

Gotta Catch 'Em All

When we look back on our childhood, we all can agree that there were three major influences that made us the adults we are today. 1. Family. 2. Wiffleball accolades. 3. Pokemon. The first two are pretty self explanatory, but the third might need a little bit more of an exposition. This article will compare some of our leagues most polarizing figures to what else, pokemon.

1. *Sam Skibbe* -



Machamp.

Sam is the sole reason why this league exists. Some may ask “How does he manage to do it, year after year?” Stop and think for a second. It always rains during the tourney, but he figures out a way to get everything in. We have: Podcasts. Videos. Stats. Awards. Website. Old balls bitching. Hard Knocks. Enter Machamp. Machamp is not only a beast, but he also has 4 arms. Sam might as well as have 4 arms with everything he does for us with so little time.

2. *Chris Meador* -



Magnetron.

(Drinks a warm glass of humility) This is self explanatory right? Chris is a human magnet down in the hot corner. He literally fields everything. Ever play Chris and have a bomb that the “wind” brings back into play? Yea.... it was the wind. It’s said that Magnetron has such a powerful pull, that mechanical devices act strange when it’s around. I don’t think Chris is THAT strong, but it definitely might explain how his Tinder “acted on its own” from a few years ago at nationals.

3. *Scott Pohle* -



Dodrio.

Scott is a MVP candidate every year. His value to his team is unquantifiable. Dodrio may not be the the strongest pokemon there is, but he has three heads. Just like Dodrio, Scott has to have 3 heads in order to keep an eye on his 3 teammates and their production. Year in and year out, they are rated highly in the pre season rankings, but come up a little short. Can Scott get his team to reach their potential?

4. *Peter Leicht* -



Arcanine.

Peter is one of the few captains that has not frayed from his original squad. He is loyal to his guys, win or lose. Just like any canine, Peter would rather stay with his pack than try to build a super team. Arcanine is said to be able run for thousand of miles to provide for his pack. Now, Peter is one of the seniors of the league, but he can carry his team and provide a spark just like Arcanine would.

5. *Edloe Donnan* -



Snorlax.

When awake, Snorlax is one of the most powerful pokemon that exists. He has so much power and a fierce attitude, no trainer wants to come across him.....when awake. Edloe has the talent to be the most powerful and feared hitter in our league. His only issue is that some seasons, he “falls asleep”.

6. *Gus Skibbe* -



Victreebel.

This comparison is spot on....except for the victree part. This pokemon has a long, lanky whip like arm that stuns pokemon from afar. Gus has the capability to beat you his arm, bat or legs. He's a force to be reckon with and can strike at any time and chances are, you won't see it coming.

7. *Alex Heck* -



Electabuzz.

Shock the World.

8. *Brett Spencer* -



Kingler.

Brett is known for two things. Having a hell of pincher when it comes to his pitching, but also being a crab. Enter Kingler. Kingler has an enormous, oversized claw (cooler full of beer). It waves this huge claw (beer) in the air to communicate with others. However, because the claw is so heavy, the Pokémon quickly tires (drunk).

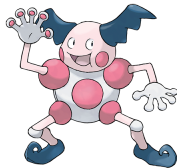
9. *Bryan Benware* -



Metapod.

Everyone knows that this is a pokemon that is just patiently waiting to breakout. He takes some hits, but with every blow, he gets a little stronger. Give him some time and he turns into a powerful butterfree. The Astros are a team this has some talent, but might just need some seasoning. Watch out for this captain to lead the charge and take his team to the next level.

10. *Sam Bakula* -



Mr. Mime.

Mr. Mime is a master of pantomime. Its gestures and motions convince watchers that something unseeable actually exists. Once the watchers are convinced, the unseeable thing exists as if it were real. This is a perfect comparison for Sam. He continues to be an “ok” player, but keeps being put in comparison with some of the greats. For example, he had the 18th highest batting average in 2014, but managed to be voted an all-star.

Hopefully this article gives some of you newcomers a little bit more information on what you're getting into. Good luck this season and may God help you attain MewTwo status.