Why They Get A Shout-Out?: Most Likely To Get Doxxed

-When your full name is already a meme on the internet you're one step closer to the world knowing your most intimate details. Here's hoping yours never leaks to the world.

-Why do I hear the NFL on Fox theme song approaching?

-One of if not the first eSports athletes on the Random College Athletics Twitter page.

-The one collegiate Smash player feared by Fisher College probably.

Name: G-XTREME

Character For The Tourney: Pikachu Libre

Why They Get A Shoutout: Offering Massive Tourney Prizes

-In one of the Post U monthlies, G-XTREME/the college offered many amazing prizes. The entire series he put on was impressive, I wish I could have attended one just the timing never worked for me personally.

-The G-XTREME VS BeatyBean set at SHUTDOWN was an entertaining one for spectating.

-Being stuck firmly in the true neutral area.

-Don't question what he'll do for the money.

Name: Hailfire

Character For The Tourney: Grey Incineroar

Why They Get A Shoutout: Fellow Hydrogen Bomb

-Teaming up with me in doubles at REBOOT 69 on a short notice. Setting our tags on the stream setup to "HYDROGEN" and "BOMB" was hilarious.

-The Alolan whip side-B on stage to hit both opponents into ROB Side-B off stage is up there with the most hype doubles moments I have done.

-Securing some Top 8s through-out the past year and at his college.

-Feeling bad for Chicken enough, letting himself get hit with Dr. Mario up-smashes like 10 times in a row.

Name: Hop

Character For The Tourney: Default Lucario

Why They Get A Shoutout: Neat XD Nuzlocker

- Dedicating 24+ Hours to a Pokemon XD Gale of Darkness Nuzlocke Tournament.
- I always love hearing about tournaments for interesting games so hearing about a XD Nuzlocke tournament intrigued me.
- His help in seeding the Super Auto Pets portion of Tourneypalooza II.
- Hop is someone who definitely makes people welcome to the SAP Dojo community.

Name: Hybrid?

Character For The Tourney: Sans

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Immunity Wins

- Having the literal definition of plot armor in the FxD Survivor with winning 9 challenges, 6 of them being immunity wins. This means he won 6/18 episodes or more aptly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the episodes.
- His interest in the Thunderbirds Gaming tourneys as well as his helpful feedback.
- Taking Big D to Game 3 at Super Smash Con is impressive.

Name: Hypno

Character For The Tourney: Default Captain Falcon

Why They Get A Shoutout: Improvising Variety Streamer

- Hypno stepping up and streaming the Anything Goes Top 4 for Tourneypalooza II shows his strong variety streamer skills. Since streaming that event requires having a way for streaming every participant's perspective and being readily available it requires total flexibility.
- Playing Smash Ultimate friendlies with Hypno has been fun and I would be down for some more games.
- Hypno finding love this year is a win and congrats again on this.

Name: JackO

Character For The Tourney: Pink Falco

Why They Get A Shoutout: Rock Paper Scissors Expert

- Winning the Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament in Tourneypalooza II.
- In addition to that, JackO also won the Champions Belt for Tourneypalooza II.
- Upon getting handed that Champions Belt, JackO had one of his best doubles performances. Could it be because his team had real GRIT? Possibly, but I think it has to do with the powerup he got from the Champions Belt.
- Leaving the belt box in REBOOT gives me a chuckle each time I have gone there post-SHUTDOWN and I see the box there.

Name: Jake The Snake

Character For The Tourney: Purple Piranha Plant

Why They Get A Shoutout: Skeeball Champion

- Winning the Skeeball side-event at REBOOT #39 defeating the likes of 6AM, Prismo, G I G A, and Dil... I mean GRIT. Jake The Snake VS GRIT was great because I could spectate a FTTFU matchup but in skeeball.
- Getting Top 8 at the Superstars Stadium Smash tournament.
- His support towards the Thunderbirds Gaming events mean a lot.
- Him volunteering towards helping out Superstar Stadium is also super kind of him.

Name: Jaxjokes

Character For The Tourney: Blue Byleth

Why They Get A Shoutout: Would Live In Disney World If Feasible

- Her love for Disney is massive and if she had a way I could see her living there full-time (or at least a majority of the time).
- Being super wholesome with care packages, her care packages are top tier.
- Inviting me over a few times and preparing yummy food!
- !jax3

Name: JEAUX

Character For The Tourney: White King K. Rool

Why They Get A Shoutout?: Your Mom!

- ”That’s what she said! Who your mom?”
- The very definition of the moderator roasting the streamer just as hard as the chat roasts the streamer (I do say he’s a decent moderator when he needs to be though).
- When are we settling it in Super Smash Bros Ultimate?
- In all seriousness he is a chill homie and the running joke is some funny content (at least to us).

Name: JennyKiKi

Character For The Tourney: Cyan Isabelle

Why They Get A Shoutout: Excelling In Tournaments

- I haven’t talked with Jenny a ton this year, but I saw it looks like she ran a ToonTown Golf Tourney on behalf of Bloomix Studio. I always love seeing people host tournaments especially for games where tourneys don’t seem as common so kudos to her!
- Jenny also has won the Bloomix Villager Hunt tournament this year making her not only a tournament organizer, but also a tournament champion.
- Simping... I mean admiring Purah tells me she has based taste.

Name: Joseph

Character For The Tourney: Default Villager

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Trusting Mario Party Superstars Streamer

- Being a trusting gentleman in our Mario Party Superstars game, we had a great truce lasting for 14 turns and then on turn #15 nothing too important happened.
- For joining Tourneypalooza II Smash Ultimate Singles and Fall Guys duos and streaming his run, I do appreciate the interest.
- Being a reliable squad team-mate in Fall Guys, I'll never forget that one round where we both timed out Swiveler.
- I can never look at Hatsune Miku the same way again after seeing his feud with her.

Name: KidEDarus

Character For The Tourney: Default Sonic

Why They Get A Shoutout: Sonic Game Completionist

- As somebody who owns some Sonic games, but never played one from start to finish I must give Kid credit for being a completionist for Sonic Frontiers and other Sonic games.
- Talking with Kid at Collision 2023 I know he let his friends crash at his place for the major which is super courteous.
- His interest in Thunderbirds Gaming tournaments plus game nights means a lot.
- Helping fellow TOs promote their tournaments to other communities that he is in.

Name: KieraTisl

Character For The Tourney: Default Chrom

Why They Get A Shoutout: Indirect Magikoopa V-Tuber

- When she released new emotes for her v-tuber the first thing that came to mind is a Magikoopa.
- It was nice getting dinner with her and Skeleton Honey that one time.
- Her only interests in Dokapon Kingdom are Darkling and pranking people after they die which is extremely valid.
- Blue ball. No further context.

Name: Kioshi

Character For The Tourney: Blue Inkling

Why They Get A Shoutout: Welcoming Splatoon 3 Community Member

- Promoting Splatoon 3 Tournaments on Discord has challenges especially when you're new to the community. Which is why Kioshi's willingness to help with some promotion was massively welcomed.
- Kioshi is clearly a Splatoon 3 player but their general interest in other non-Splatoon 3 Thunderbirds Gaming events was awesome. Anyone can simply do things they're masters at, but trying something new you're not as experienced in requires real determination.

-One time when SpringFlame was looking for some more Splatoon 3 players, Kioshi volunteered to be an extra. While he didn't end up playing in the end I know SpringFlame appreciated it.

-Getting 2nd in the Ghastly Gala bracket with Trev.

Name: Kosmic

Character For The Tourney: Green ROB

Why They Get A Shoutout: Wacky At WarioWare

-Being extremely skilled at WarioWare Inc. Mega Party Games. It was fun watching Kosmic VS Believe since Kosmic seems experienced with the Gamecube WarioWare while Believe was experienced in the Gameboy Advanced WarioWare game.

-Thankful for his help TOing some Thunderbirds Gaming events especially spearheading the Overwatch 2 tournament.

-It's always nice keeping an eye on his progress in Guilty Gear Strive competitions.

-Indirectly putting the final nail in the coffin for my interest in Dolphin.

Name: KyleTM

Character For The Tourney: Zombie

Why They Get A Shoutout: Is Really Really Hot

-Although the doubles team, KyleTM Is Really Really Hot didn't involve KyleTM being a team member he must have the charisma for influencing Soap + Mars in that way.

-Cheering for me in the stream chat that one time I went to Maple Lane Smash in Vermont.

-Helping TO the REBOOT tournaments.

-Helping me learn the value of turn-around nair as the most unexpected kill move.

Name: LilMoePeeps

Character For The Tourney: Cyan Villager

Why They Get A Shoutout: Dedicated To Duolingo

-Learning a language could get tedious depending on which language you're learning so shoutout to Moe for having a streak on Duolingo that lasted 125 days at one point.

-Moe tackles a lot of different projects at once which I must give her credit for as someone who is in a similar boat.

-Moe's streams give relaxing vibes so it's always nice seeing her live.

Name: Littlehulk

Character For The Tourney: Green Dedede

Why They Get A Shoutout: Certified Flying Castle Player

- My limited knowledge in 100% Orange Juice tells me that Flying Castle is not an optimal character, but anyone that uses it is a people's champion. Due to this I give Littleshulk credit for getting Top 8 in a 40+ player tournament rocking Flying Castle.
- I played some 100% Orange Juice friendlies with Littleshulk and Luna Leka which were extremely fun. Littleshulk is nice and their game knowledge is impeccable.
- Has the Belmont strut. No further context.

Name: LogisticlNightmr

Character For The Tourney: Default Snake

Why They Get A Shoutout: Creating Sus Snake Tech

- Wrote a dissertation on Snake tech known as Nodal APT or what he calls it the Fractal ATP (F.A.P) theory. Yeah...
- Insightful on controller architecture and configuration.
- The ROB VS Snake matches I had against him were fun even if he would personally disagree.
- Is the reason I took a game off TheActuary.

Name: Luck7

Character For The Tourney: Golden Captain Falcon

Why They Get A Shoutout: Fast At Downloading Opponents

- Luck7 has proven he is quite fast at downloading his opponents. Some notable examples include the SSBFC revival tourney where he downloaded Speclectica after 1 game, upsetting Fishbait 3-1, and while I beat him in the ladder he quickly started learning how I fight.
- I appreciate Luck7's eagerness for the SSBFC ladder challenging me right off the bat.
- Luck7 also shares the experience of competing in the Collegiate Star League.

Name: Lulukins

Character For The Tourney: Mii Brawler

Why They Get A Shoutout: Accommodating Splatoon 3 Player

- Lulukins willingness to join SpringFlame when his group needed 1 more for Splatoon 3 shows how accommodating he can be.
- Joining the Informal Invitational II "What Is Happening" Qualifiers and making it all the way to the play-off stage.
- Being an extremely solid Mario Party Superstars player getting 2nd place in the Mario Party Superstars event for Tourneypalooza II.

Name: Luna Leka

Character For The Tourney: Default Richter

Why They Get A Shoutout: Knowledgeable At Ultimate Chicken Horse

- Having everything unlocked in Ultimate Chicken Horse as well as being adept at the game's physics.
- Her help with TOing Thunderbirds Gaming events this year hasn't gone unnoticed.
- Making Top 4 in the Anything Goes bracket of Tourneypalooza II and breaking out the Ultimate Chicken Horse for that bracket was neat.

Name: Madelyn

Character For The Tourney: Default Rosalina

Why They Get A Shoutout: Insane Stream Stamina

- Casually streaming for 16 hours (even if she takes some breaks) a day for most days is bonkers.
- On top of that doing a 16 hour stream while going through a chronic condition is admirable since I imagine it makes things difficult most days.
- Madelyn is pretty solid at Smash for someone I don't see entering offline brackets. If she ever attends them in the future her local scene is in for a rude awakening.
- Somehow she always watches Nathaniel Bandy videos at the same time I do.

Name: MantaBants

Character For The Tourney: Default Banjo + Kazooie

Why They Get A Shoutout: Extremely Helpful Eternal Return Streamer

- MantaBants was the MVP for the Eternal Return portion of Tourneypalooza II from streaming the event and giving us some helpful resources for calculating score, assistance TOing, etc.
- Congrats once again to MantaBants for hitting Twitch Partner this year, here's hoping their content continues growing.
- Sounds like a great person to gamble against... I mean play a friendly game of poker with.

Name: Marilyn

Character For The Tourney: Red Daisy

Why They Get A Shoutout: Bowser Coin Beam's Main Target

- Marilyn must despise Space Land after getting hit by the Bowser Coin Beam multiple times a day. The worst was probably getting hit by it point-blank on what I think was the last turn before she could visit Boo.
- She is the master of double jumping since whenever I play Smash against her she never stays on the ground.
- Very good at preventing the imposter from killing in Among Us by being a very attentive eyewitness.

Name: MarkotoSSBM

Character For The Tourney: Default Fox**Why They Get A Shoutout: Craziest Losers Run in Tourneypalooza II**

- After getting upset by Nob in the Tourneypalooza II Super Auto Pets tournament, Markoto won 9 sets straight for being the Super Auto Pets champion. He pulled off wins on Bertboyman, Aaron, SubOptimal, Skunkel, TooManyBagels, Tyler, Lytemare, and beat a surging Fluffo in Grand Finals as well as the Grand Finals reset.
- Kudos to Markoto and Hop for help with seeding the Super Auto Pets event. I know both are more aware of the scene's rankings than I am.
- Knows the Chika dance. I'm not sure what tactical advantage this serves, but maybe it's a big brain team tourney strat I'm blind to.

Name: Mechanical**Character For The Tourney: Grey Lucas****Why They Get A Shoutout?: I Love Gaslighting**

- "I love gaslighting. I think it's hilarious if it's done well." No further context.
- Being the champion of Hex-A-Ring specifically. Whenever I get it in Fall Guys he comes to mind.
- Betting on me in the Mario Party Superstars game in the Kev_Aros Subathon.
- Pretty solid at randomizers as I have seen him stream several Zelda game randomizers before.

Name: MetalKrusher**Character For The Tourney: Red ROB****Why They Get A Shoutout: ROB Tech Encyclopedia**

- MetalKrusher seems extremely competent with ROB tech, it's crazy thinking if he lands a single gyronair you might just lose your stock.
- It was nice meeting a fellow ROB at Sugoi POP Con and I'm glad I gave him some ideas for dealing with his local scene.
- Sometimes I really enjoy or really despise the ROB ditto, but when playing with MetalKrusher I can say the ROB ditto is fun.

Name: Midnight**Character For The Tourney: Galacta Knight****Why They Get A Shoutout: Biggest Anti-Griever In Fall Guys**

- In any Fall Guys competition Midnight plays in, he will try making a mutual agreement for no grieving. Why does he do this? Surely not because I grieved him on Jump Around in the Anything Goes bracket in Tourneypalooza II.
- Bringing some speedrunning into the Anything Goes brackets whether it be A Link To The Past Randomizer or Super Mario Galaxy speedrun race.
- Convinced he lives in a house with the most Switch users.

-Seems like a well-rounded gamer whether it's Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Fall Guys, and much more.

Name: MikeMM

Character For The Tourney: Blue Pit

Why They Get A Shoutout?: Prefers Fictional Waifus

-I'm not sure if this is a worthy shoutout, but I give credit to MikeMM as he knows what he wants. If it's a non-fictional girl he wants nothing to do with it, but if she's a work of fiction he's ready for sliding into the DMs.

-The gall of calling people older than him "kid".

-His biggest concern when getting ready for basic training was just making sure he could get into the FxD Hunger Games for when he gets back, which was hysterical.

-I give him credit for enlisting as doing that ain't simple.

Name: Mizu

Character For The Tourney: Alph

Why They Get A Shoutout: Luckiest Mario Party Tourney Run

-Mizu had the luckiest Mario Party Superstars tourney run I had seen at Tourneypalooza II. After getting 3rd place in Round 1, Mizu got spared since we included the 2 best 3rd places for creating an even 16. After that 3rd place Mizu qualified from Round 2 and semi-finals, tied for 3rd place, and won the tiebreaker. Give any player a 2nd chance and they can turn things around.

-I'm thankful for Mizu's interest in Tourneypalooza II not just from Mario Party, but also 100% Orange Juice and Fall Guys.

-Mizu being generous enough to want to share the 3rd place prize with who they tied with until I required a tiebreaker for splitting up the prize pool.

-Mizu seems cool so I hope I see them around more.

Name: Moose

Character For The Tourney: Pink Diddy Kong

Why They Get A Shoutout: Making Me Miss Trivia Nights

-From what I can see it looks like SAP Dojo occasionally does trivia nights which Moose is greatly invested in. This made me nostalgic for when I used to do trivia nights for my communities, maybe I'll bring them back one day.

-Shoutouts to Moose for helping stream some Top 8 sets in the Super Auto Pets portion of Tourneypalooza II.

-As a fellow Smash Ultimate player I think it was cool Moose streamed Ultimate gameplay in the past.

Name: MorseCode

Character For The Tourney: White Ken

Why They Get A Shoutout: Host With The Most

- MorseCode constantly hosting gaming sessions at his house as well as giving all us gamers food is insanely kind.
- Even though we didn't do the best in doubles at SHUTDOWN I had fun teaming with Morse. We need a runback in another doubles tournament one day.
- Getting 3rd place in the FxD Survivor simulation with it being his first time in one of those simulators.
- I didn't get a chance to make it to Shine 2023, but I appreciate Morse's invitation to it nonetheless.

Name: Moth

Character For The Tourney: Default Min Min

Why They Get A Shoutout: Drag Race Simulator Plot Armor

- I swear the simulation must have known it was Moth's birthday as when Big Tea did a Drag Race simulation on his birthday Moth was unstoppable eventually winning it.
- It was nice meeting Moth at Collision 2023.
- Would defrost Mariah Carey in August if he could get away with it.

Name: Nintenga

Character For The Tourney: Default Piranha Plant

Why They Get A Shoutout: Tip Toe Psychic

- One time when playing Fall Guys in a squad with Nintenga he figured out the path in Tip Toe on his first try and in 12 seconds. It was insane watching him just guess the correct path in record time.
- Nintenga is a strong MK8 Deluxe competitor. He got some notable ranks this year such as hitting the Finals in Tourneypalooza II, securing top spots in Café eSports KO Rooms, and even did decently well in Ragnarok.
- I appreciate Nintenga's interest in Thunderbirds Gaming tournaments + game nights.
- I enjoy seeing his friendly rivalry with KidEDarus.

Name: NonLethalAaron

Character For The Tourney: White Incineroar

Why They Get A Shoutout: Best Mario Party Superstars Team-Mate

- While we never teamed up in Mario Party Superstars during the Kev_Aros subathon, him having channel points on me and just aiming to mess with Kev made him a perfect team-mate. I'm still sorry I had to steal from you after that coin flip went against you.
- I never get tired of watching Aaron steam sniping Kev_Aros in Fall Guys.
- Aaron getting 17th out of 55 in the Smash Ultimate portion of Tourneypalooza II isn't too bad.

Name: Nyx

Character For The Tourney: Alex

Why They Get A Shoutout: Biggest Target In Dokapon Kingdom

-When I watched Nyx play Dokapon Kingdom with Jax, Kat, and Sacred she died twice in the first week, lost her town, and got pranked. She was the biggest target in Dokapon Kingdom by far.

-Karma eventually repaid Nyx though as she got Darkling and made a complete 180. I was rooting for her revenge after that first week too.

-It was nice finally physically meeting Nyx after all these years of only knowing her online through mutual friends.

Name: OhDee

Character For The Tourney: Purple Palutena

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Likely To Post Chests

-OhDee's pattern for posting memes this year seems to be with chests. Whether it's nipple pictures or chest pictures he's posted a few this year.

-Sharing Lethal Company content with me, it looks like a comical game.

-It was fun playing Fall Guys with him and Schiers. Us destroying a squad in a 3v4 Volleyfall was peak.

Name: PandaBoo

Character For The Tourney: Black Ness

Why They Get A Shoutout: The Great Mighty Poo Is Her Comfort Character

-In a stand-off between Eli and PandaBoo, after I posted a picture of The Great Mighty Poo, Eli said that it looked like PandaBoo. Panda's response was "I'll take being an icon" which is a mighty flex.

-I popped off when PandaBoo won a Smash tournament set in the Superstars Stadium Smash Ultimate tournament.

-Has a psychological advantage specifically against King DDD players, making Kelmo SD to his death while inhaling.

-I'm thankful for PandaBoo's interest in Thunderbirds Gaming events this past year.

Name: Pavel

Character For The Tourney: Default Pacman

Why They Get A Shoutout: Holding Out For A Grudge Match

-In the year 2023, Pavel is still looking for a Grudge Match against Rezido. Grudge Match Fridays were part of the Fight To The Finish tournament series I ran back in 2016-2017. Pavel hasn't forgotten his desire for a grudge match even though Rezido and I certainly have.

- It was nice seeing Pavel in the FxD Survivor Simulator since it's been a while.
- Pavel's been uploading some Yu-Gi-Oh content on YouTube which is interesting.

Name: Penalty

Character For The Tourney: Default Mario

Why They Get A Shoutout: Wins Mafia By Doing Absolutely Nothing

-In the FxD Mafia game, Penalty was mafia alongside StarZ. While Penalty ended up being the last member alive and helped secure the win late game, it was really StarZ that did most of the heavy lifting early game. Henceforth Penalty kind of won the FxD Mafia by doing nothing.

-Campaigning for Cascadia Clash which I give him credit for as even though he didn't get in, campaigning for these invitational tournaments takes effort.

-Is ranked #3 in Eastern Idaho Spring 2023 (also reminded me Idaho exists as a state).

Name: Phlebuster

Character For The Tourney: Yellow Marth

Why They Get A Shoutout: Generous Sponsor

-When deciding games for Tourneypalooza II one of the suggestions from a TO was 100% Orange Juice. When figuring out prizing I must give massive credit to Phlebuster and Fruitbat Factory. They not only helped with promoting, but they offered a plushie as well as some of their games towards the prize pool. This was awesome and I'm super thankful for their immense generosity.

-As part of their job for an upcoming Fruitbat Game, Mamiya - Complete Collection, Phle played 86 hours of the game in a 2 week period. Which might just be fairly normal working hours, but it shows Phle's dedication to their craft.

-Overall Phle is a nice person and I hope I see more content from them in the future.

Name: PlasticRebel

Character For The Tourney: Yellow ROB

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most To Every Every

-When returning from a break to streaming he made a poll asking how often he should stream. One option was "Every Every" which stuck out.

-Actually giving the viewers what they want and playing FNAF, you love to see it.

-Shoutouts to Plastic for the invite to some Among Us collabs that he did. It's still funny that I, a non-streamer, got invited to a streamer collaboration.

Name: Poyo

Character For The Tourney: Yellow Ness

Why They Get A Shoutout: Least Likely To Flip An 18-Wheeler

-A professional truck driver in American Truck Simulator. While she might give in to her viewers for content by doing a flip when bits are donated, otherwise she drives like how you should be driving a truck.

-I had a fun time playing Mario Kart 8 Deluxe this year with Poyo, big fan of Poyo and New Poyo Minute.

-Poyo's been killing it in F-Zero 99 getting 3rd place in one of the Queen League runs.

-BOOTY360 is quite the tag.

Name: Quiz

Character For The Tourney: Wireframe Little Mac

Why They Get A Shoutout: Would Get Mistaken For Little Mac

-When I went to Collision 2023, I walked past a Little Mac cosplayer and remembered thinking, "Oh that's a cool cosplay". I got home and found out it was Quiz. I will say he got me as I didn't think it was him before I saw the pictures.

-Still hating on InKling in 2023.

-Having 900+ monthly listeners on Spotify is pretty hype.

Name: Raindance

Character For The Tourney: Spiky Pichu

Why They Get A Shoutout: Would Isolate Themselves For Shiny Hunting

-Raindance is so committed to shiny hunting in Pokemon Scarlet/Violet I'm convinced if he didn't need food, water, sleep, or the restroom he could shiny hunt for days on end uninterrupted.

-Survived chernobyl. No further context (totally not because I don't know it).

-His help in streaming + commentating the 100% Orange Juice bracket was fantastic since it was a popular bracket.

-2023 wasn't the easiest year for Raindance so I give him credit for trying his best making things work out.

Name: Rezido

Character For The Tourney: Default Simon

Why They Get A Shoutout: Arda Mascot

-When Arda got released the Eternal Return community banded together agreeing that Rezido is the prime Arda representation. Being the go-to person for a character is a fulfilling experience and I'm glad Rezido experienced this.

-Probably got extremely triggered at Dokapon Kingdom getting ported to Switch and PC this year despite eventually getting the PC version.

-Him and Aushoo had a great showing at Tourneypalooza II getting 2nd place in a very close tournament.

-He's probably the longest streak of sending memes I have with anyone.

Name: Sacred Wild

Character For The Tourney: Blue Yoshi

Why They Get A Shoutout: Swole Elephant Supporter

-When the Super Mario Wonder announcement got dropped, Sacred Wild was one of the most excited people I know for the game. Between the fun elephant powerup and how it seems like it had the same energy as Super Mario World (one of his favorite Mario games) I can see why.

-A fellow dad jokes enthusiast.

-Having extremely well rounded movie tastes as I know he popped off equally hard for Barbie as he did Saw X.

-Thankful that he had Jax and I over at his place, it was a fun time.

Name: S B K

Character For The Tourney: Luminary

Why They Get A Shoutout?: Thinks Chocolate Is The Only Valid Condiment

-When it comes to food preferences I usually respect people's opinions since everyone has their own tastes. Unfortunately S B K's opinion that chocolate is the only valid condiment is one I can't get behind. What do you put chocolate on? Are you talking about coating things in chocolate or do you put chocolate on your hot dogs? Are you saying ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise (naming a few) are all bad condiments? What.

-S B K got 9th/55 in Ultimate Singles for Tourneypalooza II which is pretty solid considering how tough the top players in this event were.

-It's nice seeing how much support S B K has given to Superstars Stadium.

Name: Scarlettcloud

Character For The Tourney: Purple Inkling

Why They Get A Shoutout?: Squid Fanatic

-Scarlettcloud is the definition of a squid fanatic. Whether it's adding tentacles to her stream's v-tuber or accepting that she would dive into the ocean if it meant she could make out with an octopus she is a huge fan of squids.

-Schrödinger's butt-hole. No further context.

-I feel like I know more about her kinks than anyone else's and I'm not sure how I feel about that.

-Would pay for Twitter Blue. Wait, why is this a shoutout?

Name: Schiers

Character For The Tourney: Default Dark Pit

Why They Get A Shoutout: Pigskin PickEm Legend

- Seems superb at predicting NFL games, Schiers is so solid with his picks that he is in the Top 1000 (the top 0.01% percentile) for the game.
- It's nice having more friends I can talk sports with as I'm not a huge fan, but the overlap between sports and gaming in those friend groups is minimal.
- I enjoyed playing some games with Schiers this year including Fall Guys.
- It was nice spending some time at SUGOI PopCon with Schiers and SpringFlame.
- It was also nice hiking that one time with Schiers and SpringFlame.

Name: Scruple

Character For The Tourney: Default Kirby

Why They Get A Shoutout: Elite Smash Trooper

- Scruple is still playing Quickplay in 2023. His goal is getting characters into Elite Smash regardless of what it takes. One notable example is spending 5 days getting Ice Climbers into Elite Smash.
- His help in commentating the Smash Ultimate portion of Tourneypalooza II was impeccable as it helped prevent Gale from dealing with solo commentary.
- I'm glad I could share with Scruple my favorite Halloween content about the skeleton's favorite snack.
- Scruple is an accommodating streamer as I know when doing viewer battles there have been a few times he was exhausted but still gave some of his viewers a few games regardless.

Name: Seb

Character For The Tourney: Default Sheik

Why They Get A Shoutout: The Best Player In The World Of Niche Video Games

- Convinced that Seb would be the best gamer in the world if niche video games were the criteria. As I know, according to Seb himself "I only play dead games".
- Is still the best Sheik I have ever fought because similar to his video game tastes he also apparently plays niche Smash Ultimate characters.
- His help researching and TOing Thunderbirds Gaming events this year has been helpful.

Name: Sera

Character For The Tourney: Blue Kirby

Why They Get A Shoutout: Crazy Enough For The Project Manager Lifestyle

- Sera has the work ethic and drive for considering the project manager lifestyle. I give her credit as while it's a rewarding career it also can get quite strenuous at times, especially during peak seasons.
- Has the weirdest Mario Party Superstars plot armor ever. While I'm sure she's not unbeatable she has won in scenarios I didn't expect her to.

-Sera, Galindo, and I made a good trio team getting pretty far in the trio challenges for Mario Party Superstars.

-Her positive reception to the SSBFC Questions Of The Days was much appreciated.

Name: ShinySeeker

Character For The Tourney: Red Luminary

Why They Get A Shoutout: Any% Hunger Games Season Ending World Record

-ShinySeeker didn't get the best FxD Hunger Games 2023 experience dying immediately at Sacred Wild's hands. I appreciate Shiny's interest in the FxD Hunger Games 2023 even if he died on frame 4.

-Shiny performed decently all around at Tourneypalooza II getting 13th/28 in Mario Party Superstars, 9th/55 in Ultimate Singles, and 13th/27 in Guilty Gear Strive.

-It has been a bit, but I had fun playing Mario Party Superstars with Shiny, Believe, and SpringFlame back in January. We should get another game going sometime soon.

Name: Shisui

Character For The Tourney: Red Lucas

Why They Get A Shoutout: Massive Lucas Glow-Up

-Seeing Shisui's Lucas in Tourneypalooza II was quite a glow-up since the last time I saw it. Shisui went from what I remember as a 2-2er at best to getting 3rd/55 and taking games off of former CT Smash PR.

-Shisui also did phenomenal in Rock, Paper, Scissors getting 2nd/75 just barely missing 1st place to JackO in a last game scenario.

-I appreciate Shisui's interest in Tourneypalooza II as he joined 1/3 of the tournaments which is up there for players who joined the most events.

Name: Skeleton Honey

Character For The Tourney: White Piranha Plant

Why They Get A Shoutout: Rival Typist

-One time I was playing Trivia Murder Party 2 with The Chucklephyucks and the Dictation game got picked with Skeleton Honey on the chopping block. Skeleton Honey's typing skills were phenomenal and even though I out-typed him he does have a fast typing speed.

-I appreciate the compliment that I could rival stenographers who type at unheard of speeds. I still haven't tried Steno Arcade, but I shall share with him once I do.

-It was nice getting dinner with him and Kiera that one time.

Name: SketchLA94

Character For The Tourney: Default Terry

Why They Get A Shoutout: Biggest BatXD Backer

-Each October (or sometimes a little before) I update my display name on Discord to BatXD for the Halloween season. I feel like I talk with Sketch the most as BatXD and he recognizes BatXD the most. This is probably because of peak football season during then, but still.

-It's nice having friends to talk about football with especially since I don't have that many gamer friends that are also into football.

-Reconnecting me with some other older friends from the past was generous of him.

-I appreciate him messaging me at 4 AM my time zone asking what I'm doing even if I'm usually in bed and won't respond at that point.

Name: Sloth

Character For The Tourney: Teal Mr. Game and Watch

Why They Get A Shoutout: Legendary Strive TO

-Sloth is a legendary TO for the DFW FGC area and it's awesome seeing him secure some major gigs as a TO. He has come a long way since first asking how one TOs a bracket a few years ago.

-Sloth's help in seeding and streaming Thunderbirds Gaming Guilty Gear events doesn't go unnoticed.

-Has Taylor Swift on his top Spotify artists. Hey man, more power to you for that.

-TNS #93 (redemption) Guilty Gear Strive champion.

Name: Smity

Character For The Tourney: Default Mr. Game and Watch

Why They Get A Shoutout: Wheel Of Awesome Hacke... I Mean Winner"

-Ever since SSBFC returned, Smity hacked... err I mean won the Wheel Of Awesome jackpot for the first time.

-Also on SSBFC Smity has a massive power level compared to 2nd and 3rd place in the power rankings.

-Thankful that Smity helped commentate Top 8 of the SSBFC Revival Tournament with Anachromy.

Name: SnappleOK

Character For The Tourney: Black Greninja

Why They Get A Shoutout?: Joined The Dark Side Of Playing Sonic

-I don't get this one. Snapple has both a Greninja and Byleth, why would he get tempted over to the dark side of maining Sonic The Hedgehog in Smash Ultimate?

-Despite switching to Sonic I had fun in our friendlies (might be because Snapple didn't play Sonic in them, but it was still fun).

-Probably the best self-proclaimed 1-2er I have ever seen.

Name: SnowInMay

Character For The Tourney: Blue Min Min

Why They Get A Shoutout: Fellow Damien Stan

- It's nice seeing some decent Total Drama content in 2023 which I'm sure SnowInMay agrees with. I would say my favorite character from the reboot so far is Damien. While SnowInMay's favorite isn't Damien I respect him also putting Damien in the high tier.
- I appreciate the invitation to the CT Grind Server even if I don't use it the most.
- SnowInMay probably has the fastest growth in Smash skills I have seen out of any members that were on the Connecticut PR this past year.

Name: Soap

Character For The Tourney: Green Corrin

Why They Get A Shoutout: Butt-Dialing But For Discord Servers

- One time Soap accidentally butt-dialed me and a few others the link to a private Discord server. It was funny and I'm just glad she didn't get hacked.
- Super Smash Con 2023 must have been a great time for Soap when it led to 3 Corrins in Top 32.
- Thankful for Soap's contributions towards making REBOOT a great local.
- I'm still down for teaming up with Soap one day in doubles.
- Got concerned when I mentioned bringing back the John Cena merchandise to REBOOT.

Name: Soup

Character For The Tourney: Default Bowser

Why They Get A Shoutout: Zero Suit Samus Personified

- Recently Soup has been making a name for herself with the Zero Suit Samus cosplays. I got to say it is a fitting choice for her cosplays and she's been killing it.
- Ever since it was first brought up I'm still waiting for Soup to burn her trash chair.
WHEN IS THE CHAIR BURNING SOUP?
- Would kill someone from alcohol poisoning if they took a shot each time Soup used the word "like".

Name: SpringFlame

Character For The Tourney: Default Meta Knight

Why They Get A Shoutout: Would Buy Oreos Galore

- One time during Collision 2023, SpringFlame and I went to the American Dream Mall and bought so many Oreos at the Oreos store. It was a fun memory and a nice mall.
- It was fun teaming with SpringFlame for Collision 2023, we might have only gone 1-2, but considering how stacked the competition was I will take that.

- I also enjoyed spending time with SpringFlame this year whether it was hiking with him & Schiers, going to SUGOI Pop Con with them, or anything else.
- Glad to be part of some of SpringFlame's MK8 Deluxe fun-rooms as it was a tight contest.
- We need another Mario Party game one of these days whether it be Superstars or 7.

Name: StarZ

Character For The Tourney: Cloud - Advent Purple

Why They Get A Shoutout: Making Melee Bowser Relevant Again

- StarZ competed in Melee doubles at Super Smash Con playing as Bowser with a Level 6 Bowser CPU. Despite this he actually got a set win which was a massive day for Melee Bowser mains everywhere.
- Hard carried for the Mafia in the FxD Mafia game which helped him and Penalty secure the win.
- Done dirty in the FxD Survivor Simulator as while he got Top 8 it really came down to WaddL getting protected and him having the 2nd-most votes.
- Got 9th/75 in the Tourneypalooza II Rock, Paper, Scissors bracket.
- Did well getting Top 8 in the Informal Invitational II.

Name: Stephie

Character For The Tourney: Red Pokemon Trainer

Why They Get A Shoutout: Patiently Waiting For Multiversus

- I never got largely into Multiversus, but it looked fun. Stephie on the other hand I know got decently interested into the game. I imagine she will look forward to it returning in 2024.
- It seems Stephie was quite a bit of a gym junkie this year which I give her props for as staying on track with fitness can have its challenges at times.
- I haven't talked with Stephie much this year, but I hope all has been well.

Name: Sticky

Character For The Tourney: Green Bowser

Why They Get A Shoutout: FxD Hunger Games 2023 Winner

- Sticky ended up coming out of nowhere, but was interested in the 2023 FxD Hunger Games. In the end, Sticky ended up winning the simulation.
- As a fellow dog lover, it was nice seeing some pictures of his dog whenever they came on my timeline.
- It seemed like Sticky traveled a lot this year which I can relate to as I have been scouting out different areas this year.

Name: SuperNuke

Character For The Tourney: Red Luigi

Why They Get A Shoutout: Last Person You Should Give A Gun To

- In The FxD Mafia game, SuperNuke was the unofficial 3rd Mafia member. As sheriff he immediately killed a town member on the first night. Then he was wrong on every single guess. The worst is when he had a 50/50 between Penalty (Mafia) and WaddL (Town), he voted for WaddL giving Mafia the win. Never again should he have a gun.
- If I ever want cursed memes I know I can count on him for them.
- According to the FxD Survivor Simulator he is both a social butterfly and has a temperament for extreme rage.

Name: Teelur

Character For The Tourney: Default Biker Wario

Why They Get A Shoutout: Gets Carried In Mario Kart 8 Battle Mode

- One time when we were in a SpringFlame battle room I was on a team with Teelur and Believe. Despite Teelur being a polished Mario Kart 8 Deluxe player, when it came to battles Believe and I were carrying him.
- It was fun raiding a worldwide that Teelur and SpringFlame were in.
- The #the-two-channel wouldn't be the same without him.

Name: TickleNickels

Character For The Tourney: Default Samus

Why They Get A Shoutout: Avid Ranked Apex Dodger

- TickleNickels avoids ranked apex like it was the plague. Which honestly is a mood since I'm not trying to play ranked shooters either.
- I give massive props for her packing up and moving halfway across the country. I feel most people underestimate how difficult it is to do this.
- Playing Fall Guys with TickleNickels occasionally was fun, we need to find time for gaming one of these days.

Name: Tom

Character For The Tourney: Default Roy

Why They Get A Shoutout: Master Of Bracketology Programming

- Tom set up his own bracket site TrueFinals which as a fellow TO caught my eye since bracketology does interest me. I haven't played around with it as much as I should have, but I'm all for anything that might rival Start.gg.
- Tom is also a fast learner. Whether it be catching onto habits in Smash Ultimate or even slowly improving in the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe event at SHUTDOWN I can tell he adapts quickly.
- Thankful for Tom's timely assistance with making REBOOT a great local.

Name: Tony Pajamas

Character For The Tourney: Default Ness

Why They Get A Shoutout: Super Monkey Ball Streamer

-It was fun tuning into the Tony Pajamas Super Monkey Ball stream. It's nice having fellow Super Monkey Ball enthusiasts, such a banger game.

-Unfortunately failed at No Ness November.

-Having a mutual agreement the Gen 6 grass starter fell off.

-TOing REBOOT and giving me a local I can go to semi-consistently.

-Keeping doubles relevant in a game where they don't feel as relevant.

Name: TooManyBagels

Character For The Tourney: Plaid Pacman

Why They Get A Shoutout: Hidden Chess Boss

-Although I had no idea how chess would go when I added it into Tourneypalooza II, I shouldn't be surprised that the SAP players were also solid at chess. TooManyBagels had a flawless run not dropping a single game to InfernalOwl, Inferno, Fyzzl, or Aaron twice.

-Bagels also got 5th/44 in a stacked SAP tournament and 17th/75 on Rock, Paper, Scissors which were some pretty nice additional placings.

-Even though it looked like Bagels might have stepped away from SAP I'm thankful for all his interest in Thunderbirds Gaming tournaments.

Name: Triclops

Character For The Tourney: Blue Incineroar

Why They Get A Shoutout: FxD Survivor 2023 Champion

-It's quite fitting that Triclops, who seems interested in survivor simulators specifically, ended up winning the FxD Survivor Simulator.

-A NFL Scorigami enthusiast which I don't always actively follow, but I enjoy seeing it now and then.

-Triclops really did figure out who the mafia was in the FxD Mafia game; she just died before she could get to Penalty.

-I'm thankful for Triclops' help with organizing Thunderbirds Gaming events in 2023.

Name: Unshorn

Character For The Tourney: Purple Kazuya

Why They Get A Shoutout: Electric Wind God Fist Go Brr

-Kazuya Mishima wins. Unshorn has been putting in work with Kazuya Mishima getting some notable results and good reversals (just don't look up Game 1 of Winner Finals - Unshorn VS Tony Pajamas on March 9th).

-Unshorn was returning from an injury when he resumed competing in Smash this year, but I must give him credit as I still feel he played phenomenal at REBOOT despite this.
-I was rooting hard for him when I saw him on stream at Collision 2023, even though he lost 1-3 it was nice seeing him on stream.

Name: Vakira Man

Character For The Tourney: Cyan Megaman

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Approachable For Friendlies

-Vakira Man is a pretty approachable person especially for playing friendlies which is great. He was super down for friendlies when I played him the first time and he didn't even know who I was at the time.

-I appreciate him sparring me that one time as I feel I got some helpful information from the practice.

-We had some close bracket sets especially at ESG, I'll have to get the runback on him one day in the future.

-Hydrates extremely efficiently.

Name: Vantox

Character For The Tourney: Default Daisy

Why They Get A Shoutout: Certified Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Coach

-There's being solid at Mario Kart and then there's being solid enough at Mario Kart for being an official coach on Metafy for it. I must give Vantox credit as he is an immensely optimal Mario Kart 8 Deluxe player.

-I always enjoy seeing older tournament players so I was glad to see Vantox at the Holiday Special 2022 and the Tourneypalooza II.

-Vantox did insanely well in Ragnarok and while it might not be the final rank he was looking for, I believe Top 96 out of 1000+ players is huge.

Name: Vestation

Character For The Tourney: White Link

Why They Get A Shoutout: Least Likely To Win As Min Min On Pacland

-On redemption one night I kept asking opponents if we could play on Pacland.

Vestation warned that we could but she'd play Min Min. I didn't back down though and despite playing against Min Min on a stage with minimal off-stage I won that game.

-I must give Vestation credit for agreeing to this nonetheless, even agreeing to a 2v2 on Pacland with 6AM + Tom, a set that easily became peak Smash Ultimate for me.

-Submits bathroom selfies to commentary applications. Still a 10/10 pic.

Name: Vio

Character For The Tourney: Purple Kirby

Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Likely To Challenge FalconXD To Smash

-Vio has been dedicated to clearing the FalconXD challenge on SSBFC. He has cleared the easy and medium difficulties, but still must clear the expert challenge. I appreciate his interest in the challenge nonetheless.

-Vio is also giving the most activity to Cachinnation's SSBFC Ladder which I'm sure he appreciates as well.

-Kirby/Wolf is a unique combo of mains for Smash Ultimate I haven't seen before.

Name: Voltage**Character For The Tourney: Blue Ike****Why They Get A Shoutout: Still Rocking With The MCU In 2023**

-In the year 2023 when most people will say the MCU fell off hard, it's nice there are still a few MCU fans like Voltage.

-Shoutouts to Voltage for help funding Thunderbirds Gaming events, especially because it can add up with the Tourneypaloozas.

-Taught me that casino clients can be the worst at times.

-Would abandon his current life for being a pirate if he could get away with it.

Name: Votega**Character For The Tourney: Blue Young Link****Why They Get A Shoutout: Fan Favorite**

-Winning the fan favorite award in the FxD Survivor Simulator.

-Back in the Super Mario Odyssey days he got 507 points in the Beach Volleyball minigame and is 2nd place in my friend rankings (1st if you remove me).

-Created cartridge art for 007 za Warudo Is Not Enough. My favorite D-rated game.

-Fell into the trap of getting addicted to Genshin Impact.

-Is the reason the FalconXD Pacland New Year's Eve tradition will not die if I can help it.

Name: WaddL**Character For The Tourney: Default Megaman****Why They Get A Shoutout: Most Likely To Get Voted Off The Island**

-In the FxD Survivor Simulator, WaddL got the most votes by far. It's honestly impressive WaddL made it to the Top 4 when towards the end everyone kept voting him out, but people kept sparing him with immunity.

-Performed well at Tourneypalooza II with ranks such as 5th/75 in RPS, 13th/44 in Super Auto Pets, 9th/20 in Anything Goes, and 3rd/28 in Chess.

-Will never get healed by Skye in Valorant.

Name: Weegeking**Character For The Tourney: Purple Sonic**

Why They Get A Shoutout: Eats Chocolate Pancakes For Breakfast

-When we had a problem in the Thunderbirds Gaming Discord server with chocolate pancakes, Weegeking stepped up and ate the pancakes. No further context.

-Weege did have a clever idea with hosting Splatoon 3 tournaments.

-We need another Mario Party game one of these days.

-I'm thankful for Weege's help in organizing Thunderbirds Gaming content this past year.

Name: Zhinin**Character For The Tourney: Green Rosalina + Luma****Why They Get A Shoutout: Runs An Iron Man Mid-Bracket**

-When Zhinin won the 100% Orange Juice bracket in Tourneypalooza II he not only won, but he won it while doing an Iron Man switching characters every round. If that isn't brag-worthy I don't know what is.

-Had a back and forth of maining Rosalina, then switching to Pytrha, then going back to Rosalina.

-Came close to getting to the Final 12 in the Mario Kart 8 Deluxe event at Tourneypalooza II.

-I appreciate Zhinin's interest in the Informal Invitational II as well as the other Thunderbirds Gaming events.

Name: Z Joe**Character For The Tourney: Default Lucina****Why They Get A Shoutout: Clipping Skype Conversations**

-Z Joe one day sent me a clip of some conversation happening in the FxD Center Skype Chat. I don't know how or why he has it since it wasn't anything substantial, but it was a fun blast to the past.

-I appreciate Z Joe's help with setting up the MKW TO Bot and setting up the MKW portion of Tourneypalooza II.

-Trying really hard not to suck.