



WHY DARK?

I chose Dark type because it has always been my favorite type.

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?

I definitely would, as mentioned from question 1 it is my favorite.

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?

I honestly was worried about how well my team was going to be. I had been stressing about creating the best team possible for the month prior to the competition.

WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST STRUGGLE?

If I'm completely honest I really didn't struggle with anything. My team went full force and did beyond amazing in every battle.

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?

My tips would be to try and make a very versatile and balanced team. Make sure to have a solid strategy that is foolproof. Make sure you practice with your team as well, sometimes a team can look amazing on paper, but once in actual battle you may find several weaknesses and flaws to your strategy.



JERICHO

POISON GYM LEADER

WHY POISON?



I chose the poison type because it has a special place in my heart. When I played through Leaf Green version in middle/high school, I used an all poison team and grew very attached to them. It was very fun to use the type again with Pokémon that I wouldn't normally use.

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?



I would definitely be willing to use the poison type again. I feel poison is an underrepresented and often underestimated type, much to my advantage seeing how well I placed. In saying all of this, I would also be willing to choose a different type in the future as it is a great learning experience that pushes my knowledge and also pushes me to use Pokémon I wouldn't normally use.

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?



I was most worried about the ground type. It is an exceptional counter for poison, not only because of its type advantage, but because it often supports Pokémon with great power and plentiful bulk. Poison types have a wide array of access to moves that can protect them from psychic types, ground definitely was more tricky.

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?



Come prepared if you wish to battle me in the future. Psychic types and ground types may be a big help to you, but I will be prepared to counter them. My battles are not always about full power attacks. I will inflict as much passive damage as possible, through many means outside of simply poisoning your Pokémon.



JOULES FIRE GYM LEADER

WHY FIRE?

Well fire has always been a thing that resonates with me. I guess you could say I have a fiery disposition.

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?

I mean it's always an option but I may also pick another type I was considering for the next one.

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?

Water is always a worry.

WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST STRUGGLE?

I wouldn't say I struggled with anything because I was having so much fun.
There was some fierce competition.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT SO FAR IN THE JFK LEAGUE?

Seeing everyone's creativity and spirit. It's really ignited my passion for battle.

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?

Battle with all of your heart and you can't go wrong!





WATER GYM LEADER

WHY WATER?

I chose Water Type, because it is a very versatile type. I had a big *pool* of Pokémon to choose from.

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?

I would definitely attempt to use a Water Type team again. Now that I got to test the *waters*, I have a better idea of what does and doesn't work.

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?

My biggest worry was the Electric and Grass Type teams because I could've easily been *overflowed*.

WHAT WAS YOUR BIGGEST STRUGGLE?

I struggled the most again Jericho's team. I tried me best but I ended up being washed up.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT SO FAR IN THE JFK LEAGUE?

My favorite moment was when I got a critical hit against Jenna's team. If that didn't happen, I would've been *sunk* like the Titanic.

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?

My tip for those against me, please use fire types. Trust, it would be a *steamy* battle.





WHY FAIRY?

I chose Fairy type because it's one of the types I choose the least when making a team. I wanted to challenge myself and see what I could do with a team of Fairies.

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?

I actually would choose Fairy again. There are some really good Fairy Pokémon, like Tinkaton and Mimikyu. I think a Fairy team that is built well and can cover its weaknesses would be a formidable opponent.

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?

I was most worried about the Poison types. Not only is poison a weakness for fairies, but a lot of the poison moves keep damaging your Pokémon/team each turn.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT SO FAR IN THE JEK LEAGUE?

I really enjoyed watching the final battle between Oxcar and Jericho during PHIT 2024. It was such a good and close battle.

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?

I am definitely going to be making changes to my team, so they shouldn't expect it to be exactly what they battled in the tournament.





WHY ICE?

I've always really liked the ice type vibe and Froslass is my fav Pokémon so I thought that it fit pretty well.

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?

Yeah I would defs choose this type again. I really like how my team came out and worked together and most of them were Pokémon I really like.

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?

My biggest worry for this competition was having to deal with type advantages. I feel like there's a lot of types that do really well into Ice.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT SO FAR IN THE JEK LEAGUE?

My favorite moment so far was when I got to become the ice type gym leader! I thought that was really cool (no pun intended) and I'm excited for challengers!

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?

If you're wanting to fight me I'd say defs look into what's strong into ice and just try your best:)



GRASS GYM LEADER

WHY GRASS?

Because I love plants.

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?

Yes, cause I like green.

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?

None because I'm a G.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT SOFAR IN THE JFK LEAGUE?

Winning some matches.

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?

Just be ready.





MARLUXIO

GHOST GYM LEADER

WHY GHOST?

I chose ghost type because ghost Pokémon have always looked the coolest. Also if you have a close bond with your Pokémon, wouldn't it be cool for them to guide you to the afterlife and you get to keep hanging out with them there?

WOULD YOU USE IT AGAIN?

I'd definitely choose ghost type again. It's a blast for grim grinning ghosts to come out and socialize!

WHAT TYPE WORRIED YOU?

I was really worried about Dark type cuz they're pretty cool too AND a type weakness. Losing a battle with dark types would be losing in the battle AND style category.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT SO FAR IN THE JFK LEAGUE?

My favorite moment so far has been becoming the gym leader honestly. It's pretty neat to be the obstacle between a challenger and their badge in my opinion.

ANY ADVICE FOR GYM CHALLENGERS?

Just be normal. LOL but seriously don't.

