

Coin Concede - Episode 108 “Three Heads, No Horseman”

Kenny * Cora * Hat * Botticus * SirSlim *

Intro (~5min)

Welcome to Episode 108 of Coin Concede, a Hearthstone podcast dedicated to making the competitive side of the game more accessible to you.

My name is Kenny, I go by KCCOGamer -

Joining us from Gadgetzan, New York, it's RidiculousHat!

~~And from Orgrimmar, Illinois, we have CORA!!!!!!!!!!~~

And from Karazhan, California it's Botticus!

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Ladder?

Kenny - Rank 3 in Wild. Shot up with zoolock, switched to tempo rogue after tanking to rank 4.

Cora -

Hat - Knocking on the rank 2 door with Razakus without pint size/horror - after experimenting with Zhandaly Zoo and Mitsuhide dragon priest. Fun!

Botticus - Hit Legend on Sunday with Giants Hunter. Climbed mostly with Pirate warrior

SirSlim-

New pledges this week! Angel0Morte and The Happy Hearthstone! Thank you for your support of the show!

RAFFLE!!! Starlax!!!

****Con Before the Storm Audio*****

News (~15min)

- [Blizzard's Battle.net Beta is Live! \(Link\)](#)
- [Team 5 Gifts card pack \(Link\)](#)
- [Hearthstone Inn-vitational Announced \(Link\)](#)
- Nemsy trials and tribulations
- Double arena

Tournament Results (10-15min)

Oktoberbrawl Finals

Team Void Wins

DreamHack Denver

Quarters:

- Ike 3-1 Muzzy
- HotMEOWTH 1-3 Rosty
- Shoop 2-3 DR J
- Kap9 1-3 Monsanto

Semis:

- Ike 3-0 Rosty
- DrJ 3-1 Monsanto

Finals:

- Ike 3-2 DrJ

Ike Undefeated in tournament

Decklists [Here](#)

Ike - Freeze Mage, Jade Druid, Razakas Priest, King Tempo Rogue

DrJ - Jade Druid, Razakas Priest, Tempo Rogue, Zoo Lock

Rosty - J Druid, Razakas Priest, Control Lock, Secret Mage

Monsanto - Jade Druid, Razakas Priest, Control Warrior, Elemental Rogue

Upcoming:

iTunes Thank You's

- none

Stitcher Thank You's

- None

We're about to jump into our Decksplanations segment. If you'd like to call in, be in our discord's "hearthstone hangout" channel at discord.coinconcede.com, and join the "screening lobby" voice channel. We will notify in chat when you can join the "Live Call-in" channel.

If we take your call, turn down your Twitch audio and wait for Cinder to call you by name. Try to keep questions relevant to the topic. No cussing, no abusive language, and if your audio is bad we may bump your call.

Decksplanations: Escaping from the salt mines (20-30 min)

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Hearthstone is a game of emotions in many ways - we actually had a super great article written by the Id DM about managing emotions in the game state and calming down when emotions take over. These things can be exacerbated by small and large triggers depending on the person - an emoting opponent, constant roping, poor draws (I'm in charge now), or external factors not related to the game at hand. So how does this reveal itself during gameplay? Well, one common symptom is the premature concession.

In this meta heavily saturated with turn two Keleseths and Raza on 5 Anduin on 8 I think it's important to point out that conceding prematurely is very bad for your win rate. If climbing on ladder is important to you then you should be taking your 5-10% chances to win and playing out the game. I've had a few opponents concede on turn two to Keleseth Shadowstep even if my hand is patches bonemare and it is still very possible I would have gone on to lose that game. I was watching the GEICO tournament last week and Chakki was playing tempo rogue against his opponent who was playing Razakas Priest. Chakki's opening turns were Firefly turn 1 Keleseth Shadowstep turn 2 holding the Keleseth so that he could Keleseth Coin Flame Ele

Edwin on turn 3. This is a completely unreasonable draw for any deck to deal with but after stabilizing over a couple turns and the Anduin draw at the right moment Chakki's opponent was able to win that game.

I have actually had a couple coaching sessions over the past couple weeks where we encounter a turn two keleseth and are still able to win the game convincingly through proper play and understanding how to play the matchup when our opponents decks are more powerful than normal. The most important thing I want everyone to take away from this short segment is when it seems like there is no hope from the beginning take that game as an opportunity to learn maybe have a laugh and maybe get an unexpected victory which I can assure you feels really good when you claw your way back into a game where you are behind from the very start.

The best players are the ones that win the close games, not the runaway wins or crushing defeats. The freeze mage player that can beat the control warrior, the zoo that can beat the freeze mage, the pirate warrior that beats the turn 2 golakka crawler, etc etc etc. Finding the unconventional lines and tight odds vs giving up at the first sight of adversity is the difference between circling the drain and climbing the ladder.

Emails/Questions: (?)

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Dramecet - I just caught up on episode 105 about sticking to the plan. You mention choosing being the aggressor (going face) vs defensive (trading & board clears) and sticking to it from the start. In past episodes though (can't remember which or if you were talking about specific decks) you've mentioned knowing when the right time to switch from trading to going face is key. It seems like these are two conflicting strategies / pieces of info. Is there this hybrid defense then offense strategy for some decks? Maybe Zoo is one of them? What are others you'd play this way?

Rapid Fire Questions

You can write into the show by sending an email to CoinConcede@gmail.com

Outro (~5min)

Thanks!

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Kenny- Blisterguy

Hat- Id DM

~~Gora-~~

~~SirSlim-~~

Botticus- Yeah I totally missed that, awkward :)

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And if you see us on ladder...

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