

## Wiki Draft

### Trade to the Hades Tigers

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Despite the initial difficulties, Sports settled into his spot on the team by the end of season 24, and fellow Tigers have referred to him as a "Team Dad" on several occasions. Sports himself credits teammate Zion Aliciakeyes with easing his integration into the team. Thanks to his experience with birds, Sports volunteered to take over the upkeep of the Amphitheater's birdhouses in the absence of Hiroto Wilcox. He was directed to Aliciakeyes when he needed tools to repair some of the birdhouses, and while he describes their first meeting as "overwhelming," he also says that she was welcoming and happy to get him the tools he needed. He can now be frequently found working on birdhouses and household projects at her place in between games. He has denied, however, that he is learning to build a mech of his own, saying that he's "happy to stick to what [he knows] and leave the bigger projects to Zion, for now."

#### Trivia:

- He takes on grill duty at team dinners, where his teammate and three-headed dog Beasley Day often keeps him company (Sports does slip some snacks to

Day whenever he can, although he's not very sneaky and this is common knowledge on the team)

- Sports does not have much musical training, but he did take a sistrum with him when he left Breckenridge as a connection between his former team and his new one. Mummy Melcon is teaching him how to use an Egyptian sistrum properly.

## Notes

- Swap reasons unclear
  - So Siobhan could be closer to home
  - Contract was up, free agent
- Started to fit into the team with birdhouses
  - Search for tools led to a friendship with Zion
  - They vibe
- Did not take well to his first blood drain sip with us
- Is getting used to KILL and being unstable through connections with Ayanna, Stephens?
- The team needed a dad

## Lore Jam Summary: Walton (he/him)

- Takes care of the bird houses in Hades
- Likes working with his hands, though he is more woodworking and building birdhouses than building mechs (though he's willing to learn about the latter)
- Beasley hangs out with him, especially when grilling.
- Maybe so he doesn't leave Breckenridge without an instrument, he takes something he doesn't really need to learn like the Sistrum.
- He reacts to blaseball and its mechanics the same way a normal real life person would if they were trapped in blaseball.
- Walton, unlike some of his new teammates who have grown used to or never known anything but fireproof, is far more familiar with eclipses and losing friends.
- Along with other previously non-Tigers players like Ayanna and Hatfield, Walton lends some perspective to the team on the tragedy and loss of Blaseball.
- Would be negatively affected by performing an ump kill, even if he doesn't respect umps.

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During a chance encounter, [Andrew Solis](#) gifted Sports a deck of cards made of cheap cardstock and depicting a series of people dressed in unusual facsimiles of Blaseball attire. These cards, which Solis called "baseball cards," presumably identify a number of semi-divine figures related to Solis' unusual rituals surrounding the "sport" of "baseball," and thus are

typically considered an esoteric tarot deck. Sports uses this unusual deck during his pregame ritual of cartomancy. Teammates who ask Sports for a reading from this deck report that his confidence in readings ranges from casual certainty to forthright confusion, though his readings are rarely provably wrong.

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