

Grand Unified S25 Rankings

1. Holdin' Gate Warriors (M) GOOBR/Davion/ccga4/Pro Boat

I thought GOOBR retired? I guess not. He easily slots in as my MVB favorite, with a very impressive supporting cast. If this team can keep their heads on their collective shoulders, and not tilt/skip practice/have internet issues/get into parental troubles, they'll go very very far.

2. Miami Ballphins TomatoFarmer/Kei Yonagi/Ball-erina/Xile

TomatoFarmer is Syniikal? Syniikal's good. Elsa's good after Week 4, Ball-erina is excellent, and Xile is a good player. I think my mind is right. Anyways, this team will mesh come playoff time.

3. CircleJukers (M) toasty/BallsToYou./,NameLEss/q42

It's toasty; he could literally go missing in Antarctica, come back in 37 years with two prosthetic hands and the world's greatest bottle of scotch, and play beyond amazing TagPro. Whatever you think of BTY and NameLEss off the court, they are each more than capable of excelling on this level. q42 is excellent. If this team can avoid disciplinary announcements, they've got a shout at the SuperBall.

4. Ghostboosters Doris/ez/NEB./Taurus

I thought Taurus retired? I guess not. I remember when I could outplay Doris. It was that one week after BALLZILLA and others were banned for botting, and I was playing pretty good TP. The rest of this team is quite good too.

5. ALL CAPS

Fender/BALLDON'TLIE/Mr. Awesome :)/Grimrog

Fender... Scares me. BALLDON'TLIE... Doesn't scare me. Grimrog is absolutely All Elite.

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Hold on, hold on. I need to say a thing. Wrestling fans: Quit with the fucking tribalism, ok? Enjoy what you want to enjoy, but don't tear down others if they have a legitimate different preference than yours and are speaking in good faith. The business of professional wrestling has so many insightful and disturbing parallels to the American political climate, and the last thing we need in our forms of entertainment is someone storming a building in the Mid-Atlantic in the name of conquest and tribalism.

Thank the gods Haku was there to keep the peace.

Same thing for TagPro. Mr. Awesome :) is absolutely excellent, and there will be a small transition period as he becomes used to the MLTP meta, but it will be a small transition period, and he will be absolutely fucking excellent at the end of it. Don't you dare corrupt him MLTP; I have Haku's cell phone number.

6. Mumble Cappers

Wayne/gg!/dodsfall/kool aid

They made dodsfall a capper? Wayne's got a team here that I feel should make the playoffs, even if all four balls aren't here by season's end. kool aid has earned this opportunity.

While I'm here: Is everything OK gg!? I feel like your comments in Discord are either a very strong commitment to a very deep and motivated memetic concept, or there is some cause for concern. Seriously, are you ok? Feel free to reach out. And try Disco Elysium.

7. Willy MonkaS and the Chocolate Factor-Re grumpy/thenewguy./St. Bernard/Messi

I mean, this team can sneak into playoffs and all, but I've become less enamored with this name as I had to write and format it for these Power Rankings. What happened to simple team names, like G6, or ??, or Carrot Bunny Hops? When did legos become so complicated?

8. Snipe Hunt (M)

Armbranch/Ty/aaron/no name

no name is here? I thought he retired? I guess not. I don't know why I ranked this team 8th. Maybe some latent bias against Armbranch for past behaviors. This team will be fine; I guess I think this team will need to make some trades for cohesion purposes? Then again, this team should have a lot of cohesion. I don't know. I don't know.

9. Two Balls One Pup D Rek/AnthonyDavis/Inspire/beast mode

Not a meme. Whenever NameLEss is in charge of a team, rank the team seven (7) spots higher than expected. I refuse to cast aspersions or doubt this team at all during S25.

That said, this team will need Inspire on his best in-game behavior this season to have a chance of reaching their potential. I'm sure NameLEss has eyes on someone in NLTP to take his spot if things go sour.

10. RoundCloud Cappers Airmigo/IfYouSeekAmy/DUMPTRUCKASS/First

Half this team is my Among Us nightmare. The other half of this team are players who are destroyed me in pubs for 6+ years. Should do very well at the end of the season.

11. Snipe Hunt (m) Juke Juice/BoldRoller/might dino/TheEpicBlob

This ranking is fully dependent on any in-game communication issues between Juke Juice and BoldRoller never manifesting. They are both strong personalities, but only one has a mic. BoldRoller was ready for mLTP last season, and he'll be in MLTP next season at this rate. TheEpicBlob is epically underrated.

12. Cheek Seeking Missiles i love HD/Sadness/Skwid/Anita Bidet

I thought i love HD retired? Guess not. Somehow, the thought of Anita Bidet and HD together should work really well. Not sure if we've ever seen that before. If Skwid improves the good grab ratio from last season, this team should be quite dangerous.

13. CircleJukers (m) Frank/CoolCat/sonder/Pnaoxt

Frank and CoolCat together? I feel like I've seen this before maybe? They should have cohesion. I think sonder will need a week or two to adapt to his new teammates, but then it's showtime. If Pnaoxt still has it, this team could punch above their level.

14. Holdin Gate Warriors (m) Gasol/ASAP/Dr. Pupper/Gleg

Ironically, this team will have more success the less ASAP grabs. The Rookie D will need every opportunity to reset, if possible. Flaccid grabs will be the death of this team. Gasol will be the life of the party regardless though.

Woof. Woof. Dr. Pupper's a good boi. Make sure you pet the damn dog for luck, Warriors!

15. ReSet Theory

Frozen/#selfysyntax/Gargantua/Squeeb

I really want to like this team. I really really do. Selfy, Garg, and Squeeb have been excellent to me over the years, and they have the talent and wherewithal to play against anyone in Competitive TagPro. I haven't seen Frozen play in a year. Is Frozen good? I thought Frozen wanted to play NLTP? Guess not.

I may be very wrong about this team. Very very wrong.

16. Blitz Arena

d4nk/galvatron/I'm a horse/quibble

Remember: <https://www.twitch.tv/hjalpa/clip/AdventurousFamousCrocodileCoolStoryBob?>

Unfortunately, I'm not impressed with this team. I think this team needs Peach Fuzz to play in order to have a chance this season.

BTW - Spoilers but... Peach Fuzz is still working on the game behind the scenes. Maybe the announcement was premature, but I'm sure we'll have a nice release coming soon.

I just hope I won't catch anything in the process.

17. Young Hotties (N)

Mike Trout/rd/JSwan/Tinderfella

I went back and forth on the order of the next four teams. Each of these teams is incredibly solid, and each of these teams has a weakness which could derail their season. For Young Hotties, it's real duck adjusting to the modern meta. No question at all about the technical skills. Phreak... Phreak is OK.

18. Weed the People (N)

yea/Disliked/bhenki Ioda/WRIG

For WTP, the only concerns are the games Sir Cle and WRIG will likely miss this season. Depending on how things go, this team could finish as a 5 or 6 seed in the regular season, and the meta will turn back how this team never played anyone in S20.

Speaking of that commentary, teams have to play the opponents placed in front of them. Who else was there to play? If they're beating teams well enough to have the 2 seed, then they're clearly a good team.

If this team can keep this unit for the postseason, and everyone's able to find their S20 form, they should make the Nuper. Should, not could.

You got this WRIG. Kick some ass, take some names, chew some bubblegum.

19. Land Before Timers (N) drewfa/bbb/2P1S/laserpig

I thought bbb retired? Oh well. 2P1S may be the player to get bbb and laserpig finally over the hump. The weakness? Server selection. Two west coast players and two east coast players in NLTP? Server will matter far more to LBT than it will to any other teams, and sphereballing may not necessarily be in LBT's cards.

20. Bohemian Cap City (N) Rick G. #853/Niplepotamus/Prime/Perpetualist

Yes, BCC is a top four team. Yes, Mr. 853 did not spend his TCs in the auction. Yes, Perpetualist is as good as advertised. Yes, the raters and captains are all wildly underrating Niplepotamus. Yes, Prime has improved by leaps and bounds. Yes, this is a top four team.

...Yes, they do not have an A-team winning catalyst on their team. I figured that's what Poet is for.

21. Legends of the Splittin Temple (N) MAGNITUDE/spacetiger/Moon River/flaccid trip

POP... When I see this team, I see four balls who can craft a leitmotif on the TagPro field. I see four balls, with the ability to capture the emotions of anyone watching; to create an effect so profound -- yet so ephemeral -- as to render all of humanity momentarily speechless and with the wonderment of their youth. I see four balls that can create a narrative - not with control nor spin nor any political skullduggery; but with an elegance and verisimilitude that belies the modern notions of actor and audience, storyteller and storylistener, playwright and prophet, leaving all other teams inert and without the capacity for reason.

...If they're in form.

Welcome Back Moon River!

...POP.

22. Manipulation Station (N) Luv(sic)/Adarssh/GillyBall/Steeze.

GillyBall good. Luv(sic) back in form. Steeze. Underrated. Activ... I thought you retired? Oh well.

This team is a Dusk team. They'll be a tough out no matter what.

23. Puppet Capsters (N) KahnMan/UNIT-01/pk/Phwang

KahnMan finally has a team of his own, and he's brought pk with him. Renegade has looked good lately, so this team should make the playoffs pretty easily.

24. The Capaliers (N)

BertAndBort/Irony/Mystical/DwarfFortres

Mystical's back? This should be fun. I don't have much to say here. Sit back and watch no name work.

25. 80 Degrees (N)

inthesomeday/Butter/t h C/Button

I may eat crow for ranking this group low. Can Button play Dallas? I don't know. That's the only reason I have them out of playoffs; I think itsd will need to reshuffle a bit during the season.

26. Legends of the Splittin' Temple (n)

Borgus/scrapper8o/Victor messi/P.O.V >/FragrantFowl/STINK

This B-team legitimately scares me. Returning Buper-winners decided to mostly run it back and add STINK. If you don't know STINK, he's fringe Majors in Europe, and fringe mLTP in the Western Hemisphere. He's legitimately one of the best players in NLTP currently. The only question is how much will he be able to play this season. If he can make even half the season, that's a hell of a 6th ball (!) to add to the Buper winners.

Victor - Please stop being toxic.

27. Bohemian Cap City (n)

Poeticalto/lukemoo/LogisticMap/Jer32

The other franchise that's really good at winning B team has a very strong front four. Two former CRC members, Logi, and Jer32. I'm already calling the LST/BCC Buperball, and grabbing a bottle of kombucha.

28. Miami Ballphins (n)

Ralph W.*/KING KRULE/J24gordon/Kooler/GospelofJuke/IcePlatypus

A very strong veteran B team, this first six will have no problems at all in the regular season. This team has two or three separate play styles though, and will need to settle on one for the postseason to succeed.

EDIT: I've been told Ralph Wiggum has dropped to B. This should help harmonize the variant game approaches on this team. No change to the ranking, but my theoretical Foci Four B team matchups this season will be excellent.

29. Young Hotties (n)

Tinderfella/OD God/FrodoBallins/swiss

OD God is MrJoeHobo? Wasn't he in a Nuper at some time in the Pandemic-era? Wasn't Tinderfella a captain last season? Isn't swiss really good at Competitive? Isn't Frodo... Frodo? I've never read LotR, I don't know what to reference here.

30. Miami Ballphins (N) JARVISLANDRY/~zion~/astor/Catalyst*

Nothing against the players on this team; I don't see success happening until they intra all season. Sorry Tantrew Jr.

EDIT: I've been told that Catalyst is playing A-team, and Ralph Wiggum B-team. I will embrace the consensus opinion that a Ralph/Catalyst defense gives Miami their best opportunity to win. No change to the rankings.

31. Pupper Capsters (n) Grommit/Karamat/slobonmyknob/Carrrrr/SmallyBigs/kwib/Jelly Rat

A team filled with TagPro personalities should make a good Tagpro team. Why isn't slob on A-team???

32. Manipulation Station (n) dingbat/adawg/Dr Firestorm/llamatron/Zoomie

I should go to bed; I have to get a liver ultrasound in the morning. Maybe I shouldn't have drank all that kombucha...

33. 80 Degrees (n) b1g/T-Swift!/hellyea/Noice!!/Trapsin/Corinth/Pay To Win/Robiny

And I have groceries arriving tomorrow...And personal work goals to set...

...Robiny is better than people think. If ITSD can remove the tilt factor, there's a lot of depth here.

34. The Capaliers (n) Ducky/Jager ADS/Spheroid./Omnivore/xyzes

Watch out for Ducky, she's a fast learner. Like the street chickens outside that bit my liver...

35. Weed the People (n) im a goat/praoprao/Exo/aube62kubel/korso

...And an over-looked B team with a really short roster. There will be weeks when this team only has four players available.

36. Land Before Timers (n) El Sacko/Crowman/clew3/Black Magic/snakes/Homer Jay

...And always remember to Bend the Fend.

I'm going to bed now.

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