



NOTES FROM PLANET CRAY

September
2022

September's "IMAGE":

PAIR

Do you remember Legion era? Well, Bushiroad wishes you didn't, probably. 😏 That aside, yes this month's theme is partly legion focused, but not exclusively. The word 'pair' also calls to mind all the matching card arts, iconic 2 card combos, our favorite ships perhaps...

In other news, it's been a rough month, for many reasons, among them having to see lots of people talk shit about your favorite decks and then once again the refusal to have 'smart' banlists with much needed erratas and choice restrictions... Above all, it's important to take some time for yourself and enjoy the things you love, despite others' opinions!

-Tempest
@dragon&blade

Blades in Azure

Premium Format
Liberator Deck

-by Tempest



With the recent release of Holy Shine Dragon I wanted to showcase a premium Liberator deck that focuses heavily on what Gold Paladin does best: Superior calling from deck.

Saw a list on youtube that used a BB Liberator engine and tried incorporating that package into this deck as well. If a deck would choose Accel 1 sometimes, this might be it...



<https://decklog-en.bushiroad.com/view/8Z63>

Main Deck

13_{G3}/12_{G2}/12_{G1}/13_{G0}

- 4x Bluish Flame Liberator, Percival (V)
- 1x Bluish Flame Liberator, Prominence Core (V)
- 4x Liberator, Holy Shine Dragon (V)
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- 2x Oath Liberator, Aglovale (V)
- 1x Oath Liberator, Aglovale
- 3x Liberator of Royalty, Phallon (V)
- 3x Blaster Blade Liberator
- 3x Liberator, Star Rain Trumpeter
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- 4x Fast Chase Liberator, Josephus (V)
- 3x White Rainbow Liberator, Balan
- 3x Listener of Truth, Dindrane (V)
- 2x Knight of Desolation, Fionnuala
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- 2x Ketchgal Liberator [S]
- 4x Gold Garnish Lion [C]
- 2x Player of the Holy Chord, Theodora [C]
- 2x Scarface Lion [C][Sentinel]
- 2x Halo Shield, Mark (V) [D][Sentinel]
- 4x Clarity Wing Dragon [H]
- 1x Spring Breeze Messenger (V)



30/50 Liberator count

G-Zone

11_S/5_G

- 2x Golden Knight of Prosperity, Idvarious
- 4x Master Swordsman of First Light, Gurguit Helios
- 2x Golden Dragon, Spear-X Dragon
- 1x Golden Dragon, Brambent Dragon
- 1x Progenitor Dragon of Total Purity, Agnos
- 1x Zeroth Dragon of Zenith Peak, Ultima
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- 2x Golden Beast, Sleimy Flare
- 1x Golden Dragon, Sanctified Dragon
- 1x True Liberator of Healing, Ellise
- 1x Sacred Heaven Prayer Master, Reia

Recommendation for non Ultima build: -stands (maybe),
-Theodora, + Front triggers, +OT (Amartinoa), +1 Dizmel

Ideal Rides



+1 call



+1 call or BB in soul



+3 Accels

Blaster Blade Liberator Engine



Free
+1 call

Free
CC



Not only does the BB Liberator engine provide much needed countercharge, with 2 Balan on field, BB can be a free situational retire!

1 copy for situational ride using Holy Shine
You can even use the old legion one instead if feeling spicy!

Some fun choices:



Though we don't see her much in D format, here in premium, Fionnuala is a free 18k attacker on accel circles nearly always. Good for flexibility in random field calling since she can also be a booster.

On hit pressure that would allow possibly another attack + ability to mine for triggers? This is good as a leading attack because it de-incentivizes "taking the first hit" to maximize effect of damage triggers. A +5000 power effect that is almost perpetually active for this deck is also nice.



Our good old friend, Ketchgal!

- Extends useful accuracy of superior calling effects (especially single calls)
- Good with Ultima stride; Holy Shine's return to hand effect already helps enable Ultimate Stride costs.
- Very cute. I actually think we should run this at 4 probably.

You too, can be a **dragon** on Planet Cray!



There's a number of instances from CFV lores in which people have been able to become dragons (by various means/circumstances). And at least 2.5 known cases of the opposite happening... * We'll discuss Valeos and Megiddo another day!

Let's review them thus far:

Case A: Holy Squire Dragon

Though it can be concluded already just from his flavor text "On that day, the knight became a dragon.", few in the EN community know exactly WHO that knight was... (no it's not Alfred)



In the last chapter of the Shining Swordsman manga, an unnamed divine swordsman dies protecting Ezzell (the former King and Alfred's father).



By Thing Saver Dragon's power, he is resurrected as a cosmo dragon. ↘



This incident is framed as a story within a story, told to Alfred by Ezzell.



Case B: Mordred → Dragruler

When Phantom Blaster Dragon was defeated by Majesty Lord Blaster, 2 spirits were released from his body. The Guardian Dragon spirit fused with/saved a dying knight, while the



spirit of malice became Gust Blaster Dragon. Mordred's humanoid form is similar to the dying knight's (aside from having different hair/eye color) while Dragruler's form is that of a vaguely PBD shaped abyss dragon. As the Guardian Dragon spirit and the knight are now a single entity, this really is both a dragon becoming an elf, and an elf becoming a dragon.

↶ "True Form"

← "Composite" form

Case C: Percival → Prominence Core/Glare



In the altered timeline where Blaster Blade is missing, Thing Saver Dragon (noticing a pattern here?), having both been compromised by Lock, and not wishing to interfere with the resident timeline Guardian Dragon's (Soul Saver) energy, lends his power to Percival, which transforms him into Prominence Core Dragon. Later on, by Percival's own willpower (or something like that), he transcends that form to become Prominence Glare. *Note: Do not be fooled by the difficult to see perspectives in the Legion art. Prominence core is nowhere near human sized!!!

Case D: Vortimer → Spectral Duke



+ Black Horse Armor

A combination of his own dragonic bloodline(?) and the Black Horse Sacred Beast armor allowed Vortimer to turn into Spectral Duke Dragon ... at the cost of a 100+ year nap afterwards.



+ Stride Fusion

After waking up from his long sleep he learns how to use stride fusion, allowing him to use his dragon form without serious repercussion. (Not certain if the Diablo/Blester armor is helping that.) BTW, he's the one who showed Gurguit how to use stride fusion.

Case E: Luard → Dragshift + Stride + ???



+ Dragshift



+ Stride Fusion



+ Dragstride



+ Dragstride + Gyze

Oh boy, here we go... the biggest dragon nerd on Planet Cray. Through his studies, Luard is able to Dragshift his left arm, and given his Dragdriver appearance, it is implied his Dragshift skills have improved in the future to allow a greater degree of transformation. By consciously combining Dragshift with stride fusion, (calling it "Dragstride") he is able to fully transform into a dragon, wings, claws, internal organs and all. Under Gyze's influence, the form further progresses but Luard completely loses control and goes on a rampage.



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Hanamaru Days (?) Standard Format

-by Tempest



"Well, lets get this going."



"Welcome back."

A Touken Ranbu deck using the Kashuu Kiyomitsu ride line; focuses on top of deck manipulation and full usage of available counterblast. Lots of fun effects and tech in options to play with. Only costs like \$40!

4x Kashuu Kiyomitsu Kiwame

1x Kashuu Kiyomitsu Toku

3x Yamatonokami Yasusada

3x Izuminokami Kanesada

3x Heshikiri Hasebe

4x Mikazuki Munechika

1x Onimaru Kunitsuna



1x Kashuu Kiyomitsu Sentou

4x Horikawa Kunihiro

4x Hyuuga Masamune

4x Hakusan Yoshimitsu

1x Monoyoshi Sadamune

↑
Although the Hanamaru set never came out in EN, these boys finally have their own deck!!!

1x Kashuu Kiyomitsu

1x Kashuu Kiyomitsu Shinken Hissatsu [OT]

4x Gotou Toushirou [C]

4x Atsushi Toushirou [C]

3x Midare Toushirou [F]

4x Yagen Toushirou [H]

A very 'lore' flavorful set!

Yagen is a heal → trigger this time!



Don't think too hard about his role in the deck ...



10k
searches

Can use excess CB



+10000 is NOT a 1/turn skill!



1 card, top or bottom



2 cards, place on top only



at 4+ damage



The "check your deck" club

Remember him?

Now hold on a sec!

That's not all the old gramps can do!

At 5 damage

he's your **standing**

RG too! Big responsibility

for a big sword...

The man, the sword, the legend!



Well, for both people and swords, the bigger the better, isn't it?



Speaking of 5 damage, that's ideally where Touken Ranbu wants to be on its "kill turn". Mostly this is about Mikazuki's restand, but also that near every powerful card in the clan uses CB so the potential ceiling is quite high compared to decks that consistently can and will only use ~2 CB per turn.

The OT order skill also has a powerful effect at 5 damage that gives the entire board +10,000 power (along with the usual +★ to VG).

Perhaps the most important and appealing part of Touken is how much great splashable RG variety there is. Rears do everything imaginable from ... Retire ↘



(not in deck list)



- ↖ Double trigger power,
- Healing damage (Oodenta)
- Position swap (Tsurumaru)
- OT to hand (Kogarasumaru)



↗ An on demand crit,
a CC on persona ride ↘



(not in deck list)

The other iconic Shinsengumi duo...



Aside from some synergy with the deck's other Uchigatana units (Yamatokami, Hasebe, and Kashuu himself) this pair is fairly optional to the deck. (Though arguably this is the ride line best suited for it.) Izuminokami's skill allows you to pay 1 CB to force a 2 card guard if he's boosted by Horikawa. Using the deck's trigger manipulation to get crits + good memory of opponent's hand are essential to favorable timing of when to activate it. Meanwhile Horikawa works with many of the deck's G2s to provide useful hand filtering.

The game mechanic is a "double attack"...

Hence why 2 cards min to guard.



CFV Accessories

(still available)



Critical tag pendants
(made to order)



↑
Bluish Flame Legion
earcuff set



Rorowa /
Radylina
wrap bracelets

Experimental Elixir for Cold Resistance

(non-alcoholic)



Procedure for making
elderberry syrup:

1. Boil dried elderberries in water \rightarrow reduce till $\frac{1}{2}$ of water remains.
2. Strain and discard solids.
3. Add honey to taste.

Ingredients:

- Grenadine
- Elderflower soda
- Elderberry syrup
- Ice



Upcoming Releases/Events

9/24 - EN Lore [025] Flagburg Dragon

10/1-10/2 - BCS Toronto, Canada

10/7 - D-TD01 Urara Haneyama (Lianorn)

- D-TD02 Michiru Hazama (Drajeweled)

- D-TD03 Raika Koshiba (Youthberk)

10/8-10/9 - BCS Mexico

10/10 - EN Banlist update in effect

10/15-10/16 - BCS Sydney, Australia

- BCS Indonesia

10/21 - D-BT06 Blazing Dragon Reborn

10/22-10/23 - BCS Puerto Rico

- BCS Leeds, UK

10/29-10/30 - BCS Myanmar

- BCS Philippines

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11/17 - Dear Days release

Due to very low response rate last month (literally 1) I will simply be taking feedback on twitter or by email form via my website from now on, instead of making a survey form.

